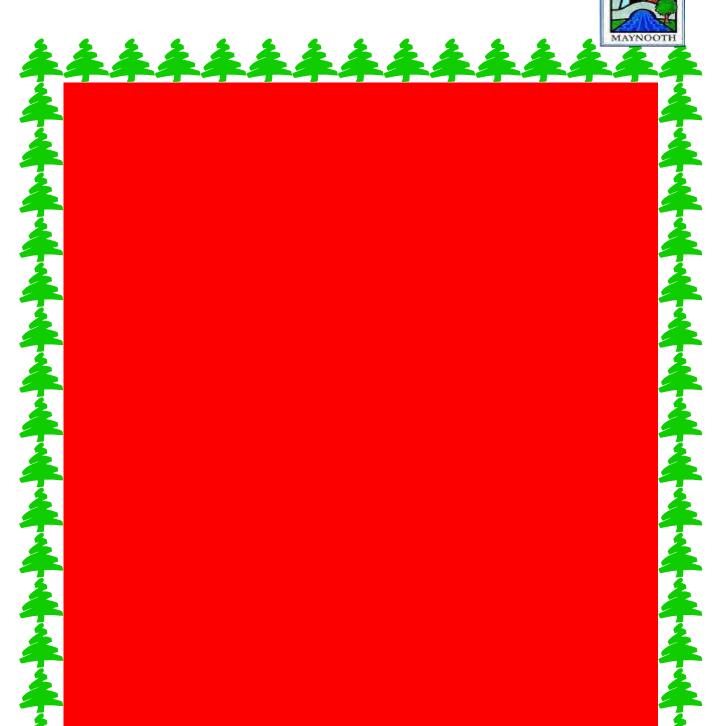
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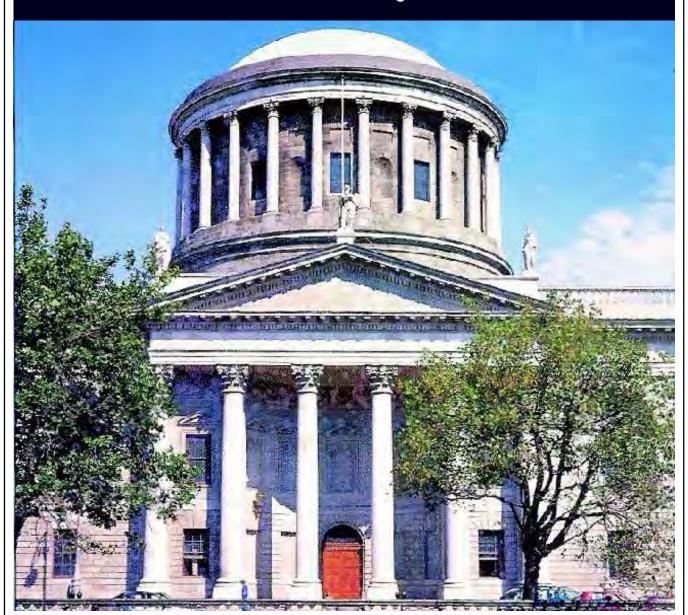


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Editorial

What a Christmas present to Social Welfare recipients. The Government estimates were published recently – a sounding board for the upcoming Budget. Among the shocking revelations were the sixteen savage Social Welfare cuts to be inflicted upon the most vulnerable of our citizens. The mean-minded cutting of funding for those with special dietary needs, the virtual elimination of the rent allowance and the cutting of the Back to Education grant will have devastating effects. It is clear that this Government does not care if families become homeless. In view of the millions spent on Punchestown, a private venture, these cuts are immoral. Within this context, the budgets for the big spending departments include the billions to be spent on the road infrastructure including the now notorious M3 that is planned to run through the Tara/Skreen valley, the very heartland of pre-Celtic, Celtic and early Ireland. The fact that the Minister for Education happily allows this destructive and sacrilegious motorway through his constituency speaks for itself. We are not to be trusted as custodians and guardians of our own heritage. A Government that will destroy the soul of our past cannot be trusted with our future. Our ancestors, our descendants and our Celtic cousins will rightly curse our desecration of the most sacred of sacred Celtic areas.

At least there is good news on a local level. The Geraldine Hall has been taken over by Kildare County Council and the realignment of Bond Bridge looks probable again. Local groups are organising themselves for protest if it does not go ahead. It is to be hoped that both contracts, for the Bridge and the Meadowbrook Link, will be signed together so that both projects may proceed simultaneously. Building the Link without realigning the Bridge will be pure madness. Our local councillors are pressurising the County Manager for action in this matter. Perhaps the County Council should look again at its planned new building estimated at €80 million.

The most pressing local issue at present is the proposed Area Action Plan for Carton Avenue incorporating a large park, a Community Centre and residential development. The Plan was discussed at the recent Community Council meeting and a decision was taken to object to the proposed plan on the basis of the density, the 3-4 storey buildings and to eliminate the apartments from the plan. The residents of O'Neill Park are particularly concerned about the impact that the proposed apartments will have on their homes. It was agreed that the Council would submit a submission to Kildare County Council addressing the concerns expressed at their meeting. Finally, we would like to wish our readers a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. There is no equivalent to Christmas in early Ireland where Notlaig was an exclusively Christian festival confined to the monasteries. The main winter event can still be witnessed at Brú na Bóinne (Newgrange) and Tara the winter solstice.

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Community Council Notes

The November meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on the 10th November in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Chairperson, Hugh Gallagher and members held a minute silence in memory of Ann Marie McGee., nee McTigue.

Secretary, Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin led the tributes. She said that since Ann Marie came to work in the office she brought with her a great sense of purpose and was a delight to know. She said she was a beautiful person and will be a great loss to her family, Maynooth Community Council and the community at large.

Paul Croghan said Ann Marie was part of a small team that worked very well, she had a good knowledge of Maynooth and was a great asset to the Newsletter. She will be long and sadly missed in the office.

Cllr. John McGinley said she was always ready to help when need be.

Andrew McMullon said that Ann Marie did great work on the festival.

Brid Feely said Ann Marie was very helpful and she sympathised with her family and the Council.

Tom McMullon said Ann Marie will be a great loss to all that knew her, also that she was always willing the help everybody out.

Sincere sympathy was extended to her husband and children, family and friends.

Co-options to Maynooth Community Council

Carmel McAuliffe, Mary Clougher (Carton Area Action Group), Tony Bean (M.C.C.P.), Patricia Moynan (Maynooth Swimming Club), John Doogan (Bond Bridge Action Group).

Maynooth Action Strategy - Sewage Spill

Peter Connell stated that a sever sewage spill into the Lyreen And Rye Rivers was the cause of a serious fish kill which is being investigated. Cllr. Senan Griffin stated that a mechanical trip-out that failed. He said it was a design fault and should be updated. Cllr. John McGinley said that a second pump also failed and should alarms not be in place in case of pumps failing.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Cllr. John McGinley reminded all that it is time again to start thinking about the St. Patrick's Day Parade. He said he hoped the 2004 parade would be the best one yet, but we need people with new ideas to get involved. Those who wish to get involved should contact the office at 01 6285922.

Project - Pound Park Band Stand

It was noted that this project was to have started by Tony Bean said the avenue looked well. He said now. Cllr. McGinley said that if this project does not Kildare County Council are doing a good job. He said

go ahead on time, money may be lost and this would be a shame. There was a problem about the design sketch not being ready, however, Cllr. Griffin stated that the design sketch was now ready for the bandstand.

Maynooth Action Strategy

Peter Connell stated that M.A.S. have engaged the services of Barbara Caska Ph.D. Dublin Business School to conduct a survey to find out about options and needs of people living in Maynooth. The results of the survey will be published in January/February 2004. He also noted that there is a prepaid envelope enclosed.

Bond Bridge

John Doogan introduced himself. He said he was Chairperson of Maynooth Community Council for some years, and the Bond Bridge Action Group. He said that in 1999 when it looked like the Bond Bridge Project would go ahead the Bond Bridge Action Group was disbanded. He said this was a big mistake. It was noted that some years ago a loan was to be raised to fund the building of the new bridge. It was also noted that levies have already been collected in Beaufield, Meadowbrook and Castledawson. It was also felt that if money is not spent inside 7 years it should be given back to the residents.

A traffic survey showed that 2,500 cars use Parson Street everyday. John asked for anybody interested in getting involved to give support. John said it is now time for another public meeting.

Carton Avenue - Draft Action Area Plan

A full discussion took place on the Draft Plan for Carton Avenue. It was generally felt that the plan was good for Maynooth. The Action Area Plan will give the people of Maynooth the right to make submissions and decide what they want. However Cllr. John McGinley felt that high density with 3-4 storey buildings will stick out in a town like Maynooth. John proposed a motion to write to Kildare County Council to object to the high density. This was agreed. The Action Area Plan for Carton Avenue would include managed parkland, recreational open spaces and amenity areas, children's public play area, new residential development and community centre. Peter Connell wondered do we need more apartments here. with the development in Kavanaghs and the harbour area, these will provide plenty of apartment space. He felt we should be looking at starter homes. Brid Feely welcomes the plan in general. She said the people of Maynooth have the option to object and express their views. 25th November is the last day for submissions. Tony Bean said the avenue looked well. He said

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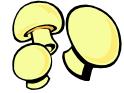
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Mary Clougher on behalf of the residents of O'Neill Park said they were very worried about some aspects of the plans for Carton Avenue. She said they were worried about open spaces being used for dumping. She also said they found it hard to get information. They were also concerned about security and the management of the community centre. Late nights could be a problem she said.

Next meeting of Maynooth Community Council will take place in the Glenroyal on Monday, 8th December 2003.

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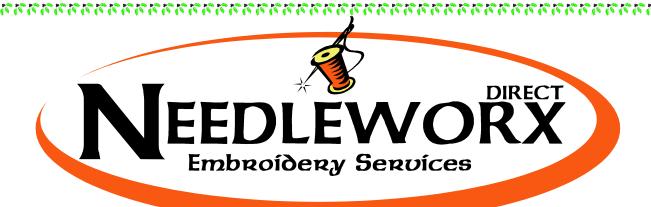


Clir. Colm Purcell

Maynooth Labour Branch would like to wish the people of Maynooth a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year

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03/2168	Michael Mazilu	5 Parklands Court, Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	30/10/03	First floor extension over existing single storey family room, utility and kitchen, to provide 2 bedrooms and extended bathroom at first floor level and conversion of existing attic to study room and new brick porch to existing front entrance	5 Parklands Court Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2181	Paul & Karen Hartnett	47 Rockfield Court Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	31/10/03	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 Co. Kildare
03/2184	Airlie Stud	Grangewilliam Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	31/10/03	Extensions and alterations to existing gate lodge and up-grading of existing septic tank	Barrogstown East Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2218	Dublin Bus	c/o Tom Deely Room 202 59 Upr O'Connell St Dublin 1	Р	05/11/03	A 4.6 x 1 5x2.3m high steel and glass bus shelter with 2 lighted advert panels on Leixlip/Dublin Road, Maynooth outside Tescos	Leixlip/Dublin Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2219	Dublin Bus	c/o Tom Deely Room 202 59 Upr O'Connell St Dublin 1	Р	05/11/03	A 4.6 x 1 5x2.3m high steel and glass bus shelter with 2 lighted advert panels on R406 Straffan/ Maynooth Road opposite Glenroyal Hotel	Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2220	Dublin Bus	c/o Tom Deely Room 202 59 Upr O'Connell St Dublin 1	Р	05/11/03	A 4.6 x 1 5x2.3m high steel and glass bus shelter with 2 lighted advert panels	R148 Kilcock Rd Maynooth University Maynooth
03/2231	Hugh & Fiona Gallagher	22 Rockfield Green Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	6/11/03	Construct a two storey extension to the front and side of the property	22 Rockfield Green Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2294	Mrs B Flanagan	754 Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	14/11/03	Alterations and extension to existing single storey dwelling house to provide granny flat accommodation to rear	754 Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2306	David Collins	Hawthorn House B & B Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	17/11/03	Erection of 4 self catering accommodation units	Hawthorn House B&B Old Greenfield Maynooth
03/2311	Gerard & Uriel Hynes	17 Rockfield Grove Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	17/11/03	Erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house including utility room extending below, single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling house and conversion of garage in habitable space	17 Rockfield Grove Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare





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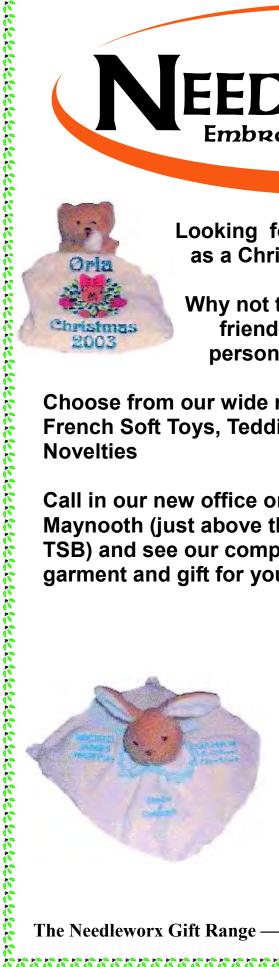
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03/2100	P. J. McGrath	Berkeley House 17 Berkeley St Dublin 7	Р	20/10/03	A surface care park for 39 cars with associated fence, lighting and access gates	Doctors Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2001	P. J. McGrath	Berkeley House 17 Berkeley St Dublin 7	Р	20/10/03	For a surface car park for 39 cars with associated fence, lighting and access gates at a site at Doctors Lane, thirty one of the car spaces will serve as the parking provision for a proposed two storey over basement restaurant on Doctors Lane	Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2129	Maxwell Mooney	The Square Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	24/10/03	Demolition of existing single storey dwelling and erection of two storey office with attic storage and signage to front	Kelly's Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2142	P. J. McGrath	Berkeley House 17 Berkeley St Dublin 7	Р	24/10/03	A restaurant. The accommodation consists of a two storey restaurant over basement containing ancillary accommodation including kitchens and toilets	Doctors Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2155	Sabrina Keegan	Coarsemoor Straffan Co. Kildare	P	29/10/03	Detached one and a half storey dwelling, detached domestic garage, domestic effluent treatment system, connection to mains water and site entrance	Newtownmacabe Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2163	Richard Murphy	Former Permanent TSB Junction of Main St Maynooth & Fagans Lane Maynooth	Р	29/10/03	Partial demolition of existing main building and the existing single storey shed at rear for the construction of a two storey building, the existing front façade to Main St is to remain with minor modifications including a new shop front etc.	TSB Premises Main St Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2165	Michael & Miriam Ahern	8 Rockfield Manor Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	30/10/03	Two storey extension to the rear and side of the building. The ground floor accommodation consists of anew single storey extended kitchen and utility area, the conversion of the existing kitchen to a family room, a sunroom to the rear etc.	8 Rochfield Manor Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2166	John & Maria Davey-Borresen	1 Parklands Crescent Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	30/10/03	Erect a two storey extension to side of existing dwelling house, consisting of a ground floor granny flat and first floor games/play area	1 Parklands Crescent Railpark Maynooth

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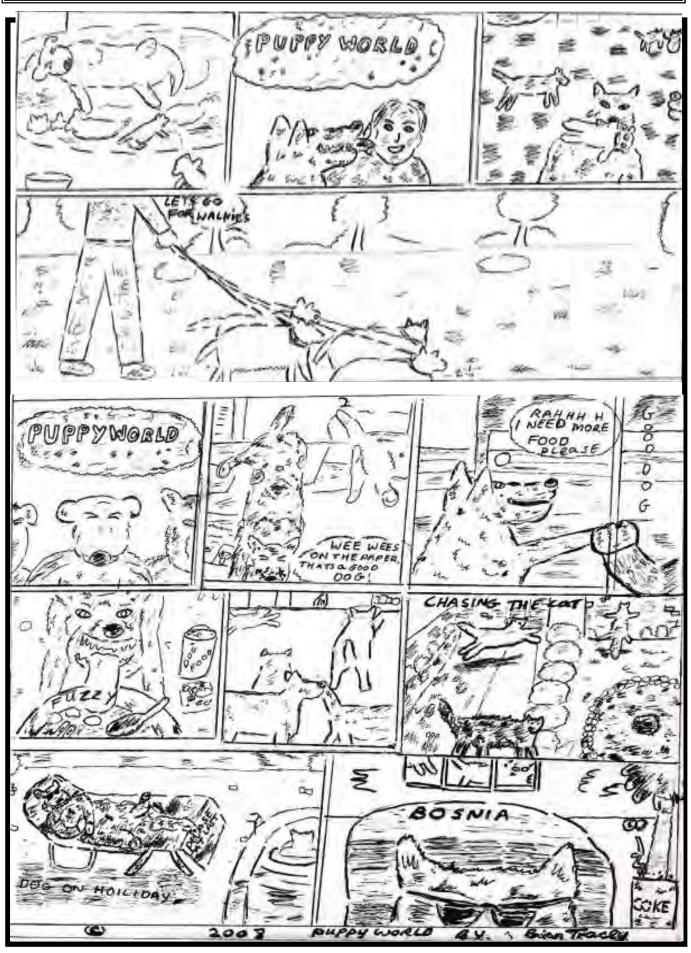
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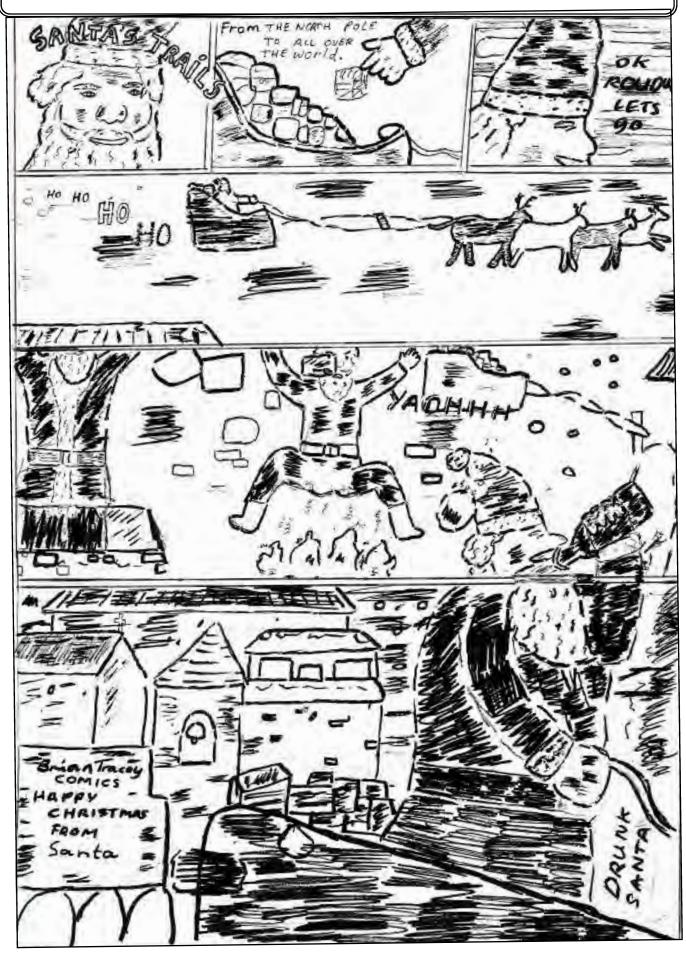
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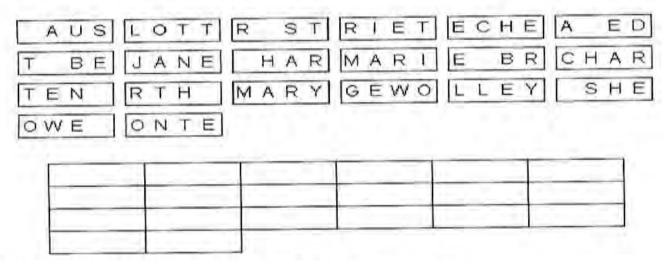
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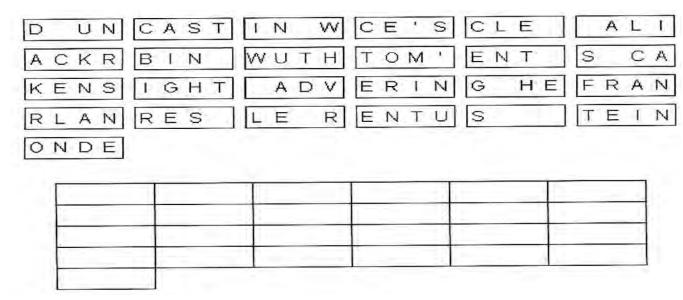
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Tony Blair- A Political Crisis

Tony Blair is in trouble. The fall out 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 a House of Commons committee acting under instructions from their political masters. There are a good number of disgruntled Labour backbenchers 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 Blairs are getting what is coming to them and that few tears will be shed over their demise. The recent byelection in Brent will only add to the Prime Ministers 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 improving relations between the two countries. Some might disagree with this but an analysis of the career of Gladstone (supposedly one of the good guys) who introduced the first Home Bill in 1866 showed that Domestic considerations guided his policy on 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 making any progress in Anglo-Irish affairs carried on this policy for over fifty years. Excuses were many and varied 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, 50 years after the introduction of the first Home Rule bill. It beggars belief that columnists like Kevin Myers (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 the Irish people. The history of Home Rule for Ireland was a history of deception, bad faith and pure trickery. The physical force movement, which Myers despises, arosed from an exhaustion of patience 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 of the state in 1922 and glean what lessons should be learned if Blair falls. We often dwell on the guarrels of the Civil War without recognising the politically 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 first Anglo- Irish Treaty of 1922. W T. Cosgrave, Michael Collins,

Arthur Griffith and later Eamon deValera 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 a 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 over 800 years.

The partition of Ireland was a cause of much pain and heartbreak to many. What is important to remember is that 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 the Stormont Assemly. We remember her body language at the Dublin Summit with Charles Haughy, 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 disappointment with 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 Garret 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 that she was out manoeuvred, was some play, and reflects the progress that this Nation has made in the last fifty vears. The pact that her successor John Major made with the Unionist party in order to hold a Commons majority reflected on 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 principles. 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.

Most political analysts would agree that we are 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

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(Tony Blair Cont'd)

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 for civil order will place a heavy responsibility on the 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 in the 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 Browne 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 that we could find ourselves going backwards because of his lack of political commitment. We have to take heed of what happened under previous Labour administrations and realise that it is in our best interest that Blair remains as leader of that party and Prime Minister.

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- 1. Remember it's your party, so don't slave over a hot stove all night.
- 2. Relax and enjoy it.
- Get all your family involved with great party music and you will have everything done in no time.
- 4. Send out invitations and make sure you get your replies a.s.a.p. so you don't overbuy.
- Go for a variety such as mini combinations of everyone's favourite such as beef Wellington, fishcakes, then go for exotic tastes such as Thai chicken also veggie and fish options. You will be surprised by how many meat lovers will go for these.
- 6. Setting the menu is one of the host's perks, so buy treats that you can't wait to taste yourself.
- 7. Serving canapés for 10 guests if before lunch—dinner. Make 40 for a party. Make 80 double the quantities for each extra of 10 guests.
- 8. Leave all drinks such as wine, beer, in a cold shed or outside the night before the party. They will be perfectly chilled. Have plenty of ice also in the freezer.
- You can buy ice Froman off licence and rent glasses.
- 10. Enjoy your night.

Deli Bites

Prep time 20 mins Cooking time 25 mins. Make 32 canapés

4 large slices of day old bread
1 oz garlic butter
For the toppings
3½ oz of guacamole
2 oz crispy, cooked streaky bacon, finely chopped
3 oz medium fat soft goats cheese
3 oz chunky tomato salsa
2 oz pitted black olives chopped

Preheat oven 160°c Gas 4. Thinly spread each slice of bread with the garlic butter then remove the crusts. Now cut each slice into ¼ and ¼ again to make 32 bite size pieces. Divide the bread pieces. Butter side up between two baking sheets and bake for 25 mins until crisp and a pale golden colour. Leave to cool completely. Store in an airtight container for up to 5 days.

Up to 3 hrs ahead, spoon guacamole on half the bites, then sprinkle with bacon spread, the rest with cheese, top with salsa then sprinkle with olives. Cover loosely with clingfilm and chill until ready to serve.

Egg and Watercress Bacon

Prep time 10 mins Cooking time 35 mins

4 large slices of bread 2 eggs Bunch of watercress 3 rashers 2 tablespoons of mayonnaise

Preheat oven to 160°c Gas 4. Cut bread into ¼ and ¼ again. Spread onto 2 Baking sheets. Bake in oven for 25 mins until crisp and golden. Put into an airtight container. Boil eggs for 10 mins. Remove shell as soon as eggs are cooked as it is easier to remove shells. Grill rashers until crisp and allow both to cool. Chp up watercress. When eggs are cold mash up, chop up bacon, add to eggs with watercress and mayonaisse. Mix well and spoon onto your crisp bread.

Smoked Salmon with Cream Cheese

Prep time 25 mins

Side of smoked salmon Cream cheese 1 red pepper Spring onion.

Shape your salmon slices into roses. Roll each slice, it will take about 4 slices altoghter to shape. Mix cheese with chopped pepper and spring onion. Spoon into the middle of the rose

Mince Pies Brandy Cream

Prep time 1 hour Cooking time 20—25 mins or 25—30 mins from frozen

1 lb 2 oz plain flour Teaspoon of salt 13 oz of unsalted butter 8—9 fl oz of cold water

Sift the flour into a mixing bowl, add salt. Dice 3 ozs of butter, rub into flour until it resembles fine breadcrumbs. Add 8—9 fl ozs of cold water to form a fairly soft elastic dough. Turn onto a lightly floured worksop and knead lightly until just smooth. Srap in clingflim and freeze for 1 hour (a speedy way to cool down pastry). Put 10 oz of chilled unsalted butter between some clingfilm and bash till its about a 1 inch thick oblong shape. On a lightly floured surface roll out the chilled pastry to a 18 x 6 inches rectangle, with one of the short edges in front of you put the butter in the middle of the pastry both must be cool and just

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pliable fold the bottom third of the pastry up over the butter then the top third down. Seal the edges by pressing lightly with a rolling pin. Turn the pastry 90° anticlockwise and roll out the same size as the first time, fold and turn as before. Then wrap and freeze for 30 mins. After 30 mins roll and turn once more. Wrap and freeze for another 30 mins. Then roll and fold one final time. Wrap and chill the pastry in the fridge for up to two days until ready to use. Preheat oven to 200°c Gas 7. Butter 2 12 bun patty tins. On a lightly floured work surface roll out half the pastry to 2mm thick. With a 3 inch fluted cutter stamp out 24 rounds and line the tins . Spoon 1 tablespoon mincemeat into each. Roll out the rest of the pastry and do as before but use a 2 inch cutter instead. Put on top of the pies but don't press down. Brush with milk and bake for 20 -25 mins until golden. Dust with icing sugar.



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12 oz of Demerara sugar
4 oz of chopped glace cherries
2 large Bramley apples peeled, cored and grated
4 teaspoons of ground mixed spice
Grated zest of juice of 1 lemon and 1 orange
½pint of brandy
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This will be An Nuadha Players fourth pantomime and those of you who have seen our previous performances will know what to expect—a riotous tale of intrigue and confusion where, eventually, everything does turn out right. This year once again Martin Higgins has produced a fantastic script and brings his own inimitable style to the direction of the Grace McGrath has everyone surprising themselves with their hitherto unrealised style and rhythm as they trip the light fantastic. Our long suffering musical director Colin Sloane, has got our vocal chords rippling in surprising harmony and all is coming together to guarantee a terrific show. Many of our 'veteran' panto performers are back on stage again but watch out for a few new faces who will bring their own special magic to "Aladdin". And do keep in mind that "Aladdin" is a story about Genies popping out of lamps and carpets flying off to all sorts of places so please do be prepared for the unexpected! Tickets will go on sale in early January so keep an eye out for posters with all the details and, whatever you do, don't miss the show—its great entertainment for young and old and it gives local people an opportunity to put their many talents on display. Please come along and support us and we'll send you away with a pep in your step and a smile on your

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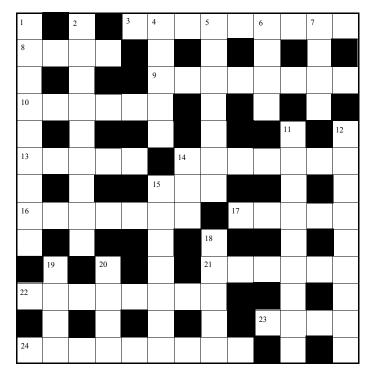
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- 16. Tumbler (7)
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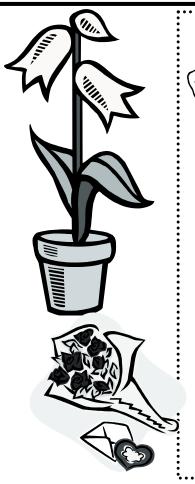
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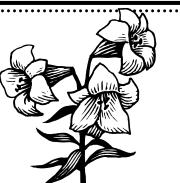
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Poets, druids and early Irish poetry

We saw last year that there is very little mention of Christmas in early Irish literature. As a Christian feast it primarily within the was celebrated monastic community. So we will continue with the topic of poetry. It is said that there are three poets who spoke as infants; they were Aí son of Ollam, Morann son of Moen and Noidiu Noibrethach who gave out nine maxims about the proper responsibilities of mothers to their infant sons. There are stories about the birth of poetry and of harp music - the noblest of the arts. One tale tells of the birth of Aí son of Ollam (Aí means 'poetic art' and ollam is the word for the chief poet) and his demands from the king Fiacha son of Delbaeth of the Tuatha Dé Danann. From him comes aí airchetail ('the poetic craft'). Aí outlines what is due to him as a poet, a charter for the legal status and economics rights of poets as follows:

'Not difficult:
my land, my coupling,
a full cauldron with a vat,
be given by the king ...
a vessel, a goblet,
a chariot, a tusk-hilted sword,
thirty cows, a quern,
a band of warriors.
All this is a debt (fiach)
To me from Fiacha.'

An early text called *Auraicept na n-Éces* (The scholar's primer) says that there five crafts of poetry: *itat coic ae and: .i. ae ailes 7 ae chanas 7 ae aiges 7 ae mides 7 ae suides* ('There are five crafts of poetry: poetry that nourishes and poetry that sings and poetry that impels and poetry that judges and poetry that establishes.')

In the case of Aí it is the instinct of the king Fiacha to kill the baby just as the men of Ulster wanted to kill the infant Deirdre. Aí's demands display the contentious arrogance of poets and his story reflects medieval Irish society's nervousness about dependence on a powerful and to some extent uncontrollable caste of artists. The literature is full of examples of the excessive demands of poets.

Harpers feature less often in literature but they are classed as sáernemed ('free, sacred') with the poets. One of the Triads says: Trí ségainni hÉrenn, fáthrann, adbann a cruit, berrad aigthe ('Three things for which Ireland is pre-eminent: a witty quatrain, a tune on the harp, shaving a face'). This implies that harpers and poets are quintessentially Irish. The Triads again state the mastery of the poets in three arts: Tréde neimthigedar filid; imbas forosna, teinm laeda, dichetal di chennaib ('There are three things that confer status professional on the fili: encompassing knowledge that illuminates, breaking of marrow and chanting from heads'). The harpers are similarly characterized: Tréde neimthigedar cruitire: golltraige, gentraige, súantraige ('There are three things that confer professional status on a harper: music to cause

weeping, music to cause laughter, music to cause sleep').

These characteristics are associated with famous harpers in various sagas. In Táin Bó Fraích (The Cattleraid of Fraech) it is mentioned that harpers play to Ailill and Medb, the king and queen of Connacht. The text says: 'These are three famous brothers: Goltraiges. Gentraiges and Suantraiges. Boand from the Otherworld was the mother of the three. It is from the music played by Uaithne, the Dagda's harper, that the three are named. When the woman was in travail it seemed to be like weeping and sorrow at first with the sharpness of the pangs; then, in the middle, it was laughter and gladness that he played on account of eagerness for the two sons; it was sleep and gentleness for the last son on account of the heaviness of the birth, so that from it a third of the music was named. ...

Boand the mother speaks to Uaithne the harper and says: 'Men will die on hearing them being played' thus implying that harp music can be dangerous and can kill people.

In another story, *Orgain Denna Ríg* (The destruction of Dinn Ríg), Craiptine the harper uses his music on one occasion to send the court of Fir Morca to sleep so that his master can have a tryst with a princess whose mother is ever watchful. He uses it again to put to sleep all the warriors inside Cobthach's fortress so that his master's war band can slaughter the garrison.

Twice in *Cath Maige Tuired* (The Battle of Moytura) harpers are mentioned: Lug shows his musical skills at the feast when he arrives in Tara and at the end of the saga, the Dagda's magic harp becomes a weapon leaping from the wall and killing Fomorians on its way back to its owner's hands and again plays the three kinds of music.

Like poets, harpers can be wonderful and dangerous and the connection with birth is not simply the idea of beginnings but a much larger trope in Irish culture relating to female sexuality. Birth is often imaged as a woman's gift to the world, a miraculous mediation of new life, for example Boand presents the three musicians to her husband and makes a speech about their natures and destiny. The Triads again pronounce: Trí aithgine in domuin: brú mná, uth bó ness gobann ('Three renewals of the world: a woman's womb, a cow's udder, a smith's moulding-block'). But the gift of life carries the threat of death, sometimes its parent's death - a child may be destined to kill its father or a parent attempts to kill an infant. Both occur in the story of the poet Noidiu Nóibrethach. There is a prophecy that Noidiu's mother's father will die if she has a son; this prophecy is fulfilled at Noidiu's birth and his mother tries to kill the infant. The nine judgments that he pronounces are traditional maxims and proverbs through which he prevents his mother from killing him and indeed brings about her death. Murder and motherhood are brought together

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deliberately. Intergenerational rivalries are expressed and birth symbolizes a complex truth. Joan Radner says: 'Through their presentation in the form of mythic birth tales, these noble arts – noble *male* arts – were represented as the gifts of women. And as women's gifts, they were imagined as naturally partaking in the nature of women, and they were regarded with the same ambivalence with which Irish society regarded the female'

Women are seen as passionate, selfish and potentially immoderate beyond the control of even a king - just like poets and harpers. Daniel F. Melia recognises the connection between sexual liasons and the death of the hero. Women are frequently characterized in wisdom texts as savage, lying and connected with nature in contrast with the male who symbolises culture. The Triads say: Trí luchra ata mesa: luchra tuinde, luchra mná bóithe, luchra con foléimnige ('Three worst smiles: the smile of a wave, the smile of a lewd woman, the smile of a dog ready to leap'). The female body is depicted as being both maternal and sexual; the sustaining power of the mother coexists with the dangerous and destructive power of female sexuality. There is one final connection between them - the Otherworld that is essentially female and is closely associated with harpers and fili. Both these classes derive their powers from the Otherworld; they are liminal figures existing in the in-between. Harpers can cause súan ('sleep') as distinct from cotlud ('sleep'). Cotlud is within human control, even as a result of drunkenness but suan is a magically overpowering sleep. One human figure can bring this about – the harper.

Harpers and *fili* seem to share certain kinds of symbolic liminality and to be regarded with similar sorts of ambivalence. They belong to this world and the other, they serve the king but cannot be controlled by him, they uphold law and order but can introduce chaos and the same powers by which they promote fertility, health and wealth can be deadly.

J. Radner finishes by saying: 'Such paradoxes of sustenance and danger set apart poets and harpers and link them with women into a single, semiotic system that is particularly obvious, in medieval Irish tradition, in these unusual allegorical birth-tales about the origins of poetry and harp music. Representing their powers symbolically as the gifts of women as well as of the Otherworld foregrounds the extent to which the sustaining and threatening female is symbolically the source of the unique qualities of these arts.'

Cf. Joan Radner, '"Men will die": poets, harpers and women in early Irish literature', in *Celtic language, Celtic culture: a festschrift for Eric P. Hamp* (Ford & Bailie, Van Nuys, California, 1990) 172-86 and Daniel Melia, 'Remarks on the structure and composition of the Ulster death tales', *Studia Hibernica* 17/18 (1977/8) 36-57.

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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 to him. In the field the grass rustled quietly in the breeze as it swayed gently to the ever-changing direction of the winds. The sun shone down from 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 longer and warmer in his younger days. Tim moved slightly and emptied the burnt tobacco from his pipe going through a timemeasured ritual of refilling and re-lighting. Nothing fazed Tim; a lifetime of looking after animals taught him a humility and acceptance to th 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 galloped from one end of the field to the other. Tim was initially moved by the honesty of his horse, the gentle eyes and 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 contentment that only nature can provide. Tim studied his horse. The chestnut measured sixteen hands high. A product of a mating between 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 "Marshal Ney" the bravest of the brave and one of Napoleon's great generals. He smiled wryly at his choice and reflected on the uncharacteristic brashness in choosing the name. Marshal Ney was extremely game and built like a little tank. He had not rushed the preparation for 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 horse's future did not raise his hopes on gaining that elusive first win. Almost unnoticed and without a word Toby, Tim's trusted farmhand led the gelding from the paddock and walked him back 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 had

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 jumps. Tim said nothing until they both sat down in the 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 good a chance I may ever get of winning a big race" Ted was silent for a while swirling the remainder of the whiskey in 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 a long rein instilled a confidence in his mounts. He was 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 and was a frequent visitor to the house. Ted, a champion jockey on five occasions, had already being contacted to ride three other horses in the race and each one had a better chance on the book than marshal Ney. He sipped his whiskey and tried to balance his friendship with Tim against the potential loss of his share of the first prize money which would amount to 10,000 Euro. Tim read his thoughts and gently leaned cross 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 what ever 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.

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 morning to pop the horse over a few hurdles" Tim was happy at the news as he felt that Ted was the perfect jockey for his horse.

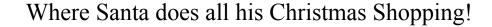
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bell was sounded in the parade ring. Tim a man of few words had even less to say to Ted. It had been agreed that marshal Ney would be taken to the front and try to make all the running. As the horses trotted out on to the track, Ted was pleasantly surprised by the feel that the horse was giving him. Striding down to the two mile start the horse appeared eager and enthusiastic for the battle ahead. As the field circled at the start. Ted identified the two horses 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 the opposite to Ted who relied on his hands to get a response from his mount. A massive cheer from the crowded grandstands signalled the off and Ted took the Marshal into n immediate lead. He cleared the first hurdle well and headed to the turn at the bottom of the straight 10 lengths in front. Marshal Ney was travelling easily and jumped the second and third in a manner that belied his lack of experience. Ted Sloan began to believe in his mount and the exchange of mutual confidence between horse and jockey soon became apparent to Tim watching from the grandstand. Marshal Ney was pounding out a demanding pace and with a mile to run it was apparent that most of the field were 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 in behind happy in the knowledge that the inexperienced Brady was going to give him a lead to Marshal Ney. Tim watched and experienced a 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 Marshall 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 Ney 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 to late, the winning post had arrived in time for Palestine. The crowd was in uproar, they had seen a titanic battle and cheered the participants to the hig heavens. Ted offered his hand to Palmer who ignored the gesture and responded with a sneer" put on some weight and learn how to use a whip. Ted knew that this was going to be a long

and lonely walk back to the unsaddling enclosure Nancy from an early stage in their married life together 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 him and encourage him to try again. She had watched the race unfold on 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 gone suddenly 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 and lift him on this awful day.

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Jim Healy



Useful Hints

Christmas Trees

- Plant Protector Cut the branches of an unwanted tree and cover flowerbeds with them; they may not look very attractive, but they will help to keep animals off the beds.
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- Dog Repellent Cut the branches of an old Christmas tree and position them vertically around young tree trunks. It may help to discourage dogs from fouling them.

Greeting Cards

- ◆ Recipe Tag When giving home-baked biscuits or cakes as a present, write the recipe on the back of an old greetings card illustration.
- ♦ Picture Frame Cut a rectangle, oval or circle frame from a piece of card, making the inner section of the frame ¼ in/6mm smaller on all sides than your picture. Attach the picture to the back of the frame with masking tape. Make the frame from card of a suitable colour.
- ◆ Place Mat Glue a selection of greetings card pictures onto a 12 x 18in (300 x 450mm) piece of cardboard. Then coat them with several layers of clear acrylic to make the mat heatproof, or cover it with transparent stickybacked plastic.
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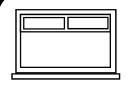
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Murder of the Month

December murder - the dead nurse

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One that night a young trainee nurse, 19-year-old Victoria Cummings, attended a dance organised by her hospital friends in Walsall recreation hall. Unfortunately she left hand in hand with a man that she had just met. The following morning her body was found by maintenance workers on a derelict site at a factory in Darlaston near Walsall. In this case the police had very little trouble in tracking down their possible suspect. It was seen by all that she had spent most of the night dancing with a man called Brian Peake who was a 25-year-old steel worker and that they had left the dance together.

Police visited him and he was brought to the station for questioning. He said that he did not remember Victoria but the police were not happy. They let him go but later that night they returned to his home and arrested him for murder. Now he was prepared to admit that he left the dance with Victoria. He said that he had driven her to the derelict factory in Darlaston to visit with a friend of his called Harrison. He accused Victoria of being high on drugs and alcohol and of being eager for sex. The police persisted and eventually he changed his story – he admitted to being high that night and that he could have done anything that night. He said that he had put his hands around her throat until she went limp but that he did not care. After smoking a cigarette, he took her body from the car and left her on the derelict site. He tried to explain his behaviour by saying that both of them were taking pep pills that they had bought from a man at the dance and that they had been drinking as well. As a result they had sex three times in the car and during the third occasion she had passed out and died.

When the autopsy was carried out it was stated that Victoria had died as a result of cardiac failure and of asphyxia triggered by the compression of her neck. Although the marks on her neck could mean strangulation she actually died of as a result of the cutting off of the air supply by pressure on the neck. This leads very quickly to a heart attack.

The doctor said that Victoria had sex on a number of occasions before death, even after death as the man might not know that she was dead. There was no evidence of violent penetration or of bruises. But the only pills in her stomach were aspirin and tablets for indigestion. She was drunk but there were no illegal drugs and no evidence for previous drug-taking.

This brought about some speculation. How did Victoria die? Was this murder or simply sex gone wrong? The authorities sent the case for trial and the case began on Monday April 24th 1967. It was stated that pressure

must have applied to Victoria's neck for a long period of time. Although there were no illegal drugs in her body, there had been an announcement at the dance asking whoever was putting pills in the drinks should stop. It was said that there could have been pep pills and that they would mimic intoxication and would last for a number of hours.

The causes of death were re-stated by the doctor and he said that there were symptoms of asphyxia. The question now facing the jury and the court was whether this was simply rough sex or murder.

Peake himself have evidenced and said that Victoria was a willing sexual partner. He admitted squeezing her neck because she responded to this – not to hurt her. Then she went limp. He said that she sounded like she had something stuck in her throat and that he tried shaking her. He could revive her and left her there in the factory.

The defence maintained that the evidence for asphyxia was minute, there were no red marks and that these could be caused by someone trying to revive her. It was said that her main injury was a fractured throat cartilage and that if it happened before death it killed her and then the perpetrator was a murderer.

The Justice made two very salient points, first the jury had to decide whether Peake was raping her, secondly then if he were to inadvertently kills her he is only guilty of manslaughter. It was a very complicated case. Did Peake shake her violently trying to revive her or did he kill her? If Victoria's death was the result of violent love-making then Peake should be acquitted. The jury took only 4 hours to decide that Brian Peake was guilty of murder and he was sentenced to life imprisonment.

This strange case did not end there. While serving his sentence, he was on the Isle of Wight in Parkhurst prison eleven years later. In 1978 he was diagnosed with a mental illness and moved to the psychiatric wing for diagnosis. While there he encountered another prisoner – the 31-year-old Douglas Wakefield who believed that he was a woman. When his uncle had a go at him about his sexuality he stabbed him 48 times with a garden fork, and buried him in the back garden in Leeds. But on September 20th 1978 he killed again. Wakefield was a notoriously difficult prisoner. On two occasions he took warders prisoner and try to kill one of them. Then he killed Brian Peake by strangulation with a shoe lace, stabbing and battering him to death. He got a second life sentence on the grounds of mental abnormality and insisted that he be treated as a woman and called himself Dee. In 1996 he was in Durham prison. He won his legal battle to have a sex-change operation because the psychiatrist said that he was suffering from gender identity disorientation.

Wakefield is still in prison. Brian Peake, his victim, would probably have been released if he had not been murdered by him. Victoria lost all her future dreams and promise.

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Well Done Ladies!

What could be so special about a coffee morning in a small place like our town? Those who thought there was something truly inviting joined their friends to share a cup of coffee while supporting a good cause.

The coffee (and tea) morning was taking place in the foyer of the Glenroyal Leisure Club and was kindly supported by its staff. The event was organised by Margaret O'Neill and her friends, as an act of charity for the Irish Hospice Foundation. Apart from donations, they were collecting orders for the Christmas cards and the book 'Peter and



Margaret O'Neill welcomes her guest Bill Campbell

the Wolf, the unique publication, which was illustrated especially for the Foundation by artist Bono and his daughters Jordan and Eve.



Orla Keane, the raffle ticket master

The main surprise was that what happened in the Leisure Club on the 5th of November could not be called a quiet gathering. Besides raffle tickets and coffee, there was a book sale, a brick-a-brack auction, wine shop, and even clothes auction which was conducted by Orla Keane. The smiles on happy faces and lively bids for the leather jacket (which everybody secretly envied) were showing that the whole morning was a success.

Along with the huge response to the morning (donations of €650 and 20 orders made) for the

IHF, we would like to mention that events of this kind find positive feedback from the local community. Only recently we had a Quiz Table for Chernobyl, and two fundraising actions for the Crumlin Hospital for Sick Children - 'Just Dance' Ballroom Lessons and a Fashion Show at Cham Wari Shop.



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CHRISTMAS POT PLANTS

So many people receive, as Christmas presents, beautiful foliage or flowering pot plants that they have not grown before. Friends keep asking me for advice on their care. More plants are killed by kindness, as it were, than by any other single factor.

So, first. of all, don;t over water them. The soil needs to be kept nicely moist, not soaking wet. Dont water all the plants as a regular routine. Water only those that need it by touching the soil you can tell that it is dry enough to need water.

Secondly, dont give them too much heat, particularly during the day and leave them on a cold window-sill at night where they are in danger of catching a chill. High temperatures in a centrally heated rooms, produce a very dry atmosphere which plants dislike. The ever popular Azalea indica, for instance,must have a moist atmosphere. As well as keeping the soil constantly moist,place its pot in larger pot or container and pack the space between the two with moist peat and keep it constantly moist as well.

Similarly, the Christmas Begonia [the Gloire de Lorraine]type needs plenty of tepid water and the foliage syringed if it is in a dry atmosphere. This syringing is important for large-leafed foliage plants also. Keep Begonias

Keep Begonias well away from gas fumes.

Another problem child is the Poinsettia, (Euphoria pulcherrima). Whose red bracts at the top make such a strong appeal to most people. If Conditions are not right you will soon know because it will start dropping leaves. It needs the peat packing treatment, the syringe, and tepid water-sparingly. Water-logged soil is fatal. Needs a wall -lit spot but no draught or gas fumes. Another plant which is easy to manage is Primula obconica as long as it is well watered and a little liquid feed added to the water. But dont touch it-it can cause skin rash.

JANUARY IN THE GARDEN.

The earliest sweet -peas to grow in the garden are those sown in September, but if you if you did not sow in September, the plants should now be ready for stopping-that is, pinching out the growing tips so that the plants make new shoots from the base.

To return to sowing seed now, in a greenhouse or frame or, perhaps in a conservatory on the south side of the house .

One of the problems is to ensure that the skin of all seeds splits to allow germination, it is therefore wise to soak the seeds in water for 24 hours before sowing. If, after this, some of the seeds have not opened split the skin with a sharp knife, on the side of the seed opposite the growing, point, taking care not to harm the body of the seed under the skin.

You can use John Innes or other suitable compost if you wish; but if you wish to make your own, mix 3 parts of turfy loam,1 part leafmould and 1 part sharp sand together. Mix it thoroughly and make it evenly moist. Then you can

sow the seeds individually in containers such as egg cases, or in a 5 inch pot. Assuming your compost is nicely moist, dont water them for at least two days. Cover the pots etc., with glass and paper to keep them dark until the seeds germinate. Then remove the all cover so that they have plenty of ventilation and keep the compost nicely moist at all times from now on. When plants are a reasonable size to handle they will need potting on and when three pairs of leaves have formed the growing tips should be removed to make seedlings branch out.

When plants are 3 to 4 in, high they can be planted outside, usually in March or April, at which time a sowing in the open garden in order to extend the flowering period, which will then go on until October probably.

Seed Lists

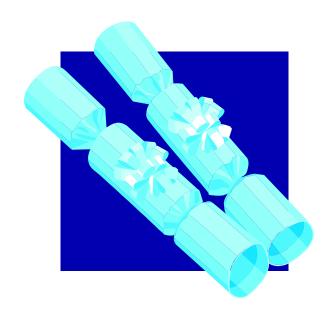
Set to and list all seeds you are likely to need over the next two or three months,and place your order without delay. This will ensures that you will receive them in time for sowing,and makes it less likely that your chosen varieties will be sold out. Early Salads

Stock up with seed of the salad onion WHITE LISBON, Which can be sown in glasshouse border or frame towards the end of the month. GARDEN FURNITURE. Bring in wooden garden furniture, to dry off prior to repainting or treating with preservative.

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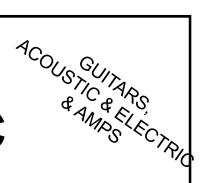
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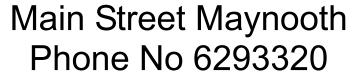
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Book reviews

Through the Gate of Ivory Patrick Devaney

The storey set in 17th Century Ireland tells of a young T.C.D. student who in a Dublin wine Tavern caused the death, or so he believed, of an English Officer who had pressed his unwelcome attentions upon his The story recounts how, fearing the person. consequences, and borrowing a handful of his father's crowns and Thomas's mare he fled from the Pale to a hostile Gaelic environment. How Charles Stanihurst, a Protestant, survived close calls with death, getting beyond the Shannon, ingratiating himself into the O'Connor and McDermott clans, his love affair with Frances, his discovery of the English officer's survival. Charles exchanging information for the support of Sir Robert and Dr. Bedell for his eventual return to Dublin and acquittal.

This gripping story is intertwined with the history of the time, the encroachment of one culture upon another - Norman upon the Gael, conflict, concessions to the Sassenach, all in a desperate effort to hold on to their lands and culture, are vividly portrayed in the story. Patrick Devaney's book is an informative historically on the life and ways of the Gaels in their confrontation with those of the Norman, as it is entertaining as an narrative. Instinctively one feels the main theme of the book is not the story of Charles Stanihurst but the story of the extinguishing of the old Gaelic way of life.

This book is obviously well researched, includes maps, glossary, family trees, extensive bibliography, and useful key date list, to assist the reader with names, places. etc.

If you wish to clear your mind of P.C.s, Mobile Phones, and take a trip back to 17th Century Ireland, this is the book for you. Fiction blended with realism gives a fascinating insight into times past. A great book to take to bed and experience the hypnotic influence of a gifted writer.

Noel Clarke

Best of Friends by Cathy Kelly

I'm very happy when I see the latest book of Cathy Kelly, because it is like sitting down having a cup of coffee and a chat with an old friend. Best Friends is set in the small town of Dunmore, around the lives of four women, Abby, her daughter Jess, and friends Lizzy and Erin.

Abby works on T.V. and is concerned about getting old, if her T.V. career is going okay, and has a boring marriage of 17 years, so she wants excitement back in her life, so when she meets an old flame, who can put the sparkle back into her life, and make her feel young again, will she, or won't she have an affair with him

Jess her daughter hates being a teenager and is doing her junior cert. She would love to have the confidence to talk to boys, but is self-conscious about her looks, and it is making her life a misery. All her classmates are growing up into confident young women, why not her.

Then there is Lizzy who is divorced and has two grown up children. She feels her life is going nowhere, especially when her ex husband, Myles, finds a new love and her daughter is getting married is there anyone out there for her to love.

Finally there is Erin, who has come back home to Ireland from Chicago, with her new husband, to face her background of secrets and lies.

Then when a tragedy touches their lives, the four women are drawn together in sadness and realise that life is out there for the taking and you just don't wait for it to come to you, because you will just get left behind

A lovely read, and when the book was finished, I felt I was leaving old friends behind.

Lorraine

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Book Reviews

By the Harbour in Maynooth Editor by Maeve Mulryan-Moloney.

The Irish Countrywoman's Association has recently celebrated fifty years of its presence in Maynooth, and to mark this occasion, the Maynooth Guild has published a book which explores this history. The title is taken from the location of the ICA Hall at the end of Leinster Street, near the Royal Canal. Not enough attention has been paid to the great contribution that the ICA has made to Irish life over the years, and this book is a welcome attempt to fill that gap.

The book is a team effort by the members of the Maynooth Guild who have put together a highly readable and entertaining production, under the editorship of Galway-born Maeve Mulryan-Moloney. With its attractive leafy cover designed by Mayo-born artist Marian O'Donnell, the book gives you more than you might expect. It is an account of the Association's activities, yes, but it is also a portrait of a more or less typical Irish town as it grew and developed over a period in which Ireland experienced great economic and social change. And this history is made to come alive as an account of the lives and doings of ordinary Irish women in a clear and well-written text. photographs are a help here. We actually get to see some of these women's faces, from the first President Patricia Kinehan to a group photograph of the current members.

The book contains a lot of enjoyable poetry interspersed within the text, and one poem at the beginning by Betty Farrell on the Golden Jubilee sets the tone: they 'arranged flowers and painted pictures/ planted trees and made teas.' But they achieved so much in their quiet way, and the book's six chapters track some of this: there's something on the history of Maynooth town itself as well as on that of the ICA, something on Maynooth's schools as well as on the arts and crafts, the home making and community formation for which the ICA is justifiably well known and respected.

But where the book really scores is in the detail which it gives about how people lived in the recent and not so recent past, what their attitudes and concerns were, what worried them, what they wanted to achieve, and how they went about the task of making life better. On page 11, for example we are told that 'members planted gardens, organised classes, and, in times of need, rallied around each other at a minute's notice...whilst continuing to cater for the social, educational and cultural needs of the members, the ICA adjusted to Irish women's changing life styles and the challenge of new technology. They built on the success of the past and tried to meet the challenges of the future.' And, by the looks of things, they're still doing exactly that.

The book presents the past vividly, and although fifty years isn't very long ago in the great scheme of things, our parents' or grandparents' day can seem like

ancient times. This reviewer learned, for example that on census night in 1946 there were 3341 residents in Maynooth, that it was, as you might expect, an agricultural town, but that it was suffering a bit from unemployment caused by increasing mechanisation. The now-defunct Macra provided a social outlet, and Old Moore's Almanac was a main source, apart from the radio and newspapers, of information and entertainment in the days before television and the internet. It was a tough life in the not so good old days. But the book is a witness to the optimism and courage of the human spirit in sometimes difficult circumstance.

One of the most interesting chapters for the present reviewer was the one on schools in Maynooth. Although the foundation of the College in 1795 is mentioned, the focus is more on the first and second levels, and the gallant efforts - and it was an uphill battle for many in the 1950s and 60s, to say nothing of earlier times - by parents to provide the possibility of a good education for their children. This struggle was successful, and we are told (page 28) that one can nowadays go from infant's class to a PhD without having to leave the locality! The book gives us something of what it felt like to be a child in those days by quoting a lesson from the Clonard Reader of the 1930s, 'with its mixture of astronomy and fairy lorg'.

In all, this is a fascinating book, and the Maynooth Guild of the ICA is to be congratulated for producing it. If you want some history or something of the taste and feel of what it was like to be Irish and to have lived in Ireland in the last fifty years, this is the book for you. It'll engage you, it'll make you smile, but at the same time it's factual and not sentimental. It's available from the Maynooth Bookshop (Main Street) direct from the ICA, from Maynooth Community Council Office, Unit 5, Newtown Shopping Centre, Beaufield, Maynooth or Maynooth Town Library, Main, St. Price ∈ 10, excluding postage.

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Maynooth Golf Society

The Joe Murray Memorial Cup was held during our outing at Millicent Golf Club. The following are the results.

1st Overall 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th Front 9 Back 9	Emmett Savage Michael Flynn (Jnr) Martin Doyle 37 Liam Farrelly Derek Murray John Nolan Norman Kavanagh Fintan Gannon Tom Flatley	41 pts 38 pts 7 pts (B.9) 37 pts (B.6) 37 pts 36 pts 36 pts 20 pts 18 pts
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Nearest The Pin

Don O'Sullivan

Twos Club Norman Kavanagh, G. Moffatt

J. Bibic, B. Bean

Visitors John Doyle 33 pts



Derek Murray, son of Joe Murrary, presenting the Joe Murray Memorial Cup to Overall Winner Emmett Savage

The President's (John Tiernan) Outing was held on November 1st at Carton House Golf Club. The following are the results:

John Nolan	37 pts
John Tiernan	37 pts (N.Q.)
John Byrne	35 pts
Mick Fahy	34 pts
Pa Conway	33 pts
Sam Feeney	32 pts (B.9)
Liam Farrelly	32 pts
John Saults	31 pts (B.9)
Gerry McTernan	16 pts (B.6)
Steve Greenwood	20 pts
	John Tiernan John Byrne Mick Fahy Pa Conway Sam Feeney Liam Farrelly John Saults Gerry McTernan

Visitors Paul Flood 37 pts Over 60's Paddy Foy 26 pts

Nearest The Pin

Steve Greenwood

Longest Drive

Paul Flood

Twos Club G. Reilly, D. Murray, B. Bean,

L. Farrelly, John Doyle

Next outing on Saturday 22nd November to Ladyhill.



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Grand Draw Results

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2nd prize John Cullen c/o Society

3rd prize Imelda Desmond

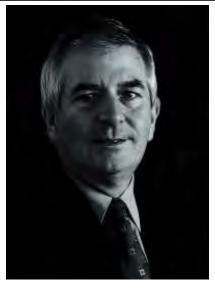
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Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Handball Happenings

In 2002 it was decided to run a Handball Summer Camp in the GAA club in Maynooth. It was so popular that repeating the process this year was a must. So the director of handball coaching in the club, Eamonn Gorey, put the wheels in motion and with the help of the handball committee and some hurling mentors the camp became a reality.

In 2002 super coach Fiona Healy ran the camp single handedly. Well almost. She did have some members of the, now defunct, FAS scheme to assist her in a supervisory capacity.

With the numbers wishing to attend the camp being considerably up from last year it was decided to employ three coaches this year. Eimer Fallon, National and WORLD champion, her doubles partner Sinead Gallogley also a WORLD champion and Aidan Ryan were tasked with making the camp both enjoyable and successful.

In excess of thirty children attended. All had a great time and most have continued to play handball. Which would indicate that the objective of the exercise has been achieved.

Congratulations to all who helped in any way Eamonn, Tony Fingleton, Martin Connolly and Aidan Sinnott in particular.

As a result of the camp and ongoing juvenile coaching it is highly likely that the club will have players participating in the County Championships this year. In addition to this the County juvenile officer is looking at a couple of players with a view to picking them to play for Kildare at inter County level.

There are fifty three juveniles registered in the club but only fifteen adult members. So if you ever played handball or would like to have a go at it please contact a member of the committee through the GAA club and we will be only too happy to start you up or get you going again as the case may be.

Mark Ball



Darragh Lynch being presented with a certificate to say that he participated in the handball Summer Camp with some parents watching on



A group of children who attended the Camp with Coaches Adrian Ryan, Eamonn Gorey and Sinade Gallogley



Two in a row for Niall

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Congratulations Ten Years Old - VTOS Leixlip

On Friday 14th November close to 300 people came together to celebrate the 10th Year Anniversary of Leixlip VTOS. Held in the Green Lane, the event was opened by deputy Emmet Stagg who congratulated the centre on its 10 years of work within the community. Éilís Clare, Assistant Co-ordinator and Dolores O'Brien Co-ordinator then welcomed the past and present students and Dolores O'Brien praised the hard work and vision of Noel Dalton, A.E.O. of County Kildare VEC for setting up the scheme in October 1993. An evening of entertainment followed, this included two pieces on the viola played by Tanya Plavans, an evocative Danny Boy played by Derenik Kolvian and a strong rendition of Catch the Wind sung by Teresa Flannery. African drumming and tradition songs were complemented by a selection of reels, jigs and hornpipes. Dressed in traditional costumes the African singers were Sharon Marie Ojo, Magdalene Mukandatsama Dodo, Victoria Ali and Nathalie Sampassa and Charlene Reilly led the Irish side with an energetic display of the best of Riverdance.



Dolores O'Brine Co-ordinator & Deputy Emmet Stagg



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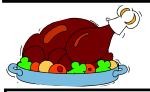
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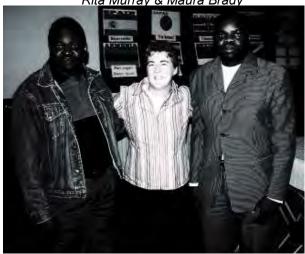
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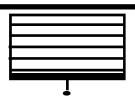
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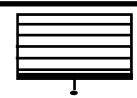




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Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Carton Avenue Action Area Plan

Kildare County Council voted at its monthly meeting on 20 October to put the Draft Carton Avenue Action Area Plan on public display for a month. The Labour Party Councillors voted against the Draft Plan because of the excessively high densities, the three and four storey buildings proposed and because of the inclusion of apartments. The Labour Councillors were supported by Independent Councillor Tony McEvoy.

The public have until 25 November 2003 to make their views known by writing to the County Secretary in Naas. At the end of the day it is the Councillors who make the decision, not the officials. The three Area Councillors who voted for the high densities, high rise buildings and apartments have stated that they will be guided by the reaction of the people of Maynooth. Well they got their answer at the monthly Meeting of Maynooth Community Council on 10 November. The Community Council represents the community through its elected members from built up areas and from local clubs and organisations. Twenty five members attended the meeting and when Cllr. John McGinley proposed "that the Community Council make a submission to Kildare County Council on the Draft Plan calling for:

- □ The removal of apartments
- Significantly reduced densities
- Reduction of the building heights to two storey "

Only two members spoke against the motion, namely Cllr. Senan Griffin and Brid Feely the Fianna Fail local election candidate in next years elections. When the motion was put to a vote there were 22 votes for, Brid Feely was the only member to vote against the motion and Cllr. Senan Griffin and the local PRO for Fianna Fail abstained.

Cllr. John McGinley stated that in view of the overwhelming vote against the excessive densities, high buildings and apartments that he expected the other three Councillors to amend the Plan in line with the views of the representative body of the Maynooth community.

Bond Bridge and Meadowbrook Link Road

Councillors were given the following report at the Meeting of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council on 7 November 2003:

"This matter was clarified at the September monthly meeting of Kildare County Council. Both the Bond bridge and Meadowbrook Link schemes have been subject to a tendering process. The estimated total cost of completing these schemes are as follows:

- □ Bond Bridge: €6.0m
- ☐ Meadowbrook Link Road €1.8m

Clearly, the Council is not in a position, financially, to commence both projects at this stage. For engineering reasons, it is essential that the Meadowbrook Link is constructed at the outset to ensure alternative access when Bond Bridge is being constructed. Accordingly, it is proposed to commence the Meadowbrook Link as Phase 1 of an overall scheme which will include the Bond Bridge in due course. There are, however, some issues to be finalised in the short term to include planning matters, contracts, land conveyancing etc. These aspects are in hand and it is hoped to commence construction of the Meadowbrook Link in early 2004. This phase will take circa 6 months to complete subsequent to commencement.

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Regarding Bond Bridge (Phase 11), the cost of these works has been included in the new development levy scheme which will come before the members shortly for approval. This scheme will be effective from 11.3.04 at the latest. It is clearly premature to consider the prioritisation of projects to be completed as part of this scheme at this stage, particularly as it has not even been adopted as yet. However, the Council will be committed to the completion of the therein. Proposals regarding commencement of particular projects will arise in due course as levies are accumulated and, certainly, the commencement of Bond Bridge (Phase 11) can be considered in this context. Indeed, some work has been carried out improving the Rathcoffey Road close to this location, as a prerequisite to the scheme.

In addition, a fund of €427,393 has been accumulated through the budgetary process and it is proposed that this sum be ringfenced along with the development levies collected to date. It may also be possible, without prejudice to the planning process to add to this fund levies imposed on a number of developments which may be subject to planning permission before11.3.04.

Given the cost involved a mix of financing will be necessary and this aspect is currently being considered with a view to submitting an appropriate proposal to full Council for consideration.

I trust that this clarifies matters to the members satisfaction."

Needless to say Cllr. John McGinley rejected the report as it is as clear as mud. In proposing that the contract for the new bridge be awarded now he made the following points:

- Awarding the two contracts now does not create any engineering problems as the initial work on Bond Bridge will be the manufacture of the bridge and this takes place off site and will take over six months to complete. The Meadowbrook Link can be completed within six months.
- □ By not proceeding with Bond Bridge the Council is also not going ahead with the culverting underneath the bridge which was the chief cause of the flooding two years ago.
- At the Leixlip Area Meeting on 5 July 2002 the Councils Senior Executive Engineer stated that "there would need to be certainty as to where the funding was to come from before they go to tender." They went to tender so they had to be satisfied with the funding. So what has happened since then if the Council is not in a position financially to proceed with the project? Is it because of Government cutbacks or is it because of the €2m per year that the Council have to pay for the next 40 years for the new Council Head Quarters?
- □ It is Council policy since March 1998 to take out a loan to fund the bridge so why are they saying

that they cannot fund it?

- □ Special levies have been set on houses in the area for the last 20 years. This proves that the policy of waiting for levies to accumulate before commencing work is nonsense and the report still proposes going down this road again. The Council should take out a loan now in order to fund the bridge, as per the 1998 policy, and repay it from future levies.
- At the Council Meeting on 20 October, following questioning from Cllr. John McGinley, it emerged that the Councils €8.3m funding of the Enfield to Edenderry road re-alignment was to be achieved through a new county wide Development Levy Scheme. In other words new houses built in Maynooth would fund this road, while at the same time the Council refuses to proceed with Bond Bridge even though residents in this area have contributed €1.2m in levies over the past 20 years.

As there was no senior engineer present to comment on Cllr. McGinley's argument he proposed the following motion:

"That the contract for the construction of Bond Bridge be awarded to the winning bidder and that a special development levy contribution of $\[mathebox{0.000}\]$ 5,000 per housing unit be set on all future housing in Maynooth in order to fund the contract."

Following an extensive debate Cllr. McGinley agreed to the following amended motion and it was passed unanimously by the Leixlip Area Committee:

"That the contract for the construction of Bond Bridge and the Meadowbrook Link road be awarded to the winning tenderer/s and that a special levy contribution, per square metre, be set on all Planning Permissions granted in Maynooth in order to fund the contract."

As the motion has all party support at the Leixlip Area level this will become Council Policy unless Fianna Fail and Fine Gael Councillors don't support their Leixlip Area Party Councillors.

Cllr. John McGinley Welcomes Rejection of 4 Storey Proposals for Former Pitch & Putt Course:

Cllr. John Mc Ginley has welcomed the decision by An Bord Pleanala to refuse planning permission for five 4 storey blocks of apartments and three 3 storey blocks of apartments on the former pitch and putt course on Dunboyne Road, Maynooth.

Commenting on the reasons for the refusal Cllr. Mc Ginley stated that An Bord Pleanala had accepted his and Deputy Stagg's contention that the proposed 4 and 3 storey blocks would have been out of character with the established pattern of development in the area which consisted of the historic Leinster Cottages which border the site. He also stated that An Bord Pleanala had rightly rejected the design of the proposal which would have been inappropriate in such a sensitive area. Effectively the proposed 4 and 3

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storey blocks consisted of a style which was more appropriate for the inner city of Dublin. Finally as in all cases where maximum commercial profit is sought by the applicants through inadequate provision of both private and public open space the proposal represented an over development of the site. In conclusion Cllr. Mc Ginley stated that he was delighted that this ugly development had been rejected by An Bord Pleanala and he called on the applicants to sit down with the residents of the area to see if a proposal for the site can be drawn up which would satisfy everybody concerned.

Westside Waste, Maynooth

Councillors were given the following report at the Area Meeting on 7 November:

"It would appear that Westside Waste has been taken over by P. Thornton Waste. It is understood that this site which is owned by Flood brothers has been leased to P.Thornton for a period of two years from April 2003, at the end of which time the site will be given back to Flood brothers as a green field site.

P. Thornton has a license from the EPA to operate the site on condition that he scales down the operation on the site.

A recent inspection of the site, having previously inspected the site at the end of 2002, we are satisfied that an extensive reduction in site activity has taken place. The site is in operation for well outside the seven years allowed for taking enforcement action under planning legislation. It would be difficult to take a successful prosecution against the present owners/operators in light of the fact that there has been an extensive reduction in onsite activity and because of the time scale involved.

Therefore, if the present position continues and if the site continues to comply with the terms of the EPA licence there is no need to proceed with legal action. The file will be reviewed again in February 2004.

In the Maynooth Development Plan 2002 this site is within Zoned D: Light Industry/Office Park. This zoning is to provide for new office and light industrial development and any proposed development would be subject to the necessary planning permission."

Cllr. McGinley stated that while it was great news that the dump in this residential area was finally going, it was still his view that there was no EPA licence for this waste operation. He will also request the Council to take legal action in relation to the operation of the facility notwithstanding the pessimistic view of the Planning Section.

Roadway from Hand's Corner to G. B. Glass, Dentist:

Cllr. McGinley's got the following reply to his motion on resurfacing the hard shoulder and laying a footpath:

"The matter has been examined on site in conjunction with the DTO. The works in question, though meritorious, are likely to be costly particularly as there is an element of land acquisition involved. A request has been made to the DTO regarding the possibility of incorporating these proposals as part of the Charter House scheme and the members will be advised when a decision is to hand. In the absence of such funding, it is unlikely that work can proceed in the short term.

In passing there are still a number of design issues to be finalised in relation to the Charter House scheme to ensure satisfaction with the DTO requirements. Again the members will be kept informed."

Cllr. McGinley expressed his extreme dissatisfaction with the report as TESCO had been levied in order to fund this element of the Maynooth Improvement Works some time ago.

Also the further delay with the bus bays at the Girls School is completely unsatisfactory as Councillors had been told that they would be in place by last September.

Traffic Signals at the Train Station Straffan Road, Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley had asked that traffic signals be installed at this location in order to facilitate cars and pedestrians exiting from the train station and to help traffic exiting from Parklands, Castlebridge, Silken Vale and Old Greenfields. A traffic count carried out on 16 May 1997 showed that traffic signals were warranted here, yet

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply to his motion:

"A count was carried out on the 9 October 2003 and the results indicate that vehicular/pedestrian traffic are considerably below guideline standards (RT 181) which would merit either traffic signals or a pedestrian crossing at this location."

Cllr. McGinley expressed his amazement, as effectively the Council were saying that the traffic at this location has decreased considerably in the last six years. He stated that the report was total fiction and asked for a copy so that he could see what it did wrong.

Geraldine Hall is finally in Council Ownership

Citizens of Maynooth can rejoice. Councillors were told at the Area Meeting on 7 October that the Council had at long last signed the lease in order to take ownership of the Geraldine hall.

Also, at Cllr. McGinley suggestion the Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee are getting a quotation to secure the Hall from illegal trespass. Hopefully, the Council will then give approval for the work to be carried out.

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Swimming Pool Complex

A joint meeting of the Celbridge, Clane and Leixlip Area Committees will be held on 24 November at 12 noon to receive a report on the selection of a preferred site for the Swimming Pool Complex in North Kildare.

Happy Christmas

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley would like to wish the people of Maynooth a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

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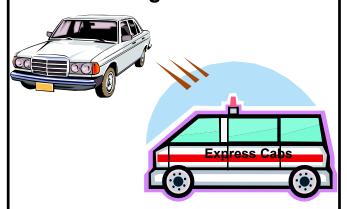
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Brid Feely Maynooth Fianna Fail Local Election Candidate 2004

Firstly, the Cumann would like to wish all the people of Maynooth and Leixlip and indeed the general North Kildare area a very happy Christmas and New Year. Particularly we hope everyone takes care and has a trouble free and indeed stress free holiday period. Traditionally the holiday period can be a time of contrasting fortunes with plenty of happiness centred around the family but also unfortunately with increased levels of accidents, injuries and fatalities also.

Politically it is a busy but reflective time, particularly for the people of both Maynooth and Leixlip, with both communities taking the time to examine the local Action Area Plans just drafted, i.e. the Carton Action Area Plan and the Barnhall Action Area Plan respectively.

(1) Carton Action Area Plan

The Carton Action Area Plan (at time of writing) has just been released and is currently on public display at the following venues:

The Planning Department, St. Mary's, Naas, during normal office hours,

Maynooth Library

Kildare County Councils website: www.kildare.i.e./ county council.

Submissions and/or observations are invited from all interested parties and should be forwarded to the Senior Executive Officer, Planning Dept, Kildare County Council, St, Mary's, Naas, Co. Kildare on or before Wednesday 26th November 2003. As you read this article this period of public display will have elapsed, however I feel it is likely that the period of public display may very well be extended as has happened in the Barnhall Action Area plan in Leixlip.

Brid Feely, our Local Election Candidate for 2004 is a member of the Maynooth Community Council representing the Straffan Road area and she would be very anxious that anyone living in that area should contact her if they have any suggestions with regards to the Plan. She will forward such

The Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann are currently examining the Carton Plan and will indeed be making a submission to Kildare County Council. At time of writing that submission is not yet ready and so unfortunately it is not possible to give an account for this issue of the Newsletter. Issues that may be addressed include the Community Centre, densities, O Neill Park residents concerns, development levies etc.

The Cumann along with Brid Feely will be meeting the resident representatives of O Neill Park on Monday 17th November to hear their concerns, reservations and suggestions and will bear these in mind when making our own submission to the Council.

On initial examination of the Draft Plan, Brid has commented that the overall Plan appears to be excellent and to have been very well Obviously a lot of good work has been put into formulating the Plan and she would like to congratulate the Councillors in the area along with the officials of Kildare County Council. The Plan should ensure that a long underdeveloped, though very important area of the town will finally be offered the opportunity to blossom and take advantage of the opportunities being offered. There is no doubt that the location of the Community Centre in this area will be a major plus for all the people of Maynooth. Also the proposed residential developments are closely located to town the centre area and will benefit from the current and future retail presence on the other side of the road. The natural boundary of the Blacklion Road also ensures a clear limit is set to any future development.

The primary composition of the Carton Plan encompasses the development of 4 separately zoned residential development areas, with various densities proposed for each of those areas as follow:

Residential Area A - along the Dunboyne road approach into Maynooth. This area consists of approx. 14.6 acres and a density of 10 -14 per acre (2 storey) is proposed here.

Residential Area B - along the Dublin road approach into Maynooth. This area consists of approx 9 acres and currently a density of 20 - 24 per acre (3 - 4 storey) is proposed for this area.

Residential Area C - Again, along the Dublin road approach into Maynooth bordered by the Blacklion road. A density of 8 - 10 per acre on this 17 acre plot is proposed (2 storey)

Residential Area D - an area of approx. 1.8 acres bordered by O Neill Park where a density of approx 22 -25 houses are proposed, termed "medium" density

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.In overall terms, the above residential developments are in tandem with provision of 9.4 Ha of "Passive" Open Space Amenity and 10.5 Ha of "Active" Open Space Amenity. These amenity lands (approx 50 acres) border the Lime Walk and ensure that the historic Avenue is free from any incursion of interference by residential development.

In total approx. 450 residential units are envisaged within this Draft plan and all are designed to compliment the established character of the Lime Walk. Planning applications for residential units must make provision for car parking spaces, designated mixture of uses, orientation of buildings so as to maximise privacy and reduce operational costs by the use of solar panels to taken advantage of sunlight and protect from prevailing winds etc etc. Safety considerations will also be paramount wherein the front of buildings must face onto open space amenity lands etc etc.

The provision of a Children's Play Area is specifically zoned for within this plan.

At time of going to press, it appears that the Labour representative John McGinley is apparently attempting to use the Draft Plan for political purposes by objecting to the proposed densities which he now terms "outrageous" and "more suited to Inner city development". The Fianna Fail representative Brid Feely would like to clearly state that the densities envisaged in the Draft Plan are absolutely within the guidelines laid out in the 2002 Maynooth Development Plan which John McGinley himself himself voted in agreement with in 2002.

Furthermore, it must be clearly stated that the current Draft Plan is on public display so that the people of Maynooth can examine the Plan and make any suggestions they feel necessary or appropriate within the qualifying period. It is after all, the people of Maynooth working together with their Councillors and representatives and the officials of Kildare County Council who will ultimately formulate the best plan for Maynooth.

All planning applications must be of the highest standards as set out under this Draft Plan before consideration and permissions will be approved.

(2) Removal of Stone Wall at St. Mary's Church

Brid Feely has questioned the removal of the small stone wall opposite St. Mary's Church in Maynooth on the Kilcock road. The wall was an attractive feature which complimented other stone walls in this important area, approaching the entrance to the town. It has been removed apparently for "safety" reasons but indeed Brid feels that it's replacement offer little if any additional safety protection, and furthermore the replacement concrete kerb is an ugly and possibly

confusing presence for those unfamiliar with the roadway. The number of tyre scruff marks already on the kerb bears evidence of its disputed value and Brid is of the opinion that greater consideration should have been given in advance to the appropriate remedy by Kildare County Council.

(3) Maynooth Tidy Towns

On Thursday 13th November the Maynooth Tidy Towns hosted a reception at their Awards night in the Glenroyal Hotel. There was a great attendance and individuals, businesses and residential areas received well earned rewards and recognition for their work. Undoubtedly Maynooth looked particularly well during the summer with businesses making great efforts to improve the appearance of their shopfronts with floral displays etc and also the flower basket displays, which were put up in recognition of the Special Olympics, were outstanding on the Main St. and the approach roads to the town.

(4) Supporting Maynooth's Business Sector

As we are so close to Christmas, Brid Feely believes it is an appropriate and opportune time to ask the residents of Maynooth to fully support the business and commercial community of the town. The local community needs to be aware of the services available to them in the town centre where a strong commercial base exists providing a range of necessary services. The business community adds to the fabric of the community by providing a wide range of service and choice and can only sustain and grow if they are supported.

However, we are so close to large suburban retail centres that there is a natural tendency to travel to them for the sake of convenience as the weakness which exists locally is the lack of convenient and adjacent parking. Brid will be asking the Maynooth Newsletter office to try and help local business by perhaps doing a profile each month on a particular business, thereby making people specifically aware of the service on offer. We must acknowledge the support offered to the various community projects throughout the year by local businesses in the form of sponsorship and subscriptions etc and make every effort to return that support, particularly at the present time of year.

(5) Contaction The Cumann or Brid Feely

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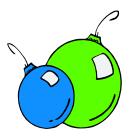




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The Newsletter would like to sympathise with the family of Ann Marie McGee nee McTigue on her recent and tragic death. She will be sadly missed by this publication.

We would also like to sympathise with the family of Sandy Nolan who also died recently and who worked with the Newsletter and the Community Council in the past. She will be sadly missed. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamnacha.

They will not be forgotten.

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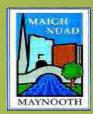
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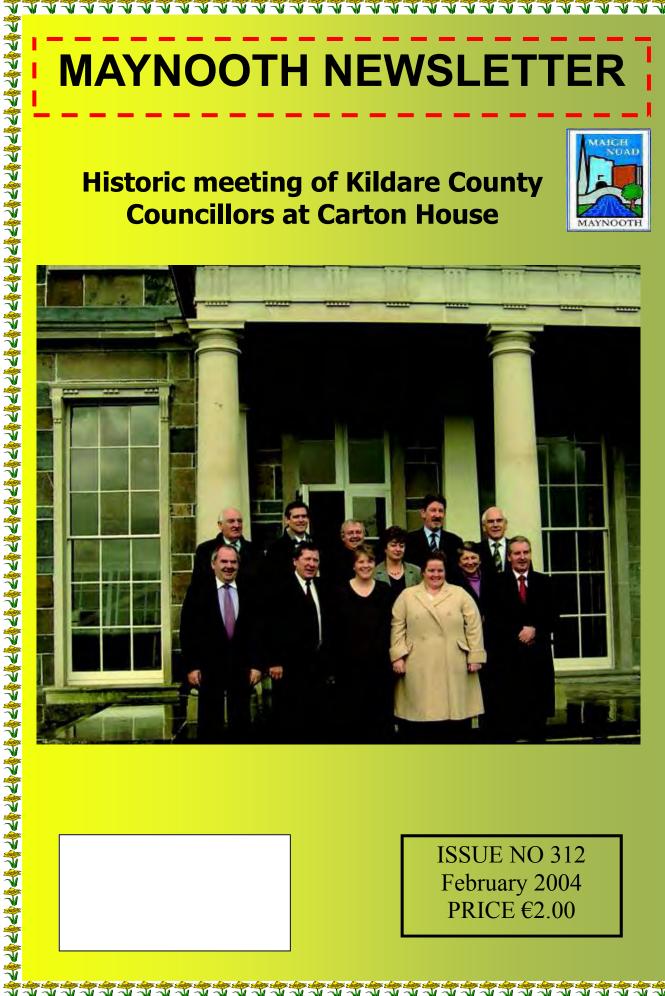
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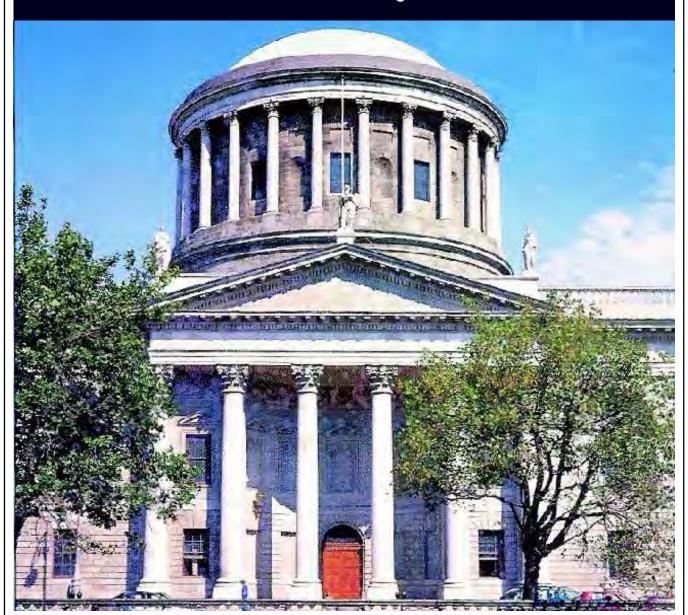
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Editorial

On February 1st we celebrate the Christian festival of Brigit once known as Imbolc – originally a fertility festival to ensure a good growing season to come. Most of us in our urban environment are far removed from the importance of the weather but all of us look forward with hope at the slightly longer evenings once the solstice is passed. Let us take this opportunity to remind people of the forthcoming St. Patrick's Day parade – another sign of spring. The committee will be giving certificates to the businesses who sponsor the event and we would like people to support those who can be so generous to the Parade. We would also like to remind people to make an effort to participate by putting together a float to advertise their business or their clubs and societies.

For a 24 hour period recently Maynooth and the surrounding towns were left without the necessity of life - water. Not a bottle of water remained in any of the shops. Some days later, the residents of Parson Street and some parts of Meadowbrook were anxiously watching the water levels as the rain poured down. The required flood alleviation work has still to be carried out. Work on the Meadowbrook Link will begin shortly; hopefully this will be followed by the long-awaited Bond Bridge.

This will be an eventful year with all the proposed developments. Dulcedo have begun the dismantling of the mill; so long a landmark at one end of the town and the mart has already disappeared to give way to the new Tesco development at the other end. It must be stated again – the ring roads must be put in place to facilitate the increase in traffic unless we plan on personal helicopters to get us around! The limited parking available will decrease over the next number of months with the hoarding that will surround the mill site. This will be accompanied by traffic lights at the church area and the removal of the island to accommodate the developers.

We would like to congratulate Leixlip on being the town chosen to house the swimming pool for North Kildare. It is a reminder of the fact that Maynooth does not have a town council - the government have not yet enacted the section of legislation necessary to allow this to happen. But town councils should be given the powers of a County Council and local democracy should have a voice in planning and funding decisions. The proposed Development Levies Scheme should ensure that levies are spent in the area in which they are collected and used to fund such proposed developmental areas as the Public Park at Carton Avenue and the Harbour Field/ Geraldine Hall site. There is some hope for the Geraldine Hall now as it has finally been taken over by Kildare County Council. Once the Harbour Field issue is resolved the future of that part of the town looks bright.

Finally, the Newsletter is 35 years old this year and we invite readers to look back and remember favourite items and photographs as we are hoping to put together a bumper, memorial edition to be published during the summer. Were you featured in an article? Did you appear in a photograph? Have you ideas on what you would like remembered and celebrated? We have an e-mail address: maynoothcc@eircom.net – and get in touch!

This year will also see the 25th anniversary of the Pope's visit – any memories, photographs? Again be in touch.

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Community Council Notes December

The December meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on the 8th December in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Co-options to Council

Mr. Pat O'Brien was co-opted to the Council to represent Moyglare Village.

Office

Paul Croghan, P.D.O. stated that the office is running very well. We have a number of vacancies at the moment and these should be filled soon. Staff were wished a happy Christmas and New Year.

Traffic/Planning/Carparking

Paul Croghan said residents were very concerned about future development on Moyglare Road and in the adjacent area. However this will effect all of Maynooth. With plans for a new Dunnes Stores and an Aldi Stores. He also said there is to be further development of over 500 houses on the Moyglare Road. It was also noted that the Maynooth Mart is to be relocated in this area.

While all the new planning is good for Maynooth the traffic problem will have to be seriously addressed now. He said towns in England have used a system whereby cars coming into towns have to wait 5 minutes, he said this worked well. Hugh Gallagher, Chairperson, raised the possibility of Maynooth Community Council doing a survey on the traffic problem. However, Cllr. John McGinly said that Kildare County Council have a group of independent consultants working on this and that the results are to be ready soon. He said the report will include everything, ring roads included.

Muireann Ní Bhrolchain said there is a huge movement of H.G.V.'s going through the town to avoid paying tolls.

Cllr. John McGinley stated that Kildare County Council will put up signs to direct H.G.V.'s to the Celbridge bye pass and if this does not work all H.G.V.'s should be banned from coming into Maynooth.

It was also noted that the gardai are out more walking around the town. This was a welcomed sign.

Disk Parking

Robert Wilson wondered could disk parking be introduced. However, he was told that the community would have to look for this. Also the only public carparking in the town is at the rear of Caulfields.

Hugh Gallagher, Chairperson, said it is very hard to get through the town at any time, cars parking everywhere are causing dreadful problems. He said with tolls due to go up in the New Year this could lead to more H.G.V.'s coming through the town. We should now write to Kildare County Council about the dreadful state of the traffic situation in Maynooth.

Kildare County Council's proposed Development Contribution Scheme

It was stated that Kildare County Council are to introduce a new development contribution scheme of ∈14,000 on all new houses and €75 per square metre commercial building. It was also stated that four of the Leixlip Area Councillors were concerned at the short notice, also that notices have appeared in local and national papers and will be on display until 19th January. Cllr. John McGinley stated we need a separate plan for each area. He is also worried that the Carton Action Area Plan of one playground and community centre in not included.

Concerns were raised that towns like Newbridge and Naas are allocated much more money than Maynooth.

Cllr. Senan Griffin said he was worried about all the charges, also that money has already being collected and we should look for money back from the Department of the Environment. He said he is aware of people looking for housing

that won't get on Kildare County Council housing list.

It was also stated that people in starter homes and affordable housing can't carry the burden of high levies. Extensions to houses will not be levied.

Cllr. John McGinley said the plan should not be accepted, it will mean no facilities for Maynooth, like the playgrounds, etc. Submissions should be sent to Kildare County Council to object to this plan.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

The first meeting of the St. Patrick's Day Parade committee has taken place. Secretary, John McGinley stated that we now have some new members. He said the committee needs new people to get involved and to come up with new ideas for next year.

Tidy Towns Committee

Paul Croghan said they will be meeting in January. They will be setting out their plans for 2004. He said new members are always welcome. It has been agreed that the Tidy Towns Committee will take over safe quarding the Geraldine hall Paul said they have given a quote to Kildare County Council but as yet have heard He also said he was nothing. looking at Carton Avenue and found the remains of a fire at the base of a tree. He also noted tree pruning work was not finished, but said that the avenue looks well and that Carton Estate are cutting the grass.

O'Neill Park Residents Carton Area Action Group

Mary Clougher said they would like to see the avenue being patrolled by the gardai. She said there are a lot of parties being held down the avenue. It was agreed to write to the gardai about this and other matters that are of concern to the people in the area.

Community Council Notes December Cont'd

Cluain Aoibhinn - Tree Removal

Tom McMullon complained that Kildare County Council had removed trees from Cluain Aoibhinn Estate. It was stated that the trees removed were not the kid of popular trees that cause the big damage. Tom felt that the trees should be replaced.

Cllr. John McGinley stated that there should be no problem replacing the trees

Bottle Banks

Des Matthews raised the issue that there is no bottle bank now at Tescos. There is only one now in the public car park and this will not be able to cope with all the extra over the Christmas period.

Des also said that a section of wall on Bond Bridge needed repair, he said there was a 15 - 20 foot drop behind the wall. He also stated that a pathway was needed from Parsons Hall to the bridge and a pathway to the playing fields.

Hugh Gallagher on behalf of the Community Council offered congratulations to Leixlip Town on being selected for the swimming pool in North Kildare.

Hugh also advised people to be vigilant around this time of year.

Hugh also thanked the Glenroyal Hotel management for their generosity in providing wine and mince pies after the meeting. Hugh then thanked everybody and wished all a happy Christmas and New Year.

Next Community Council meeting will take place on the 12th January in the Glenroyal Hotel.

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Community Council Notes January

The January meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on the 12th January in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Meadowbrook Link Road

It is hoped that work will commence on the above project end of January early February.

Development at Kavanagh's Mill

It was stated that hoarding will be erected around the site, also in Mill Street. This will restrict traffic to a great extent.

Cllr. Senan Griffin felt that the developer should meet with the gardai and Kildare County Council. Mill Street will be greatly affected and with school traffic and general traffic it is going to be choc-a-bloc. Cllr. Senan Griffin stated that at the Leixlip Area meeting on Friday 16th January he hoped the situation would be discussed and help progress it further. It was also noted that there will be no parking on the Kilcock Road or Mill Street.

Office

Paul Croghan said the office is running well and that the new scheme started on the 5th January.

Festival

Chairperson, Andrew McMullon made a strong plea for people to come forward. He said the committee needs new people to get involved. Andrew said we need people with some new ideas to get involved. Please contact the office.

Newsletter

Editor, Muireann Ní Bhrolchain said that they are looking at a new format for the Newsletter. The Newsletter will be 35 years in existence this year so we are looking for news items and photos covering this period of time.

Tidy Towns Committee

Paul Croghan said they will be having their first meeting on the 15th January. He said that they have a very strong and dedicated committee but would welcome new members to get involved. He said

he hoped that they would be able to put flowers around the town this year, especially after the efforts of the Special Olympics Committee last year. He pointed out that this was a huge project and hoped that they would be able to achieve it. He also said they hoped to get a grass cutting grant as they have taken on a new picnic area on the Kilcock Road.

No Christmas Lights in Maynooth this year.

The question of no Christmas lights in the town was raised. It was explained that the Chamber of Commerce undertook the job of putting up the Christmas lights, and at this point we don't know why they didn't appear this year. Cyril McAree said we had the appearance of a scrooge town. The town looked dismal. It was also stated that people were bewildered and disappointed at no Christmas lights, especially the children.

A suggestion that the trees should be lit and that this did look very well was raised. Also that a big Christmas tree be put in the square area was raised by Ann Burns.

The overall feeling of the meeting was of great disappointment and bewilderment that the town had no Christmas lights this year.

Water Supply Cut in Maynooth

Mary Clougher raised the question of the water supply cut on Friday 9th January. it was stated that it was an electrical failure that caused the problem. The failure started at 1.30 a.m. in the morning and work got underway at 3.30 a.m., also that water was back by 11.30 p.m. that night in some areas.

However people felt that more notice should have been given. Cyril McAree felt strongly that Kildare County Council had a responsibility to people to let them know.

Cllr. Senan Griffin said that Kildare County Council gave as much notice as possible. it was decided to write to Kildare County Council to see what can be done to avoid this happening again.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Cllr. John McGinley said plans for the parade are well on the way. John said they had sent out Christmas cards this year to business people thanking them for their support. He said that this was very well received. Again he said anybody wishing to get involved should contact the office.

Planning Matters

Paul Croghan raised the point regarding planning applications particularly in connection to related He wondered if planning. consultants working on two applications that were closely connected would there be any cross reference made. It was felt that planners should look at all connected issues, roads, water, etc., also that planners would know what was being planned for the county. Paul also suggested that Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge could become one huge town with a possible 100,000 population. However, Cllr. John McGinlev said this was not true. He said Maynooth was classed as a moderate growth town 5,000 -15,000 population. It was also noted that Kildare County Council had turned down a planning application for apartments at Louisa Bridge, but an Bord Pleanala gave permission. It was felt that the process needs to be worked on.

Pound Park Project

Cllr. John McGinley said the Pound Park Project which includes a band stand is a go ahead.

The next Community Council meeting will take place on 9th February in the Glenroyal Hotel.

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03/2362	Jason Keigher	39 Laurences Avenue Maynooth, Co. Kildare	Р	24/11/03	Sought for detached for four bedroom dormer bungalow with Puraflo waste water treatment system	Old Railpark Road, Barrogstown West Maynooth
03/2363	Boldnote Developments Lim	Carton Demesne Carton Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	24/11/03	Revisions to approved tourism/leisure development scheme. The revision includes amendments to house types for 33 of the 115 previously approved 'Golf Villa' House Types on Carton Estate. The amendments include, revisions to the internal layouts etc.	Carton Demesne Carton
03/2364	David Foran	Killane House Edenderry Co. Offaly	Р	24/11/03	Two-storey extension to side and rear	35 Maynooth Road Celbridge Co. Kildare
03/2430	Sherwood Homes Ltd.	Clifton House Lower Fitzwilliam St Dublin 2	P	01/12/03	Housing development (241 dwellings) comprising of 69 three bedroom two storey townhouses (Types Ai, H and P); 96 two bedroom townhouses (Types B1, G and J), etc.	Newtown Townland Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2434	Michael Mazilu	5 Parklands Court Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	01/12/03	Extension to existing ground floor kitchen and utility room, a first floor extension over existing single storey family room, utility and kitchen, to provide 2 bedrooms and extended bathroom at first floor level, and conversion, etc.	5 Parklands Court Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2461	Dermot O'Neill	Pebble Hill Lodge Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	01/12/03	For refurbishment and renovations to a two storey end of terrace building, currently comprising two retail use units on ground floor and residential/office use on first floor, also demolition of two outbuildings comprising outhouses, etc. Main Stree Kelly's Lai Maynoot Co. Kildai Co.	
03/2464	Ciaran Walker	2A Hillcrest Green Lucan Co. Dublin	P	02/12/03	The demolition of bungalow and construction 2 no. two-storey three bed, end of terrace houses and 11 no. two storey, two bed town houses and ancillary site development works	Old Railpark Maynooth
03/2477	Helen Byrne	Railpark East Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	04/12/03	Development consisting of construction of a bungalow garage, and EPS Bison treatment unit	Railpark East Maynooth

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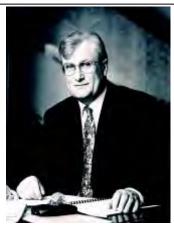
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04/22	B & K Tintean Development	Hartstown Clonsilla Dublin 15	P	05/01/04	10 no apartments in two storey building of 720 sq. m. with 15 parking spaces and associated site works	The Plant Place , Dublin Road, Maynooth
04/23	Fionan Hardiman	Dublin Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	05/01/04	Demolition of existing boiler house, partial demolition of existing house and construction of two storey extension to rear of existing house and associated site works	The Plant Place, Dublin Road, Maynooth
03/2732	Mr Peter Kennedy	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	23/12/03	Dormer bungalow, puraflo treatment system and septic tank	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2722	Devinstown Stud Ltd.	29 Earlsfort Terrace Dublin 2.	Р	23/12/03	A single storey extension	Ballygoran Park House, Ballygoran Maynooth
03/2687	Ann Dwyer	13 Beaufield Ave Maynooth Co. Kildare	R	22/12/03	Retention of conversion of domestic garage and additional extension to combined separate single storey flat-roofed one bedroom apartment with front facing window and door all to side ot existing dormer style house	13 Beaufield Ave Maynooth
04/3	Peter & Mary Robinson	Crinstown House Crinstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	02/01/04	For a nursing home consisting of 49 one bedroom units, 9 two bedroom units, kitchen and dining rooms, oratory, staff area, administration area, ancillary spaces, new entrance, effluent treatment system and associated site works	Crinstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2709	Maureen O' Flaherty	Kilmacreddock Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	23/12/03	Teach sha stor a thogail le Seipteach 2000, coras dramhail teaghlaigh le coras ionramh eisilteach uisce agus limistear sca- gagh agus bealach isteach a sholathair uilig	Chill Mhic Cradoigh Ma Nuad
03/2589	Tommy Richardson	519 Newtown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	16/12/03	Demolition of two houses and for provision of one house with granny flat at sites 519 and 520 and to widen and set back the site entrance gateway at site 520	Newtown Maynooth
03/2599	John & Mary Holland	13 Parklands Place Maynooth, Co. Kildare	P	18/12/03	Two storey extension to side and rear of two storey house	13 Parklands Place Maynooth Co. Kildare

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03/2482	Ciaran Gallagher	4 Rockfield Close Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	05/12/03	Dwelling house, poultry house, glass house and bio-crete waste water treatment system	Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2485	Carmel O'Flaherty	18 Meadowbrook Lawns Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	05/12/03	Dormer type bungalow and garage for domestic use and septech 2000 effluent treatment plant	Kilmacreedock Upper Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2554	David Collins	Hawthorn House B & B Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	12/12/03	4 self catering accommodation units (216 sq.m) and to provide 4 additional car park spaces and all associated site works to the rear	Hawthorn House B & B Old Greenfield Maynooth
03/2575	John & Mary Gallen	12 Rockfield Close Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	15/12/03	A first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion and utility room extended on the ground floor	12 Rockfield Close Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2581	Eduardo & Anne Herrero	'LaPaz' Straffan Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	15/12/03	External lighting consisting of two wall mounted lights and one light/lamp standard located on patio/open space'	'Stella Maris' 486 Straffan Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
03/2580	Declan Kehir	Kilmacreedock Lower Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	16/12/03	A dormer bungalow, garage for domestic use and Septech 2000 effluent treatment plant	Kilmacredock Lower Maynooth
03/2589	Tommy Richardson	519 Newtown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	16/12/03	Demolition of two houses and for provision of one house with granny flat at sites 519 and 520 and to widen and set back the site entrance gateway at site 520	Newtown Maynooth
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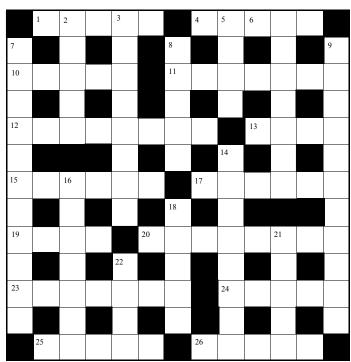


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3	Entrance Fee:
()	Commercial Float ∈50 Club/Organisation ∈20
	Bands - Free
	The categories for which prizes will be awarded are as follows:
	1. Best Commercial Float - Trophy 2. Best Club Float - Trophy

Applications with entry fee to be sent to Community Council Office before Friday 5th March or phone Christina Saults (office hours - 6285922 or 6285053) or John McGinley (6285293 (H) or 7026536 (W))

4. Best Marchers - Trophy

6. Best Costumes - Trophy

3. Best Band - Perpetual Cup

5. Most Topical Float - Trophy

Features

Maynooth Post Primary School

Maynooth Post Primary School transition and fifth years are rehearsing for the annual musical. This year's production is Guys and dolls Opening night is February 4th and the show will run until Sunday 8th. The venue is St Mary's Parish Hall, Maynooth. Tickets can be bought from the school

The show is set in New York in the 1940's. It tells the story of the "Guys" Nathan Detroit (Cian Byrne) and Sky Masterson (Harry Oliver), whose gambling exploits organizing a crap shooting game brings them into conflict with the "Dolls". Miss Adelaide (Sallay Garnett), star of the Hot Box nightclub and fiancée to Nathan Detroit is determined finally to get (Gwendolyn Forde), who works at the Mission Centre and is eager to save the souls of the gambling obsessed guys of the city, finds herself the focus of a bet and of Sky's amorous attentions.

Crap shooting is the sewers, high kicks in the Hot Box, souls saved on the throw of the dice...the action if backed by familiar musical favourites like "Luck be a Lady" and "Sit down your rocking the boat". When the Dolls finally get their guys in the closing scenes you'll agree "call it sad, call it funny, but it's better than even money, that the guy's only doing it for some doll".

Maynooth Post Primary students will also represent the county in the Regional Finals of the Mental Health Association of Ireland's Public Speaking Project. Having won the county Kildare final in Naas on Wednesday 21st, January, the team of Raeanna Kennedy, Sallay Garnett and Fiona Nelson hope to bring success on February 12th too.

Any inquiries regarding the event can be made to Sinead O'Connell at 01 6286060.

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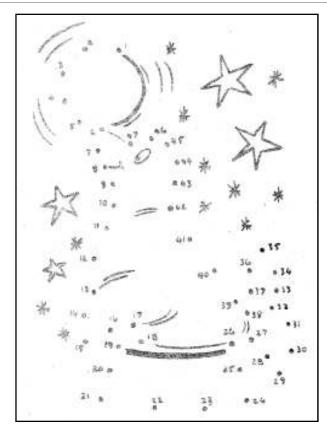


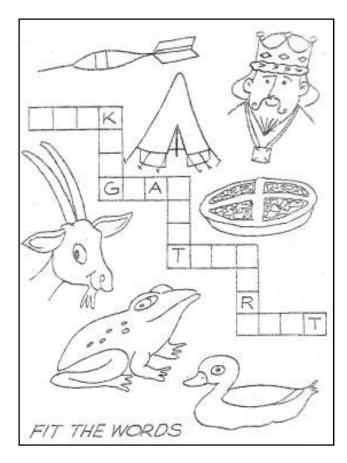
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Features

A Sense of Place

A fictional account of the beginning of an Irish village.

John awoke instantly, lifted his elbow, peered over the top of the stonewall and pulled his cap forward, Sleep could come easily again - but no, he darted forward - pulled at the long meadow grass - his foot slipped off the lichen-covered bank. It had been a long day. Mother must know by now.

Old Biddy, pulled her shawl tightly around her shoulders, tapped her stick, and called - 'Bridie, quick, Bridie. She knew it would come to this. It had happened before and she had warned her boys, 'Come in, mother, come in'. Bridie darted down. Peter, what was he doing there? Where was her own John?

John smiled at the thought of his mother. He opened one eye. Around him lay the limestone. The pale blue, creamy stones he had loaded on his cart over at the quarry. What happened? How did it start? There was bad blood between them. He sat upright. It was time to go. He pulled on his boots. He slipped down on to the roadway: straightened his back and tried to cover his eyes as he made his way into the sun on that smothering June evening.

Half dazed, he picked his way among the broken glass bottles, whistled a little tune, slowly left the village behind. The donkey watched him go, then brayed thankfully as he stumbled towards the cart. He had forgotten that Peter brought his pig to the fair. Such a careful man, hot-headed maybe, but you could depend on him. 'I wonder is he thinking about you, you poor pet' said John as he stroked the short grey growth on

the donkey's neck. The stickiness of the hair made John wince.

He was weary, but the poor donkey had stood all day, without a drink or bite. 'Here, here' said John. 'Come on'. The big grey eyes looked up at him as he led him to a stream. John stripped off his heavy woollen shirt, splashed the brown, bog water across his face. He shivered. He would have loved to sit in to the cart and let the donkey bring them both home. He had a hard day, and leading the donkey they both made their way through the narrow boreen up from the main road. Mother wouldn't see him going that way. Peter hopped from one leg to the other, the silent breathing and the weariness of his neighbours were palpable round him. At another time he would have loved to look round him at the fields of oats with a light glisten of gold as the sun bore down on it. His tongue rolled round in his mouth. The porter left an ugly taste—he longed for a dish of water. My God, he whispered to himself—is the ass still out there at the crossroads? Someone would have brought him home. Maybe no one wanted to get involved. The police would watch out for supporters.

John pushed in the gate. It creaked. He lifted the red shafts, pulled off the bridle and threw it aside, stroking the matted hair on the donkey he murmured 'He'll be back soon'. Now home to face his mother. Would she be proud of him? He had run across the ditch at the first sign of the police.

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Maynooth Tidy Towns

Tidy Towns Campaign 2004

The Tidy Towns Committee held our first planning meeting for the 2004 National Tidy Towns campaign on January 15th last and the committee welcomed two new members Pat O'Brien from Moyglare Village and Sean Lyons from Kingsbry. A number of other people had indicated that they would like to get involved, but were unable to make the meeting. Maynooth Tidy Towns now have an active membership of sixteen but we also have many volunteers who get involved in our various projects. Being involved in Tidy Towns, people are able to see the fruits of their efforts, no matter how little or much you are able to contribute. The ever-improving image of the town and the positive feeling that influences both our residents and visitors alike make the effort worthwhile. If you want to be involved in any capacity with the tidy towns please ring 6286709, we would love to hear from you.

Tidy Towns update five year plan

As part of participating in the National Tidy Towns Competition we are obliged to submit a five year rolling development plan outlining our work, the work of the local authority and indeed the entire community as impacting on our local environment. Our last plan ran from 1998 to 2003. Incidentally, we set a target score for 2003 of 235 back in 1998 when our score was 162 marks (1997). In 2003, our actual score in the competition was 214. People thought we were over ambitious then, but time has proven that we were right to aim high. We are not quite so confident for the next five years because of the amount of work going on in the town. At present, we are estimating a score of 245 for 2008. The maximum score that can be achieved in the competition is 300 marks.

Progress means the removal of Maynooth Tidy Towns feature

The commencement of work on clearing the Kavanagh Mill site will involve major restrictions on traffic movement and a re-alignment of the Moyglare Road/ Kilcock Road junction. Unfortunately, this means that the central island on the junction, enhanced and maintained by Maynooth Tidy Towns will have to be



removed. This feature was a major attraction in recent years and will be missed by many residents in the town. Special thanks to our Chairperson, Robert O'Reilly for his personal efforts in keeping this area in good condition over many years. Do not worry Bob, we have other work that you can do and as usual for no reward except our gratitude.

New feature area being created near Laraghbryan

Maynooth Tidy Towns are creating a new open space area on the Kilcock road close to the cemetery. The new "picnic area" project is being undertaken with the support of local residents in this area. With the support of the Laraghbryan Cemetery committee work commenced late last year outside the cemetery and we are hoping that by the summer this area will be a very attractive feature on the approach from Kilcock.

Hanging Baskets in Main Street and Straffan Road

In 2003, the Maynooth Special Olympics Host Town Committee funded the erection of the hanging baskets in the town. Larine Court Garden Centre and Maynooth Tidy Town maintained the flowers right up to October. Will there be hanging baskets in 2004? Maynooth Tidy Towns intend to hold a special public meeting on this matter. Last year the maintenance was done with the generous commitment of Mattie Callaghan, Michael Barry, Joe Buckley and John Dolan who gave their time and own vehicles to provide the watering mechanism. Many others gave their time to assist in the watering, which was a three-person operation. Paul Dowling and Tina from the Larine Court Garden Centre undertook the task once a week . If we are to have flowers in 2004, we need better equipment and transport to undertake this task. With the proper level of funds we could contract the work out but it will need to be decided by early March on whether or not we undertake this enormous task. Anybody with ideas on how we can do this please feel free to contact us.

Paul Croghan Secretary, Maynooth Tidy Towns



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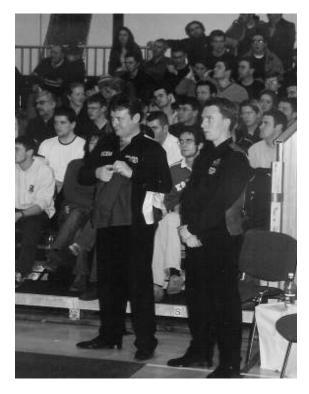
Exhibition Snooker at NUI Maynooth New Sports Complex





An exhibition snooker match between Ken Doherty and Jimmy White was held at the New Sports Complex in Maynooth College on December 3rd 2003. The exhibition was arranged by the College Snooker Club and was supported by the College Authorities. The event was a "sell out" and was extremely well organised by the club, ably led by Derek Stynes. The first half of the night consisted of a series of one frame challenges by snooker club members against Jimmy and Ken. Derek Stynes, Brian Tansey, Niall Bulfin, Mark Kennedy, Adrian Ormsby and Ciaran Mac an Bhair played a "blinder" and every "home" potted ball raised loud cheers from their appreciative supporters. The second part of the night consisted of a best of nine frame match between the two big stars. Ken showing his competitive and professional attitude raced into a four frames to nil lead, punishing mistakes made by Jimmy. Ken rarely allowed his opponent back onto the table and although Jimmy clawed one frame back, Ken claimed the sixth frame and the match with an immaculate exhibition of snooker. This was a very good night's entertainment and was enjoyed by all that attended the event. Young Darragh Murphy from Maynooth will not forget his great night out. His enthusiastic dad arranged to have his young son photographed with both Ken and Jimmy during the night's proceedings.







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2nd	Don O'Sullivan	38 pts
3rd	Tom Campbell	34 pts
4th	Michael Flynn (Jnr)	33 pts (B.9)
5th	Tom O'Haire	33 pts (B.6)
6th	Kevin Loftus	33 pts
7th	Mick Fahy	30 pts
Front 9	Gerry Reilly	18 pts
Back 9	Sean O'Connell	17 pts
8th	John Byrne	29 pts
9th	Sam Feeney	28 pts
10th	Pat Conway	28 pts (B.9)

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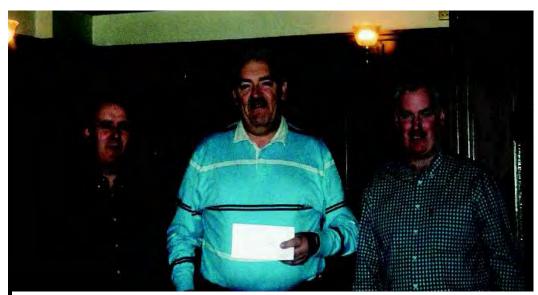
Pa Conway & Gerry McTernan



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Match Play Winners John Byrne & Colm Loftus



Winner of Turkey Outing to Ladyhill Proinnsais Breathnach

Features

Anniversaries and dates for 2004

275 years ago-

The first circulating library in Britain opened at Edinburg.

225 years ago

David Hartley proposed in the House of Commons in London that the government abolish slavery at home and in the colonies.

175 years ago-

John Walker a chemist at Stockton on Tees sold his first box of matches.

150 years ago-

Oscar Wilde was born in Dublin.

125 years ago- The Scottish born Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone. Who had the first telephone in Maynooth? When?

100 years ago-

Earl Russell got the first motor vehicle registration plate in Britain, A1, for his Napier.

Who got the first car registration plate in Maynooth - What year? What number?

75 years ago-

5 January 1926 - John Logie Baird gave the first public demonstration of television.

50 years ago-

12 February 1954-

Link established between lung cancer and smoking. 25 years ago-

21 January 1976- Concord passenger flights began. Pope John Paul visited Maynooth.

What was life like with no car, no library, no matches, no plastic, no telephone, no television? This year 2004 - the year is young, renew the resolutions and for you it can be the best year yet. A year to look back on.









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Question

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Answer

Yes you will, but not for the first six months.

Until recently, if you were receiving one of the following short term social welfare payments:

- Unemployment Benefit
- Unemployment Assistance (for less than 15 months)
- Disability Benefit
- Injury Benefit
- Health and Safety Benefit
- Supplementary Welfare Allowance

Payment of a Child Dependent Increase (CDI) would cease when the child turned 18 or on the following 30th June if the child was in full-time education, until the child turns 22 or up to the end of the academic year after he/she reaches 22, providing you have been receiving your short-term social welfare payment for at lease six months.

Periods spent on other social welfare payments may be used in calculating the required 26 weeks providing the interval between such payments does not exceed 13 weeks.

Those getting a pension or long-term social welfare payment are paid a CDI for a child in full-time education to the age of 22. If a child turns 22 while in full-time education the payment continues until the end of the academic year.

Question

I work part-time. If a public holiday falls on a day I normally work, am I entitled to the day off?

Answer

Providing you have worked at least 40 hours ins total in the five weeks before the public holiday you are entitled to paid leave on the day or one of the following alternatives:

- A paid day off within a month of the public holiday
- An additional day of annual leave
- An additional day's pay
- The nearest church holiday to the public holiday as a paid day off.

Under the Organisation of Working Time Act 1997 you may ask your employer, at least 21 days before a public holiday, which of the alternatives will apply to you. Your employer should respond to you at least 14 days before the public holiday. If your employer does not, you are entitled to take the actual public holidays as a paid day off.

Part-time workers who are entitled to public holiday leave, but are not due to work on that day, should get one fifth of their weekly pay instead of the paid days leave.

Ouestion

I am in my later fifties and I have been on Unemployment Assistance for about a year. Is there any advantage in changing to Pre-Retirement Allowance?

Answer

If you are receiving Pre-Retirement Allowance, which is a means-tested payment for the Department of Social and Family Affairs for people aged 55 and over who decide to retire from the workforce, you no longer have to be available for work and you do not have to 'sign on'.

To qualify for Pre-Retirement Allowance:

- You must have been getting Unemployment Assistance or Unemployment Benefit for at least 15 months and have established an entitlement to Unemployment Assistance, or
- You are no longer eligible for the One-Parent Family or Carer's Allowance, or
- You are a separated spouse and you have been unemployed for the previous 15 months.

The means test is largely the same as the means test for Unemployment Assistance and the maximum rate of payment is also the same as long-term Unemployment Assistance e.g. €124.80 (January 2003) for a single person. Pre-retirement Allowance is payable up to the date you qualify for Retirement Pension (age 65) or Old Age Pension (age 66) providing you do not take up any insurable employment/self-employment and you continue to satisfy the means test.

Application forms are available from your post office, local Social Welfare Office or the Departments LoCall leaflet line 1890 202 325.

Question

I have been called for jury service. I am working and believe jury service can last for several weeks. Will I be paid when I am unable to work.

Answer

You are entitled to be paid but not by the court.

If you are called for jury service you must attend unless you are excused. The Juries Act 1976 requires an employee to be given time off to attend the court. Some groups such as doctors, nurses and members of religious orders are entitled to be excused from jury service as of right. If you are ill or for any other good reason you do not wish to serve, you can apply to the County Registrar to be excused.

When you are attending for jury service you will not be paid by the court, nor ill you be paid expenses. Should you actually serve on a jury your lunch may be provided. However, you are entitled to be paid by your employer as you are considered to be in employment and you should not lose any other employment entitlements such as annual leave.

If your employer requests proof that you did attend court you can obtain a certificate of attendance from the jury office.

For further contact Maynooth Citizens Information Centre at 01 6285477.

Party Politics - A Case For Reform

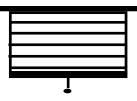
The Dail has been subject to much adverse criticism in the past few months. The benchmarking exercise increased the member's pay and they responded promptly by taking more time off. That exercise sent out all the wrong signals and reinforced the perception that politics is not a serious business. The Government has failed to act decisively in many areas and seems immune from criticism. The National Press has met its obligations, time and again highlighting the lack of professionalism shown by the current Government. The criticism is well deserved but the problem lies deeper than that. All parties within the Dail share the responsibility for the derision, which greet politicians and their entourage as they spout total rubbish on the state of our health, education and transport services. Whether it's the Fine Gael or Labour spokesman, the tired and worn party hacks all mumble out the same boring message that the Government is not doing their job. They all look old and seem to have been around for a long time. The general public could not be faulted in thinking that these guys do not have the capacity to do the job. It is therefore important to look at where Labour, Fine Gael and the Greens are at this point in time and examine what each of these parties are contributing to politics and to meeting their responsibilities to the Irish people. With a few honourable exceptions Fine Gael's contribution to the running of an effective opposition is nothing short of a disgrace. They have fallen on hard times and their founding fathers must be turning in their graves looking at the current crew. The party's commitment and their contribution to the establishment of the Irish Free State can never be guestioned. The drive and energy of Doctor Garret Fitzgerald Fine Gael-Labour government was also a credit to all concerned. Those Administrations however were the exception. cursory read of the autobiographies of James Dillon and Garret Fitzgerald shows Fine Gael as a party of wealthy businessmen and lawyers who were in politics part time. They gave the impression that Government was an inconvenience to be avoided. The history of the party contains a litary of names that accepted front bench appointments from their party leader with the appropriate salaries and allowances only to land back in the law library where the real money was been made. History records that a former leader of Fine Gael handed in his chips and headed back across the Liffey to the Four Courts. Their front bench obligation to research and contest legislation proposed by the Government in their area of responsibility was soon forgotten. Men of vision like Declan Costello, who submitted a radical series of proposals for a Just Society that would have led Ireland to a socially balanced country like Germany or Austria were entertained and humoured by the property classes of Fine Gael and eventually killed off. In all of this the

members of Fine Gael paid lip service to their public duty and the consequences are something that the party have to deal with to day. The public have no confidence in the party because they have seen the last of the good men like Jim Mitchell and Allan Shatter die or retire from politics. The leader of the party Enda Kenny, moral man he is, inspires few. The impression out there is that Fine Gael is a political party marking time in a parochial environment with neither the will nor the capacity to aim for ultimate responsibility.

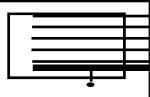
Labour is in this political desert as well. Their leader Pat Rabbitt is sound on party dogma but could do with an injection of common sense We are not now, or ever going to see a socialist dawn. Socialism, as in Old Labour, is dead and buried. The guy who lives in a council house is now as likely to have an apartment in Spain. The blue-collar craftsmen, the mainstay of Old Labour, are just as likely to have a healthy bank account as an accountant. There is new language required here and new responsibilities to be met. There has to be a debate about the direction that life in Ireland is taking. Our role model appears to be the intensely materialistic and demanding American model rather than the better quality of life enjoyed by our continental neighbours. Have we reared our children to serve in supermarkets that are now open twentyfour hours a day? Do we want our grandchildren left at crèches in the darkness of a winter morning and collected by exhausted parents well into a winter's night? We have to make decisions as to how best we achieve an equitable society without turning away those who create jobs. We need to eliminate the greed in the services sector and ensure that there are punitive mechanisms in place to hammer the profiteers. There is a responsibility on the various opposition parties to look at the current position and see how best they can reform to meet their duty to the electorate. The Greens in general are progressive. Media appearances by their members give the impression of a hardworking, committed, wellinformed party. They to must realise that they have an obligation to take part in pragmatic politics, which means leaving some of their abstract policies behind them. . What the Irish people are entitled to are an effective opposition to the current government. Labour and Fine Gael have never rated as low in the opinion polls. Even with all the baggage the current Government carries, both parties would still fail to convince the electorate of their ability to govern. What is required is a merging of the two main opposition parties into a Christian or Social Democratic party. It is true that there would be little difference between the policies of the merged party and Fianna Fail. This would be no different to the situation on mainland Europe where most political parties have drifted to centre politics that acknowledges the primary role of

capitalism but with a social conscience. The big difference would be of perception. The Irish electorate would now have a clear choice in selecting a government. They would have the opportunity to punish the organisation that appeared to protect the corrupt and give an opportunity to a new party to run the government. The new party based on the continental model should be in a position to put forward new social legislation that would improve the quality of life for the Irish people. The opposition front bench as we know it should be swept away and replaced by young politicians who would be up for the battle. Improvements in the Social Programme of any Government is going to cost more money. In funding a social programme the "cute hoor" mentality of mainstream Ireland has got to be rooted out. There is enough money in the country to pay for progressive social legislation. Tax avoidance, overcharging, planning scams and corruption should carry penal penalties and the perpetrators made examples of.

The merging of Fine Gael and Labour into a new centre party would give an impetus to Irish politics. It would be good for Democracy and would give the electorate confidence that the political system can work.



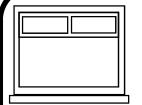
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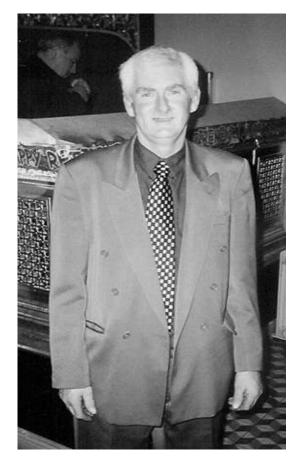
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Tony Mooney - Maynooth Fire Service

Tony Mooney retired from the Kildare County fire service before Christmas. He had been with the service for over twenty years. Based in Maynooth for all of that time he had seen the service develop into the best trained on call fire fighting and rescue force in the country. When the Newsletter decided to do a feature on Tony it was going to be a first time for both of us. The writer was going to do his first interview and Tony was going to recall his life with the service. He was also going to give his views on some of the social issues that society in general are finding a little difficult to cope with at the present time. Some of these issues like excessive drinking would have seen Tony and his colleagues pick up the pieces, literally, as the fire and rescue service was called out on many dreadful nights to meet the reality of broken bodies and lives. Tony will say that although you will always maintain a professional attitude when faced by this road traffic "madness" it was hard to close your heart to the pain caused to parents and relatives by the loss of their loved ones. Tony labels road traffic accidents caused by drink driving as "madness and carelessness. Tony had also worked and is now back in the Bar trade and his opinions on the proposed smoking ban represents common sense from this quietly spoken man

When Tony joined the service in 1983 they had one fire tender covering an area from the Salmon Leap in Leixlip to Clonard near Kinnegad. The fire service as it was then called also served Celbridge, Timahoe and Johntownbridge amongst others. The fireman was obliged to live and work within one mile of the fire station and was expected to be operational within four minutes of the alarm. They were on call twenty four hours every day, each day of the year. Their retention fee at that time was derisory and only amounted to a few hundred pounds per annum. The call out fee ranged between four and eight pounds, depending on the time of day. During the following years the fire service was to develop into a fire and rescue service. The skills required to provide this service to the people of Kildare necessitated Tony and his colleagues completing many hours of training on a voluntary basis. The type of training was varied but covered situations like rescuing people from submerged cars in rivers and canals. They were also highly skilled in the use of cutting equipment that over the years became easier and safer to use. Tony, a man of great faith, will always speak of the "golden hour". The men in the fire service are convinced that if a person involved in a serious accident is stabilised and brought to hospital within one hour, they will have a good chance of survival with the help of God. Tony would like to see the consequences of road accidents caused by



Tony Mooney



Tony being presented with the Universal Fireman by Station Officer Gerry Cawley

(Tony Mooney Cont'd.)

drink placed in front of young people on a continuous basis so that from an early age they would understand the madness of driving while under the influence of drink. This would mean continuous advertising on television and in the press. Tony is also mindful of the hard core of older drivers who continue to defy the law and their fellow citizens in continuing to drive while under the influence.

As a consequence of the development of the Maynooth area, the fire station now has three fire tenders. Tony is happy about the current financial package available to the firemen on the basis that it is far better than when he joined. He believes that it should be improved further in order to encourage and hold the best men in the job. He would also say that standard of equipment has improved immeasurably down the years and that with some minor reservations the community is well served by the current standard. Tony will also say that the job is subject to highs and lows. Before Christmas the service was on the scene of a horrific accident involving a motorist and a tractor. The details cannot be published here but suffice to say that it was the experience of the rescue service that was a major factor in saving the motorist life. Tony appreciates that the firemen now have a debriefing and counselling service that is so necessary when you have to deal with trauma on a daily basis.

Tony has a great interest in sport. He played underage football in his native Kinnegad. His daughter Antoinette is an all round sports person who plays for the Kildare ladies football team. Tony would like to see a greater interest in sport by the younger generation to take them away from the drink culture that is a growing problem for the community. He has a great admiration for the young people in general and is just concerned by the lack of interest in taking part in sporting activity. While talking with Tony I noticed a photograph of his late beautiful wife, Ann. He freely admits that her death in 1996 after a long illness caused him and his three daughters' great trauma. He acknowledges the great support given by the community and his work colleagues during that time. He will also always appreciate the support given by the local clergy in helping to deal with his great loss.

Before leaving I asked to see the statuette of the universal fireman that was presented to Tony on the night of his retirement party. He can be proud of the contribution that he has made to Maynooth and also be proud of the esteem that he is held in the local community.



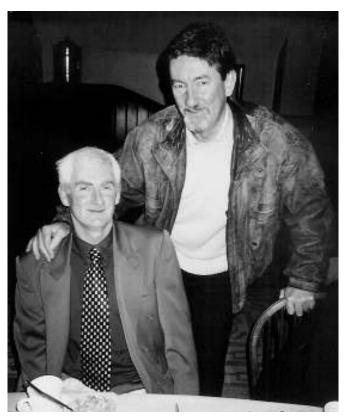
Tony with his daughters, Martina, Jackie & Antoinette



Tony with Jonahan Kelly, Philip Doyle & Brendan Kelly



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Grate the rind from one orange and add to the peppers. Increase the heat until steam starts to escape. Lower the heat and simmer 15—18 minutes.

Juice all the oranges. You will need 6 fl. ozs. When the peppers are soft process or blend them into a puree. It does not matter if some of the peppers are caramelized, this adds to the flavour. Add the juice and blend again. Reheat and garnish.



Apples (Cooking Time 25 minutes) 20 fl. Oz Dry White Wine 18 oz of Sausages—allow 4 per person

1 Onion

4 Apples—Brambly are best

5 oz of Butter

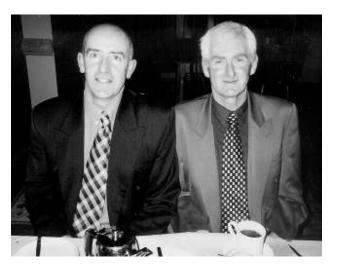
14 fl. Oz Chicken Stock

4 tables of Light Brown Sugar

1 level Tsps of Cinnamon

Bring Wine to the boil in a large pan and poach sausages for 10 mins. Grate the onion. Peel core and quarter and slice the apples. In another pan melt some butter and fry the sausages. **Do not throw out the wine!** Add the onion to the wine with the apples, stock, sugar and the rest of the butter. Bring the mixture to the boil. Reduce the hear and simmer it until the apples become tender and the liquid is reduced to a thin syrup. Serve the sausages with the apple sauce. This is an excellent brunch dish. To make it into a main course add some mash potatoes, green salad and sauté onions.





Tony with Station Officer Gerry Cawley

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Handball Happenings By Mark Ball

Juvenile

Having tasted a certain amount of success in the Feile na nGael team competition during the Summer the juvenile handballers of Maynooth were rearing to go when the County Championships were played in December. In addition to the eight players who were involved in the Feile there were seven others more then willing to have a go.

On the specified day all headed for Leixlip. More in hope then in anticipation since their opponents were more experienced and came from a long established club. However after the first round only three of the fifteen had been defeated. Four more lost in the second round and eight progressed to the finals. Donna O'Donnell contested the under ten singles final while Ronan Gorey and Kevin Pealo were in the doubles at the same age group. All gave of their best but had to settle for the silver. Colm Pealo suffered the same fate in the under twelve singles. Louise Walsh and Roisin Gorey were our best hope of winning a championship. They played in the under twelve doubles and became the first pair to bring winners medals to Maynooth at juvenile level. This qualifies them to represent Kildare in the 2004 Leinster Championships and I have no doubt that they are as good as anyone in Leinster and that they will represent their club and county with pride. Other finalists were Ashling Farrell at under fourteen and James Molloy at under fifteen. Both played established inter county players who proved to be too strong for them. Others who took part in the championships were Eimer Connolly, Dean Leavy, Martin Lawrence, Martin O'Donnell and Hughie Faherty. The Juvenile Donovan Shield, sponsored by Mr. Sean Donovan Londis Maynooth, is due to be played at the end of February when a team of six will be picked to represent Maynooth against the other clubs in Kildare. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Donovan for his kind sponsorship.

The last time Maynooth were represented in the Kildare Juvenile Championships was in the early seventies. I am told that Tommy (Shots) Flanagan, Bernard Leavy and Niall Leavy were among those who wore the black and white of Maynooth on that occasions. The latter being the main sponsor for Kildare handball at the moment. I would love to know if there were any others who played at that level at that time? Was harry playing then?

Adult

The Kildare 2004 40 x 20 Championships got under way on January 12th. Maynooth had ten entrants in the competition this year. Mick O'Donnell and Paul Ruane carry the clubs hopes at senior level while veteran Joe Rossiter and new member Fergus McHugh are the intermediate representatives. Sean Molloy and Mick Galvin are the junior entries and Simon O'Donnell, Tony Fingleton, Nigel Dolan and Pat Duffy are all chasing the junior 'B' trophy. At time of going to press Simon O'Donnell and Joe Rossiter had won their first round matches and Tony Fingleton got a bye. More in next months issue. The Maynooth club have won the team of six for the past four years. This event is also sponsored by Mr. Donovan. It is due to be played on the weekend of February 21st and 22nd. Missing from last years line up for Maynooth will be Declan Quigley, retired, Niall Leavy, injured and Paul Ruane doubtful through injury. However, Team Captain Mick O'Donnell assures me that he is reluctant to relinquish our hold on this prestigious trophy.



Roisin Gorey & Louise Walsh Winners Under 12's



Ronan Gorey & Kevin Pealo Under 10 Beaten Finalists



Donna O'Donnell Beaten Finalist Under 10

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Maynooth Flower and Garden Club

Richard Haslem was the demonstrator for our recent Gala Flower Demonstration, which raised €2213 for the Irish Heart Foundation. This makes a total €6025 raised by the Club over the last two years for the I.H.F. I would like to take this opportunity to again thank everyone who supported us in any way in raising this large sum of money.

Our fundraising for the the next two years will be "Enable Ireland".

Very many congratulations to Maureen Fagan, Mary Cleary and Noeleen O'Brien who have all qualified as A.O.I.F.A. Floral Artists Teachers.

Our annual dinner takes place in the Moyglare Manor Hotel on the 20th January.

Next floral demonstration will be on Tuesday 17th February in Loftus Hall, St. Patrick's College. Demonstrator Deirdre Campbell. Visitors always welcome.

May I wish all our friends and supporters a very happy New Year.

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Tangled flexes

- To keep lengths of unused extension lead and detachable appliance flexes neat, fold each one separately, slip it through an empty toilet roll and label it. You can also keep folded flexes in napkin rings or cardboard tubes.
- Or hang your extension leads from a tie rack.
- When putting away appliances that have a flex permanently attached to them, avoid making kinks in the flex by bending it. Hold a coiled flex together with a twist tie or a large rubber band.
- Keep kitchen worktops tidy and safe by using curly, or coiled leads for kettles. Other appliances, such as toasters and coffee-makers, may have flex-storage lugs on the underside; otherwise cut the flex down to the length required.
- Rather than have unmanageably long flexes, keep them fairly short. Use an extension cable when using items such as power tools and mowers.
- To be safe, insert a residual current circuit breaker (RCCB) into the circuit. This will trip should the flex be damaged in any way.

Tape

- If you're having trouble find the end of a roll of sticky tape, just slide a credit card along the roll until it catches. A knife will also work.
- If tape is difficult to peal off a roll, put a drop of paint thinner on the end and wait 30 seconds.
- To mark the end of a roll, insert a paper clip under the sticky side of the tape, or fold a short piece of tape under.
- Do you need several short pieces of tape that are the same length? Use a craft knife to cut into the roll through several layers of tape at regular intervals. Then peel off one piece at a time.

CDs and Tapes

- To make sure you get the best sound quality from CDs, regularly clean the discs themselves with a special cleaning kit available from most music outlets. Clean the inside of your CD player with a cleaning disc only.
- Don't touch audio or video tapes with your fingers; you'll leave grease marks and particles of grit on them.
- Don't keep tapes on top of television, amplifiers, speakers or VCRs. All these machines generate

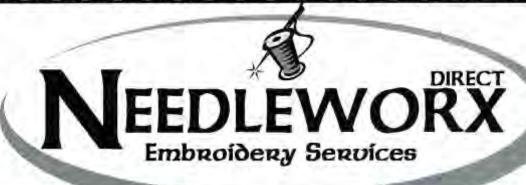
- magnetic fields that could erase the recordings.
- In the car keep tapes off a hot dashboard; they'll get brittle.
- If you bring a videotape in from the cold, let it
 warm to room temperature before you play it.
 This gives condensed moisture on the tape a
 chance to evaporate. VCRs are sensitive to
 moisture, and even a small amount can do
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Books

- To flatten wrinkled corners, put a sheet of paper on top of the straightened page and press with a warm iron.
- Mend torn pages with gummed tissue or glue rice paper over the tears. Sandwich newly repaired pages between sheets of wax paper so that they won't stick to other pages.
- Have you just spilled water on a book's pages?
 Put the book into a frost-free freezer. It will draw out the moisture and unstick the pages.
 If this process leaves the pages of your books crinkled, try pressing them with a warm iron as before.
- Clean leather bindings with saddle soap, neat's foot oil or petroleum jelly. Apply sparingly and gently with your fingers or with a piece of felt, muslin or chamois leather. Wait several hours, then repeat it.
- Protect your books with covers made from greaseproof paper or leftover wallpaper. Fold the paper inside the book cover, using diagonal folds at the corners. Seal with a moderately hot iron.

Wine stains

- If you spill wine on your clothing or a tablecloth, blot it up immediately with an absorbent cloth, and then sponge it with carbonated or warm water. If the fabric is washable, stretch the stained area over a small saucepan (hold it in place with a rubber band), and pour hot water through it. Wash normally, as soon as possible.
- On non-washable fabrics, sponge the stain with a cloth wrung out in warm detergent solution, followed by clean water. Dry-clean as soon as possible.
- If red wine is spilled on your carpet, sponge it with carbonated water. Blot well, then dab with a cloth wrung out in warm detergent solution, followed by clean water. If a stain remains, a 50-50 solution of glycerine and water can be left on the stain for up to an hour, then rinse it off and blot well.



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Gardening Tips

Shallots and Onion Sets

February signifies the beginning of a new year in the Vegetable growers calendar, as we make a start, provided weather are suitable, with shallots, to be followed at the end of the month by onion sets.

No special preparation is needed for shallots provided the the ground is in good heart and has been recently cultivated. It must be sufficiently dry to be friable and not so sodden that it is trodden into a solid cake. If your soil is wet like this, wait until it improves. If you can go ahead, rake in a dressing of lime, clearing weeds at the same time.

If your shallots [or onion sets] have pieces of long, dry stalks attached, snip these off before planting. Otherwise the birds seem to love having a tug-of-war until they have uprooted the bulbs. Just push each bulb into the soil leaving only the top third exposed.

Plant them 6 to 9 in apart in rows 1ft. apart. A sunny spot is best. Fortunately they seldom suffer from onion-fly and properly ripened and stored they will last for a year. In fact, save some for planting the following season. The last few remarks also apply to onion sets. Spacing is similar to that for shallots but push these bulbs just below the surface.

The onions grown from sets are usually rather flatter in shape then those grown from seed ,try seeds that are called the ALL-ROUNDER, a name that is suitable not only for their shape but also, I understand, to their cropping quality throughout the country.

If, after you have obtained your onion sets, the weather makes it impossible for you to plant them straight away they must be unpacked and laid out in a single layer in a box in full light in a cool, dry place to prevent them shooting before they go into the ground. If this happens, many of them may well be spoilt and their virtue of not bolting [running to seed] largely destroyed.

Ranunculus and Anemones can be set out this month, but on heavy and wet soils anemones will benefit from a raised bed.

Once winter-flowering heathers pass out of flower they can be lightly trimmed with shears. This helps keep them tight and bushy. Take care not to cut back into older wood.

Prune Hydrangeas. The old flowering heads of hydranggeas, left on throught the winter to give some protection against frost, can now be pruined out.

Summer Spinach can be sown now and will be ready to harvest in May.

Maintain successional sowing every three weeks until July, to giveee crops in season through to September. French Beans. Make further sowings of french beans in pots or under glass.

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Poets, druids and early Irish poetry (Contd.)

One of the most useful texts on the status of the poets is that called The Primer of Stipulations (Uraicecht na Ríar) that may have been put together in the mid-eight century. It says that there are seven grades of poet and three subgrades and gives such information as the name of the grade, the honour-price due to each, the number of people for whom refection is provided, and the period of protection which can be conferred. There are other texts that also give the seven different grades and sometimes they do not agree on the titles given. This seven-fold is used for the lay grades of lords as well as churchmen. The use of seven seems to originate with the Irish church where it was regularized in the seventh and eighth centuries. The churchmen, when they were writing down the secular and the ecclesiastical laws then used the system for all grades of society. This is in keeping with the seven sins, seven gifts of the Spirit and it is said that seven years penance was very common.

In the case of the poet, they must progress from one grade to another throughout his lifetime. The difference between one grade and another is the poet's learning with the exception of the highest grade, the ollam. He is different because his is a specific office or function and texts state very clearly that every area (túath) must have a poet, a lord and a churchman before it is recognized as such. The *ollam* himself examines a poet before the king accepts him in the grade he has reached. From the eleventh century the status of the poet depends on the type of king who appoints him. From the Middle Irish period then, it can be said that the *ollam* is the official appointee of the king. In the earlier period the *ollam* was an official of the *túath*.

The law contains a three generational requirement. The poet's father and grandfather must be poets before he gets the relevant status and honour price. A person from a non-poetic family who reaches the standard required for an ollam will not be recognised as such but as the lower grade, that of *ánruth*. This confines the position of *ollam* to the already existing poetic families and results in a monopoly. The official position of *ollam* is unique and can only be filled by one person. In the earlier period *ollam* denoted an office as much as a grade of learning, whereas later it could be used to denote the grade alone. This same three generational requirement also applies to noble grades.

There are three requirements of a poet: proper family background, ability and study but natural

ability is the only thing required of a bard. A person from a poetic family who has ability but who has not completed the required studies, the status of the bard is one of the options. To qualify for the status of the fili, on the other hand, one should have ability and study is essential. The ideal is that one should have the proper family background. Where ability is missing then one's poetic family background is only of relevance as long as one's father lives. We will see later that this is echoed by the unusual eight century piece of poetry called 'The Cauldron of Poesy'. This uses a model to account for the various types and degrees of knowledge, including the ecclesiastics, filid, and baird. It also emerges that the essential distinction between filid and baird was that the filid were scholars whereas the baird were not. Here are ome examples from the text of Uraicecht na Ríar from the section on the Ollam.

§2 'What is the competence, grade and honour-price of each of them from small to great? Not difficult: the competence of the *ollam* first; he has three hundred and fifty compositions, that is fifty for each grade, he is knowledgeable in all historical science, and he is knowledgeable in the jurisprudence of Irish law. His honour-price is forty *set*s.

§3 There is then an *ollam* who is paid compensation with seven *cumals*, as Irish law say: Who is the poet who is entitled to seven *cumals* for his being insulted, for violation of his protection, for the stealing of his chattels openly or secretly, for abducting his wife in disregard of him for leading the member of his household who is competent to recite into bad practices?

§6 How is a grade conferred on a poet? Not difficult; he shows his compositions to an *ollam* – and he has the seven grades of knowledge – and the king receives him in his full grade, in which the *ollam* declares him to be on the basis of his compositions, and his guiltlessness, and his purity, that is, purity of learning, and purity of mouth and purity of hand and marital union, and purity consisting of being innocent of theft and plunder and illegality and purity of body, that he have only one wife, for one perishes through dark (illicit) cohabitation aside from one chase (woman) on lawful nights.

§7 When is the family a family of poets? Not difficult, their father is a poet and their grandfather.

§8 As for the poet who does not attend a course of study, and has ability in poetry, it is his choice whether it will be the honour-price of a poet or the honour-price of a bard which will go to him, or half the honour-price of his father if he prefer.

And if the son of the poet does not have ability in poetry, he gets half the honour-price of his father as long as he is alive, if however, his father is dead and his grandfather, his poet-status is of no use to him.

The aforementioned 'Cauldron of Poesy' indicates what the poet himself thought of inspiration and

(Poets, druids and early Irish poetry cont'd.)

indeed the lack of it. It emphasises the importance of training and ability in composition. The text envisages knowledge in the guise three different cauldrons. The poem is attributed to Amairgin (one of the first poets) and he says:

Mine is the proper Cauldron of Goiriath,

warmly God has given it to me out of the mysteries of the elements;

a noble privilege which ennobles the breast is the fine speech which pours forth from it.

I being white-kneed, blue-shanked, grey-bearded Amairgen,

Let the work of my *goiriath* in similes and comparisons be related -

Since God does not equally provide for all,

Inclined, upside-down (or) upright,

No knowledge, partial knowledge (or) full knowledge,

It continues:

What does the source of poetic art and every other knowledge consist of? Not difficult: three cauldrons are generated in every person, i.e. the Cauldron of *Goiriath* and the Cauldron of *Érmae* and the Cauldron of knowledge.

5 The Cauldron of *Goiriath*, it is that which is generated upright in a person from the first; out of it is distributed knowledge to people in early youth.

6 The Cauldron of *Érmae*, then, after it has been converted it magnifies; it is that which is generated on its side in a person.

7 The Cauldron of Knowledge, it is that which is generated upside down, and out of it is distributed the knowledge of every other art beside poetic art.

I acclaim the Cauldron of *Érmae*

with understandings of grace

with accumulations of knowledge

with strewings of imbas,

(which is) the estuary of wisdom

the uniting of scholarship

the stream of splendour

the exalting of the ignoble

the mastering of language ...

where the noble are enriched

where he who is not noble is ennobled,

where names are exalted

where praises are related

by lawful means

with distinctions of ranks

with pure estimations of nobility

with the fair speech of wise men

with streams of scholarship,

a noble brew in which is brewed

the basis of all knowledge

which is set out according to law

which is advanced to after study

which imbas quickens

which joy converts

which is revealed through sorrow;

it is an enduring power

whose protection does not diminish.

I acclaim the Cauldron of *Érmae*.

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Murder of the Month – students who murder

The dreadful killings of the schoolchildren in Columbine are unfortunately not the only event of this kind. In 1997 on February 19th there was a similar occurrence in Bethel High School in a remote part of Alaska. The gunman, if a 16 year old may be called such, was Evan Ramsey and he was reacting to ongoing bullying in his school. He had taken enough and he wanted revenge. His school friends knew that something might happen that morning; indeed one of them even brought a camera with him!

Evan did not fit into the regime at Bethel High School, he was constantly bullied in the playground for his slight frame and his shyness. He was getting bad results in his school work and he came from a problem family. He had tried again and again to bring this to the attention of the authorities but although they had tried to deal with the problem in the beginning; after some time he was ignored.

This was the last straw for Evan; even those on whom he should be able to rely had turned their backs on him. How could he ignore the taunts forever as was the advice that he received from the principal.

He arrived at school on the ill-fated morning with a 12-gauge shotgun and a bag of shells with murder in his heart. He had warned some of his school friends to avoid certain areas of the school and most of the 20-30 knew that he intended to target the principal Ronald Edwards. He walked into the area where the students gathered between classes. At first he began shooting in the air with students roaring and screaming around him. Many of the students were watching from a loft area above and the boy with the camera forgot to take any photographs.

According to the police, he had told some school mates that he had intended to shoot the principal first and then keep shooting until it was all over. When the police arrived, Evan had already carried out his threat and the principal, Ronald Edwards, lay dying in his wife's arms having been shot in the back. Evan had also shot dead another 16 year old called Josh Palacios, a basketball player whom he accused of bullying him. The young man was lying in the commonroom with a huge wound in his stomach.

The trial treated Evan Ramsey as an adult. He was sentenced to 210 years in prison after a jury rejected his defence that he had been trying 'suicide by cop' – hoping that the police would shoot him while he was carrying out his crime. They also rejected his plea that it was the constant bullying and abuse that drove him to the killing and that this should be used in mitigation.

Eventually, in the Correctional Centre in Seward, Alaska, Evan admitted that he did feel a certain sense of power when he held the gun and that it was the only way to get rid of the anger.

But Evan is by no means alone in his feelings of alienation, fear, rage, hopelessness – feelings that lead them to take similar action to him. Some people maintain that bullying is

a normal part of growing up but the figures are becoming quite alarming. Parents are afraid to send their children to school; Columbine was a real wake up call. In that case as well, it seems that the two young men who carried out the dreadful massacre were also suffering from similar feelings of alienation, hopelessness and bullying. The two young men who committed this atrocity, Dylan Klebod and Eric Harris also said that they felt bullied and alienated.

There were two further incidents in 2001 that were also associated with bullying. The first happened in San Diego. A young man called Andy Williams who was only 15 brought a 22-calibre pistol to his school Santana high School. He shot 15 of his school mates and killed two of them. He is also certified to stand trial as an adult.

Again he felt that he was being bullied and this was borne out by the evidence of some of the school children who admitted that he was verbally abused. They had accused him of being gay but it had not dawned on them how badly he was affected.

The second incident occurred two days and again there was bullying involved. This case involved a girl who felt that she was being bullied in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Elizabeth Bush was only 14 and her school mates were calling her fat, ugly and stupid. She brought her father's pistol to school and shot one of her few friends in the shoulder. Kimberley Marchese had upset Elizabeth by giving up on being her friend and joining the bullies against her. She did at least admit her guilt and said that she was sorry. She was made a ward of court until she was 21. But her friend Kimberley has had two operations and still has bullet fragments in her shoulder after the attack. She is still in constant pain.

It is estimated that some 160,000 children in the States stay away from school because of bullying and intimidation. Children have to cope with increasing pressure and a competitive life style. In some schools, 80% of children admit being bullied. This will also add to problems in the future. Many of these children's problems begin at home and instead of having a fight with their bullies they now take a gun to school. This also raises the question of gun control in the States and the wide availability of guns to children and to adults. But the problem seems to be confined to the States – the Canadians also hold a huge number of guns yet they do not kill in the same numbers as in the States.

All the students involved in these child killings have the same problems – their feelings of alienations. There have been 37 school shootings in the States between the years 1974-2001 and two-thirds of the people involved said that they suffered feelings of alienation, using words like persecuted, bullied, threatened or injured. In most cases also the killer(s) had confided in a friend of their intention to murder. The psychologist who interviewed the students at Columbine said that bullying was part of the fabric of school life and that the problem will increase until it is treated as a serious issue for children and adults alike.

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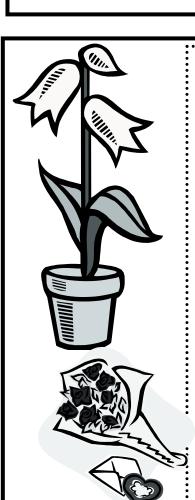
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ALCOHOL ABUSE

let's get this out of the way. Sure we drank and boy did we. Whether our day was in the sixties or the seventies, we had a ball. We had the pubs, flat parties, the Harp and the vodka and anything else that made the conversation flow. We drove our cars under the influence, and let it be said that most young people would be horrified to have seen our flamboyant attitude to drinking and driving. It was great to be young and life seemed infinite. So it is very difficult to start moralising about the amount of drink young people are consuming today. Parents are on quicksand if they get involved, head to head with their teenage brood on the extent of the problem. But a problem there is and most reasonable people would agree that having made such great advances in Education, The Arts and self confidence of the individual it would be a tragedy for the country to revert to the historic badge of alcohol worn by the Irish paddy. The Irish, universally acknowledged as a progressive and enterprising race are in many countries treated with ridicule and contempt because of their over the top attitude to alcohol.

The facts are that the consumption of alcohol is now running 50% higher than in 1990. If it were a consumer product with no knock on effect then it would be just another indicator of our increased prosperity. That is not the case. Short term it is effecting policing, education and health care. Long term it must have implications for society in general by way of increased domestic and general violence. This is not an anti drink essay. It is a great time to meet friends in the local, to talk, laugh and discuss the issues of the day. Our Continental friends certainly enjoy having a few drinks in congenial company showing it to be one of life's pleasures and an indication that their society is confident and at peace with it's self.

So what is going on here? The Gardai and the hospital authorities tell us that binge drinking is rampant. Scarce resources are stretched at weekends to cope with its consequences. Gardai on the streets dealing with public disorder, A&E departments overcrowded with sick and vomiting patients and the general population threatened by drink fuelled aggression. Local communities are all experiencing unprovoked attacks by drink fuelled teenagers. The Minister for Justice response is not good enough. To trim one hour off closing time on a Thursday night with other minor changes to the liquor law belittles the man. The situation demands a lot more thought than the minister has apparently given it.

The one quality that society demands from its Government, more than any other, is integrity. The expectation is that the good of the community is of

paramount importance and that all legislation is framed to protect and improve the wellbeing of the people. We have seen draconian legislation introduced to control the sale and use of cigarettes. The Government acting on behalf of the people deems the threat to the Nations general health demands that smoking be banned in enclosed public areas. This is logical, balanced legislation as most people will be aware of what excessive smoking can do to people's lungs and general health. The Government is also aware of the demands on hospital beds by patients with respiratory problems caused by cigarette smoking.

There is no doubt that measures can be taken to control the excessive consumption of alcohol. They need not be as dramatic or as draconian as the antismoking legislation as that would not be practical. The action could be taken in a number of areas.

EDUCATION

There is a need to initiate Individual confidence development programs in our schools. The objective of these programs should be to develop the individual to the extent that alcohol is not a necessary backup when they have to mix in company and express a point of view. This could be done at an early age by encouraging debates, presentations and exchange of views in the classroom. At a later stage when the students are in their teens it should be possible to effectively highlight the financial, health and social consequences of excessive drinking.

ADVERTSING

To restrict or ban alcohol advertising in the Irish media is nonsense. It will have no effect because of the International nature of modern communications. Advertising should be positive and intense. The message should be hard hitting and repetitive. It should always be in front of you no matter where you are. It should highlight the attractive alternatives to spending your money on excessive drinking. New car, more holidays, deposit for a house. It should highlight the lousy value for money that binge drinking represents and tries to educate to a more balanced approach to drinking habits.

The Department of Health should fund the Campaign with full Government backing and adequate funds. No interest groups or organisations should be allowed to interfere with the program.

Night clubs

These locations appear to be the catalyst of late night violence. There is a legacy of murder, manslaughter and grievous bodily harm outside these night-spots. The Gardai have repeatedly pointed to excessive drink as the main problem. Is there not a case for each patron to be handed a voucher for two or three drinks as part of the admission price and that no cash can be exchanged for drink on the clubs premises. Breaches

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It was said
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Sat the the inmates
Of the mental asylum
Smoking, shifting
Lazily drifting
Nights into days

But hadn't he the freedom of the wind Ruffling through his hair Even if his stare Caught someone unaware Of his fragile sensitivities

Was he stone mad?
The dog in the street didn't say so
As they often sat at his toe
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Malahide Castle - the stronghold and home castle the Talbot family

During the parliamentary war in 1649 the Talbots lost possession of the Castle for seven years and it was the temporary residence of Oliver Cromwell. After the Castle was returned to the Talbots, it had been the family estate until the sudden death of the last Lord Talbot of Malahide in 1973. Then his sister inherited it and in 1975 it was sold to the local authority that now preserve the Castle and its relics.

We are entering the oldest Oak Room of the Castle – with its 16th century carvings, medieval glazing and magnificent furniture. It represents the spirit of that time, when life was stormy and tough, even for the nobility. The Great Hall, with family portraits and a large canvas of the Battle of the Boyne, was a formal banqueting room. It was, indeed, one of the most important medieval rooms in Ireland. Far from official are the intimate rooms of the castle – Library featuring early 1700s wall hangings, Drawing Rooms decorated in Rococo and

Georgian styles, exquisite Victorian bedrooms – they show us the real life of the family. A castle story without a ghost? The family ghost Puck guards this magnificent estate and made his last appearance in 1975, probably expressing regret about the sale of the family home.

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Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Bond Bridge and the Meadowbrook Link Road

The following motion from Cllr. John McGinley, which was agreed unanimously by the Leixlip Area Committee, will be discussed at the full Council Meeting on 26 January:

"That the contract for the construction of Bond Bridge and the Meadowbrook Link Road be awarded to the winning tenderer/s and that a special levy contribution, per square metre, be set on all Planning Applications granted in Maynooth in order to fund the contract."

The County Manager's present views on the projects are stated in his Draft Budget for 2004 i.e.

"The estimated construction cost of Bond Bridge is €6m. The cost of construction of the Meadowbrook Link Road is in the region of €1.8m. A loan charge provision of €126,973 has been included in recent estimates and, accordingly, a fund in the sum of €427,393 has been accumulated in the capital account. There are strong and coherent engineering reasons for the commencement of the Meadowbrook Link. Accordingly this scheme will commence early in 2004 with the Council having secured, through the planning process, the necessary land and wayleaves.

The financing of the Bond Bridge scheme must now be considered in the context of the likely cost of at least €6m, as indicated above. Loan charges would support expenditure of approximately €1.3m while the balance must be funded from other resources--primarily development contributions. context provision has been included within the proposed new development contributions scheme for the financing of this project. Such scheme in turn requires Council approval and must be in operation not later than 11th March 2004. On the basis that members may wish to accord priority to the Bond Bridge scheme the position will be discussed with Council with a view to commencing this scheme as early as possible. In the context of development proposals in Maynooth, it may be possible to arrange that part funding be provided for the scheme."

Cllr. John McGinley has taken issue with the Manager on his figures as Cllr. McGinley's records show that the amount accumulated in the capital account should be €2,094,515 and not €427,393 as stated in the Manager's report. Cllr. McGinley has given an itemised report to the Manager on the levies collected for each housing estate and on the Budgetary allocation since 1st. January 1999. Using Cllr. McGinley's figures loan charges would support expenditure of €6.3m and not €1.3m as outlined in the Managers report.

However, on a more positive note it would appear from the Manager's Budget Report that he is committed to starting work on the bridge as early as possible. On the basis that the members have already prioritised Bond Bridge as far back as the Council Meeting in March 1998, Cllr. McGinley will be demanding that the contract for both projects be awarded now.

Draft Development Contributions Scheme

General Development Levies for new houses are set at €5,000 per dwelling at present, however, in most cases additional special levies are imposed which further increases the total levy per dwelling. Under Section 48 of the Planning & Development Act 2000, Local Authorities are obliged to introduce a Development Contribution Scheme or Schemes to replace the existing levies. Section 48 was intended to consolidate existing arrangements for Development Levies and to allow for Development Levies to be used for the provision of local community facilities. It is Cllr. John McGinley's view that there is nothing wrong with the principle of Section 48.

What is wrong is the way in which it is being implemented. Local Authorities are being starved of finance for capital works and community facilities. The Government has in the past 18 months reduced funding for approved roads, water and sewerage projects from 100% central funding to 85% funding

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at most and in a lot of instances funding has been reduced by 50%. As a result Local Authorities are using Development Contributions Schemes to fund the massive shortfall and in the case of Kildare County Council this amounts to a staggering €726.5m over the next 20 years.

The County Manager presented Kildare's proposed Scheme at a meeting on 1st December without any consultation with Councillors. Cllr. McGinley strongly condemned the absence of any consultation and he was equally as strong in his condemnation of the content of the Manager's proposed Scheme.

The Manager proposes Development Contributions of €14,000 on all new dwellings and €75 per sq.m. on commercial buildings. Apart from the level and inequity of the Development Contributions, Cllr. McGinley expressed his anger at the way the North of the County was yet again being discriminated against by the Council. Recreational & Amenity proposals for Naas are costed at €12.6m while those for Maynooth are costed at €625,000.

The proposals for Naas include Community Centres and four Children's Playgrounds. While for Maynooth, incredibly, there is no mention of the Community Centre which is part of the Carton Action Area Plan and there is only one playground in the proposals, even though the Maynooth Development Plan calls for two, one at the public Park at Carton Avenue and one at the Harbour Area.

The Draft Scheme is on public display and the public have until 19th January to make submissions. Cllr. John McGinley will be making the following submission:

- 1. Social and affordable houses and subsidised sites shall be exempt from paying a contribution.
- 2. It is preferable to have separate schemes for each Electoral Area as the needs of each Electoral Area are not the same. However, in the absence of separate schemes for each Electoral Area the contributions levied in each Electoral Area shall be ringfenced for the civil and social projects specified within each Electoral Area in Appendix 1, 2, 3 and 4.
- 3. The level of contributions shall be per square metre for both Residential and Commercial and shall be as follows:

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Total €100.00 Per Sq. M. for both Residential & Commercial

Paying per square metre is more equitable as starter homes will be levied at around €9,000, while the large houses will be levied at around €21,000.

Also, there is no logic to the reductions made from the top table to the bottom table on Page 25 i.e. reducing the Recreation & Amenity Contribution from €14 per sq. m. to €4 per sq. m. and the Community Contribution from €3 per sq. m. to €1 per sq. m. makes no sense.

- 4. Provision shall be made for Multiplex Facilities in Maynooth, Leixlip, Celbridge, Clane and Kilcock. The Local Authority contribution shall be €5m.
- 5. There are serious errors and omissions in Appendix 3, Provision of Recreational and Community Facilities and Amenities. The North Kildare Swimming Pool Complex is listed as being in the Celbridge Area even though Council Officials advised Councillors that it was to be located at the Leixlip Amenities Centre. Also, if the project is ever to proceed the Council Contribution must be 100% of cost and not 50% as outlined. In the case of Maynooth the following must be added:
- Funding is only included for the provision of one playground, yet the Maynooth Development Plan 2002 calls for two Children's Playgrounds i.e. one at the Harbour Area and one at Carton Avenue Public Park A sum of €125,000 must be added to cover the two playgrounds.
- The Community Centre specified in the Carton Action Area Plan has not been included. A sum of €1.5m must be included for this essential amenity.
- The County Council has taken ownership of the Geraldine Hall, a protected building. An allocation must be provided to restore it for community use and €1m should be sufficient.
- No provision has been made for a Skateboard Park in Maynooth even though the provision of one in Maynooth has been agreed unanimously by the Leixlip Area Committee. A sum of €250,000 must be allocated for this purpose.

In the case of Leixlip no provision has been allocated for a Performing Arts Centre and €1m should be allocated for this much needed amenity.

It is worth noting that the towns of Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge are the only towns in the county where there is no allocation for amenity land. There is an allocation of €6m for amenity land in Kilcock, Kildare Town, Newbridge, Naas, Clane and Athy. I assume that this anomaly arises as a result of the non provision of amenity land in the Development Plans drawn up for these towns, unlike what Councillors saw fit to do in Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge.

Draft Regional Planning Guidelines on Public Display

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The guidelines provide the planning framework for the coordination of land use planning across the entire Greater Dublin Area, which covers Dublin, Kildare, Meath and Wicklow. The importance of these guidelines cannot be overestimated as they now have statutory recognition by virtue of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

Cllr. John McGinley is a member of the Mid East Regional Authority along with Cllr. Paul Kelly from the Leixlip Area Committee. The consultants who prepared the Draft Guidelines had designated Maynooth as a premier growth town with a population range of 25,000 to 40,000 to be achieved during the 16 years duration of the Guidelines.

Cllr. McGinley expressed his very serious concern at this proposal to the senior officials of Kildare County Council and made a written submission to the Director of the Mid East Regional Authority and the Consultants outlining his total opposition to this unworkable proposal. Cllr. McGinley would like to acknowledge the full support of Cllr. Paul Kelly on this very important issue for the people of Maynooth. Their efforts were successful and Maynooth is now designated as a Moderate Growth Town with a population target of 15,000 to year 2016.

The Draft Guidelines can be viewed at Kildare County Council Office, Naas or the Web Site www.rpg.ie. Cllr. McGinley has also asked that copies be placed in public libraries.

Traffic Signals at Train Station on the Straffan Road

Cllr. McGinley was given the following update on his motion at the Leixlip Area Committee Meeting of the Council on 5 December:

"A meeting has taken place locally with the Dublin Transportation Office (DTO) and it is hoped that funding will be secured in 2004 in order to provide signals at this location. This can be justified, in technical terms, by expanding the study area of the survey which was carried out on the 9th October last. I trust this is to the satisfaction of the members" The Senior Executive Engineer advised Cllr. McGinley that he was 99% sure of getting the DTO funding and that he hoped to install the lights early in the New Year. The exact positioning of the lights has yet to be decided, however, apart from the train users, they should also be of benefit to the residents in the estates of Parklands, Castlebridge, Silken Vale and Old Greenfield.

Footpath from Hand's Corner to TESCO's

As a follow up to his motion Cllr. McGinley was advised at the December Area Meeting that the Council have €50,800 available from Development Levies to carry out the necessary work on the hard shoulder and footpath from Hand's Corner to the Dentist's. They hope to carry out the work early in the

New Year.

Bus Bays at the Girls' School

Cllr. McGinley was given the following follow up to has motion at the Area Meeting in December:

"The Council's Consultants, Moylan & Associates, have prepared a further draft design which is currently being examined by the DTO. It is hoped, therefore, to achieve dosure on this matter at an early date."

Hopefully this long drawn out saga is finally coming to an end and that the much needed bus bays and safety improvements will be in place shortly.

Pubic Lighting and Footpath on Celbridge Road

Last year Cllr. John McGinley allocated €12,000 from his Discretionary Grant Funding for the installation of public lighting along the Celbridge Road , from the beginning of Laurence Avenue up to the Gael Scoil. He has now asked the Council to extend the lighting and footpath down to the Straffan Road junction, in the interests of safety.

Dead Trees at Rathcoffey Road at Castledawson

As residents will be aware Clr. John McGinley allocated €1,300 in 2002 from his Discretionary Grants for landscaping and tree planting in the area on the Rathcoffey Road, outside Castledawson. The Residents Association has advised Cllr. McGinley that six of the trees have died and he has asked the Council to get the contractor to replace them.

Provision of Footpath from Parsons Hall to the Soccer Pitches

Cllr. McGinley was given the following update on his motion at the December Area Meeting:

- Cost of footpath on the bridge is between €1.2m and 1.5m.
- Cost of footpath from Parsons Hall to the bridge is €65,000
- Cost of footpath from the bridge to the pitches is €35,000

As the cost of the footpath on the bridge is very high Cllr. McGinley will initially pursue the construction of the footpaths to and from the bridge.

Planning Application for 241 Dwellings at Newtown, Maynooth

Last August Kildare County Council refused planning permission for 238 dwellings on this 18 acre site which is at the back of Castle Dawson and Parsons Hall estates.

Incredibly, Sherwood Homes have re-applied for planning permission and this time for 241 dwellings. Cllr. McGinley will again be supporting the residents of the area and objecting to the granting of planning permission. It is not that the

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residents, or Cllr. McGinley are against housing on this particular site. The main reasons for objecting are:

Premature pending the carrying out of the flood relief measures specified for the Meadowbrook and Lyreen in the Hydro Environmental Ltd. Report dated July 2001 which was carried out for Kildare County Council following the flooding in the area.

Premature pending the completion of Bond Bridge and the Meadowbrook Link Road.

Poor standard of design

The density at 13 units per acre is excessive and is in conflict with the recommendations of the Residential Guidelines for Planning Authorities.

Leixlip Amenities Centre is preferred site for the North Kildare Swimming Pool Complex

When the Council approved new swimming pool complexes for Naas and Athy in 2001 Cllr. John McGinley proposed a motion calling for a similar public amenity for North Kildare. This policy was agreed and in order to pursue it the Council hired consultants to select the most suitable location for the complex. Unfortunately, their report did not address the question as it stated that Maynooth, Celbridge or Leixlip could facilitate such a complex, something that we already knew. The 11 Councillors from the 3 Areas in the North of the County narrowed the site selection down to three locations i.e. Mooretown (Celbridge), Doyles land at Carton, Maynooth and the Leixlip Amenities Centre.

As the Councillors could not agree on a single site they unanimously decided that the decision would be made by the Director of Corporate and Cultural Affairs.

A joint meeting of the Leixlip , Celbridge and Clane Area Committees was held on 24 November to hear the report, from the Director, and in it he favoured the Leixlip Amenities Centre as the preferred location.

Cllr. John McGinley stated that he had hoped that the Maynooth site would have been the preferred choice, however, he accepted the decision of the Director and stated that the important thing now was to proceed with haste to get the complex built. A method of funding the complex has already been agreed by the Area Committee as a result of the acceptance of Cllr McGinley's motion last April. His motion called for a Scheme of Development Contributions, as required under the Planning and Development Act 2000, to fund the cost of Social Infrastructure such as Swimming Pool Complexes, Community Centres, Arts Centres, Children's Plavarounds and Skateboard Parks.

Cllr.McGinley stated the North Kildare Swimming Pool Complex should not be done on the cheap and he called for a full suite of facilities in the complex to match that in any of the private pools. This means that the complex will cost about 10m euro, however, with the amount of new buildings in the pipeline for North Kildare it should not take long for the capital cost to be met from the Development Contributions. It is also Cllr. McGinley's view that a loan should be taken out

by the Council to construct the Complex to be repaid from the Development Contributions so that we would not have to wait for the Development Contributions to accumulate.

Bottle Bank Recycling Facility at Maynooth Car Park

Residents will be aware that there is a serious problem at the bottle bank in the car park in Maynooth. The problem is two fold:

Rehab don't empty the containers in time and over the Christmas period they became full very quickly.

People are dumping beside the containers and this is happening on a regular basis and not only when the containers are full. Just because the containers are full is not an excuse for dumping beside them and people will be prosecuted for doing so.

In relation to Rehab Cllr. McGinley has again asked the Council to make sure that they empty the containers before they are full. He has also asked the Council to get Rehab to put a notice with their telephone number on the side of each bank and requesting the public to advise Rehab when the banks are full.

No Christmas Lights in Maynooth

Many people contacted Cllr. John McGinley complaining about the absence of Christmas lights in Maynooth. Unfortunately, many of them thought that it was the County Council or the Community Council who erect the lights on the Main Street.

The fact is that it is the Maynooth Chamber of Commerce who have the responsibility and they have been doing a good job, until this Christmas, when for some unknown reason they did nothing. What is worse is that they did not advise anyone that they were not going ahead with the lights.

All of the surrounding towns, most of which would only have a fraction of the wealthy businesses of Maynooth, were able to erect lights. What happened in Maynooth this year is a disgrace and must never happen again. We are very lucky in Maynooth to have a wonderful tree lined Main Street. I would like to suggest to the Chamber of Commerce that they get businesses to adopt a tree so that each Christmas all of the trees will be lit up. I believe that the lights in the trees would look much better than having lights strung across the road as was the case in previous years. Apart from the initial cost of buying the lights the ongoing cost would not be significant.

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The next support meeting for parents of children with Dyslexia will take place on Monday 2 February at 8.00 pm. In Scoil Dara, Kilcock Deirdre Mc Guinness from DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND

will be attending this meeting. This is an opportunity for parents to ask

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Contact: Val Mulligan. PH 01 6284247

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For further infomation Contact Margaret 01 6291063,

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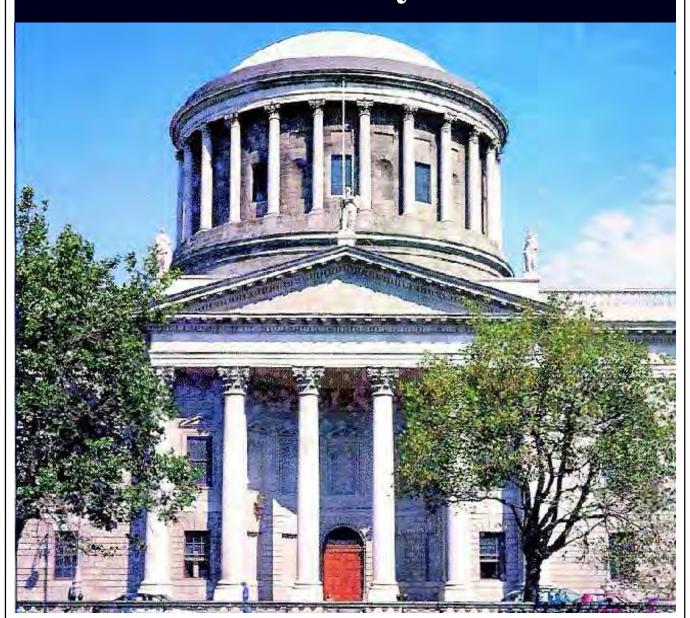
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Editorial

March is the month of St. Patrick with all the myths and legends that surround him. He is said to have lit his first Pascal fire on the Hill of Slane and his feast day is commemorated on the 17th March. St. Patrick's Day is becoming a huge financial success both here and abroad.

I would ask the businesses, clubs and societies to support the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Bíodh lá maith, taithneamh agaibh uile. Lá 'le Pádraig faoi mhaise dhíbh.

At a time when commercial success is good we should pause and reflect on whether our heritage means anything to us. Where did it say in the last FF/PD manifesto that we gave them the right to silence the media and the guards, spy on drinkers and ban smoking in pubs? Where did we give them the right to build a hotel opposite Trim castle (featuring so prominently in the movie *Braveheart*), opt for incinerators and super dumps rather than the greener alternatives and finally and most sinister — build the M3 right through the sacred hinterland of Tara/Skryne? What has this government got against Meath? Against our pre-christian past? Where is their mandate?

So grave did UNESCO consider the situation that they sent a delegation to Ireland to investigate the planned Newgrange incinerator and the conservation issues surrounding this plan. The Minister for the Environment spent millions on his TV campaign asking us to recycle but what has he done as Minister? Nothing. All our recycling is done abroad.

The Taoiseach refuses to nominate Irish as an official EU language.

The Minister for the Environment is hell bent on electronic voting – so much so that he declares that we have no right to spoil our vote. He will not listen to experts.

The Minister for the Environment is judge and jury in planning decisions – he must object to the destruction of the monuments during construction. Did he object? In most cases he did not. In fact he abolished *Dúchas*, dismantled the old Department of Arts, Culture, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands, he is drafting a new Monuments Act because of the Supreme Court's decision protecting Carrickmines - intent on diminishing their protection. 1,514 archaeological reports on digs carried out during construction have not appeared. The EU has declared the EIS for Carrickmines fatally flawed The EIS for the M3 is similarly flawed according to Conor Newman the expert on Tara, formerly with the Discovery Programme funded by the very same government that plans Tara's destruction. The minister will not listen to experts – he knows better.

Tara is not Carrickmines, Tara is a thousand Carrickmines. The world is watching — will they allow us cleave this Valley in two and desecrate Tara's sacred hinterland? This government will be remembered for butchering Tara, our premier archaeological and historical site. Tara belongs to the world — we have no right to claim it and then destroy it for ourselves. Finally I would like to say that this will be my last Editorial for the Newsletter as I am resigning as the Editor. I have enjoyed the experience and wish that I could continue but due to other commitments I do not have the time required to devote to the work.

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Community Council Notes February

February meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on 9th February in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Letter re Funding from Progressive Democrats

A letter requesting funding for the Progressive Democrats was received for a fund raising drive. Maynooth Community Council twas asked to buy a \in 130 raffle ticket. Overall a dim view was taken of this as Maynooth Community Council support a Community Employment Scheme, and do not support any political party.

Office

Paul Croghan stated that the office is running very well. He said that there is a very good group working there and they co-ordinate very well.

Fare Trade Town

Peter Connell talked of Maynooth as a fare trade town. He raised the issue about goods being produced under fair conditions. He said he would like to get the support of local businesses, also that most supermarkets support fare trade. He hopes to set up a support committee to kick-start same.

Regional Planning Guidelines

Peter Connell said this is an opportunity to make our feelings known. We have people giving out about no roads, etc. It is expected that the Maynooth population will reach 15,000 inside the next five to six years. It would be in our interest not to have any more land rezoned. It was noted that submissions have to be in by the 5th March.

Cllr. Senan Griffin pointed out that the student population is now at 6,000. He said students are out of college for 5 months of the year, but that students registered on night of the census should be included in the population of Maynooth. Tony Bean said Maynooth has no facilities and no services. He said the town needs these services for it to work as a community. We are behind in facilities, services, recreational etc. Cllr. John McGinley said that if these are not included in the proposed Development Contribution scheme they will not be funded.

Maynooth Community Council has arranged a special meeting to discuss the Regional Planning guidelines on tuesday, 17th February.

Maynooth Community Council Notes.

St Patrick's Day Parade

John McGinley said preparations are well on the way, and they are looking for volunteers as stewards. He said time involved will only be one and a half hours, leaving Greenfield Shopping Centre at 11 o'clock.

Maynooth Community Centre Partnership.

Tony Bean said at this point they were looking for information regarding population, usage of centre and that they are waiting for the results of the M.A.S survey that was done for last year, this would give a better view of what was needed. Cllr. McGinley stated that he had submitted an amendment to the development contribution scheme to include funding for the community centre.

Tidy Town

Paul Croughan said that they are setting out their plans for 2004-2008. He said that progress had been made on obtaining flowers for the town. He also noted that they will have to look to the community at large for funding.

Motion. Tony Bean

Tony proposed reviving the Lord Mayor Campaign. He said he was not sure how it should be run. Suggestions were put forward. Groups could nominate people. Also it could be tied with the Festival with a long run into it. It was also noted that the Chamber of Commerce has agreed to hand over this project. It was decided to write to groups in Maynooth for their views and comments. It is hoped that these will be back by the end of March.

A.G.M. Maynooth community Council.

The A.G.M. will take place in April. The Council will be looking for people

to put themselves forward for positions.

Local Matters

Paul Croughan said there is a serious amount of H.G.V. comming through the town. Notices have been put up directing them out of the town. It was felt that it may take some time for the trucks to adhere to the signs.

O'Neill Park Residents Association

Mary Clougher said that they are experiencing a lot of trouble from H.G.V. traffic. They find it very hard to exit because of the convoy of H.G.V.s.

Bond Bridge.

John Doogan said he hoped that there would be some progress on Bond Bridge before the Meadowbrook link road starts.

Cllr. John McGinley said he expected Kildare County Council to bring firm proposals to their March meeting for the construction of the bridge. Cllr. Senan Griffin said that they were very dose to getting Bond Bridge sorted but Waterways Ireland put in an objection regarding the stone work on the bridge. John Doogan said he hoped that K.C.C. will come up with definite plans for Bond Bridge now.

Soccer Club.

John Doogan said people are using the soccer pitch for playing golf. He asked that these people stay off the pitch as they are taking lumps out of the ground. It was stated that if people using the pitch like this regarded themselves as golfers they left a lot to be desired.

Next Maynooth Community Council Meeting on 8th March in the Glenroyal Hotel.

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1. Best Commercial Float - Trophy

5. Most Topical Float - Trophy

3. Best Band - Perpetual Cup

Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
04/36	Wesley O' Connor	7 Rockfield Green Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	09/01/04	A first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage con- version and extend utility room on the ground floor	7 Rockfield Green Railpark Maynooth
04/40	Robert Burns	Clonagh Maynooth	Р	09/01/04	Bungalow, domestic garage and secondary effluent treatment system	Clonagh Maynnoth
04/47	Raymond Crofton	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	12/01/04	Extend car sales showroom, motor parts storage to exist- ing commercial ga- rage premises to relo- cate public entrance, alter forecourt and enlarge parking areas, reposition gate to service yard	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/61	Huma Bloodstock Limited	Huma Park Stud Newtownnacabe Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	14/01/04	(1) stud offices (single storey) including kitchen and toilets; (2) Separate living quarters (single storey house) for stud grooms; (3) EPS Bison Sewage treatment system (upgrading already granted (02/2010) Biotech system) etc.	Newtownmacabe Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/63	Breda Byrne	14 Portersgate Green Clonsilla Dublin 15.	R	14/01/04	Single storey Day Nursery previously permitted for five year period by Planning Permission 97/1482	Newtown Grove Newtown Maynooth
04/74	Mr. & Mrs. P. Horan	13 Parklands Lawns Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	16/01/04	Alterations and extension to existing semi detached dwelling house to provide additional first floor accommodation over existing single storey converted garage and utility room	13 Parklands Lawns Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/81	Patrick & Juliet Cooper	Graguelin TD Derrinstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	R	19/01/04	Retain extension to side of dwelling and retention of "as con- structed" windows to front and rear of dwelling all of which differ from approved planning permission ref. no. 00/1228	Graiguelin TD, Derrinstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/118	Hugh Nevin	258A Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	22/01/04	Four Velux windows and two no. bedrooms and a bathroom at first floor and permis- sion for three new dormer windows	285A Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare

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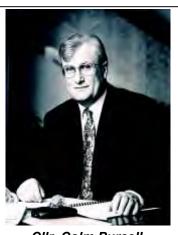
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File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
04/147	Edward Frayne	4 Landsowne Terrace Ballsbridge Dublin 4.	Р	28/01/04	A garage for domestic use	Barreen Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/154	St. Patrick's College	Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	28/01/04	Reconstruction of existing vehicular/ pedestrian entrance piers, walls and gates (in ruin) with new recessed entrance piers, walls and gates at the entrance to the University Student Apartments	Moyglare Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/183	James & Karen Dunne	20 Parklands Place Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	02/02/04	A two storey extension to side and rear and further single storey extension to rear and porch to front	10 Parklands Place Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/188	Padric McAndrew	14 Beaufield Avenue Maynooth Co. Kildare	R	02/02/04	Existing granny flat consisting of 1 no. bedroom, bathroom, kitchen and living room	14 Beaufield Avenue Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/194	Christopher John Davis	32 Parklands Square Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	02/02/04	Front elevation incorporating a first floor extension above existing single storey structure to side of existing house and two storey extension to the rear of same and velux window to the side	32 Parklands Square Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/202	Catherine Kiernan	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	04/02/04	A dormer bungalow, ga- rage and waste water treatment system	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/211	Fergal Downes	9 Rockfield Close Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	05/02/04	The construction of first floor accommodation to the side and rear over the existing single storey sections of the existing two storey dwelling with single and two storey extensions to the side and rear, the provision of roof lights etc.	9 Rockfield Close, Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/238	David Thompson	354 Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	09/02/04	A dormer type bungalow with connection to public services and use of existing entrance. File Ref. No: 94/1382	354 Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/247	Patrick & Ann McEvoy	"Fuinseog" Balraheen Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	10/02/04	A dormer bungalow, de- tached garage, biodisc treatment system and ancillary site works	Balraheen, Baltreacy Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/278	Marie Thornhill	46 Rathdown Park Terenure Dublin 6W	Р	13/02/04	A two storey building containing 3 no. 1 bedroom apartments and ancillary accommodation	Back Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/283	Bank of Ireland	Head Office Lwr Baggot St. Dublin 2	Р	13/02/04	The construction of a dis- abled access ramp to the front entrance	Bank of Ireland Main Street Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/306	Marian McNeela	4 Brookview Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	0	18/02/04	Two storey detached dwelling house and associ- ated development works to side	No. 4 Brookview Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare

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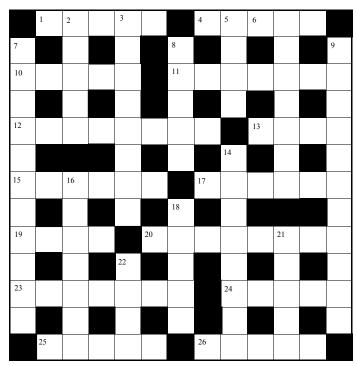
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- 4. Small wood (5)
- 10. Ward off (5)
- 11. Bring to light (7)
- 12. Patient (8)
- 13. Mexican lizard, the ____ monster (4)
- 15. Part of the foot (6)
- 17. Ancient king (6)
- 19. Command (4)
- 20. Only superficial (8)
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- 25. Meat slice (5)
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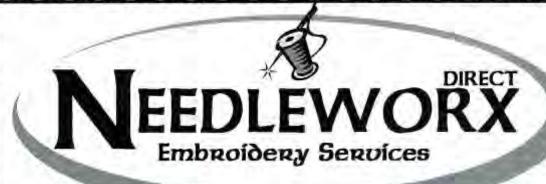
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- 8. Scottish poet (5)
- 9. Amateur dramatic performances (11)
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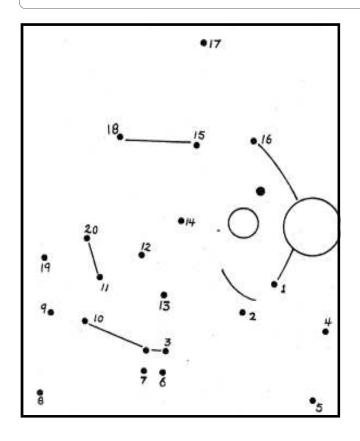
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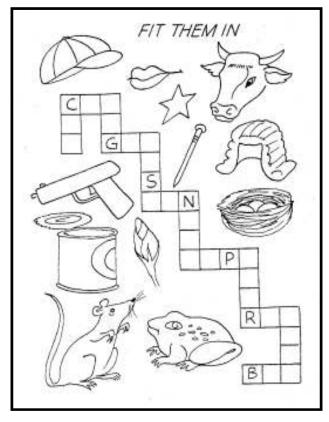
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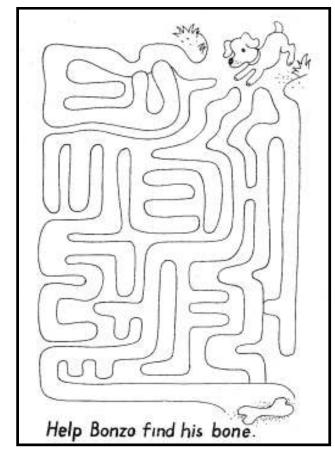
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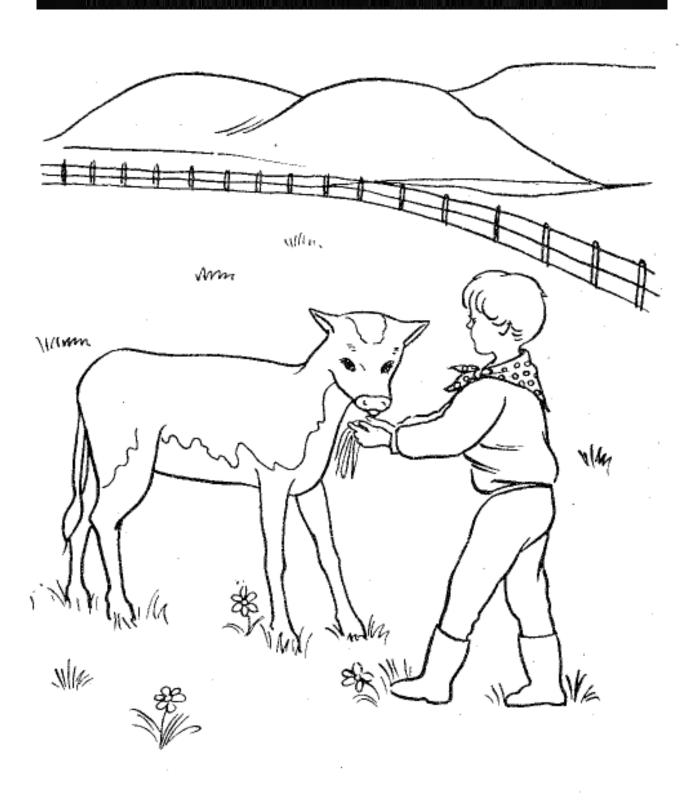
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Escalopes of Salmon with tomato and cumin sauce

Serves 4

2 large potatoes, about 1lb 2oz, peeled

4 tablespoons double cream

2 oz butter, diced

Freshly grated nutmeg

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

9 oz cherry tomatoes

5 tablespoons olive oil, plus extra for serving

1/2 teaspoon cumin seeds

2 courgettes

Few sprigs of thyme

4 fresh salmon escalopes, about 5 oz each

To garnish: fresh basil leaves or baby spinach

leaves, deeped-fried

Method:

First make the potato puree. Boil the potatoes until tender, drain well and return to the pan over a low heat to dry them off. Mash the potatoes until smooth, then beat in 3 tablespoons of the cream, half the butter, and nutmeg, salt and pepper to taste. Set aside and keep warm. To make the sauce, puree the tomatoes in a liquidizer or food processor, then pass through a sieve, rubbing through with the back of a ladel. Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in a saucepan and fry the cumin seeds for 30 seconds. Stir in the tomato puree and simmer for about 10 minutes or until reduced by half. Beat in the remaining cream and butter, season and set aside. Slice the courgette thinly. Heat 2 tablespoons of the oil in a frying pan and saute the courgette slices with the tips of the sprigs of thyme and a little salt and pepper for 2 minutes. Heat the remaining 2 tablespoons of the oil in a nonstick frying pan. When hot, add the salmon and cook on one side until well browned, about 3 minutes. Turn carefully and cook the other side for 1-2 minutes. season well and keep warm. To serve, reheat the sauce and add a little extra olive oil to thin it slightly. Make a ring of courgette slices around each plate. spoon the potato puree in the centre and place a salmon escalope on top. Spoon over the sauce and garnish with deep-fried basil or spinach leaves.

Deep-Fried Camembert

Serves 4

2 whole Camembert 9oz each, not too ripe

2 eggs, beaten

4 oz dried breadcrumbs

8 oz apricot jam

Juice od 1/2 lemon

Vegetable oil for deep-fryung

Salad leaves for serving

Method:

If the Camembert is not the kind which has already been cut into sections, cut each cheese into six equal portions. Put the beaten eggs into a bowl, and the breadcrumbs in another. Dip the pieces of Camembert into the egg, then into the crumbs, to coat them evenly. Repeat the process so that they are realy well coated. Chill them in the refrigerator for at least 30

minutes. Put the apricot jam into a saucepan with the lemon juice and melt it over a very gentle heat.

To serve, heat the oil for deep-frying. To test that it is at the right temperature, dip the end of a wooden chopstick or wooden spoon into it: the oil should bubble immediately. Carefully lower some of the pieces of Camembert into the hot oil and fry for 4-5 minutes, until they are crisp and golden brown. Remove them with a slotted spoon and drain on crumpled kitchen paper. Keep them warm while you fry the rest, then serve immediately, with the apricot sauce and a salad garnish

Lamb and Mushroom Pie

Serves 4

1 onion

4 oz mushrooms

1 oz butter

1 lb lamb

1/2 pint beef stock

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

Pinch mace

4 oz frozen puff pastry

1 egg, beaten

Cooking time:

60 minutes

Oven setting:

200c, 400f, Gas Mark 6 180c, 350f, Gas Mark 4

Method:

Peel and chop onion. Wash and roughly chop mushrooms. Fry both gently in butter until soft. Cut meat into 1-inch pieces and add to pan. Cook and simmer for 20 minutes. Place mixture in pie dish, cover with pastry, trim edges and flute. Brush with beaten egg and bake in centre of oven for 30 minutes. Reduce temperature to 180c, 350f, Gas Mark 4 after 15 minutes.

Normandy apple flan

Serves 4-6

12 oz rich short crust or flan pastry

1 pint thick apple puree, well sweetened

3 dessert apples, peeled, cored and sliced

Juice of 2 lemons

2 tablespoons apricot jam

2 tablespoons water

Cooking time:

35 minutes

Oven setting:

190c, 375f, Gas Mark 5

Method:

Line a 9-inch flan ring or tin with the pastry. Prick the base, and bake 'blind' for 5 minutes. Fill the flan case with the apple puree. Toss the sliced apples in half the lemon juice, and top the flan with concentric slices of apple. Bake in a moderate oven for 25-30 minutes. Remove and cool. Heat the jam, water and rest of lemon juice until syrupy but do not allow to boil. Press through a sieve and spoon over the tart to glaze.





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Bruises

A small bruise requires no special treatment, but if bruising is extensive, remember RICE: Rest, Ice, Compression and Elevation.

R Rest the injured part.

I Place ice or a cold compress over the bruise to help control bleeding and swelling and relieve pain.

C Press your hand firmly over the injured area.

E Elevate the bruised area to a level just above the heart.

Clogged shower heads

If your shower has become erratic, spitting water in peculiar patterns, the openings in the shower head may well be clogged with mineral deposits.

Unscrew and take apart the entire shower head, keeping the pieces in order for easy reassembly. Soak the parts in vinegar overnight, then scrub off the encrusted minerals with steel wool or a wire brush. Poke open the small holes in the faceplate with a pin.

Computers

When you can't get your personal computer to work properly, don't panic - the problem may be easy to remedy.

- ⇒ Check all the cables and connections; one of them may have worked loose.
- ⇒ Did you turn everything on? The screen? The printer?
- ⇒ Did you put a disk in upside-down or back to front? Exit from the programme and start it up again.
- ⇒ Did you skip a key step?
- ⇒ Is a special function key in the wrong position?
- ⇒ If all else fails, refer to your user's manual.

Disks Treat your floppy disks with extreme care. Heat, fingerprints, magnetic sources

(telephones, stereo speakers, televisions, motors), writing directly onto or clipping something to a disk - all these things and more can destroy its contents.

Fatigue If you find it tiring to work (or play) at a computer for long periods of time, check these points:

- ⇒ Is the console placed too high, forcing your shoulders and upper arms onto a strained position.
- ⇒ Is your chair the right height? Does it provide good support for your back?
- ⇒ Is there glare on the screen from the sun or room lighting, causing unnecessary eyestrain? (Wearing a visor may help if overhead lighting is bright.)

Stolen Car

Thieves often repaint cars and change the vehicle registration number so that owners can't identify them. Foil them by having the registration number, or some number personal to you, etched onto all the windows. Put the number at the top of the windows so that it can be seen if the door windows are lowered. A thief is less likely to steal a car on which all the windows would have to be replaced.

Don't keep your registration document in the car, but in a safe place in your home. You will need this record of the year, make and model of your car, as well as the chassis and engine numbers, to report a theft. Keep a copy of the registration document elsewhere as an added precaution.

Spiders

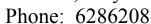
You don't have to kill a spider when you see it. Spiders in Ireland are harmless to human beings. Remove a spider from a bath with a cardboard tube - it will crawl into the tube, because spiders like the dark, particularly if you splash it with a little water.

Spiders are among a gardener's best friends. If you see a large spider on your wall, don't harm it; capture the creature in a wide-mouthed jar or yoghurt pot. Then release it in the garden, where it will make a meal of flies, aphids and other such pests.

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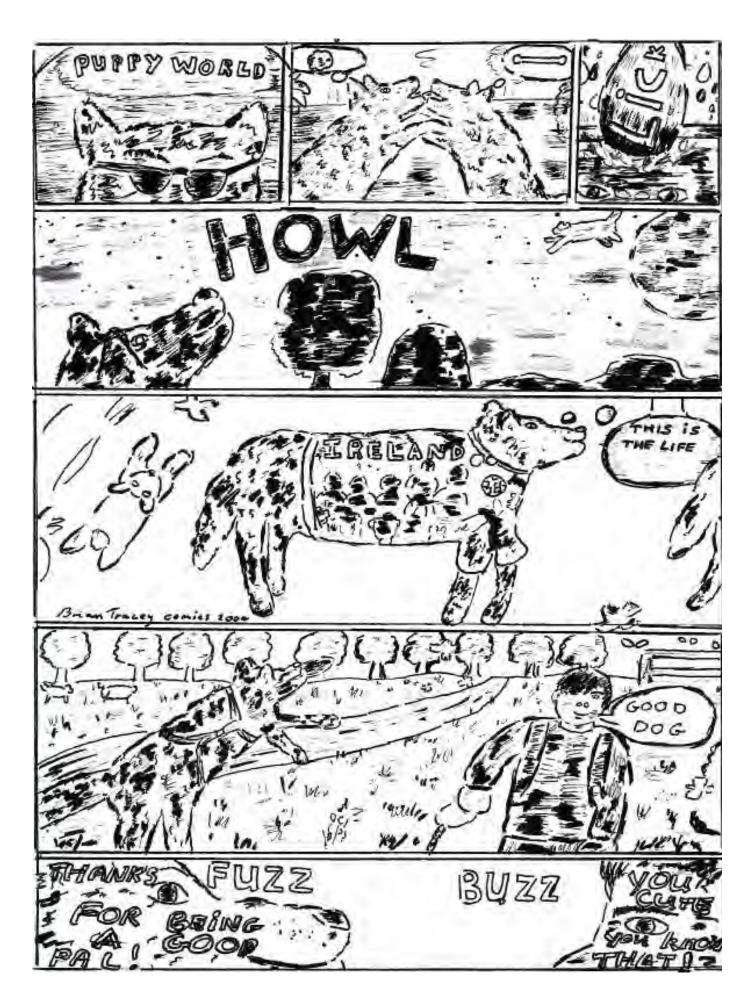
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Question

I believe there have been some changes to the Rent Supplement scheme. Can you please give details of the changes?

Answer

Rent Supplement is paid to people living in private rented accommodation who cannot provide for the cost of the accommodation from their own resources. It is paid if they are eligible and do not have alternative accommodation available to them. The supplement is available under the Supplementary Welfare Allowance Scheme (SWA) through the Community Welfare Officers at local health centres.

From 31st January 2004 new applicants for the supplement are required to have been in rented accommodation for at least 6 months in total in the previous 12-month period. This does not apply to certain people, such as those aged 65 or over, or those in receipt of certain disability payments. Periods in hospital , prison etc. may count towards the 6 months.

Except in certain circumstances, a person in full-time employment (30 hours or more) is not eligible for Rent Supplement. Since the start of 2004 any new applicant whose spouse is in full-time employment will not now be eligible. Also not eligible for the supplement is anyone who refuses accommodation twice from housing authorities or other approved bodies within a 12-month period which begins on or after the 31st January 2004.

In the means test for the supplement there are a number of income disregards. There is an income disregard for social welfare pensioners aged 65 or over. From 5th January 2004 the income disregard has increased from €23 per week to €26 per household. Family Income Supplement will also now be disregarded in the standard means for the supplements. It was already disregarded when assessing the €317.43 income limit that applies to people retaining the supplement on a tapered basis, such as those on employment schemes.

If you are considered eligible, you have to make a contribution towards the rent. From the 5th January 2004 the minimum contribution which you have to make has increased from €12 to €13. You may have to pay more depending on your income.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Question

What are the new Medical Card income guidelines for 2004?

Answer

The Medical Card income guidelines are updated in January each year. The new income guidelines, effective from 1st January 2004, are as follows:

Medical Card Income Guidelines from 1st January 2004

Weekly income limit (gross less PRSI deductions)

Age	Single Person Living alone	Single Person Living with Family	Married Couple
Up to 66 years	€14250	€12700	€20650
66 - 69 years	€15600	€13400	€23100
70 - 79 years			€46200
80 years or over			€48600

Allowances for each child under 16 €26.00 Allowances for other dependants €27.00 Allowance for (rent, mortgage) excess over €26.00 per

Allowance for cost of travelling to work in excess of €23.00 per week

For the year 2004 the guidelines have been increased by between 3% and 3.25%. For example, for a single person living alone, aged less than 66, this means an increase of \le 4.50 and for the age group 66 - 69 years an increase of \le 5.00. Similarly, for a married couple the increases are \le 6.50 and \le 7.00 respectively.

Everyone aged 70 and over normally resident in Ireland is entitled to a Medical Card irrespective of income. This medical card is not means tested. It covers the cardholder only and does not cover their spouse/dependents. If you do have a medical card because you are over 70 but your spouse is under 70



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years of age, she/he can apply for a means tested medical card. For example, where one spouse is aged 75 and the other 68, the means limits applying to the younger spouse are those of a married couple aged 70 - 79 years.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Question

Is it true that the minimum wage has increased?

Answer

Yes, it is true. From the 1st of February 2004 the national minimum wage is €7.00 and hour.

The National Minimum Wage Act, 2000 was introduced on 1st April 2001 setting the minimum hourly rate of pay at €5.97. On 1st October 2002 the rate increased to €6.35 per hour an now it has increased to €7.00. The rate applies to virtually all employees over age 18. Close relatives of the employer and statuary apprentices are excluded.

Employees under age 18 are entitled to 70% of the national minimum wage (NMW) which amounts to €4.90 per hour. If they continue to work in the same employment once they reach 18 they must be paid €5.60 per hour (80% of NMW) for the first year and €6.30 per hour (90% of NMW) for the second year.

Those over the age of 18 who are starting employment for the first time are entitled 80% or €5.60 per hour for the first year, and 90% or €6.30 per hour for the second year, from the date of their first employment over the age of 18.

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

If you have a dispute with your employer about the national minimum wage you can try to resolve the matter with your employer directly and if it is still unresolved you can refer your dispute to a Rights Commissioner of the Labour Relations Commission.

Further information is available from the Employment Rights Information Unit, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Davitt House, 65a Adelaide Road, Dublin 2. Tel: (01) 631 3131, LoCall 1890 201 615 or the Citizens Information Centre.

Question

I was told that eligibility criteria for Disability Benefit have been changed. What are the changes?

Answer

Disability Benefit is a payment from the Department of Social and Family affairs to insured people who are unable to work due to illness. For 2004 the maximum weekly personal payment is €134.80, €89.40 for your spouse/partner and €16.80 for each dependent child. To qualify for the payment you must be under age 66, be unfit for work and your must satisfy the PRSI contribution conditions.

The current PRSI condition that you must have at least 39 paid contributions since first entering work increased to 52 paid contributions from 5th April 2004.

Previously, people on a social welfare window/ widower's pension or on One Parent Family Payment could qualify for a half-rate Disability Benefit payment along with their existing payment. From 19th January 2004 new applicants are no longer entitled to the half-rate payment.

The weekly amount of Disability Benefit you receive for yourself and your spouse/partner is reduced where your average earnings are below a certain amount in the relevant tax year— for claims in 2004 it is 2002. From 29th December 2003 this threshold has increased from €88.88 to €150.00 for new claimants.

If you return to work after you have been on Disability Benefit but become ill again after more than three days your new claim is seen as a separate claim i.e. not linked. If you have been receiving Disability Benefit for at least 5 years, the new claim is seen as a separate claim only after a 13- week gap. From 19th January 2004 this linking period increases to 26 weeks.

If an allowance for your spouse/partner is not included in your Disability Benefit payment then you will only receive half-rate Child Dependant Allowances are only paid where the spouse/partner's income is less than €300.00 per week.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

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Gardening Tips

GARDEN TIPS FOR MARCH.

If you have Ranunculus which were lifted for storage last Autumn, they can be planted as soon as ground conditions will allow. They should be set about 5cm [2in] deep.

Chrysanths can be sown in gentle heat. Cascades need careful training to obtain the best results, but Charms are an easy way to a riot of flowers.

From now to mid-April is a good time to sow a row of Spinach beet for a summer crop. This is a cut -and -dry come again crop which should be ready in July.

Divide Crocus. Where Crocus have become well established and overcrowded, they can be lifted and divided prior to replanting. If you would rather wait until the foliage has died down, be sure to mark where they are.

Sow Celery for planting out in early June. Can be sown now under heated glass.

Zinnias can be sown now in a sheltered frame. Once started, they should be growing without check up to flowering in july.

Sweet Peas. Of all the flowers that one can grow in the garden at home, there surley cannot be one to beat Sweet Peas.

They are superb both in the garden and in the home for their form and excellent colour range, but most of all, undoubtedly for their exquisite fragrance.

For best results, of course, work should be started in the Autumn, when the bed should be prepared, enriching it with well rotted manure.

Growing from seed is the way the expert does it to ensure they have the best plants to produce the best possible colours and scent. But we can't all do that, so now is the time for the rest of us to buy our pots of seedlings and put them in soil which has been enriched, previously explained. It is important before planting to decide how you wish to display the plants in the garden.

All too often they are planted at the bottom of a fence or wall where they will be teased up strings or canes as they grow.

But far nicer is to make a feature of them in the middle of a bed, at the end of a pathway or perhaps set into a corner in the lawn.

Where the latter is concerned, an area of grass will need to be lifted so that the plants have their own space. Insert 3 or 4 tall canes around which netting can be swathed, tube-like. Then using a dibber to make holes big enough to take the young plants with their roots spread out. They can be planted at the base of the climbing tube. Immediately after planting, put slug pellets around the plants to ensure their safety.

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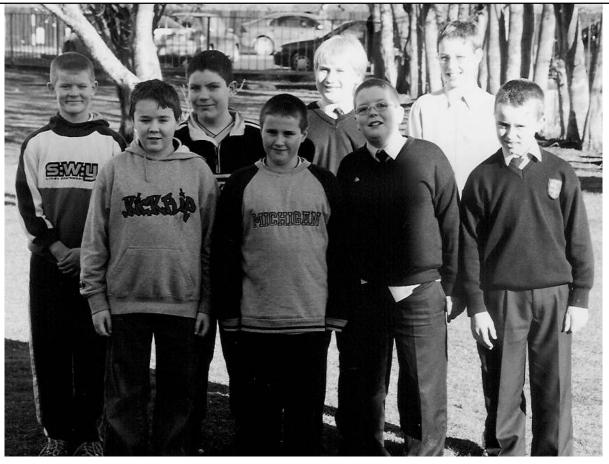
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Maynooth Scouts

On Sunday 8th February, Maynooth Scouts were hosts to the inaugural event of the new Scout County of North Kildare. Since the formation of the new Scouting Association (Scouting Ireland) on the 1st January the new scout county of North Kildare was formed bringing together scouting units from ex-CSI and ex-SAI backgrounds under the one association. The inaugural event was the North Kildare Cub-scout/ Macoimh table quiz. Sixteen teams took part in the afternoon of mind-bending questions in St. Patrick's College Maynooth but it was the brainy cubs from 19th Kildare Celbridge and 11th Meath Kilcloone that took the laurels. The boys and girls from Maynooth however gave a good chase, coming in third place. The winners will continue to the next stage of the competition at the national finals later in the month.





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Poets, druids and early Irish poetry (Contd.)

Who are the poets?

Although the saga writers never gave their names, the poets were much more accommodating with their information and frequently identify themselves in colophons at the end of their poems. Therefore we have poems by individual poets and we know of collections by particular poets. They are not necessarily gathered in one place and are usually scattered throughout the manuscripts through the centuries. James Carney did a lot of work on early Irish poetry including a chronological list of poetry and poets in different groupings according to the time span. Apart from Eochaid Dallán Forgaill who composed the eulogy for Colm Cille, the first poets of whom we are aware are Colmán mac Lénéni, Luccreth moccu Chíara and Beccán mac Luigdech. We only have fragments Colmán whom he dates to 565-604. Along with these there we also have early Leinster poems that appear in the genealogies but the language is very difficult to translate.

Luccreth moccu Chíara who lived c. 600 composed such poems as 'Medb made illegal contracts' (*Conailla Medb míchura*) that is generally regarded as the basis of the *Táin Bó Cúailnge*. In a very difficult text we meet Medb the queen of Connacht, her husband Ailill and her lover Fergus. It says:

Medb enjoined illegal contracts

With the son of Roech of the Red Troop.

She put upon Fergus lasting captivity

He expected the way of a captive in that place.

Luccraid moccu Ciara composed a difficult pedigree of the Eoganacht king of Cashel that appears in the genealogies.

Another early piece of poetry is a hymn to Brigit attributed to a man called Broccán, said to be a pupil of Ultán of Ard Breccán (†656). It is dated c. 650 and there is an extraordinary reverence for Brigit in the early period. Another early poem calls her a second Mary; later traditions say that she was Christ's midwife even his mother. She is associated with the provision of food in great quantities and using her powers to help the poor and the weak from their master. She is said to be the daughter of a slave and a chieftain. The praise is nearly grudging in the beginning, the poem is intermingled with prose commentary.

Victorious Brigit did not love the world (Ní car Brigit buadach bith)

Victorious Brigit did not love the world; She perched on it like a bird on a cliff, The saint slept like a prisoner, Longing for her Son.

Not much fault was found with her

With regard to lofty faith in the Trinity.

Brigit mother of my over-King,

Was born as the best in the kingdom of heaven.

She was not slanderous, she was not mischievous, She was not a lover of vehement woman's quarrels, She was not a stinging speckled snake, She did not sell God's Son for gain.

She was not greedy for treasures, She gave without resentment, without stint. She was not hard or stingy She did not love to enjoy the world's goods. The poem ends like a prayer:

I invoke my Bríg, May she be a protection to our company,

May her patronage assist me, May we all deserve deliverance.

The praise of Christ is illustrious speech, The worship of God's Son is an art full of virtue. May everyone who has sung it or heard it Belong to God's kingdom without rejection.

May Brigit's blessing be upon Everyone who has sung it or heard it; May the blessing of Brigit and God Be upon all of us together.

Other famous poets include Blathmac c. 750-770, Oengus who composed the Martyrology of Oengus (*Féilire Oengusa*) and Orthanach ua Coillámae who is usually associated with Orthanach bishop of Kildare †840.

Between 900-920 we find poems by Dallán mac Móire centred around Cerball of Ossory who was killed in the battle of Belach Mugna in †908. This is the earliest court or household poet whose poems have survived in any quantity. His style and approach show that he is the ancestor of the type of poet well known from the 14th century onward – the bardic poet. In the period 950-1004 we find poems from Cinaed Ó hArtucán who died 973 and he was associated with two kings Congalach son of Mael Mithig (†956) and Amlaíb or Olaf king of Dublin who spent a lot of time in Meath (†980). Included in this period are also Flann mac Mael Maedóc and Eochaid Ua Flainn †1004.

Some poets can be firmly dated, such as Airbertach mac Coisse †1016, Cuán Ó Lothchán †1024, Flann Mainistrech †1056, Mael Íosa Ua Brolcháin †1086, Dublittir Ua hUathgaile and Gilla Coemáin. Duiblittir Ua hUathgaile wrote biblical poety which is included in the text 'The Six ages of the World' (*Sex Aetates Mundi*) for example a poem on the sons of Adam and Eve:

Adam and famous Eve, who had fine and perfect sons;

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(Poets, druids and early Irish poetry cont'd)

fifty, here, is the number of their sons And fifty-two daughters.

Cain, Abel, Seth – not perverse -Cham, Namur and Cumul the fair-skinned; Iudas, Iudas, Leui the wealthy (?) Ubal, Abol and Abilon.

Sarath, Saliath, Silith and Seig, Gismus, Gesmus with clear meaning; Lagor, Ligor, Liuiath and Lon, Orth, Heth, Oram (and) Gad of great size. Etc.

This text also includes another of his poems 'Make this Easy for Me' (*Réidig dam, a Dé, do nim*). Here is a section on Adam, Eve and their children as well as Noah, his wife and offspring.

Make this easy for me, O God in heaven, it is not uncertain, it is a pure deed; the answer to my question For the poets.

Famous Adam had fifty sons and fifty famous and perfect daughters.
Though they were violating (God's) covenant Thereby, they agreed to mate with one another.

For a time the pleasant world escaped, They were deceived by the soliciting of womenfolk. Though they had accepted the king of heaven Only six of them gave issue. Three men and three women with power, of Adam's pre-eminent family; from them was born the host That filled this transitory world.

Cain, Seth and Sile were the three sons without great strangeness; Pibb, Olla and Pithibb without treachery Were the three haughty daughters.

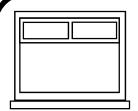
Pibb was the name of Cain's fair wife; Olla was the ever-pure Seth's wife; Sile's wife, brilliant her lustre, Was the perfect and truly modest Pithibb.

Noah and his three sons without shame, with their bright and noble wives, were the eight people of Seth's race without stain who did not accept Cain of the large head.

Sem, Cham and Japheth of the territories were the three sons of Noe son of Lamech. Their three griffin-like and pure wives Were Olla, Oliua, Oliuana.

Copha was Noe's wife of holy purity, Olla was wife of the long-lived Sem. Cham's wife was the famous Oliua, Japheth's wife was Oliuana.

(Contd. next month) Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin



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(Straight Talking)

Justice Brennan's remarks that she had no confidence in the Guards caused a right rumpus. Naturally the Garda Commissioner was not pleased and the rank and file were outraged. The public perception of the police force has changed in the past decade and one unfortunate feature of that change is that so many sections of our society now hold little respect for the Gardai. From the top we have seen Government Ministers flout the new speeding regulations. We have seen sitting TD's who are up to their necks in tax evasion and planning irregularities. We are mindful of the Junior Minister in the current Government who, according to local press reports, did little to discourage local taxi drivers in their unlawful opposition to the taxi deregulation legislation. All these people at the top, the guardians of our Constitution, seem to be giving the two finger salute to the laws of our land and showing disrespect to its the guardians, the Gardai. We must not forget the now prominent PD Minister who as leader of the major farming organisation stood idly by as his members frustrated a High Court order and the Gardai, to remove themselves from a blockade of meat factories. In all of the above cases there was clearly no respect for the law. Not one of the above high profiled personalities were sanctioned by the political system. This leaves the public at large with the impression that the operation of the law in this area is a joke. It is therefore not supprising that the disrespect shown by our politicians has worked its way down to the general population

We have big problems with anti-social behaviour that is fuelled by drugs and drink. The consensus is that our environment is not safe. Stolen cars driven by youngsters terrorise neighbourhoods, sometimes causing serious injury and deaths. Garda cars are rammed at will leaving the impression that joy-riders hold no fear of the police. Drugs are sold in areas which many believe should be better policed and most are left with the impression, unfortunately, that the Guards are not doing their job. In each area of the administration of justice, the courts , the prisons and the gardai it is clear that there is case for major reform. It is recognised that such reform would be of major benefit to the community but the neccessary reforms would meet opposition from within the services. In the case of the Gardai the lack of reform is partly due to the Guards but the major blame lies with the Minister and the department of justice. It has to be accepted that the culture of the Gardai is out of date. The mission and job specification that guided their conduct and training since the foundation of the State has now got to be reviewed. We only have to look at Continental Europe to see why this is so. For many years most Continental

police forces have been paramilitary in style. They have been heavily armed with lethal and non lethal weaponry. They are well trained and well equipped to meet the demands of dealing with violent criminals and drug related crime. To most Irish people whether they are in Berlin or Paris, the police appear to have a formidable presence. Their presence is one of menace with little patience for the time of day. They give the impression of people not to be trifled with. It is hard to understand the opposition of the Garda Representative Body

and civil liberty groups who oppose the arming of the Guards. They claim that Ireland is not like Continental Europe and that there is no need for radical reform. They must be joking, it's worse. After thirty years of civil unrest in Northern Ireland there is now far more guns in circulation than most Countries in Europe. We only have to look at parts of Limerick city and realise how far it is removed from mainland Europe. The National Press report that criminal elements in Limerick city are dealing in kalashnikovs automatic rifles and hand grenades. It is not credible that we wish to perpetuate the myth that Irisih society is different, that somehow we are less violent and less prone to crime than our Continental neighbours. We should realise, on the evidence available, that this is not so and do something quickly to re-organise our police force. There is something else far more worrying for the taxpayers and citizens of the country. Recently a senior Garda disclosed that many Dublin City based Garda were seeking relocation to rural towns as they have serious problems in dealing with urban crime and drugs related offences. It is easy to understand why. What defence does a voung Garda have when faced by a drug crazed addict armed with a lethal syringe? A 1920's style designed baton for restoring order in a pub. It is impossible to imagine the trauma and devastation caused to a Guard facing the prospect of HIV infection. The Government have a responsibility to ensure that the Gardai are equipped to defend themselves. How can a predominately un-armed police force tackle serious violent crime which everyone knows is escalating to a serious level. Many would daim that the Gardai are coping with the situation but an un-armed force has to commit too much manpower to each individual incident. There now has to be a serious debate regarding the future organisation of our police force. This is not a criticism of the Garda, as man for man we would vouch for their integrity and commitment against any police force in the world. For the protection of our society and for the security of the individual Garda, the force could be re-organised on the following basis:

Elite or Paramilitary:

The training should be Military in character. The new mission must be a determination to deal with the current violent crime culture. Entrants to the new elite force should be extremely fit and be able to meet minimum fitness levels at all times. The units should have the use of the best cars and equipment available to do the job. They should be highly paid and not involved in routine Garda work, that should be left to other sections of the police force. The Government should lay out the parameters under which the new force will operate and legislate for changes in current Court procedures to facilitate the successful prosecution of lawbreakers.

Traffic and Community Policing:

Is self explanatory. This section of the Garda force could assume a vital role in reducing the level of atrocious driving that is challanging the initial gains made by the introduction of the penalty points system.

(Straight Talking) Cont'd.

Administration:

A highly and expensively trained Garda should have no place in a station. Civil Service employees should complete the computer and clerical work. The rules of evidence should be changed to avoid where possible a Garda presence in court. Would it not be possible for a civil servant to appear with a sworn Garda affidavit?

We as a society have a prized possession - a Police force that is civil, uncorrupted and still highly respected. The Government is obliged to make sure that its members are given every facility to protect their security. The Gardai themselves have to accept that times have changed. In line with nearly every Country in Europe they should accept that an increase in defensive weaponry is a must for their own protection. We might not like the prospects of change, but

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Among the countries Ascending EU in May 2003 are Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, and Slovenia. Today we would like to introduce the first three of our new neighbours:

Cyprus

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In 1963 the Turks argument for a federal state began the ground for the Turkish military conflicts, which were intervened by UN peace forces. In 1974 Turkey sent troops to help Turkish Cypriot leaders which resulted in the establishment of the Attila Line, separating Turkish and Greek Cypriot territory. Talks between

two sides sponsored by UNO in 1980, 82 and 85 failed resulting in

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Czech Republic

A part of former Czechoslovakia, the republic was created as a result of the agreement of separation between Czech and Slovak parties. It came into being in 1993 and a year later joined NATO's partnership of peace. The year 1993 also saw major economic reform programme the reopening of the Prague stock exchange, the beginning of voucher-based privatisation and reduction of unemployment. By 1996 with 70% of the economy privatised and unemployment of 3% it was one of the most successful countries in Central Europe.

The Czech Republic actively sought membership in Western economic alliances – becoming an Associate EU member in 1994, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development in 1995 and in 1999 it joined North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

Estonia

The former republic of the Soviet Union, in 1988 it adopted the new constitution with a power of veto on all Soviet legislation. In 1990-1 the need for separation and growing nationalist discord called for a referendum, which voted 78% for independence.

In 1993 Estonia started a privatisation reform and actively sought Western investments. With the majority of the population involved into industries of shipbuilding, mining and manufacturing of machinery, today its partners include fellow Baltic States – Latvia and Lithuania – as well as Finland,

Sweden and Germany. Russia, Since independence (1991), citizenship has generally been limited to ethnic Estonians, a practice widely criticized because it denies political and civil rights to many Russian-speaking inhabitants (30% of population). In 1993 ethnic Russians were officially declared foreigners, raising even stronger objections. Long-term non-Estonian residents can become citizens, however, after two years and completion of a language test.

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ICA NOTES

The Maynooth Guild of the ICA meets on the first Thursday of each month in the ICA Hall, by the harbour. And on other nights the following activities take place: Mondays at 8 pm, a variety of crafts are demonstrated and worked upon, and on Thursdays at 9.15 pm there are set-dancing classes with Rita Doyle; both of these take place in the ICA Hall. Badminton will resume in March, on Monday and Tuesday mornings, in the Parish Hall. Anyone interested is welcome to come along to any of the activities.

A Computer course, run by the ICA and sponsored by KELT, is

taking place in the Post-primary school, on Wednesday nights. The tutor is ICA member Jo O'Connell. The course is full now but more will be offered in future. Watch this space!

National Daffodil Day is March 19^{th.} Extra volunteers are always needed.

The Maynooth Guild will host the Kildare Federation Meeting of the ICA on Thursday March 25th, at 8 pm, in the Post-primary school. But coming up first, is the Kildare Federation Dance, which will be held in the Ambassador on February 27th

- Always a great night out!

And don't forget too that the book, By the Harbour in Maynooth, edited

by Maeve Moloney, published to celebrate our 50th anniversary, is still obtainable from the Maynooth Bookshop on Main Street, or directly from the ICA.

The April meeting promises to be an especially interesting one. The Maynooth ICA, prompted by its fiftieth anniversary celebrations, has been giving itself a quality review. The results of the questionnaires which were sent 'round to members will be discussed. Anyone interested—including nonmembers—in helping to shape the future of the ICA, or who might wish to take part in any of the ICA activities, will be very welcome at the April meeting.

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The league consisted of Celbridge, Leixlip, Clane,

Kilcock and eventual winners Confey. Five members of the team were called up for Kildare U-14 trials. They were Alex Cash, Peter Warren, Joey Glynn, Sean Durkan, & Thomas Donnelly. Peter Warren & Sean Durkan became members of the pane. The trainers K. Finnegan & D. Dempsey would like to thank Colm Cushe who refereed some of their games at short notice and Dominic Nugent who makes sure the pitch is available.

Challenge games were played against Straffan, ST. Kevins and St. Margarets (Dublin).

The U-14 Summer League B was entered with games against St Laurences, Suncroft, Geraldines Leixlip & Sarsfields All games were played on home and away.

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Team Panel

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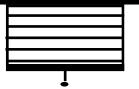
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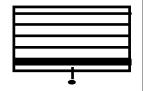
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Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

Our Sale of work took place in November '03 and raised the sum of €11,944. We thank everyone who helped to make it a huge success as usual.

The Annual Christmas Dinner in the Straffan Court Hotel in December was enjoyed by a large number of our Senior Citizens and our invited guests, we wish to thank the Hotel Staff for their attention and courtesy to all.

The AGM was held in the Health Centre in February. The following committee were elected:

Chairperson; Josephine Moore
Vice Chairperson and P.R.O. Patsy O'Rafferty
Treasurer; Catherine Mulready
Asst.Treasurer; Mairead Bean
Secretary; Joan Lennon
Asst.Secretary; Patricia Cusker

Our next Tea Dance takes place on Sunday, March 21st in the G.A.A. Club on Moyglare Road at 3 pm. Our future tea dances take place on the third Sunday of each month.

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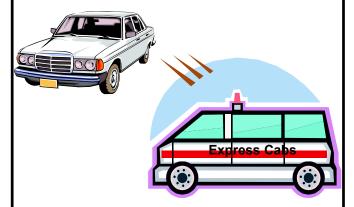
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Stan Cosgrove – Moyglare Stud Farm

Moyglare Stud is located just outside the town of Maynooth in sight of Saint Patrick's College University Campus. Located in 450 acres of beautiful manicured pastures it houses some of the most expensive Blood Stock in the world. The Stud Farm is owned by Mr. Walter Haefner who resides in Switzerland and is managed by Mr. Stan Cosgrove. Here in this oasis of rich County Kildare grasslands, world famous for its limestone base, mares give birth to a new generation of foals that will further enhance the prestige of the Irish Blood- Horse. At this time of year the carefully nurtured gardens are waiting to explode into colour as we advance further into spring. The granite built Reception and Administration area is a throwback to a more leisurely and genteel time when people were able to absorb and appreciate the quality of nature that surrounded them. In the adjoining field four mares and their foals rested, before their curiosity of the writer with his arms on the gate made them move ever closer. It was a moment of sheer magic and made me understand why Stan Cosgrove has such a firm belief in God and Nature. We at the Newsletter were delighted when our request to interview Stan Cosgrove was so readily acceded to. We also acknowledge the help and advice given by his secretary Ms. Ita Murphy in arranging the date and time.

Stan Cosgrove always had an interest in horses. From an early age he had a pony and rode out on his uncle's farm. His father was a qualified Pharmacist and Doctor who ran a chemist shop in Newbridge. His uncle was a Vet and probably influenced Stan in that direction. He liked farming but in those days, unlike now, the backing of a bank was not readily forthcoming in purchasing farming land. He qualified as a Vet and was taken on in that capacity by Moyglare around 1962. Stan became manager of the Stud Farm in 1971. His career has spanned over forty years and in that time he has earned the respect of his peers as one of the leading experts on the breeding and management of the thoroughbred Race-Horse. In discussing how Ireland has reached such an important position in the world Breeding Industry he put forward a number of factors that has contributed to our success. First, was the inaugural running of the Irish Sweeps Derby at the Curragh in 1962. The Derby was sponsored by the McGrath /Freeman/ Duggan Sweepstake Organisation. It was now going to take a better quality horse to win our Premier race. This brought new owners from abroad into Irish racing. It was new money and it helped to lift somewhat the quality of our blood stock. Another factor was the

emergence of the late Captain Tim Rogers and the Airlie Group of studs. Starting in the late fifties he brought in his first stallion, Ommeyad (by Hyperion). He was to subsequently stand some of the best stallions in Europe at his stud over the next twenty years. The names read like a Roll of Honour, High Hat, Habitat, Petingo, Sea Hawk and Astec amongst many others. He was a true professional and a dedicated breeder. Vincent O'Brien in his view fully deserves the Racing Post's award as the horse racing personality of the century. Six Epsom Derby winners in Larkspur, Sir Ivor, Nijinsky, Roberto, The Minstral and Golden Fleece pays testament to his flat racing career. Vincent O'Brien's successes attracted some very important owners like Charles Engelhard, Raymond Guest, Kenneth Galbreath and Robert Sangster into Irish Racing. In 1971, John Magnier, Robert Sangster and Vincent O'Brien set up the new Coolmore stud. Michael Tabor subsequently became a partner in the operation. Stan has the utmost respect for the people at Coolmore. He believes that they are extremely professional and are currently standing, in his opinion, the best Stallions in the world. He believes that the day of the stud farm standing one or two Stallions is gone because the economics do not justify it. Blood stock Breeding is becoming an extremely expensive Operation and it will be only the larger players who will remain in the business. Stan concluded by saying that in his view the Tax free Stallion Fees incentive scheme is the single most important element in Ireland holding it's position as a world leader in producing quality blood stock. He has no doubt that should this incentive ever be withdrawn, a significant proportion of the 25,000 jobs involved in the industry would be at risk.

Stan has seen some very good jockeys in his lifetime from the era of Sir Gordon Richards to the current UK Champion, Irishman, Kieran Fallon. He considers Lester Piggott to be the best jockey of all time, without a doubt. Stan considers Lester to be a man apart because of his tactical genius. In winning the Arc on Alleged in 1977, he gave a masterful exhibition of race riding to make all the running to win in a style reminiscent of the immortal Ribot, Returning the following year he rode Alleged from off the pace and produced this great colt inside the last furlong to win handy from Balmerino. Few will ever forget the St.Leger of 1968. Riding Ribero who had suffered a busted abscess in his mouth the night before and hating the rain softened ground, Lester, literally hanging over one side of the saddle carried the weary horse across the line. He considers Richard Hughes a very stylist jockey and feels a lot of horses run for him that might not do their best for other jockeys. He pays tribute to the late Derek O'Sullivan and his team who founded the RACE apprentice school in Kildare. Their contribution in making the Irish jockey into a top

Moyglare Stud Farm





Stan with secretary Ita Murphy







Features

international race rider was immense. The discipline, education and character building developed at the school helped enormously in a young jockey's career. Stan has seen many great horses in his lifetime He considers Nijinsky, the last winner of the English Triple Crown, to be one of the best. This great horse by Northern Dancer won the Two Thousand Guineas, the Derby and the St Leger in 1970. He went on to become a great stallion in his own right. He agrees with the Time Form assessment that Sea Bird was the best Epsom Derby winner, of all time. Shergar, the Epsom and Irish Derby winner, would also rank high on his list of great horses. The subsequent kidnap and loss of his investment in this brilliant horse caused great upset to Stan at the time but as will be later explained he had the faith to overcome that trauma.

Stan Cosgrove has looked after and managed Moyglare for the past 35 years. During that time he has seen it grow from its infancy to one of the most powerful players in the field. The farm holds shares in the most expensive and successful stallions in the world. In Ireland, the list is headed by Sadler's Wells and Barathea. In the United States of America, the list is headed by Gulch and Woodman. They are just a few of the many stallions who have serviced the mares from Moyglare. The farm has produced Great Group One winners like Assert, Dress to Thrill, Go and Go and Refuse to Bend, the winner of last year's English Two Thousand Guineas. Stan also has a particular liking for that great American Stallion, Affirmed, now deceased. His three races for the American Triple Crown against Alydar will live long in the memory of all good racing men. Affirmed finished first on all three occasions with both horses giving their heart for the run to the wire. When I asked Stan did he have any concerns for the Racing and Breeding Industry he said that there are one or two problems on the horizon. There is now a growing shortage of light weight young people to train as jockeys and there is a possibility that we may have to take in people from abroad to ride our horses. Regarding the Breeding Industry he is of the opinion that unless Breeders successfully out cross from the Northern Dancer Line there is a danger that the thoroughbred horse could be weakened.

With the interview drawing to a close, I asked Stan what motivated him through life. He has great faith in God and his doctrines that has been handed down through successive generations from the time of Paul. He believes in character, honesty, personal discipline and the idea that one should always be trying to improve ones self and looking to help the needs of others. He is also a great believer in prayer. There is no doubt that these qualities have been appreciated by the owner of Moyglare who has entrusted Stan to captain the ship for the past four decades and for a good few years more we hope.

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Bond Bridge & Meadowbrook Link Road

The cost of constructing the new Bond Bridge is €6m and the County Manager stated, in early January, in his Budget Report "that the funding accumulated through the budgetary process for Bond Bridge was As he did not mention the funding €427,393". accumulated from Special Development Levies over the years Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

"That an account be given on where the following Special Development Levies, which were collected for the construction of a new Bond Bridge, were spent:

Beaufield	£103,981
Meadowbrook	£159,316
Ashleigh Court	£6,000
Woodlands	£34,000
Newtown Court	£81,000
Parsons Hall	€120,000
Castle Dawson	€838,200

A total of €1,459,515"

The good news is that when Cllr. McGinley asked the County Manager at the Council Meeting, held in Carton House on 26th January, when he proposed bringing his funding proposals for Bond Bridge before Council for approval, he stated that he would do so at the March Meeting. He also stated that he expected work to begin on the Meadowbrook Link Road within a matter of weeks.

Cllr. John McGinley Lodges Objection to 241 **Dwellings at Newtown, Maynooth**

Cllr. John McGinley has lodged an objection with Kildare County Council in relation to the revised planning application by Sherwood Homes Limited for 241 dwellings at Newtown, Maynooth. Last August the County Council refused planning permission for 238 dwellings on the same site

Commenting on the reason for his objection Cllr.

McGinley stated that in the first instance the application remains premature as the subject site, whilst zoned for new residential, cannot be developed in advance of the implementation of flood alleviation measures on the Meadowbrook and Lyreen Rivers as outlined in the Hydro Environmental Limited report which was commissioned by Kildare County Council in 2001. The Office of Public Works did carry out work on the Meadowbrook and Lyreen Rivers in 2002 but the major works required by the report which included culverting at Bond Bridge have not been carried out to date.

In addition Cllr. McGinley indicated that the density of the proposal at 13 units to the acre was excessive and did not conform with existing low density housing in Castledawson and Parson's Hall Estates. In effect the high density proposed would have an adverse effect on the amenity of adjoining properties because of the poor quality of design put forward by the applicants. This high density proposal would also adjoin open countryside, which is not recommended under the Residential Guidelines for Planning Authorities.

Finally Cllr. McGinley was critical of the proposal to incorporate 24 three storey duplex town houses into the proposal. Existing housing in the area is made up of two storey houses and bungalows and the three storev houses would be out of character and incompatible with same.

Cllr. McGinley was supported in his objection by his colleagues Cllr. Colm Purcell and Deputy Emmet Stagg. In conclusion Cllr. McGinley looked forward to the rejection of this revised proposal and he complimented the Resident's Associations of Castledawson Estate, Parsons Hall Estate and Newtown/Rathcoffey Road who had submitted detailed objections to the proposal.

Castle Dawson Housing Estate, Maynooth

Following requests from residents Cllr. McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

"That the developer of Castle Dawson Estate,

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Maynooth, be asked to take remedial action to rectify the problems with the inadequate sewage system servicing the estate"

Bus Bays at the Girls' School in Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following update on his motion at the Area Meeting in January:

"A revised design has been received and is currently being checked by the Road Design team. I am hopeful, on this occasion, that it will be in order and acceptable to the D.T.O. On a related issue, the D.T.O. will be agreeing its 2004 programme of work in early February and I am hoping that there will be a final closure in relation to this item"

Cllr. McGinley stressed that if the Council was to retain its credibility it was vital that this work was completed immediately.

Signs Directing HGV's to the M4

As a result of Cllr. McGinley's motion to have through traffic HGV's taken out of Maynooth's Main Street, signs have been erected directing them to the M4.

New Bandstand for Pound Park (Green) to be in place for St. Patrick's Day

Cllr. John McGinley's proposal to have a bandstand erected in Pound Park (Green), Maynooth is about to be realised. Council Officials have stated that the new stand is being constructed off site and that it was expected that it will be erected on The Green by the end of February. As it is beside the bandhall it will be a great asset for St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band and for the people of Maynooth.

Lark Homes Pub Development at Beaufield Shopping

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to put a stop to the unauthorised dumping by the developer in the land opposite Brookfield. He has also asked the Council to ensure that truck wheels are washed by the developer in order to ensure that they don't spread muck on the Meadowbroook Road.

Safety at exit from the University Village Apartments, Moyglare Road

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the President of NUI Maynooth to take measures to improve safety at the exit from the University Village Apartments on the

Moyglare Road. The President, Dr. W.J. Smyth has advised Cllr. McGinley that he shares his concern and that steps will be taken over the next few months improve matters.

Flooding on the Rathcoffey Road outside Castle Dawson

Cllr. McGinley has asked the Council to examine the causes for the flooding of this new roadway and to take corrective action to prevent it from recurring.

Trees in Cluain Aoibhinn Estate, Maynooth

Trees that were planted here about a year ago have since died and Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to have them replaced. He has also asked the Council to plant mature trees to replace those removed without permission last year.

The Courthouse Square, Maynooth

The Council did a great job on the Courthouse Square in Maynooth some six years ago. Unfortunately, it looks naked as the creepers for the pergola were removed by vandals shortly after they were planted. Cllr. McGinley has asked the Council to arrange to have new creepers planted, in co-operation with the Tidy Towns Committee. Cllr. McGinley has been advised by the Tidy Towns Committee that it is on their work programme for 2004 and he has offered to provide funding from his Discretionary Grants allocation should that be necessary.

Dangerous Bridge across the Canal at Maynooth Train Station

Cllr. John McGinley has asked CIE to carry out immediate repairs to make this footpath safe. It is old and unsteady and two of the steps have parts rotted off. Better lighting is also needed.

Cllr. McGinley has also asked CIE to consider putting a new bridge at this location and this is an opportune time as the Council are at present drawing up an Action Plan for the Harbour Area.





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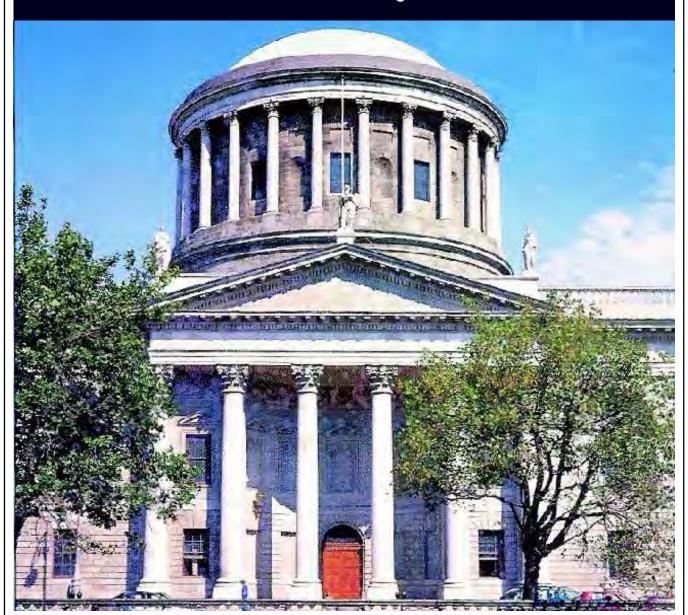
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Editorial

It is with regret that we say farewell to Muireann Ní Bhrolchain, who has been editor of the Newsletter for the last four years. Muireann's help, support and contributions have been invaluable and have to a large extent ensured the continuance of the newsletter. The office and editorial board thank you and wish you well and may the campaign for the Tara-Skryne valley which you so passionately believe in have a successful outcome.

The cover of the newsletter and the photographs within give some idea of the community enjoyment experienced at the St. Patrick's Day parade in Maynooth. Despite the fact that the number of floats was down on other years, it nevertheless represented a marked improvement on last year, an encouraging sign since its cancellation during the foot and mouth outbreak.

The St. Patrick's Day committee work very hard to get this venture underway and deserve our thanks but, more so, they deserve the community's support for an even better and bigger parade next year. Credit is due to those organisations and businesses that support this event every year. It would be great to see additional local businesses taking part. Perhaps next year more people could get involved in the preparations earlier. There is so much scope for the artistic members of our community to make the parade more visually stimulating. Thanks to John McGinley, Christina Saults, Kelleher, Willie Saults, Leo Bean, Andrew McMullon, Bríd Feely, Cyril McAree, Marion O'Donnell and Mattie Callaghan and all those stewards and helpers on the day.

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Community Council Notes March

The March meeting of Maynooth Community Council was held on the 8th March in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Chairperson, Hugh Gallagher, requested a minute silence in memory of Kathleen Gilton. Many tributes were paid to Kathleen. Tom McMullon said Kathleen was involved in every aspect of community life. She worked tirelessly with the Senior Citizens Committee and was associated with Maynooth Community Council some years ago. He said Kathleen will be greatly missed by family, friends and this community at large. Sympathy was also extended to Fr. Paul Coyle on the death of his father. Also to Ray and the Grehan family on the recent death of his father. To the Doran family Cluain Aoibhinn.

Playground for Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley said 9½ million Euro will be available now to Kildare County Council for social infrastructure which will include playgrounds, art centres, etc. He said there is no reason why these cannot go ahead now, also that Maynooth has two sites suitable for this purpose.

Motion

"That Maynooth Community Council support the provision of fair trade and will assist in efforts being undertaken to achieve fair trade".

This motion was put forward by Peter Connell and it was agreed to support same.

Town Council Status

A letter was received from Minister Cullen regretting that he cannot do anything at this time. However the feeling of the meeting was that we should not stand by and accept this. It was agreed to write to other Ministers and councillors and keep the pressure up.

Newsletter

Secretary, Muireann Ní Bhrolchain said she was resigning as editor of the Newsletter due to pressure of work and other commitments.

Hugh Gallagher thanked Muireann for her for all her work with the Newsletter.

Paul Croghan also said that he appreciated all the work that Muireann put in and that the Newsletter showed this. It was also suggested that more local news should be coming into the Newsletter.

Office

Paul Croghan said he would be resigning as director of Maynooth Community Council Ltd. He said it has been a positive experience working with the people in the office over the years.

Motion by Muireann Ni Bhrolchain

"That Maynooth Community Council ask the Taoiseach, the Minister for the Environment and the Minister for Transport to stop the planned M3 going through the Tara/Skryne Valley and re-route elsewhere".

A short discussion then took place. She said she felt very strongly about this. This is a National Monument and should be protected. She said the new road would be seen from the Hill, not to mention the noise pollution.

Brid Feely wondered why it had taken until now to bring it to the Community Council. She also felt that it was a County Meath problem.

However it was noted that Meath have a committee working on this and it should be of interest to us all even if it is in another county or not.

It was noted that Maynooth Community Council have supported other projects outside of Maynooth. Muireann said she was asked to support this by bringing it to Maynooth Community Council.

Cllr. Senan Griffin said that the National Roads Authority are making decisions that affect people without any recall, also that the N.R.A. are a law unto themselves. He also suggested to amend the motion to read "last of Tara/Skryne Vallev".

A vote was then taken. The motion was carried.

Sub-Committees and Affiliates

Festival

Chairperson, Andrew McMullon said the committee is working well and will have a meeting on March 9th.

Tidy Towns

Paul Croghan stated that Maynooth this year will be taking part in what is known as IBAL Competition "Irish Businesses Against Litter". He said Kildare County Council are doing a great job in Maynooth, but that it will need the people of Maynooth to get involved. Tidy Towns can't do it on their own, also he felt that they will need the College to be involved.

He said that there was a possibility that we may have been judged already.

The question of the bottle bank was raised by Matt Callaghan and the dreadful state of the site was noted.

Clir. Senan Griffin said that the dothes bin should be removed as there are other outlets for people to give dothes. He also suggested to write to Kildare County Council to install a camera and to move the bottle bank to the other side of the wall. He felt that a change of site and a camera would improve the situation.

Paul Croghan said with the removal of the flower island on the Kilcock Road meant they had managed to remove the shrubs and replant.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Cllr. John McGinley said that this year the St. Patrick's Day Parade will be celebrating it's 20th year. John said over the past few years the number of floats had gone down. He said the Parade was called off in 2002 because of the foot and mouth outbreak. They were hoping for a good parade this year and after the Parade they will have a rock band performing at the Square. The will call a meeting to review the situation after the Parade.

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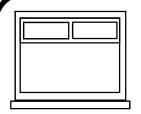
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Community Council Notes Contd.

Community Games

Matt Callaghan said that they are up and running for this year.

Mill Street Site

Peter Connell raised the point regarding the site and if an archaeological study had been done. He said it was part of the conditions of the development. It was agreed to write to Kildare County Council to find out what study had been done on the site.

Tom McMullon wondered why the hoarding needed to come out as far as it has. However it was felt that it was for safety reasons.

Mary Clougher said people are paying no attention to the yellow boxes.

Cllr. Griffin said there is to be a slip road from the Galway road to the Moyglare road and this will raise a safety issue for children.

Parish Hall

Hugh Gallagher stated that the Hall Committee are looking for volunteers to help paint the hall. Please contact the Parish Hall Committee if interested.

Next meeting of Maynooth Community Council will be the A.G.M.

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Features

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ST. PATRICK AT TARA

On the 26th March, Easter Sunday, in 433, the assembly met at Tara. The decree went forth that from the preceding day the fires throughout the kingdom should be extinguished until the signal blaze was kindled at the royal mansion. The chiefs and Brehons came in full numbers and the druids too would muster all the strength to bid defiance to the herald of good tidings and to secure the hold of their superstition on the Celtic race, for their demoniac oracles had announced that the messenger of Christ had come to Erin.

St. Patrick arrived at the hill of Slane, at the opposite extremity of the valley from Tara, on Easter Eve, in that year on the feast of the Annunciation. On the summit of the hill he kindled the Paschal fire. The druids at once raised their voice "O King" (they said) "live forever, this fire, which has been lighted in defiance of the royal edict, will blaze for ever in this land unless it be this very night extinguished "By order of the king and the agency of the druids, repeated attempts were made to extinguish the blessed fire and to punish with death the intruder who had disobeyed the royal command.

But the fire was not extinguished and Patrick shielded by the divine power came unscathed from their snares and assaults. On Easter Day the missionary band having at their head the youth Benignus bearing aloft a copy of the Gospels and followed by St Patrick who with mitre and crozier was arrayed in full episcopal attire, proceeded in processional order to Tara.

The druids and magicians put forth all their strength and employed all their incantations to maintain their sway over the Irish race, but the prayer and faith of Patrick achieved their glorious triumph. The druids by their incantations overspread the hill and surrounding plain with a cloud worse than Egyptian darkness. Patrick defied them to remove that cloud, and when all their efforts were made in vain, at his prayer the sun sent forth its rays and the brightest sunshine lit up the scene.

Again by demonaic power the Arch-Druid Lochru, like Simon Magnus of old, was lifted up high in the air, but when Patrick knelt in prayer, the druid from his flight was dashed to pieces upon a rock, Thus was the final blow given to paganism in the prescence of all the assembled chieftains. It was, indeed, a momentous day for the Irish race. Twice Patrick pleaded for the Faith before Laoghaire. The king had

given orders that no sign of respect was to be extended to the strangers, but at the first meeting the youthful Erc, a royal page, arose to show him reverence; and at the second, when all the chieftains were assembled, the chief-bard Dubhtach showed the same honour to the saint.

Both these heroic men became fervent disciples of the Faith and bright ornaments of the Irish Church. It was on this second solemn occasion that St. Patrick is said to have plucked a shamrock from the sward, to explain by its triple leaf and single stem, in some rough way, to the assembled chieftains, the great doctrine of the Blessed Trinity.

On that bright Easter Day, the triumph of religion at Tara was complete. The Ard-Righ granted permission to Patrick to preach the Faith throughout the length and breadth of Erin, and the drudical prophecy, like the words of Balaam of old would be fulfilled: the sacred fire now kindled by the saint would never be extinguished.

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St. Patrick's Day Parade





Scouting Ireland Maynooth Winners of the Best Marchers Category





Patricia Kavanagh accepting the trophy for the Best Youth Entrant on behalf of "Uprise"



Residents' Association News

Moyglare Village

Moyglare Village Residents' Association has been in existence since 1988. Over the years there has been a massive demographic shift with residents coming and going. This includes a significant increase in the number of people renting property on the estate. The residents associations over the time have done Trojan work to maintain estate quality for all our residents.

The increase in the number of houses being let to tenants in recent times has arguably created some difficulties for permanent resident owner-occupiers in terms of relationship continuity, network cohesiveness and a sense of neighbourliness and community identity and spirit. The substantive practical task of the residents' association committees since inception, apart from the crucial public relations role, has been the procurement of grass-cutting facilities plus general attention to trees, shrubs and weed control.

Like any small to medium-size estate, challenges tend to be experienced. A significant challenge for us is in relation to one of our key goals—acceptable cosmetic appearance of houses, gardens and general landscape. A small number of house-owners alas, persistently fail to measure up to reasonable standards in terms of appearance and maintenance of houses, gardens, hedges and general environs. These predominantly, but not exclusively, constitute absentee landlords. It should be pointed out however, that the overwhelming majority of house-owners honour and respect their social and community obligations in this respect. It should be equally emphasised that ultimate responsibility for house, garden and environmental standards rests squarely with the owner-not the tenant.

Maintaining the standard and quality of any estate or neighbourhood obviously costs money. The main annual financial burden relates to grass-cutting and toward this end residents are asked to make a nominal yearly contribution to cover the costs of engaging a contractor to carry out this and other miscellaneous work. This requirement applies to all house-owners residents and non-resident. In this context the committee would like to acknowledge the cooperation of the vast majority of residents who pay their subs year after year thus reflecting their mature sense of personal responsibility, community commitment and contribution to the common good. The tiny minority of house-holds who stubbornly and persistently refuse to contribute a cent speaks volumes for their sense of community allegiance and personal value system. Everyone else must shoulder the burden of subsidising them. If everybody were to adopt such a selfish and ultra-parsimonious attitude, our community would be in a dire and wretched state.

Over the years and especially in recent times, we have had our fair share of crime; houses have and continue to be burgled from time to time and residents' cars have been stolen. We would urge all residents to be ultra security conscious and vigilant at all times. We do have a neighbourhood watch scheme in situ but this needs to be re-invigorated and a much greater individual and collective consciousness and responsibility need to pertain including stressing the paramount importance of all houses and cars having active alarm systems.

The committee has a busy programme of work set out for this year aimed at endeavouring to restore this attractive little village to its former glory! Given its location, character and size, its potential is unquestionable. But it requires systematic and dedicated nurturing. Key objectives for the current programme include improving the quality of grass-cutting, green area appearance, weed control and attention to trees and shrubs, in addition to relocation of the cut-stone entrance sign to a more prominent position, and special attention to our beautiful rustic wooden fencing and beech hedging inter-facing with the main road.

Each house-owner is requested to ensure that the strip of grass outside their gate entrance is regularly mowed and the margins kept neatly edged and tidy. Likewise, individual and collective responsibility is urged in relation to litter control and young people in particular are earnestly requested to respect the environment by being "litter-free" conscious and refrain from damaging trees and shrubs. Appropriate adult/parental leadership and role-modelling in this respect would be enormously beneficial.

On the theme of tidiness and image, it is very important for residents to bear in mind that as part of the annual tidy towns competition initiative, each estate is formally judged on it's merit. This assessment takes place during the summer months and as demonstrated in the past, Moyglare Village has the capacity to do us all proud. However, only the residents can make this happen!

A small core group of unruly teenage juvenile delinquents from adjacent neighbourhood have of late been engaging in troublesome anti-social behaviour including causing malicious damage to perimeter fencing and engaging in both insulting and intimidating behaviour toward some residents. The committee know who these thugs are. So do the These individuals' behaviour is being gardai. continually monitored and they should take note that the necessary evidence will be adduced to effect successful prosecution and conviction in court. The full rigour of the law will be brought to bear on this hooligan element during the coming year and their parents are requested to play their part in curbing criminal behaviour in their off-spring. The committee are determined that no effort will be spared in bringing these bully-boys to justice. There is no place for such abominable behaviour in this community and it will not be tolerated.

Finally, we wish to thank most sincerely the vast

Residents' Associations Contd.

majority of Moyglare Village Residents for their recent subs and to assure them that the committee will continue to work on their behalf toward ensuring that the quality, respectability and prestige of our village are maintained to the highest possible standard. However, this can only be achieved with the single-minded determination and cooperation of all residents.

In an endeavour to address these and other germane issues, an **E.G.M.** will take place within the next 10 days on a date, time and venue to be notified to each house-hold. At this meeting we hope to expand our committee membership and we would appeal for new members to come forward and serve on behalf of Moyglare Village Residents. We would also welcome ideas and suggestions for effecting change and improvements in our community. With this in mind, we hope to see a fantastic turn-out at our meeting and at the social gathering afterwards.

Pat O'Brien, Chairman, Moyglare Village Residents' Association.

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Features

St. Patrick's Day Parade 2004

Since the foot and mouth scare of 2001, when all Parades were called off, it has become more and more difficult to get participants to enter the Parade. Last year we had 21 entries and this year it looked as if we would have even less. On the closing date for entries we had SIX participants, however, following a tremendous effort by Christina Saults and her fellow Community Council workers we managed to get 32 entries on the day. On behalf of the Parade Committee I would like to thank the participants and all who helped with the organising of what was yet again a very successful Parade. We had a beautiful day and the biggest crowd that most of us can ever recall watching the Parade.

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

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Mattie Callaghan and Paul Kelly Transport for providing the reviewing stand.

Elaine Bean, Leo Bean, Melanie Oliver, Matthew Callaghan, Liz Callaghan, Willie Saults and David Moynan for helping with the reviewing stand.

Dominic Nyland for again taking on the task of Master of Ceremonies.

George O'Connor for again providing the crash barriers free of charge.

The Parish Hall Committee for providing chairs for the reviewing stand.

Jim McManus for the power supply for the public address system.

- Our guests on the reviewing stand.
- Bernard Durkan T.D.or our guest speaker.
- All the stewards who yet again performed their tasks very professionally.
- The Parade Committee and the members of the Community Council for their great help.
- The residents of Greenfield Estate for their continued co-operation.
- All of the business people for decorating their shop windows.
- Mary Doyle "Flowers for All Occasions" for providing flowers for the reviewing stand.

- Larine Court for providing plants for the reviewing stand.
- The Gardai for controlling the traffic
- Peter Keegan for doing such an excellent job of cleaning the Main Street before the Parade.

The Parade Prize Winners were:

Best Commercial Float Greco Plant Hire

Best Community Float Maynooth Tidy Towns (The Owen Byrne Memorial Trophy)

> BestBand Narraghamore Pipe Band

Best Marchers Scouting Ireland Maynooth

Best Costumes Tully School of Dancing

Most Topical Thorntons (Recycling)

Best Youth Entrant--UPRISE

The Shop Window Prize Winners were:

- 1. Freds Fashions.
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- 3. Ua Buachalla

John McGinley, Organiser, Maynooth's St. Patricks Day Parade 2004

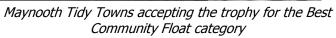


St. Patrick's Day Parade















Tributes

Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee Remembering Kathleen Gilton



Our organisation loses members from time to time, mostly due to retirement, when long serving members feel they have done their fair share and deserve a timely break. Losing Kathleen Gilton was neither fair, nor timely.

Kathleen joined our committee in 1978, stepped out for a while because of commitments and returned again. Even during her absence from the committee she was always available to help when needed. Help was Kathleen's key word. She gave it readily and willingly. Neither protocol nor endless discussion sat well with Kathleen. If something needed doing, she just did it and moved on. She did not have any preference when there was work to be done. Her response to any task was 'I'll do that'.

While all our committee attend weekend functions, we have different teams for weekdays. Kathleen was part of the team that worked at the morning club on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Moyglare Nursing Home on Mondays. This work she carried out with dedication. While transport was available, two wheels were enough for Kathleen.

Monsignor Stenson, during her funeral Mass, asked the congregation to contemplate our last words with Kathleen. I won't ever forget mine. During a jovial exchange with regard to 'the bike', I told Kathleen she was so fit, she would live forever

It is difficult to find the words to describe or explain the events of that terrible day, or the trauma that ensued, when so many lives were changed forever. It will take time to comprehend. Meanwhile, there is a void in our committee, a sadness in our community and a devastation in a family.

We pray that Kathleen is at peace, that her family will find acceptance and consolation in the goodness of her life and that Nuala, her beautiful daughter, will make a full recovery.

Our sincere sympathy to Jim, Mary, Liam, Noreen, Nuala, and Kathleen's extended family.

Go ndeanamh Dia trocaire ar a hanam.

Josephine Moore, Chairperson.

Maynooth remembers Jenny

The people of Maynooth extend their sincere sympathy to the family of Jennifer McQuinn, a final year student at National University of Ireland Maynooth, who was tragically killed at Bond Bridge. Jennifer was a very popular student from Oughterard, Co. Galway.

The College Chaplain, Fr. Martin Loftus and her classmates attended Mass in St. Mary's Chapel in the College. They walked to Bond Bridge and laid bouquets of flowers.

Jennifer will be remembered by the people of Maynooth.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam dílis.



Floral tributes left at the scene of the accident where Jennifer McQuinn lost her life

Maynooth Community Council and the Newsletter staff who like to extend their sympathy to the Gilton and McQuinn families at their sad losses under such tragic circumstances.

Also we would like to wish Nuala Gilton who is presently in St. Jame's Hospital a speedy recovery.

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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre

Question

I am a lone parent on One-Parent Family Payment and I work part-time. I will be going on maternity leave in a few months. Will I be paid Maternity Benefit along with my One-Parent Family Payment?

Answer

Although a change was announced in Budget 2004 removing entitlement to a half-rate payment of Maternity Benefit with One-Parent Family Payment (OPFP), you may still be entitled to receive some Maternity Benefit with your payment.

Maternity Benefit is a payment made by the Department of Social and Family Affairs to employed and self-employed women who satisfy the PRSI contribution conditions. It is paid for a maximum of 18 weeks. The weekly rate is calculated as follows:

Divide your gross income in the Relevant Tax Year by the number of weeks you actually worked in that year. (For 2004 the Relevant Tax Year is 2002.)

70% of this amount is payable-subject to a maximum of €232.40 and a minimum of €151.60 for 2004.

Prior to the change, you would have been entitled to receive a half-rate Maternity Benefit payment alone with your OPFP. Since January 2004 this no longer applies. However, if the Maternity Benefit payment you are entitled to is greater than your OPFP, you can remain on OPFP and receive a top up of the difference between the two payments from the Maternity Benefit Section.

You should apply for Maternity Benefit six weeks before you intend to go on maternity leave. Application forms are available from you local Social Welfare Office or from:

Maternity Benefit Section, Social Welfare Services Office, Government Buildings, Ballinalee Road, Longford

Telephone: LoCall 1890 690 690

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Question

I believe the cost of a passport has increased. What does it cost now?

Answer

A number of changes to the availability and cost of passports have been introduced. From the 1st March: Children under the age of 18 will no longer be issued with a ten-year passport. Children under the age of 3 will get a three-year passport while children aged 3 or over will be issued with a five-year one.

A replacement passport (e.g. where a passport has been damaged) will no longer be issued. You will have to apply for a new one.

People aged 65 and over will be issued with a tenyear passport at a reduced cost of \in 25. Previously, they could have a three-year passport for \in 12 or a ten-year one for €57.

There is an 'urgent' fee of €50 for adults and €25 for children, payable in addition to the appropriate passport fee, where an application is made in person and the passport is required on the same or next day. Proof of travel is required.

The new rates of passport fees are as follows: Standard passport for people aged 18—64 €75 (was €57)

Standard passport for people aged 65 and over €25

Large passport for very frequent travellers €100 (was €69)

Three-year passport for children under age 3 €15

Five-year passport for children aged 3 −17 €25

Counter Urgent Fee €50 (adult) €25 (child)

Emergency Service Administration (out of hours emergency service):

€100 (adult) €50 (child)

The standard and large passports are valid for ten years.

Application forms are available from your local Garda station and from post offices. Also available from your post office is a 'Passport Express' service which guarantees receipt of a passport within ten working days where applications are completed correctly with proper documentation. The additional fee for this service is €6.50 per application.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Question

How do I make a complaint about a programme I saw on television

Answer

Anybody can make a complaint about a programme of advertisement, broadcast on a television or radio broadcasting service licensed within the Republic of Ireland, to the Broadcasting Complaints Commission. That deals with complaints about material broadcast in relation to:

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Complaints must be in writing, preferably on a 'Complaint Form' which is available and is also available on their website at www.bcc.ie. You can email your complaint or send it to:

Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Contd.

Broadcasting Complaints Commission, 2—5 Warrington Place, Dublin 2.

Tel: (01) 676 1097, Fax: (01) 676 0948, E-mail: complaints@bbc.ie

Your complaint must be made within thirty days of the broadcast and must include the following:

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All complaints considered by the BBC are made publicly available including the name of the complaintant.

A copy of the decision of the BBC will be sent to you before it is published. Generally, if the complaint is upheld the broadcaster will be required to broadcast the decision. The BBC has no powers to award costs or expenses.

Question

A friend of mine from South Africa is living in Ireland. Can he vote in any elections here?

Answer

Your friend can vote in local elections, such as the elections in June, and may be able to vote in other elections, depending on his citizenship.

First of all, in order to vote in an election in Ireland you must be registered to vote. A new Electoral Register is compiled each year by each local authority for its area and it is published on 1 November. You can inspect it in the local authority offices, public libraries, post offices and Garda stations.

You have until 25 November to make a correction or to have your name included. However, if you miss the deadline you can apply for inclusion in a Supplement to the Register up to 13 working days before polling day.

To be eligible to be included in the Register you must be at least 18 years of age when the day the Register comes into force on the 15 February. Also, you must have been ordinarily resident in the state on 1 September in the year before it comes into force.

Not everybody in the Register is entitled to vote in every election. The right to vote is as follows:

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Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre at 01-6285477

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ക്കം Mary Cassatt: Impressionist Artist and Printmaker കകക

Born into an affluent Pittsburgh family in Allegheny City in 1844 Mary Stevenson Cassatt was to become the only American (and one of only three women) to exhibit with the Impressionists in Paris. Her family greatly valued education and saw travel as a means to encourage learning. Before she was 10 years hold Cassatt had already seen many of the capitals of Europe. She studied art at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia. Despite the concerns of her parents she chose career over marriage and left the United States in 1865 to travel and study in Europe.

She became a genteel rebel, travelling and living alone, partaking of the bohemian life in Paris while developing a magnificent painter's eye and businesswoman's head. She studied in Paris, Rome, Parma and Seville before settling in Paris in 1874. That year her work was accepted at the Salon (France's annual juried art showcase) and in 1877 she made the acquaintance of Degas with whom she was to be on close terms throughout his life. His art and ideas had considerable influence on her own work. He introduced her to the Impressionists and she participated in the exhibitions of 1879, 1880, 1881 and 1886. Cassatt supported the impressionists movement as a whole both by providing direct financial help and by promoting the works of impressionists in the USA, largely though her brother Alexander and through her friends the Havemeyers to build up their collection of works by Impressionists and other contemporary French artists.

At the outset Cassatt painted modern women subjects such as young women making their debuts at the opera but by the 1880s her imagery had become more domestic and interior but no less modern. Cassatt's women engage in rituals - sewing, reading or tea drinking. Her best known paintings are of mothers and children, which at that time reflected a more progressive attitude concerning childhood, child rearing and the place of the child in society. The kind of painterly freedom, the hall mark of Impressionism was not something that came easily to Cassatt. lightened her palette and often achieved a greater fluency in her brushwork, but she never really felt free to abandon pictorial structure, which she loved in the Spanish masters.

After 1886, Cassatt became interested in the *Peintres-graveurs* (painter-print makers) Movement. The Japanese Print Exhibition that was held in Paris in 1890 sharpened her interest and focus. Her ten delicately coloured drypoints and aquatints represent a landmark in the history of printmaking. They were so technically sophisticated and deceptively complex that Cassatt had the printer's signature placed alongside her own. As a result of the work she was given the commission for the 1893 Fair, Women's Building mural titled "Modern Woman". Unfortunately the 58 foot work was lost after

the closure of the fair. Printmaking became an integral part of her work as an artist, even at times becoming her primary interest, over painting.

After 1886 Cassatt began an association with the art dealer Paul Durand-Ruel, in whose gallery she had her first solo exhibition in 1893. In 1903 an exhibition of her work was held at Durand Ruel in New York. She visited New York again in 1904, and for the last time in 1908. Failing eyesight severely curtailed her work. In 1910 she gave up printmaking and in 1914 she stopped painting. She died in Beaufresne on 14 June 1926.

Further reading

Mary Cassatt: Modern Woman edited by Judith A. Barter. Catalogue from the blockbuster show of 1998. Extensive essays and excellent reproductions

Mary Cassatt: A Life by Nancy Mowll Mathews. Biography, illusted; Mathews is the Cassatt expert, having also edited her letters for publication

Mary Cassatt by Susan E. Meyer. From Abrams's "First Impressions" series, aimed at young adults

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Peter Cassells

The Newsletter office recently received a welcome visit from Mr Peter Cassells, the Labour Party candidate for one of the three European seats in the Leinster constituency. Accompanied on his first ever election canvass by Mr Emmett Stagg, labour TD for North Kildare, he managed to discuss a wide range of issues and concerns raised by members of the staff and officers of the Community Council. Mr Cassells has devoted a large part of his life to public service. His experience as a trade union official culminated in him serving as General Secretary of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions from 1989 to 2001. His commitment to the overall good of the community and the policies required to bring all on board led him to negotiate a series of National Wage Agreements that involved all sectors of the Economy. His concerns that the poor and disadvantaged would not be left behind were to the forefront of his negotiating policy. The successful agreements provided improvements not only for workers but also for the farming community and voluntary groups. His experience as a serving member of the European Trade Union Confederation meant that improvements in the terms and conditions of workers on the European mainland were subsequently framed into the National Wage Agreements. Peter Cassells has a very pragmatic outlook on the future development of the European Union and our relationship with the United States of America. While recognising that we are now firmly within the European family he firmly believes that we must maintain our national Identity. He also believes that our job creation programme, driven mainly by US corporations are a good example of how the social programmes of the European Union and the dynamic capitalism of the United States are seen to be working together in developing a successful economy. He believes that this model has lessons for some of our Continental neighbours. Peter Cassells and his wife, Paula Carey, have campaigned for many years for better facilities for people with disabilities. His wife is currently a member of the National Disability Authority. He believes that he can deliver results for the people of Leinster and is fully committed to improving Irelands position within the European Union. Peter Cassells is also committed to improving job creation, commuting facilities and services for the people of North Kildare



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A Truly Historic Moment Part 2

An enlargement of Europe ratified by Nice Treaty brings 10 new members to the European Union. Today we continue with an introduction of the other four countries.



Hungary

The Magyar Kingdom was established in the late 9th century, and the first king St. Stephan converted the inhabitants to Christianity. From the end of the 14th century the successive kings were fighting to keep out Turkish invaders, but were finally defeated in 1526. For 150 years the biggest part of the country was under Turkish rule, which was then overthrown by the Austrian army and Hungary had to fight for independence against the Austrian Empire. 1867 saw the establishment of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, and after it collapsed, Hungary became independent. Pro-Soviet regime was brought to Hungary after WWII and lasted until 1987 when Gorbachev's perestroika introduced political and economic reforms.

In 1990 the country's government was trying to stimulate privatisation of the economy, a stock exchange opened in Budapest. However, devaluation of the national currency in an effort to boost exports ended up with a collapse of the economy and rising unemployment, which was as high as 7% by the end of 1991.

Formally invited to apply for EEC membership in 1993, Hungary became a member of NATO's partnership for peace programme in 1994 as a prelude to a full membership in NATO.

Latvia

Vikings invaded a territory known as Latvia in 9 AD, and in the 13th century the people resisted a lengthy struggle against Teutonic knights of German origins, but eventually came under their rule in 1230 and the country was converted to Christianity. By 1562 Poland and Lithuania had taken over Latvia, by 1800 it had come under Russian control. The independence movement began to grow and continued until the beginning of the 20th century. Several times the country was under German and Russian control until it was finally reclaimed by the USSR in 1944 and incorporated as the Latvian Republic.

Nationalist dissent grew and influenced by Gorbachev's program of political openness of 1988, Latvian Popular Front launched a campaign for independence. It saw the introduction of the new state and an adoption of Latvian as the official language of a newly emerging state. Plebiscite on independence received 73% support and in 1991 the country broke all the links with Moscow.

The new government introduced a new citizenship law (non-Latvians living in the country have to apply for naturalisation which demands the knowledge of Latvian language and residence of 16 years in the country), continuation of the programme of market-centred economic reforms. A trade and cooperation agreement with the European Union was signed in June 1995 and in October Latvia made an official application for EU membership.

Lithuania

The Lithuanian tribes, Liths, have settled along the territory as early as 1500 BC. To protect themselves from the attacks of Levonian and Teutonic Knights, Lithuanians formed a strong state in 14th century AD and expanded it to the East. Under grand dukes Gedmin and Olgerd Lithuanian territories laid as far as the Black Sea. Later Lithuania joined in an alliance confederation with Poland and under Ladislaus II (king of Poland and Lithuania) Christianity was introduced. In 16th century, however, decline set in and Lithuania passed to Russia.

Anti-Russian uprisings carried on from this period to the 1918 when World War I made revolt possible and a democratic republic was established. During World War II Lithuania was occupied by Germans and after 1944 the Soviet rule was restored.

A dissident movement led by the Roman Catholic Church and intellectuals was rising in 1960-70s. It prepared the ground for the nationalist movement of the 1990s which in turn used perestroika policy of USSR to gain long-wanted independence, backed up by 90%, at a national referendum in Feb 1991.

A Truly Historic Moment contd.

Primarily agricultural before the 1940s, over the last few decades Lithuania has developed a considerable industrial level, manufacturing machinery, electrical goods, electronic components and shipbuilding. Today its main economic and trade partners are neighbouring Latvia, Germany and the Russian Federation

Malta

Occupied in turn by Greek, Roman and Arabic warriors, it was conquered by Norman Roger of Sicily and remained under Sicilian rule until the 16th century. In 1530 Roman Emperor Charles V handed it over to the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem. The Knights fortified the island and managed to hold it until 1798 when it was surrendered to Napoleon. Having asked for British protection, it became a part of the British Empire in 1814. Being a leading naval base, Malta greatly contributed to the WWII and was awarded a George Cross.

The Island became self-governed in 1947 and became a fully independent state within British Commonwealth in 1964. It also entered a military and economic aid treaty with the UK which was later rejected by Prime Minister Mintoff, and Malta became a republic in 1974.

In October 1990 Malta formally applied for European Community membership.

To be concluded...

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Maynooth Parish Pastoral Council

The parish of Maynooth and Ladychapel is in the process of forming a Parish Council, which will allow parishioners to become more involved in decision-making and will help to expand pastoral activity within the parish.

The process began with Open-Parish Pastoral Review Meetings which were held in the Glenroyal Hotel in January and February. These meetings were facilitated by Ellie McKeown, who is the Parish Development Officer for Bishop Field's area which includes Maynooth Deanery. She was assisted by Eilis O'Malley who is a parishioner and Parish Development Officer for Bishop Walsh's area.

The attendance at these meetings was high and is a measure of people's willingness to participate. It indicated the level of community spirit in Maynooth today. The current strengths and future needs of the parish were discussed at some length and this paved the way for a follow-on session which took place on Wednesday 24th March in St. Paul's, Moyglare Road.

A further meeting will take place in March. By April it is hoped that s suitable panel of parishioners will have been selected as a Pastoral Council to steer the parish and share their time and energy in assisting Monsignor Stenson and Fr. Coyle in carrying out their pastoral duties.

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FEED ROSES. By now the roses should have been pruned, and will benefit from a top dressing of rose fertiliser.

Ivy growing on walls should be clipped now, using shears. If the job is left, growth may become excessive and untidy during the Summer.

Sow Sunflowers for your own pleasure or for something to interest children, why not sow a few giant Sunflowers? Many seedsmen offer varieties which will grow to 6-8 ft and will carry enormous flowers. Sow now under glass or outdoors when ground conditions allow. Remember that they make big plants and will need a rich soil.

TOO BIG? House plants such as the Rubber Plants' can outgrow their station. Make new, smaller versions of the rubber plant by aerial layering; and prune back the cheese plant, propagating new plants from sections of stem.

BORDER RENOVATION

The perennials in your herbaceous borders are now probably making good progress producing strong shoots, many of which can be used as cuttings if you want to increase your stock.

The borders should be lightly turned over, digging in any manure spread around the plants last autumn and at the same time removing the weeds. A border not manured in the autumn would benefit by the application now of a dressing of bone-meal or Growmore fertiliser. If your ground needs it ,a dressing of lime could also be given. The improvement these dressings make will very soon be apparent.

As far as cuttings are concerned, we take the ever-popular delphinium as an example. It should be noted that the removal of a reasonable number [2 out of 6, perhaps] from each plant, will not be to the plants detriment. On the contrary, it will probably improve the subsequent display as most of these plants produce more shoots than they can bring to maturity. To take the cuttings, scrape the soil away from the collar of the plant, preferably with the fingers so as not to harm the shoots. Cut off each carefully, as low down as possible. If you can get it off with a few roots attached so much the better. Insert each shoot into a mixture of equal parts peat and sand in a half filled pot of a suitable size. The heel of the cuttings should be about an inch in the mixture.

Place the pots in a cold-frame, and place the light in position. If you do not have a cold-frame, you can achieve similar conditions for your cuttings by inserting them in the same mixture in a box about 4in. deep. Cover the top of the box with a sheet of glass. Water when necessary, regulary.

Within 3 or 4 weeks, these cuttings should have made a good root system in this mixture. As soon as they have, they must be planted out. Good as this mixture is for root formation, it does not contain any nourishment and the new plants will soon suffer from starvation if left in it too long.

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Until the hastening day
has run
But to the even-song;
And, having prayed together, we
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Hanging Basket Flowers will be back in 2004 – Finances Permitting

Maynooth Tidy Towns hope to continue with the floral displays this year, thanks to a breakthrough on watering the flowers. The display is subject to sufficient funds being raised for the project.

Last year, the hanging baskets in Main Street and the Straffan Road areas of Maynooth were a welcome new feature. The flowers were put in place by the Maynooth Special Olympics Host Town Committee. After the Special Olympics, Maynooth Tidy Towns took responsibility for the maintenance and care of the baskets, with the support of some friends, and the Larine Court Garden Centre.

Maynooth Tidy Towns decided that if the flowers are to be put in place this year, they would need a better system for watering them. Thanks to the agreement of Leixlip Town Council and Intel (Ireland) Ltd we have secured the use of the purpose built equipment that is currently used in Leixlip. Maynooth Tidy Towns approached Leixlip for permission to use the machine on the days that it is not in use in Leixlip.

This new arrangement will mean that Maynooth Tidy Towns will contract out the watering. It will be done at least twice a week and possibly more frequently depending on the weather this summer. The entire project will need a substantial amount of funding and we intend to undertake this task as soon as possible. Initially, we will be seeking the support of local businesses as we have not sought any direct support from the business community in recent years. Anybody able to assist us with this project, please contact us.

Maynooth Tidy Towns wins Best Community Float in St. Patrick's Day Parade

Maynooth Tidy Towns was delighted to be this year's winner of the Owen Byrne Trophy for the Best Community Float in St. Patrick's Day Parade. This year we made a special effort with our float and that was recognised by the judges. The team who must take the credit for the effort are Elizabeth Callaghan, Lorraine McHugh, Ashling Kelleher, Mattie Callaghan, Moira Baxter, Sean Cushen, Margaret Callaghan and Caoilfhionn Quinlan- Murphy.

Maynooth is taking part in IBAL

People who read our notes carefully will know that last year we mentioned IBAL. The "Irish Business Against Litter" League is a competition that is run by IBAL and the Department for Environment, Heritage and Local Government. It is managed and judged on

their behalf by An Taisce. The competition has been running for three years and it normally includes one town per County. Newbridge has been in the competition for County Kildare for the past two years. We applied last year and because Maynooth is unique with the presence of two Universities, we are included this year for the first time.

So what does it mean? Well the League concentrates on litter and judging takes place three times a year. The results are published nationally after each judging. The judges select at least ten locations in a town and visit them each time of a judging. There is a scale of marks given and a litter designation is awarded to the town. There is a significant issue around pride as a bad designation could impact on our ability to attract business and tourists to the town. The local authority is primarily responsible for the care of litter management, but if Maynooth is to be successful we will need full community support. Some towns entered previously in the IBAL League have been so successful, they have now been withdrawn. Maynooth Tidy Towns will fully support the town in this competition and if you would like to be involved please contact us.

Paul Croghan Secretary

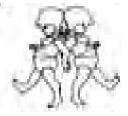


Mattie Callaghan with the Trophy for Best Community Float in the St. Patrick's Day Parade and below the Tidy Towns winning float











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VTOS Leixlip

Students and staff of Leixlip VTOS/PLC with Peter Cassells, Labour Party candidate for the European Parliament, on a recent visit to Leixlip VTOS i8n Scoil Eoin Phoil.



Peter Cassells, Bernard Dempsey, Emmet Stagg T.D. & Bruno Barela



Rosaline Steward, Patricia Moloney & Pauline Kelly



Carolyn Blyth & Peter Cassells

Thursday April 1st marks the 10th year awards celebration of Leixlip VTOS/PLC's Annual Award Ceremony. Held in the Green Lane at 7 p.m. the event will be hosted by the Chief Executive Officer of County Kildare VEC, Mr. Sean Ashe, who will congratulate the students on their achievements.

Over 100 adult learners are expected to receive certificates on the night and these will range from the Leaving Certificate to full Fetac Level II awards in Graphic Design, Business Studies and Design as well as I.A.T.I. accreditation. VTOS Co-ordinator Dolores O'Brien with the help of Éilis Clare, PLC Co-ordinator, and members of the students council will open the event and light refreshments will be served. The evening will conclude with a drama sketch performed by the students themselves.



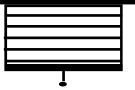
Emmet Stagg T.D., Rita Murray & Rosaline Stewart

Local Art Exhibition **CSCSCSCSCSCS**

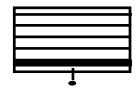
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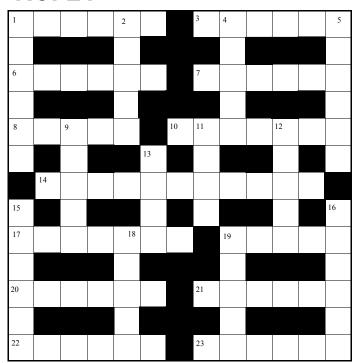




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Crossword

No: 21



Entries before: 15th April 2004

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Across:

- 1. Captured (6)
- 3. Unwrapped (6)
- 6. Political party (6)

Phone:

- 7. Purple-red (6)
- 8. Wrath (5)
- 10. Wider (7)
- 14. Excusable (11)
- 17. Tidal part of a river (7)
- 19. Banish (5)
- 20. Tracey—comedienne/actress (6)
- 21. Surrender (6)
- 22. Insect (anag) (6)
- 23. Saunter (6)

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Down:

- **1.** Part of a jacket (6)
- 2. Rutger—- Dutch actor (5)
- 4 Greek philosopher (5)
- 5. Robert—Raging Bull (2,4)
- 9. Pig nose (5)
- 11 Pour down (4)
- 12 Capital of India (5)
- 13 Jetty (4)
- 15 Give back (6)
- 16. Of teeth (6)
- 18. John 2nd US President (5)
- 19. Explode (5)

Across:

- 1. Squad, 4. Grove, 10. Avert, 11. Unearth,
- 12. Tolerant, 13. Gila, 15. Instep, 17. Arthur,
- 19. Head, 20. Cosmetic. 23. Opacity, 24. Oriel,
- 25. Steak, 26. Getty.

Down:

- 2. Quell, 3. Attorney, 5. Reef, 6. Varnish,
- 7. Captain Hook, 8. Burns, 9. Theatricals,
- 14. Trombone, 16. Sealant, 18. Powys,
- **21**. Twist, **22**. Rita.

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Archbishop Michael Corrigan added the towers on the West Front in 1888 and began work on the Lady Chapel addition. Cardinal Hayes completed an extensive renovation of the interior between 1927 and 1931, when the great organ was installed and the sanctuary was enlarged. The exterior was restored during the episcopate of Cardinal Spellman who saw to the completion of the stained glass windows as well as a new main altar and baldachin. Both interior and exterior were completely restored to their original beauty during the years when Cardinal Cooke was Archbishop.

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Stuffed Courgettes with Walnuts and Sage

Serves 4

4 large courgettes, total weight about 700g (1½ lb) 1 onion skinned and chopped 90 g (3½ oz) butter or margarine 50 g (2 oz) walnut pieces, chopped 50 g (2 oz) fresh white breadcrumbs 10 ml (2 tsp) chopped fresh sage 15 ml (1 tbsp) tomato purée 1 egg, beaten Salt and freshly ground pepper 30 ml (2 tbsp) plain flour 300 ml (½ pint) chicken stock 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped parsley Walnut halves and fresh sage sprigs, to garnish

- 1. Wipe the courgettes. Using a fork, score down skin at 1-cm ($\frac{1}{2}$ -inch) intervals, then halve each one lengthwise.
- Hollow out the centres of the courgettes using a teaspoon. Blanch in boiling water for 4 minutes, drain, then hold under cold tap. Cool for 15—20 minutes.
- 3. Make the stuffing. Fry the onion in 25g(1 oz) butter for 5—10 minutes until golden. Remove from heat and stir in half the walnuts, breadcrumbs, half the sage, and tomato purée, beaten egg and plenty of seasoning. Sandwich the courgettes with stuffing.
- 4. Place in a buttered overproof dish and dot with a little more butter. Cover the courgettes and bake in the oven at 190° (375°F) mark 5 for about 30 minutes.
- 5. Meanwhile, make the sauce. Melt 50g (2 oz) butter in a pan, stir in the flour and cook gently for 1 minute, stirring.
- 6. Remove from the heat and gradually stir in the stock. Bring to the boil and continue to cook, stirring until the sauce thickens. Stir in the parsley, seasoning and remaining sage and walnuts. Remove from heat and cover the sauce.
- 7. To serve, reheat the sauce. Pour some over the courgettes and serve the rest separately. Garnish with walnut halves and sage sprigs.

Cider Pork Sauté

Serves 4

450g (1 lb) green dessert applies
450g (1 lb) floury old potatoes (eg King Edwards)
Salt and freshly ground pepper
50g (2 oz) butter
450g (1 lb) pork escalope
15 ml (1tbsp) vegetable oil
1 small onion, skinned and finely chopped
15 ml (1 tbsp) plain flour
300 ml (½ pint) dry cider

30 ml (2 tbsp) capers Beaten egg, to glaze

- 1. Peel half of the apples. Halve, core and slice thickly. Peel the potatoes, then cut them into small chunks.
- 2. Cook the prepared apples and potatoes together in a saucepan of salted water for 20 minutes or until the potatoes are tender. Drain well.
- 3. Press the apples and potatoes through a sieve into a bowl. Beat in 25 g (1 oz) of the butter, then add salt and pepper to taste.
- 4. Spoon or pipe the mixture down both ends of a 1.4 litre (2½ pint) shallow ovenproof dish.
- Meanwhile, cut the pork escalope into fine strips. Quarter and core the remaining apples (but do not peel them). Slice them thickly into a bowl of cold water.
- 6. Heat the remaining butter and the oil in a large frying pan, add the pork strips, a few at a time and fry until browned. Remove with a slotted spoon.
- 7. Add the onion to the pan and fry for 2-3 minutes. Return all the pork strips and stir in the flour. Cook, stirring, for 1-2 minutes, then blend in the cider and bring to the boil.
- 8. Drain the apple slices and stir into the pork. Simmer gently for 4-5 minutes, or until the pork is tender but the apple still holds its shape. Stir in the capers, with salt and pepper to taste.
- 9. Spoon the mixture into the centre of the dish. Brush the potato with beaten egg. Bake in the oven at 200°C (400°F) mark 6 for 25-30 minutes until golden. Serve hot, straight from the dish.

Menu Suggestion

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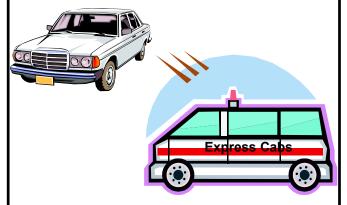
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File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
04/491	Damien Kehir	Kilmacreddock Lower Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	08/03/04	dormer bungalow, garage for domestic use and Septecch 2000 effluent treatment plant	Kilmacreddock Lower Maynooth
04/494	Michael & Patricia O'Reilly	Blackrock Maynooth Road Co. Kildare	Р	08/03/04	a single storey extension containing lounge, bedroom ensuite to side and porch to front	Blackrock Maynooth Road Co. Kildare
04/495	Deirdre Ward	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	08/03/04	1 two storey dwelling house with a communal Puraflo effluent treatment system and associated site works	Barrogstown Maynooth
04/496	Feargal Ward	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	08/03/04	1 two storey dwelling house with a communal Puraflo effluent treatment system and associated site works	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/497	Padraig Ward	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	08/03/04	house with a communal Puraflo effluent treatment system and associated site works	
04/507	Catherine Kiernan	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	09/03/04	construct a four bedroom dormer bungalow and separate double garage including all ancillary works and a mechanical aerated treatment plan with raised percolation area.	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/526	Thomas J & Silvia Byrne	12 Rockfield Grove Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	11/03/04	a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house, single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling house and utility room extended on the ground floor. Permission is also sought to convert existing garage to habitable space etc.	12 Rockfield Grove Railpark Maynooth
04/530	Antoinette Larragy	6 Parklands Way Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	11/03/04	extension above existing converted garage, consisting of 2 (no) bedrooms, ensuite bathroom, with extended kitchen, and sunroom to rear, and new entrance porch to front of property, etc.	6 Parklands Way Maynooth Co. Kildare

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Uprise winners of the Best Youth Entrant category



Some of the Maynooth Town Football Players

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04/328	Patrick & Siobhan Mahon	Newtown Rathcoffey Rd. Maynooth Co. Kildare	R	19/02/04	for the erection of a dormer roof extension (development which is a variation of a grant of planning permission ref 96/251 grant for a single storey development	Newtown Rathcoffey Rd Maynooth
04/332	Dr. W. J. Smyth	NUI Maynooth Maynooth Co. Kildare	R	19/02/04	artificially surfaced all- weather pitch with perimeter fenced enclosure, three grass playing pitches and a length of perimeter palisade fencing along the northern site boundary, together with associated works, etc.	NUI Maynooth Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/333	Dr. W. J. Smyth	NUI Maynooth Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	19/02/04	the construction of a new vehicular roadway, car parking to accommodate 50 cars and the erection of flood lighting to the perimeter of an artificially surfaced all- weather pitch and one grass playing pitch, together with associated works, etc.	NUI Maynooth Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/350	Anmarie Tracey & Padraig McLoughlin	Johninstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	20/02/04	a dormer bungalow with bio-cycle waste water treatment system and garage	Clonagh Straffan Co. Kildare
04/425	John Doolan	Clonfert South Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	01/03/04	construction of a domestic garage and store and all ancillary works	Clonfert South Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/454	A & M Millett	20 Parklands Rise Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	04/03/04	construction of first floor extension over existing single storey garage to side of existing two storey house and associated works	20 Parklands Rise Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/462	Peter Kennedy	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	04/03/04	(1) dormer bungalow, puraflo treatment system and septic tank and (2) retention of temporary accommodation subject to completion of dormer bungalow, puraflo treatment system and septic tank	Clonfert South Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/483	Ciaran Gallagher	4 Rockfield Close Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	08/03/04	one and half storey dwelling house with integrated garage, poultry house, glasshouse and biocrete waste water treatment system	Railpark Maynooth

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Tully School of Dancing winners of the Best Costumes category





Thortons Recycling winners of the Most Topical Float category







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File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
04/537	Glenkerrin Properties Ltd	Glenroyal Centre Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	12/03/04	second floor extension over existing 2 storey conference centre and bedroom wing containing 20 bedrooms and ancillary accommodation the the rear of the existing hotel and leisure centre	Glenroyal Hotel Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/576	Blathnaid Ward	Barrogestown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	18/03/04	1 no. two storey dwelling house with a communal "Puraflo" effluent treatment system and associated site works	Barrogestown Maynooth
04/593	Joe Buckley	Main Street Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	19/03/04	to demolish the existing structure and replace with the construction of a two storey two bedroom dwelling incorporating new mains services connections	Buckley Lane (Double Lane) Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/594	Bernard Bonfill	2 Glenarriff Navan Road Dublin 7	P	19/03/04	the demolition of existing dwelling house, construction of 6 two bedroom apartments, parking area and associated site works, also to upgrade existing connection to public services and existing site entrance	Leinster Park Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/610	Patrick Williams	151 Kingsbry Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	22/03/04	changes to existing front elevation with new front porch and a 2 storey side and rear extension to existing house incorporating a "Granny Flat" on the ground floor and also a single storey extension to the rear, all including velux windows	151 Kingsbry Maynooth
04/611	James & Florence O'Donnell	8 Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	22/03/04	changes to existing front elevation for a dormer style extension to side of existing house with velux windows to the rear	8 Railpark Maynooth

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St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band



C Company of the 7th Infantry Battalion reserve Defence Forces lead by 2nd Lt. Elaine Phelan from Kilcock

Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
04/614	Monsignor Stenson	Parish House Maynooth Town Co. Kildare	P	23/03/04	the partial demolition of a wall and the construction of a new garage space and dividing wall within the existing side yard to the property. Also the construction of a new secondary entrance driveway to allow access to the garage etc.	Parish House Maynooth
04/488	Emmet Savage	32 Charter House Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	08/03/04	a dormer bungalow, garage for domestic use and Septech 2000 effluent treatment system	Cormmickstown Maynooth
04/537	Conor O'Doherty	14 Parklands Place Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	12/03/04	a ground floor extension to rear, a first floor extension to the side of existing house and a new entrance porch	14 Parklands Place Maynooth Co. Kildare



Sport

Maynooth Town Football Club

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Presentation Photo: Declan Kennedy (Proprietor Brady's, Maynooth) presents managers' jackets and tee-shirts to Alan Cahill (Maynooth Town F.C.). This generous sponsorship by Brady's will enable all 16 team managers to wear the Maynooth colours when representing the club.

L to R Mick Casey (Director Kildare Football Club), Gerry Folan, John Doogan, Alan Cahill (all Maynooth Town F.C.) & Declan Mc Evoy (Leixlip) pictured at the draw.

Kildare County F.C.'s popular 'Every Ones A Winner' Draw took place in Brady's Lounge, Maynooth recently. The draw allow local clubs to gain much needed funds, while assisting to finance the Eircom League side. Two winners on the night brought a total of seven winners from tickets sold by Maynooth Town. Following the success of this venture the clubs hope to develop the partnership with Kildare County F.C. Our thanks to Declan, Tony and the staff of Brady's for their support on the night. The full results from all four draws to date can be found on the Kildare County F.C. Website www.kildarecountyfc.com

Maynooth Town F.C. ticket winners from the first four draws:

November 2003: Jim Smyth - (4th) Digital Camcorder.

December 2003: Michael Barber - (26th) €100

January 2004: Sean Tracey - (6th) Home Cinema DVD. Lorraine Plunkett (11th) €150. Paul Lanigan (18th) €150.

February 2004: Rose Mc Cole - (4th) 2 Nights in Rome. Natalie Kelly - (30th) €100.

Good luck to all Maynooth ticket holders in the final draw at the end of March. Thank you for your support.

On the team front Maynooth's Under 17 team, managed by Joe Walsh, continued their unbeaten league run with a 1-2 win away to fellow championship contenders Ayrfield United. Maynooth's goal scoring machine David Canny was on target again to bring his season's tally to 19 goals in 10 games. In what was always going to be a tight game between two good footballing sides, Maynooth were unlucky to concede a penalty mid-way through the first half. Shaun Doogan was adjudged to have handled the ball in the box when trying to control with his chest. The writing could have been on the wall at this early stage for the visitors, but,in form keeper Robert Leonard pulled off a marvellous save to keep the game scoreless. The Town found themselves a goal down at the break following a cruel defensive deflection when the out-stretched leg of classy defender Adam Gunne diverted a pacy cross into his own net. Ayrfield edged the central mid-field battle, but man of the match Stephen Kane was supreme on the right side, to give his forwards plenty of support. The Town took the fight to Ayrfield in the second period and came away with the three points, as Karl Mahon added a second for the visitors. Maynooth could have had a third late on, when Canny showed his blistering pace to slip the defenders and get one on one with the keepe, only to see his lob slip inches over the bar. With both teams showing good form, this could be a crucial result, come the end of the season. The overall winner though was schoolboy football, as despite the massive importance of the game the referee had little to do throughout, and there were hand-shakes all round after the final whistle. Maynooth: Robert Leonard, Gavin O' Connor, Adam Gunne, Luke Daly, Niall Corcoran, Declan Bambrick, Niall Doogan, Shaun Doogan, Stephen Kane, Karl Mahon, David Canny, David O' Hare,

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Sport

Maynooth Town F. C. (Cont.)

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On the development front the first phase development of the Rathcoffey Rd pitches are completed with some minor snags to be finalised. The installation of safety netting by the motorway boundary has now opened up that area; and three full size playing pitches are now available. With the spring upon us the growth will strengthen the grass and a maintenance program will be in place shortly. The start of next season will see all teams move to the new facility to play their home matches. The Dublin Road pitch will continue to be maintained to allow for back-up playing facilities.

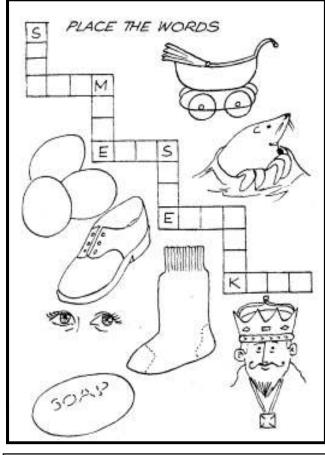
The second phase of development is now at the planning stage and the club have engaged architects to draw up plans for storage area, dressing rooms, showers, toilets and a community room for meetings etc. This phase of the development will be highly dependent on the availability funding and will be subject to the normal planning process. The club would ask that due consideration be shown and people refrain from golf pratice on the grounds which cuts up the surface and needs to be repaired afterwards. Allowing dogs to foul the area is not only unconsiderate but dangerous for the youngsters playing on the surface. Any group wishing to use the facility can contact any member of the committee or e-mail us at the address above. This is a community facility and we will do our best to support any requests we receive.

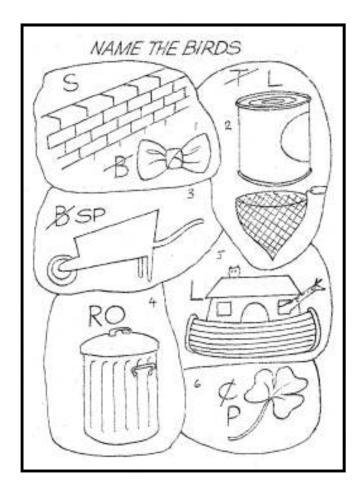
The St. Patrick's Day Parade seen another good turnout from the club's younger teams. The fine weather was a great bonus. Our thanks to the organiser for all their hard work and a thanks also to all the managers, parents and youngersters for turning out on the day.



Children's Corner







Congratulations

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Winner of Last Month's Colouring Competition



Cllr. John McGinley

Maynooth Labour News

Cllr. John McGinley is very satisfied as Council agrees on funding for Recreation & Amenity Facilities

Kildare County Council voted by 13 to 8 in favour of the new Development Contributions Scheme for the county at its meeting on 23 February.

This means that for the first time ever significant funding is available for recreation, amenity & community facilities such as children's playgrounds, community centres and swimming pool complexes. The funding collected through the Development Contributions Scheme for such social infrastructure can only be spent in the Electoral Area where it was levied i.e. Development Contributions on new buildings in the Leixlip Electoral Area must be spent in either Maynooth or Leixlip.

Whereas, development levies have been in place for many years, therefore they went into a central fund and were used for civil infrastructure only i.e. nothing went towards social infrastructure. Under the new scheme €9m will be available annually for recreation, amenity and community facilities and €16m will go towards roads.

Cllr. John McGinley is particularly pleased as he got agreement to all of the changes to the Draft Scheme that he wanted.

The Officials put forward a proposal of €14,000 levy on all new residential buildings, while Cllr. McGinley favoured a sliding scale with levies being determined by the size of the new dwelling. The outcome on a 13 to 8 vote was as follows:

Contribution (Levy)
€11,000
€12,000
€14,000
€18,000

Cllr. McGinley proposed that social and affordable houses and subsidised sites be excluded from paying a contribution and this was agreed despite strong resistance from Council Officials. Council Officials then stated that there was no way of knowing whether or not the developer passed on the reduced price to those buying affordable houses. In order to overcome this problem Cllr. McGinley proposed the following and its implementation is being considered by Council Officials:

"That the following policy be adopted to ensure that the removal of Development Contributions from affordable houses benefits the purchaser:

That Development Contributions be levied on the builder and that they then be refunded by the Council to the purchaser."

The Community Centre at Carton and second Children's Playground for Maynooth be included in the scheme. These were omitted from the Draft Scheme and their inclusion now means that funding will be available for them this year as a result of the major building programme being undertaken in Maynooth. Contributions for Social Infrastructure are set at €3,500 per residential dwelling and at €5 per Sq. m. for commercial buildings.

Cllr. McGinley proposed "That Recreation, Amenity and Community Contributions be ringfenced for use within the electoral area where they are levied." This was agreed despite strong opposition form the Manager and it means that all contributions raised in Maynooth and Leixlip for Social Infrastructure can only be used in the two towns.

That the north Kildare Swimming Pool Complex be funded by 100% Council Contribution instead of the 50% proposed. This was agreed and Cllr. McGinley is particularly pleased as it means that the 20 year wait for a Government Grant will not be necessary. McGinley has put forward the following Motions:

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To the Leixlip Area Committee:

"That a site be allocated on the west side of the Harbour Field for a Children's Playground as part of the Action Area Plan for the Harbour Area, Maynooth and that 100% funding be allocated from the Recreation, Amenity & Community element of the Development Contributions Scheme in order to construct the playground within the next 12 months."

To Kildare County Council:

"That 100% funding be allocated from the Recreation Development. Contributions were set at €75 per sq. metre on commercial buildings.

Childrens' Playgrounds:

In order to ensure early positive action from the Council Management and to kick start the construction of children's playgrounds countywide Cllr. John tion, Amenity & Community element of the Development Contributions Scheme in order to construct Children's Playgrounds in the following towns within the next 12 months:

Maynooth, Leixlip, Celbridge, Kilcock, Clane and Kildare town.

Bond Bridge/ Meadowbrook

The County Manager in his reply to Cllr. McGinley's motion on the funding for Bond Bridge stated that a full report would be going to the Council Meeting on 29 March for approval of the Councillors.

Disappointingly, work on the Meadowbrook Link Road has still not begun despite assurances that it would begin before the end of February. Planning Permission was granted on 24 February for 248 houses, on Dunnes land opposite the ESSO station and it is a condition of planning that the developer construct the entire Meadowbrook Link Road. Cllr. McGinley will be raising the issue of commencement/completion of the project and control of construction traffic at the Leixlip Area Meeting on 19 March.

Kavanaghs Mill Development

By now residents will be well aware at the sheer pace of work on the old Mill site. The Council granted a Hoarding Licence on 13 February for a 12 month period. The Licence will be renewed on a two monthly basis to access if the Traffic Management Plan is working.

Cllr. McGinley contacted the Council and the Contractors when he became aware on 12 March that the Kilcock Road was very muddy and dangerous due to the trucks from the development not getting their

wheels washed. Cllr. McGinley got assurances that this would be rectified immediately.

"Shared Public Services Centre" at the Council Yard in Maynooth:

Cllr. John McGinley has been in discussions with Council Officials for the past 3 to 4 months on the desirability of having a Shared Public Services Centre located at the Council yard at the Harbour. The following partners have been identified:

Courts Service
Garda District HQ
FAS
Maynooth Library
Kildare County Council -----Area Offices
Other-----Retail & Office Accommodation
200 space car park

The thinking behind it is that the Council would sell the land to a private sector contractor, who would in turn construct the €25m development and lease it to the identified bodies.

The next step will be to discuss the proposal further in the Action Area Plan for this location and this is scheduled to take place at the end of March. Cllr. McGinley, while welcoming the proposal in principle, has expressed his concerns on vehicle entry/exit to this location. The consultants talked about a new road exiting at Parson Street, which would mean knocking down some of the existing historical houses on the row. Another option proposed is to build a new road along the very bottom of the Harbour Field to exit at the Glenroyal Complex junction on the Straffan Road.

Cllr. John McGinley would like your views and comments (6285293h; 7026536w)

Finishing off The Courthouse Square, Maynooth

As we reported last month Cllr. John McGinley asked Kildare County Council to plant creepers for the pergola in order to bring greenery and flowers to the Courthouse Square. Following a meeting between Paul Dowling, Larine Garden Centre, Niall Rafferty, Kildare County Council and Cllr. John McGinley the plants were selected and the Council are manufacturing a protective structure to prevent vandalism. Larine Garden Centre have kindly undertaken to water the plants whenever it is needed.

Taking Housing Estates in Charge:

Kildare County Council's performance in taking estates in charge has been abysmal. Indeed for a two

year period they did not have any staff working on development control, in one of the fastest growing counties in the country. Cllr John McGinley and other Councillors have been pressing them to address this most serious issue before it gets completely out of control. There are 15 abandoned estates in the county and 133 estates which are listed as unfinished. Of the 67 estates currently being pursued in order to complete the taking-in-charge process 48 developers have not responded to requests for remedial works or As Constructed Drawings.

Councillors were given a report on the status of estates not yet in charge at the Council meeting on 23 February and only a very limited discussion was possible. Cllr. McGinley asked what would happen to abandoned estates and the manager stated that responsibility would rest with the Council.

The report will be discussed in detail at the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council on 19 March.

Residents can be assured that Cllr. McGinley will do everything possible to bring this long standing problem to a satisfactory conclusion.

Problems with the Sewage System in Castle Dawson, Maynooth

Following the failure of the Council to take action on the inadequate sewage system servicing the housing estate, because it has not been taken in charge, Cllr. John McGinley has asked that the matter be referred to the Environmental Health Section of the Council for investigation.

More Litter Bins Needed

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

"That litter bins be installed at the bus stops at Railpark and at Old Greenfield on the Straffan Road, Maynooth.

Litter on the M4 Motorway

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of Kildare County Council:

"That the litter along the sides of the M4 be removed and that such cleaning takes place on a regular basis in future."

White Line on the Road between Barretts and the

Straffan Court Hotel

Cllr. McGinley asked the Council to re-paint the central white line on the road from Barretts roundabout to the Straffan Court Hotel in the interests of safety.

Safety during the Construction of the Meadowbrook Link Road

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to put appropriate safety measures in place prior to the commencement of the construction of the Meadowbrook Link Road. These measures must ensure that construction traffic are prohibited from using the Beaufield or Meadowbrook Roads as these are residential areas with many small children. He has advised that similar measures to those adopted for Kavanaghs Mill would be appropriate i.e construction traffic should be directed onto the Straffan Road and then turn right away from the built up areas.

Maynooth Parking Bye Laws

Cllr. McGinley has asked the Council when the long overdue review of the Maynooth Parking Bye Laws will take place.

Footbridge over the canal at Maynooth Station

Cllr. John McGinley got the following reply from John J. Lynch, Chairman, CIE on 5 March:

" Thank you for your letter dated 23rd January concerning the footbridge over the canal at Maynooth Station.

The background to this matter is as follows. The original footbridge over the canal was in the ownership of the Office of Public Works. In March '97 concern was raised with regard to the structural adequacy of the bridge and a structural assessment was carried out by Iarnrod Eireann's Rail's Structural Engineer. The outcome of the assessment was that the structure was declared to be unsafe, was closed to public use by Iarnrod Eireann in October '97 and was demolished by Iarnrod Eireann the following year.

At the time Iarnrod Eireann did not have the necessary funding to replace the footbridge but put in place a temporary de-mountable structure. This temporary structure was erected in November '99 and has remained in use since.

The bridge was inspected last November and it was found to be in sound condition with the exception of two stair threads on the northern side, which were noted for replacement in the short term. The threads were replaced on 17th February last.

There is no immediate proposal to replace the foot-bridge within the next year."

Needless to say Cllr. McGinley will continue to seek a new bridge for this busy location.

Cllr. John McGinley has appealed the decision of Kildare County Council to grant permission for 526 dwellings at Moyglare Road, Maynooth, to An Bord Pleanala.

Cllr. McGinley's main point is that the planning permission does not comply with the Maynooth Development Plan as the Northern Relief Road in Maynooth will not be completed prior to the commencement of the development.

The lands here were rezoned on the basis of the completion in full of this relief road and the Council Planners know this. The completion in full of the relief road will allow traffic from the development to access the M4 via the Dunboyne Road, Blacklion Road and Leixlip Road to the new Interchange at Intel.

The decision by the Council means that upwards of an additional 1,000 cars will now have to use the Moyglare Road, where there are two schools with 1,260 pupils, to get to the M4. These additional cars then have to navigate through the heavily congested Town Centre to get to the M4.

The Councils Planners sought Further Information (F.I.) from the developer on 17 April 2003. One of the questions they asked was:

"Indicate how the relief road will tie in with the existing road in Co. Meath"

The developer did not answer this crucial question. Incredibly, the Council then proceeded to grant permission for the 526 dwellings without the completion of this essential relief road. It is clear from the F.I. requested that in April the Council Planners were acting in compliance with the Maynooth Development Plan 2002 requirements but when the final decision was made they ignored these objectives for some unknown reason.

The Councils Planners decision is contrary to the proper planning and development of the area and hopefully An Bord Pleanala will pay more attention to the Maynooth Development Plan that Kildare County Council did.

Major Problems at the Recycling Centre in the Council Car park beside Super Value:

As a result of the major dumping at this recycling centre Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Environment Section of the Council to get the clothes bank taken away in order remove the cause of the main dumping. The Council have agreed and anyone wishing to recycle clothes can in future go to the St. Vincent de Paul shop, Fred's Fashions at the Greenfield Shopping Centre. Cllr. McGinley has also the Council to install a CCTV so that the offenders can be identified and fined.

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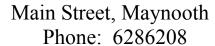
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Ants enter houses in search of food, warmth and shelter. When they find food, they establish a trail that leads back to their nest outside. Follow the trail to the point of entry into the house and block it off with mastic sealer.

Destroy and wipe up every ant you find. Or mix some boric-acid powder (which is lethal to ants) with icing sugar and leave it on their trails. They will eat this and take it back to their nests, where the poison will be spread.

You could also use a proprietary ant killer. There is a jelly bait which the workers take back to the nest; an insecticidal lacquer for wall and floor junctions, and puffer pack of powder for blowing into nest entrances and into any cracks, crevices and wall cavities where ants are seen.

Candles

To make a candle burn longer and drip less, give it a light coat of clear varnish.

Melting some wax into the holder and quickly jamming the candle onto it is the usual way to get a candle to fit snugly. A cleaner method is to wrap the base of the candle with string or strips of paper towel, making sure they can't be seen.

To remove melted wax from candle holders easily, place the holders in the freezer for an hour or two, and then chip the frozen wax off.

Chimneys

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

Clean your wood-burning stove chimney at least twice a year. Whatever the type of fireplace, a build-up of materials (chiefly creosote) can pose a real danger of a chimney fire. Many hardware shops sell chimney brushes; be sure to get the right size for your flue. If you feel you cannot clean the chimney yourself, hire a professional chimney sweep.

Fluff

Since clothes fluff easily catches onto other clothes, remove it before you put a garment in the cupboard. If you don't have a clothes brush, use a strip of masking or sticky tape wrapped around your hand, adhesive side out, or a damp sponge.

You'll find that fluff is much easier to remove with a damp clothes brush than with a dry one.

To remove fluff from velvet, a sponge powder puff works well; on wool use a dry synthetic sponge.

Litter for Cats

Instead of commercial cat litter, you can use sand, wood shavings or peat. Don't use the peat for longhaired cats, however; it sticks to their coats.

To deodorise any type of litter, mix 1 part bicarbonate of soda into 3 parts litter; cover the bottom of the cat tray with a layer of bicarbonate of soda.

Use cut-up plastic bin liners as litter box liners.

Better still, make a 'pillowcase' for your cat tray: slip the whole box into a heavy duty rubbish bag (or two thin ones—claws can punch tiny holes) and pour the litter on to the surface of the bag. When it's time to dispose of the contents, simply turn the bag inside out over the litter and lift it out of the tray.

If there's a whitish film on the inside of your vase, fill it with vinegar or a weak solution of chlorine bleach and water.

To remove water rings, rub them with salt. If the vase is narrow and you can't reach them, fill with a strong salt water solution and shake until clean.

Coat the inside of a leaky vase with hot wax and leave it to harden. Or, if the vase is opaque, put a glass inside it to hold the water.

Many household items make pretty vases. Teapots, carafes, copper kettles and pitchers are especially attractive. Put single stems in a wineglass or goblet. Let wild flowers or daisies spill out of a basket (first put them in a small waterproof container that won't show). For dinner parties, put a tiny bunch of violets or lilies of the valley in a small bottle at each place settina.

If your vase has a wide mouth and the flowers need support for a neat arrangement, crisscross the opening with transparent tape—it will hold your arrangement in place.



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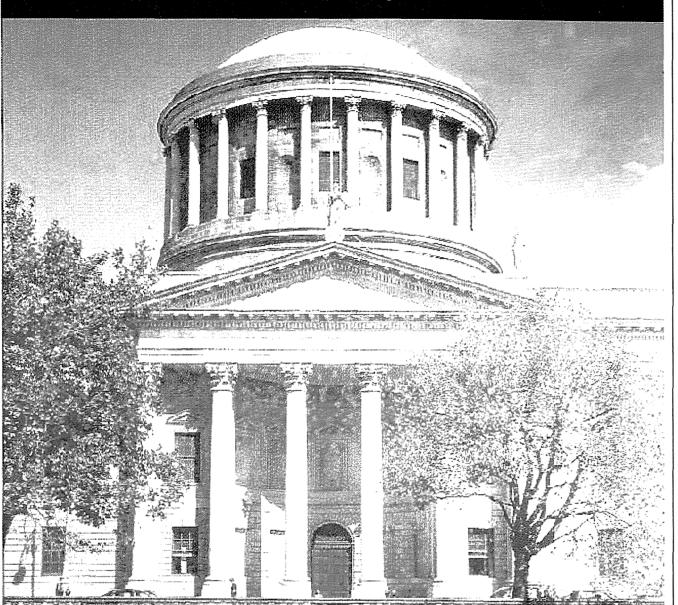
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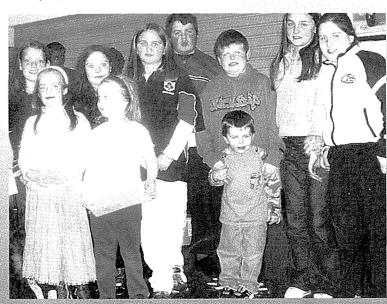
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Castle Keep Art Exhibition



Members of the Castle Keep Art Group L-R Deaglan O'Ceallaigh, Emma Boyce, Regina Richardson, Sharon Dunne, Susan Durack, Trees OOmkens-Govers, Maureen Redmond, Caoilfhionn Quinlan-Murphy, Rita Teevan, Natalie Kelly, Sandra Byron, Elizabeth O'Hare and Martin Loftus not in photo



Young visitors to the exhibition on opening night



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Editorial

Three events in the next two months will have a significant impact at local, national and international level. Boys and girls from the local primary schools will celebrate their First Holy Communion. This is a great day for children and parents alike. We wish everyone the best on their big day. Watch the next Newsletter for the best pictures of First Holy Communion 2004 in Maynooth!

On the first of May ten new countries will join the E.U. This is the single biggest expansion of the Union and is truly a milestone in history. The Newsletter has been marking this momentous event, with a series of articles over the past three months providing a potted history of each accession country.

The 11th June will hopefully see the community out in force to vote for their choice of local councillors. It has been five years since the last local elections and in the intervening time, local councillors, Senan Griffin and John McGinley, have served the community with great energy and dedication. The population of Maynooth has changed in that time, and continues to change, with many new young people now eligible to vote, so it is important for all to ensure that they are registered to cast their vote.

Finally, the Editorial Board of the Newsletter has recently been reduced in size, due to some of the members having other commitments. We urgently require new people to come on to the Board, so if you are interested in this aspect of working with the Newsletter, or if you feel you would like to contribute in any other way, please contact the office at 6285922.

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Community Council A.G.M. News

The AGM of Maynooth Community Council took place on the 19th April in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Chairperson, Hugh Gallagher requested a minute silence in memory of student, Jennifer McQuinn, who was tragically killed in Maynooth last month. Hugh extended sympathy to Jennifer's family and friends.

Playground Harbour Field

The question of a chidrens playground in Maynooth was raised. It was stated by Cllr. John McGinley that a playground will be put in the Harbour Field. He also said that funding was in place for this project as well as other playgrounds throughout the county. He also said this is in the Action Area Plan for Maynooth Harbour Field. John also said he attended a meeting "Children at Play Policy" along with playground action groups countrywide, including Maynooth.

Cllr. Senan Griffin stated that he was not informed about this meeting.

Chairperson's Report

Hugh Gallagher welcomed all to the meeting. He thanked all the staff in the Community Council office. He also thanked all the councillors and the executive for their support during the year. Hugh then highlighted the work done by Maynooth Community council. He said submission had been made on the Action Area Plan for the Harbour Field. He thanked all involved in raising funds, Flag Day, Festival, St. Patrick's Day Parade. He said a huge amount of work goes into these events and thanked all. Hugh then noted all the development that is taking place in Maynooth. He said all development should be of a high standard and also that if any person has any concerns please contact Maynooth Community Council. Hugh again thanked all the staff in the office and all who helped during the year.

Secretary's Report

Muireann Ni Bhrolchain stated that meetings had been held every month. She remembered with sadness Ann Marie McGee, Sandy Nolan, and Kathleen Gilton. She outlined the issues that had taken place during the year. Bond Bridge Action Group, Moyglare Action Group and no Christmas lights issue. She also noted the wonderful feeling in the town during the Special Olympics. She noted the new developments, Tesco, Aldi and the development at Kavanaghs Mill. Muireann also noted our input into the Action Area Plans (1) and (2). We will also be reviving the Lord Mayor Campaign and we will be looking at ways of which to run it. Muireann thanked all involved with sub-committees and affiliates. She noted the hard work done in the office and thank supervisor, Christina Saults. She noted that the Newsletter is doing very well but at present we have no editor. She also stated that one need not be a

member of Maynooth Community Council to be on the Editorial Board. She noted the work done by the other committees, Festival, Tidy Towns, Community Games, MCCP, also the new group "Fair Trade Town." Muireann thanked all involved.

Treasurer's Report

Willie Saults gave a very detailed report. He said the figures speak for themselves. Willie said he would like to see a time when Maynooth Community Council would have funds enough to support events like the St. Patrick's Day Parade and give something back. He thank all involved in fundraising, also the Festival and the Flag Weekend.

Election of Officers

Chairperson Hugh Gallagher Vice Chairperson Tom McMullon

Secretary Muireann Ni Bhrolchain

Treasurer Willie Saults
P.R.O. Marie Gleeson
P.D.O. Paul Croghan

Lord Mayor Campaign

Chairperson, Hugh Gallagher said he wanted a working group to put together guidelines for this project. This was considered to be a short term committee to come up with a plan for the Lord Mayor Campaign. A committee was then formed. Tony Bean, Andrew McMullon, Cyril McAree, Willie Saults and Paul Groghan.

Bond Bridge

It was suggested that there are mixed messages coming from Kildare County Council on Bond Bridge. Cllr. John McGinley said that at a meeting Cllr. Paul Kelly proposed and he seconded that funding be brought forward to facilitate the building of the new bridge, this is the official position at the moment. Des Matthews raised the issue that safety measures should be put in place in Beaufield, also that when the bridge is in place that the Beaufield end should be a cul de sac. He is also worried that this may not happen. It was agreed to write to Kildare County Council.

O'Neill Park

Mary Clougher said that with the plans to put petrol pumps at Tesco's the road will have to be improved for residents of O'Neill Park. It was stated that it is a condition of planning to improve this area. A roundabout will be put in place at the boreen before the petrol pumps open.

Carton Court

Cyril McAree stated that dumping is taking place in the field behind Carton Court and that he is concerned about this. Cyril wants Maynooth Community Council to look at any unapproved developments.

Community Council A.G.M. News Cont'd.

Carton Avenue

Tony Bean stated that he would be very worried about amenity land at Carton Avenue. It was stated that the land has yet to be handed over by Kildare County Council. Cllr. John McGinley said that this process is in place. The land has to be developed and maintained for five years by the developer. John also said regarding the Action Area Plan for the Wonderful Barn that the land has yet to be taken over by Kildare County Council. If this does not happen the plan won't be approved.

Leinster Park Residents

Tom McMullon raised the concerns of some residents regarding further development in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Maynooth Community Council

Tony Bean said that there are many groups not represented on Maynooth Community Council. It was suggested that the Newsletter promote a local business every month. Cllr. Senan Griffin also suggested that we should highlight a shop front and promote this business. A strong plea was made to residents Associations to get involved in Maynooth Community Council. We need people to bring things to the notice of Maynooth Community Council.

Maynooth Action Stragety

Peter O'Connell said that out of the 3,000 questionnaires that were sent to households, 600 were returned. He said this was a big response. The results of the survey will be ready soon and we should then be more aware of what people needs are in Maynooth.

Tidy Towns

Sean Cushen stated that they are doing work at the Geraldine Hall, that they had not got the go ahead from Kildare County Council. He also stated that they have now being told that they need to have insurance cover here and they need to meet this expense. Sean also said that they will be planting creepers in the Square. He also said that the new site that they have taken on is going ahead on the Kilcock Road but it won't now be a picnic area.

Nest meeting 10th May in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Marie Gleeson , P.R.O. P.R.O.

Maynooth Tidy Towns

Maynooth Tidy Towns Secretary looking at this machine for removing chewing gum being demonstrated in Maynooth. The machine dissolves the gum without damaging the footpath.

Paul Croghan Maynooth Tidy Towns





Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
04/646	`Michael Acton	Newtownlaragh Maynooth Co. Kildare	R	25/03/04	Conversion of dormer to existing bungalow, retention of domestic garage, retention of existing bungalow as constructed and associated site works	Newtownlaragh Maynooth
04/648	A & M Millett	20 Parklands Rise Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	25/03/04	Construction of first floor extension over existing single storey garage to side of existing two storey house, and associated site works	20 Parklands Rise Maynooth Co. Kildare.
04/652	Siobhan Cryan	37 College Green Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	26/03/04	Changes to existing front elevation with new front porch and a two storey side and rear extension to existing house with Velux windows	37 College Green Maynooth
04/658	Conor O'Doherty	14 Parklands Place Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	26/03/04	A ground floor extension to the rear, a first floor extension to the side of existing house and a new entrance porch	14 Parklands Place Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/693	National University of Ireland	c/o Dr. W. J. Smyth NUI Maynooth Maynooth Co. Kildare	R	01/04/04	Construction of one artificially surfaced all weather playing pitch with perimeter fenced enclosure, three grass playing pitches and a length of palisade fencing to the northern boundary of the side. Permission for a new vehicular etc.	Maynooth Campus Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/698	Pat Kelly	4 Parklands Square Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	02/04/04	(a) first floor extension to the side of existing dwelling (b) single storey porch to the front of existing dwelling and © widen existing entrance from 3.05 metres wide to 4.4 metres wide to the front of existing dwelling	4 Parklands Square Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/717	Intel Ireland Ltd	Collinstown Industrial Park Collinstown Leixlip Co. Kildare	P	02/04/04	An additional new stack (approx. 11 metres high over roof level) and associated equipment to the rear of the previously permitted FAB 24 Extension (Ref. 00/392), etc	Collinstown, Leixlip, kBlakestown & Kellystown Leixlip

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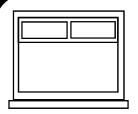
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04/747	Paul Maycock	Nephin House Baltracey Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	06/04/04	Modify Condition 15 (b) of previous permission reg. ref no. 03/1027 to incorporate "natural stone finish" and "dry dashing finish" at locations shown on submitted house plans and elevations	Baltracey Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/767	S. Porter Siteworks Ltd	Oakley Park Kells Co. Meath	P	07/04/04	The demolition of dwelling house, domestic outhouses and industrial warehouse/workshop buildings. The carrying out of site development works/services, site access at Mill Street, outfall foul and surface water drains etc	Mill Street Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/783	Eamon Travers	Johnstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	08/04/04	Construction of a one and half storey house, detached garage, Bison treatment system and ancillary site works	Clonaugh Lane Johnstown Maynooth
04/789	Justin & Grainne Dunne	Dowdstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	08/04/04	a 2 storey dwelling house and domestic double garage, new waste water treatment plant, site development works, landscaping, entrance gates and piers	Crinstown Maynooth
04/793	Martin & Claire Wright	3 Rockfield Rise Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	08/04/04	A first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion with kitchen extended below and a single storey extension to rear of dwelling house	3 Rockfield Rise Railpark Maynooth
04/839	Joe Buckley	Main Street Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	15/04/04	Demolition of existing commercial structure and replace with the construction of a two storey two bedroom residential dwelling incorporation new mains services connections	Buckley's Lane (Double Lane) Maynooth
04/844	Maeve & Laurence Ffrench	4 Parklands Court Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	16/04/04	Extension to existing ground floor kitchen, a first floor extension over existing single storey family room and utility, to provide a bedroom and extended bathroom at first floor level and conversion of existing attic to study room, etc.	4 Parklands Court Maynooth Co. Kildare

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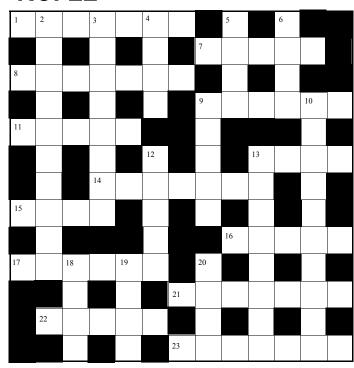
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04/845	Stephen Nevin	524 Newtown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	16/04/04	A 4 bedroom single storey dwelling and a puraflo waste water treatment system and associated works	Barrogstown Maynooth
04/859	Bernard Bonfill	2 Glenarriff Navan Road Dublin 7	P	16/04/04	Demolition of existing dwelling house, construction of two storey 6 no. two bedroom apartments, parking area and associated site works, also to upgrade existing connection to public services, existing site entrance and renovate existing shed	Leinster Park Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/860	Carol Moran	Barrogstown East Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	19/04/04	A dormer type dwelling house, garage, septic tank with Klargester effluent treatment system, roadside entrance and all associated site works	Barrogstown East Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/862	Frances Carrigan	9 Parklands Rise Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	19/04/04	Two storey extension over existing garage comprising of bedroom. Ground Floor extension to playroom and storm porch with ramped access to front. Also internal changes to disabled specifications	9 Parklands Rise Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/880	B & T Tintean Developments	68 Meadow Drive Hartstown Clonsilla Dublin 15	P	20/04/04	Demolition of existing boiler house, partial demolition of existing house and construction single/two storey extension to side/rear of existing house, 10 no. apartments in two storey building of 720 sq. m with 15 parking spaces and associated etc	"The Plant Place" Dublin Road Maynooth

Crossword

No: 22



Entries before: 15th May 2004

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- 1. Amaze (7)
- 7. Objet d'art (5)
- 8 Sinister (7)
- 9. Rectify (6)
- 11. Sleeveless garment (5)
- 13. Church recess (4)
- 14. Anarchic (7)
- 15. Song——Come the Night (4)
- 16. Female Donkey (5)
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- 6. Spouse (4)
- 9. James Dean film -Without a Cause (5)
- 10. Pharmacy (10)
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- 13. Star—shaped figure
- 18. Horse colouring (4)
- 19. Somersault (4)
- 20. Mafia boss (4)

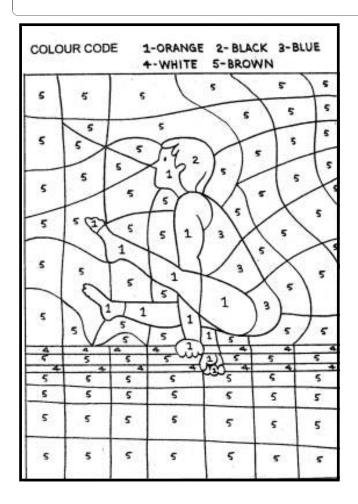
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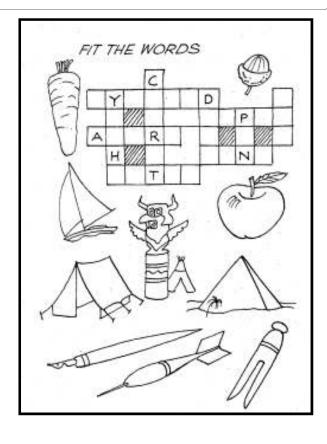
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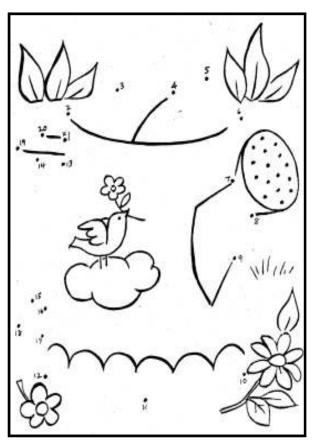
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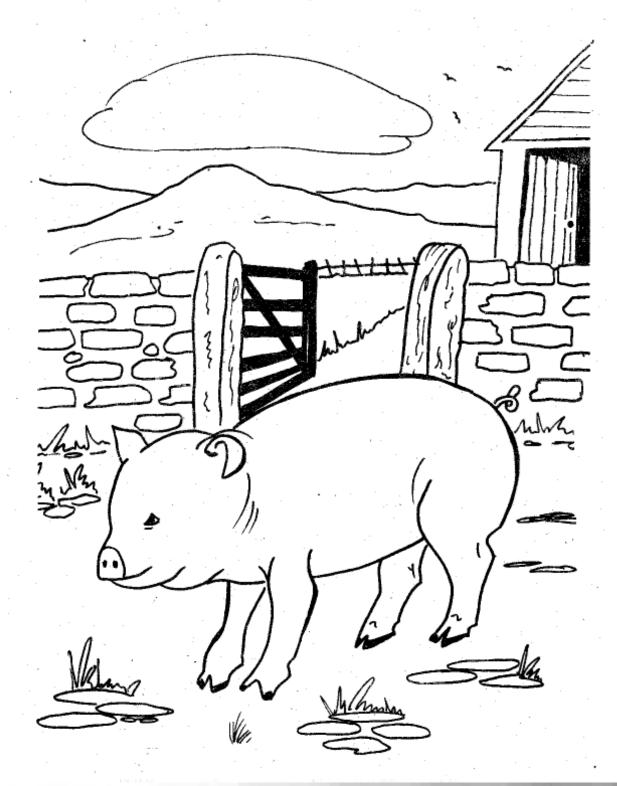
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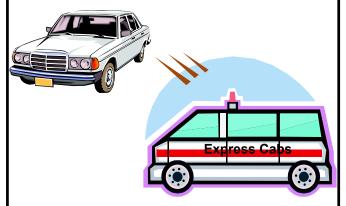
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Spicy Prawns in Lettuce Cups (Serves 4)

Ingredients

1 lemon grass stalk

225 g/8 0z peeled cooked prawns

1 tsp finely grated lime zest

1 red bird's –eye chilli, deseeded and finely chopped

2.5 cm/1 inch piece fresh root ginger, peeled and grated

2 Little Gem lettuces, divided into leaves

25 g/1 oz roasted peanuts, chopped.

2 spring onions, trimmed and diagonally sliced

Spring of fresh coriander, to garnish

For the Coconut Sauce

- 2 tbsp freshly grated or unsweetened shredded coconut
- 1 tbsp hoisin sauce
- 1 tbsp light soy sauce
- 1 tbsp Thai fish sauce
- 1 tbsp palm sugar or soft light brown sugar

Method

- 1. Remove 3 or 4 of the tougher outer leaves of the lemon grass and reserve for another dish. Finely chop the remaining softer centre. Place 2 teaspoons of the chopped lemon grass in a bowl with the prawns, grated lime zest, chilli and ginger. Mix together to coat the prawns. Cover and place in the refrigerator to marinate while you make the coconut sauce.
- 2. For the sauce, place the grated coconut in a wok or non-stick frying pan and dry-fry for 2-3 minutes or until golden. Remove from the pan and reserve. Add the hoisin, soy and fish sauces to the pan with the sugar and 4 tablespoons of water. Simmer for 2-3 minutes, then remove from the heat. Leave to cool.
- 3. Pour the sauce over the prawns, add the toasted coconut and toss to mix together. Divide the prawn and coconut sauce mixture between the lettuce leaves and arrange on a platter.
- **4.** Sprinkle over the chopped roasted peanuts and spring onions and garnish with a sprig of fresh coriander. Serve immediately.

Helpful Hint

Instead of lettuce leaves you can use radicchio, chicory or flatter, *miang* leaves, available from Thai grocery stores.

Lamb Meatballs with Savoy Cabbage (Serves 4)

Ingredients

450 g/1 lob fresh lamb mince

1 tbsp freshly chopped parsley

1 tbsp freshly grated root ginger

1 tbsp light soy sauce

1 medium egg yolk

4 tbsp dark soy sauce

2 tbsp dry sherry

1 tbsp cornflour

3 tbsp vegetable oil

2 garlic cloves, peeled and chopped

1 bunch spring onions, trimmed and shredded

½ Savoy cabbage, trimmed and shredded

½ head Chinese leaves, trimmed and shredded Freshly chopped red chilli, to garnish.

Method

- 1. Place the lamb mince in a large bowl with the parsley, ginger, light soy sauce and egg yolk and mix together. Divide the mixture into walnut-sized pieces and using your hands roll into balls. Place on a baking sheet, cover with clingfilm and chill in the refrigerator for at least 30 minutes.
- 2. Meanwhile, blend together the dark soy sauce, sherry and cornflour with 2 tablespoons of water in a small bowl until smooth. Reserve.
- 3. Heat a wok, add the oil and when hot, add the meatballs and cook for 5-8 minutes, or until browned all over, turning occasionally. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the meatballs to a large plate and keep warm.
- 4. Add the garlic, spring onions, Savoy cabbage and the Chinese leaves to the wok and stir-fry for 3 minutes. Pour over the reserved soy sauce mixture, bring to the boil, then simmer for 30 seconds or until thickened. Return the meatballs to the wok and mix in. Garnish with chopped red chilli and serve immediately.

Tasty Tip

This dish is made with simple, basic ingredients, but you can substitute more Chinese ingredients if you prefer, such as rice wine vinegar instead of sherry and pak choi leaves instead of Savoy cabbage. As the meatballs contain raw egg, make sure that they are cooked thoroughly.

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Andy Mac Thai and Chinese Simple Cookery Continued

Special Fried Rice (Serves 4)

Ingredients

25 g/1 oz butter
4 medium eggs, beaten
4 tbsp vegetable oil
1 bunch spring onions, trimmed and shredded
225 g/8 oz cooked ham, diced
125 g/4 oz large cooked prawns with tails left on
75 g/3 oz peas, thawed if frozen
200 g can water chestnuts, drained and roughly chopped

450 g/1 lb cooked long-grain rice

3 tbsp dark soy sauce

1 tbsp dry sherry

2 tbsp freshly chopped coriander

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Method

- 1. Melt the butter in a wok or large frying pan and pour in half the beaten egg. Cook for 4 minutes drawing the edges of the omelette in to allow the uncooked egg to set into a round shape. Using a fish slice, lift the omelette from the wok and roll into a sausage shape. Leave to cool completely then using a sharp knife slice the omelette into rings.
- Wipe the wok with absorbent kitchen paper and return to the heat. Add the oil and when hot, add the spring onions, ham, prawns, peas and chopped water chestnuts and stir-fry for 2 minutes. Add the rice and stir-fry for a further 3 minutes.
- 3. Add the remaining beaten eggs and stir-fry for 3 minutes, or until the egg has scrambled and set. Stir in the soy sauce, sherry and chopped coriander. Season to taste with salt and pepper and heat through thoroughly. Add the omelette rings and gently stir without breaking up the egg too much. Serve immediately.

Helpful Hint

In Chinese cuisine, rice is always cooked by the absorption method, rather than in large quantities of boiling water, so that all the flavour and nutrients are retained. Long-grain rice is popular, but Thai fragrant rice is served on special occasions. Medium and short-grain rices are also used in savoury dishes. Long-grain rice absorbs 1½ to 3 times its volume in water, so you will need to start with about 175 g/6 oz uncooked rice for this dish.

Coconut Sorbet with Mango Sauce (Serves 4)

Ingredients

2 sheets gelatine 250 g/9 oz caster sugar 600 ml/1 pint coconut milk 2 mangos, peeled, pitted and sliced 2 tbsp icing sugar Zest and juice of 1 lime

Method

- Set the freezer to rapid freeze, 2 hours before freezing the sorbet. Place the sheets of gelatine in a shallow dish, pour over cold water to cover and leave for 15 minutes. Squeeze out excess moisture before use.
- Meanwhile, place the caster sugar and 300 ml/ ½ pint of the coconut milk in a heavy-based saucepan and heat gently, stirring occasionally, until the sugar has dissolved. Remove from the heat.
- 3. Add the soaked gelatine to the saucepan and stir gently until dissolved. Stir in the remaining coconut milk. Leave until cold.
- 4. Pour the gelatine and coconut mixture into a freezable container and place in the freezer. Leave for at least 1 hour, or until the mixture has started to form ice crystals. Remove and beat with a spoon, then return to the freezer and continue to freeze until the mixture is frozen, beating at least twice more during this time.
- 5. Meanwhile, make the sauce. Place the sliced mango, icing sugar and the lime zest and juice in a food processor and blend until smooth. Spoon into a small jug.
- Leave the sorbets to soften in the refrigerator for at least 30 minutes before serving. Serve scoops of sorbet on individual plates with a little of the mango sauce poured over. Remember to turn the freezer to normal setting.

Helpful Hint

The Gelatine in this cooling sorbet helps prevent large gritty ice crystals from forming as it freezes, giving fit a smoother creamy texture. You can use powdered gelatine if you prefer. Sprinkle 2 level teaspoons over 2 tablespoons of cold water, leave for 5 minutes, then stir into the hot coconut milk at the beginning of step 3.

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Maynooth Community Games 2004

Maynooth Community Games are swinging into action once again. Maynooth East and West combined efforts and held the Art and Modelling Competition on Friday 26th March in the Boys' National School. Results are as follows:

	Art						
Girls	Position	East	West				
Under 8	1st		Aimee Walsh				
Under 10	1st	Sarah Jennings	Maeve Donaldson				
	2nd	Niamh Feeney	Laura Donaldson Ciara Brennan				
	3rd	Sarah Curran	Emer Sinnott				
Under 12	1st	Katie Curran	Niamh Donaldson				
	2nd		Karen Feehan				
	3rd		Muireann O'Carroll				
Under 14	-	-	-				
Under 16	1st	Sinead Kearney	Jenny Feehan				
Boys							
Under 8	1st	Thomas Feeney Conor O'Reilly					

Well done to all the boys and girls and good luck to all in the Curragh on the 19th April in the County Final

Lots of boys and girls packed their bags and joined organiser Jim Fleming in the college pool on Sunday 28th March in the Maynooth East and West Swimming Competition.
Results are as follows:

Swimming						
Boys	Position	East	West			
Under 8 Freestyle	1st	Darragh Murphy	Michael Hogan			
	2nd	Ronan O'Dea	Oisin O'Sullivan			
Under 10 Freestyle	1st	Shane Monaghan	Owen Byrne			
	2nd	Jack Ffrench	Tadhg Forde			
	3rd	Eoin McCormack	Sean Kearney Cian Walsh			
Under 10 Backstroke	1st	Shane Monaghan	Cian Walsh			
	2nd	Eoin McCormack	Sean Kearney			
	3rd	Jack Ffrench	Owen Byrne			
Under 12 Freestyle	1st	Sean McKnight	Cian Forde			
	2nd	Kevin Cowhey	Luke Essex			
Under 12 Backstroke	1st	Kevin Cowhey	Cian Forde			
	2nd		Luke Essex			



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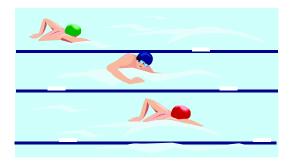
Maynooth Community Games Cont'd.

Swimming				
Girls	Position	East	West	
Under 8 Freestyle	1st	Donna Ffrench	-	
Under 10 Freestyle	1st	Niamh Feeney	Molly Meade	
	2nd	Shannon Miller	Sophie Courtney	
	3rd	Allison O'Dea	Maebh Walsh	
Under 10 Backstroke	1st	Allison O'Dea	Sophie Courtney	
	2nd	Shannon Miller	Maebh Walsh	
	3rd	Niamh Feeney	-	
Under 12 Freestyle	1st	Heather Collins	Meggan Meade	
	2nd		Niamh Kearney	
	3rd		Karen Feehan	
Under 12 Breaststroke	1st	Heather Collins	Meggan Meade	
	2nd		Karen Feehan	
	3rd		Niamh Kearney	
Under 13 Freestyle	1st	Laura Pedley	-	
	2nd	Gillian Behan	-	
	3rd	Aoife McKnight	-	
Under 14 Backstroke	1st	Aoife McKnight	-	
	2nd	Gillian Behan	-	
	3rd	Ailbhe Lenihan	-	
Under 14 Breaststroke	1st	Ailbhe Lenihan	-	
	2nd	Gillian Behan	-	
	3rd	Michelle Dolan	-	
Under Age Freestyle		Labhoise Mioler	Saoirse O'Sullivan	

Well done to all and good luck in the County final in Athy on Satshing Stephen Practice sessions continue in the college pool at 3 o'clock on Sundays.

Many thanks to all who supported our collection outside Tesco Supermarket on weekend 8th/9th & 10th April. All monies raised help run events for the local children.

Important Date: Athletics in GAA field on Friday 21st May at 6 o'clock





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Straight Talking

Homeland Security

There must now be serious security concerns regarding our responsibility to host a number of top level EEC meetings before the end of June. The bombs in Madrid, preceded by the bombs in Turkey and Bali, indicate the terrorist preference for soft targets. The rising death toll in Irag is now a major concern. The sight of helicopter gun ships and tanks firing on Iraqis in their towns and villages leaves a bad taste in the mouth. This will inflame moderate Moslem opinion and swell the ranks of the extremists. The security situation is now more serious and more dangerous than at any time in the past. We have to be realistic and accept that neither the Gardai or the Army Intelligence Unit have the finance, the manpower or the experience to deal with the security implications for these high level meetings. There must be concerns regarding a recent Government Minister's bombastic and rather naive reply to these issues being raised at a recent Press Conference. We hope that we are not in for a repeat of the security lapse that was witnessed at Landsdowne Road for the Ireland versus England match a number of years back. Few will ever forget our failure to isolate the English thugs before they reached the ground. We will also not forget the failure to handle the situation as it developed because of our lack of experience in dealing with football violence. The main lesson learned at that time was that we should never, ever turn down the offer of help from those Police Forces who have experience in dealing with the particular security problem. At the time of the Lansdowne incident there was wide spread co-operation between British and Continental police forces in controlling soccer violence on the European mainland. The authorities here declined the offer of assistance from the British police to become involved in the security set up for the International football game. We saw the consequences of that decision. In the current situation there is no excuse for lack of co-operation with outside security agencies. We are playing with people's lives and a security lapse would be unforgivable if it was avoidable. There is no reason why Dublin should not be hosting representatives from the CIA, MI5 and our European allies in setting up a security framework to handle our current responsibilities. The thought of bombs ripping through the Spanish manufactured Maynooth to Dublin rail cars is a nightmare we do not wish to experience. This is not a criticism of our security people. The dog in the street knows that the Gardai and the Defence Forces are under funded and lack the essential manpower and equipment, which is necessary to provide the security cover required. Make no mistake these terrorists make no distinction, every man women and child in the western world is a target. The fact that Ireland has consistently sought justice for the Palestinians will count for nothing. The fact that for

years Irish UN troops protected the oppressed people in the Lebanon from Israeli aggression will not matter one iota to these fanatics who place no value on human life. There is a responsibility on our Government to accept all the offers of security assistance it can get. It may suffer the indignity of playing second fiddle in their own backyard but it would be a small price to pay if we get though the coming months unscathed. This is not a time for the loud-mouthed politicians spouting utter rubbish about our ability to handle our own security. The situation is now serious and Dublin does present a soft target to the terrorist. With the assassination of the Hamas spiritual leader the danger is now far The fact that British police have more potent. arrested a potential terror gang brings the reality of the situation much closer to home. We hope that the Government will make the right decision and request the appropriate security assistance from its fellow EEC members. The safety and security of the people of Dublin and the rest of the country demands that they do.

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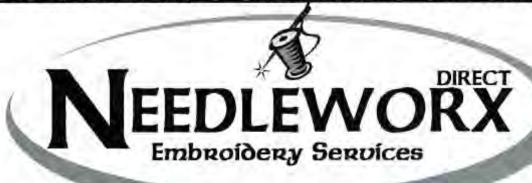
Croke Park

The debate got rather heated in the television studio after Irelands' Triple Crown win over Scotland. Tom McGurk who must be one of the finest sports broadcasters in the Country, if not in these Islands, got rather irate with the GAA's closed shop at Croke park. The fact that Ireland could be challenging for another Triple Crown or Championship and playing the "home" game outside Ireland seems too much for him to take. His argument found support from that great Irishman Ciaran Fitzgerald who was up to that point, the last player to captain Ireland to a Triple Crown win in 1985. The one thing the Country does not need now is another collective rush of blood through the head that followed the Roy Keane debacle before the last World Cup. It is important for all parties to remember that what we are talking about here is a temporary arrangement to facilitate the IRFU and the FAI until Lansdowne Road is rebuilt. It is important that the traditional " red rags" be discarded in this debate and that the parties involved and all others who wish to discuss the situation actually listen to what the other side is saying. It is not hard to understand the current position of the GAA. No matter what way you look at the situation, its elected Officers are in some way a hostage to history. The post of President of the GAA and all the related positions attached to that office place a responsibility on the holders to continue the mission of the founding Fathers of the organisation. That was to promote and foster the games, the language and culture. They were and are still competing to achieve that objective in an environment which is probably more difficult than it ever has been. There are historical, social and sporting reasons why it would be difficult for the GAA to sanction "foreign games" at Croke Park. Whether these reasons are still valid in 2004 and eighty years after the foundation of the state is open to question. There is no doubt that the GAA have made a massive contribution to the development of the modern Irish State. It is accepted that the sporting and social infrastructure set by the GAA since its inception has made an immense contribution to the development of Irish society, especially in rural Ireland. If we look at the situation in Ireland before the emergence of the GAA as a national organisation we can see a race of people facing cultural and political extinction. The use of the Irish language was considered a social impediment and the promotion of Irish culture in music and literature was not encouraged in the education system. It is a cause of regret that the one organisation that could have lifted the Irish people out of its misery failed to do so. The Catholic Church in Ireland had the resources, the education and the leadership to seek justice and political independence for its people but it failed to do so. In fact the Church supported an elitist form of education for the Irish with money, Belvedere,

Blackrock and Clogowes Woods amongst many others. The students were trained for service with the British Administration and played the "right games" of soccer, rugby and cricket to complete their integration with the Colonial Power. Up to the 1980 the situation remained unchanged on the playing fields. The Colleges in question did little or nothing to promote Gaelic games. Many GAA officials with long memories still find it hard to forget the derision and negative press the Organisation suffered from the "West British" elements of our society and their supporters. It is a legacy that rankles to this day. The GAA has blossomed in the past two decades. Hundreds of new clubhouses have been built across the country providing a valuable amenity to local communities. Croke Park is an outstanding testament to the drive and energy of the people who run the organisation.

In sharp contrast the record of the Football Association of Ireland has been a disgrace. Nearly fifty thousand people filled Dalymount park in 1957 to watch the epic World Cup game against England. At that time the ground was overcrowded, dangerous and already outdated. In fifty years nothing changed. In fact the organisation went backwards. They ended up with not having a stadium of their own after Dalymount failed to meet International Football Standards The officials of the FAI failed to take advantage of the commercial support for the Organisation during the Jack Charlton era. Officials shot themselves in the foot when they vetoed the Eircom Park project and shamefully shafted the one official with vision. They deserve little sympathy or assistance in seeking alternative venues for the upcoming world cup fixtures.

The IRFU, to be fair, have always provided facilities that were relatively modern and conducive to spectator comfort. They are an all Ireland organisation that have coped with the stresses and strains of the complex political situation on the island. There is no doubting their patriotism and the fact that the team remains unified after thirty years of civil unrest in the Six Counties speaks volumes for the administrators of the game. Eamon de Valera on many occasions complimented the IRFU on the way it maintained the unity of the team and regretted that the lessons learned were not passed on in the political sphere. It could be argued, on the basis that they are a thirty-two county team, that they have a compelling case to use Croke Park on a temporary basis. However in the coming months while these issues are being debated we should not forget the lessons of our history. Ireland was colonised by its neighbour for over 800 years in some form or other. This is certainly a European record and may well be a world record. The question to be asked is how did a Nation of eight million people remain in subjection for such a long



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period of time. The untold misery heaped upon the Irish Race by the armies of Elizabeth the First, Oliver Cromwell and the dreaded Red Coats can only be imagined. They stalked the land burning our towns and villages, killing our women and children and hanging our men folk as examples for the future. As successive generations sunk deeper and deeper into the bogs of Ireland they were finally written off by the brutal crime of the Great Famine. One of the main reasons why we suffered this appalling misery was that the Irish could never unify to remove the yolk off our back. Different groups of Irishmen always had different agendas from others and if it meant working with the British to hammer there own, they had no problem with that. We only have to remember how Parnell was shafted by the Bishops when he was on the verge of delivering Home Rule to the Irish people. Have we as a people learned nothing? Seemly so. What does it matter who plays at Croke Park, are we not all Irish? Is it not a fact that on any given day the Country will stand four square behind an Irish team whether it plays soccer, rugby or compromised rules. It really is time for the GAA Authorities to show some vision. It is in their hands whether some of their fellow Irishmen will have to play "home" games in a foreign country. It is to be hoped that they have learned the lessons of history. To allow International Rugby and Soccer games to be played at Croke Park would be a gesture that would warm the Nation and finally nail the legend of the feckless and disunited Irish. To do otherwise would perpetuate this National sickness that afflicted the Irish people for over 800 years. Is it "Priceless" to be Irish? It will be a "Priceless joke" to be Irish if our teams have to go to England or Wales to play our "home "International Matches.

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Maynooth G.A.A. News

Maynooth Under 10 Ladies Gaelic Footballers

Training has restarted for all girls between the ages of 7 years and 10 at Maynooth Gaelic Football Pitch on Saturday mornings at 11.30 a.m. Training is for one hour and the skills are taught plus a small match. The trainers are hoping to play some competitive games in the not too distant future. The trainers at the moment are Gerry Egan, Martin O'Sullivan and Kieran Finnegan. They would be delighted to have some ladies join in, especially some of the parents. All children training should be members of the club.

Maynooth Under 14 Gaelic Footballers

Maynooth Under 14 Footballers have thoroughly enjoyed their season so far. The team are entered in Bord Na Og Feile B (5) League and are trained by county man Karl Ennis. Great work is also being done by Donal McAvinue, Kieran Finnegan, Sean Lennon, Sean Donovan, Peter Fennin and Joe Brennan. As you can see a great number of hands are required to successfully put out a team now. Also the mentors are very appreciative to the parents who continually turn out to bring the children to the different matches. You can never have enough support though, so more are always welcome.

So far this year the team have played friendly games against Rathoath, Blackhall Gaels, Sarsfields of Newbridge, Celbridge and Lucan Sarsfields. This has been followed by victories over Ballyteague (played under floodlights), Celbridge, Balyna and Carbury in the Feile League. There are two remaining matches against Balyna and Carbury. New players are always welcomed. Training continues on Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. sharp at the Maynooth GAA grounds.

All players send their best luck wishes to Karl Ennis and Paul Flood in the closing stages of the League and the forthcoming Leinster Championship.

Results Feile B League				
Ballyteague	2 - 10	Maynooth	4 - 8	
Celbridge 'B'	0 - 8	Maynooth	4 - 10	
Maynooth	5 - 6	Balyna	4 - 8	
Maynooth	5 - 8	Carbury	1 - 3	

Challenge Games				
Maynooth	th 2 - 6 Rathoath 4 - 8			
Maynooth	1 - 8	Blackhall Gaels	2 - 10	
Maynooth	2 - 6	Sarsfields Newbridge	4 - 8	
Maynooth	0 - 4	Celbridge 'A'	4 - 10	
Maynooth	2 - 4	Lucan Sarsfields	4 - 10	

Maynooth Panel:

Brian Kerins, Sean Barrett, Eoin Curran, David Bradley, Joe Dempsey, Daragh Dunning, Ben Finnegan, Joe Gerry, Sean Fox, Ross McDonald, Cormac Molloy, Sean Moore, Michael Fahy, Conor O'Brien, Cormac O'Reilly, Leo Cooney, Gavin Doyle, Dean McAvinue, Eoin McNutt, Rory Kearney, Barry Kilduff, Dara Henehan, David O'Grady, John Comerford, William Donavan, Eoin Synnott, Francis McDonald, Fiachra Lohan, Daniel Burke.

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A brief description of the MCCP and our Goals

We are a voluntary organization formed with the objective of obtaining a

Community Centre and facilities for Maynooth.

Our initial task has been to initiate a feasibility study which is due to be

completed soon. Maynooth's population has soared in the last ten years

The recent census gave the following population breakdown for Maynooth.

Maynooth total population: 10,151
Age range: 0 to 14years 2,095
Age range: 15 to 24years 2,638
Age range: 25 to 44years 3,579
Age range: 45 to 64years 1,425
Age range: 64 and over 414

These figures give an insight into the makeup of the community of Maynooth

and to the possible problems we will face as even greater numbers of young teenagers look to their community for resources and find that no one has provided for them.

We believe that a Community Centre would help make Maynooth a better place to live and that all age groups would benefit from such a resource in the town. We made a submission to Kildare County Council for a site to be allocated in the Carton Area Action plan on the 50 acres of land zoned amenity (across the road from Tesco near the old soccer pitches)

At present a site has been allocated in the Draft Carton Avenue Action plan although no details have been finalized yet.

I would love to be able to say that we are ready to build the new Community Centre but nothing is finalized as yet. With Local elections coming up in June

your local councilors will be knocking on your door. We are asking you to highlight the need for community facilities in Maynooth when your local candidates call to you door.

If you would like to be involved in this project or can be of any assistance

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Maynooth Swimming Club

Junior Gala

Was held on Saturday March 27th. Congratulations to all the medal winners. We hope you all enjoyed the sweets on the bus home! Many thanks to teacher Cathy Carr who presented the medals.

Senior Gala

Held on Saturday March 27th . Following fast and competitive racing medals were presented by Olympic Track runner David McCarthy. Again many thanks to all the parents who assisted with the Gala's.

New term starts on 1st May, please ensure prompt payment of fees.

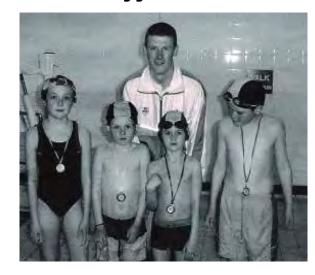
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Below the children who took part in the swimming gala









Features

Castle Keep Art Group Maynooth 6th Annual Art Exhibition 2004

The Castle Keep Art Group held its 6th Annual Art Exhibition in the Post Primary School on 17-18 April. There were 90 paintings on display in various media which was a great output by 14 local artists. A diverse range of subjects was represented – landscapes, seascapes, still life, as well as flower figure and equine subjects. Over the weekend there was a steady stream of visitors. Half of the works on display were sold and many commissions were requested.

Hugh Gallagher Chairman of *Maynooth Community Council* opened the exhibition. A large number of invited guests attended and it proved to be a very enjoyable night for everyone.

Carton Golf Club and the Glenroyal Hotel sponsored the event and Kildare County Council provided grant aid. This support was very much appreciated.

Our thanks to the VEC and Senan Griffin for the use the Maynooth Post Primary School. To Brian, Caroline and Sheila for their help with the arrangements in the school. The continued support of the Post Primary School has played a large part in the group's survival.

We are very thankful for all those who visited and supported the exhibition and we are looking forward to next year.

Members of the group meet on a weekly basis for a 'meet and paint' session. When possible some tuition is organised throughout the year. Contact Susan at 6289349.



Hugh Gallagher, Chairman of Community Council opening the exhibition



Set up and ready to go—Exhibitors Betty O'Hare, Deaglan O'Ceallaigh, Trees Oomkens-Govers and Natalie Kelly



Maeve Mulryan Moloney and Tina Williams enjoying the exhibition





Gardening Tips for April

GARDEN TIPS FOR MAY

Herbaceous Cuttings Many herbaceous can be propagated by making cuttings of new shoots appearing now. With those such as delphinumins which might benefit from a little thinning the shoots can be inserted in frames or pots. Keep covered for a week or two, they should root readily.

Propagate Hydranges.

Given a warm frame, stocks of Hydrange Hortensia can be increased by inserting cuttings, singly, into 3 inch pots and plunging them in the frame. When the cutting is rooted and a few inches high, it may be stopped to encourage the production of side shoots, which can give up to six flowering heads for next season.

Plant Hyacinths

Galtoniacandicans, the Cape Hyacinth, can be planted now. Put in at 15cm [6in] deep and 30cm [1ft] apart, they will grow to over 90cm [3ft] and look well in a border among low growing shrubs.

Celery sown in heat will be ready to plant out at the end of this month or early June. Take all opportunities to harden-off, so minimising the risk of shock at planting time.

Scarlet runner beans and dwarf kidney beans can be sown direct into the garden. They are tender to frost, but should be safe in frost areas now. Plants raised under glass should not be set out until the end of the month or early June, although runner beans should be given plenty of room to prevent them becoming entangled.

Swedes and turnips continue to make succession sowings through to July. These will produce crops from August to October. Use the globe turnip SNOWBALL, or the cylindrical JERSEY NAVET, and the swede WESTERN PERFECTION.

Increase stocks of clematis by taking soft-wood cuttings from now until mid June.

Dont allow Gladioli to grow too tall before staking them. By the time they have reached [30cm] a foot, a long stake should be in and the first tie made.

Climbers and wall plants are starting to grow away with vigooourr. Keep on top of them by tying the stems before they become entangled and are difficult to manage.

SOW WALLFLOWERS.

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On the sunny hillside,
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I come creeping everywhere.

Here I come creeping, smiling everywhere;
All around the open door,
Where sit the aged poor;
Here where the children play,
In the bright merry May,
I come creeping, creeping everywhere.

Here I come creeping, creeping everywhere;
In the noisy city street
My pleasent face you'll meet,
Cheering the sick at heart
Toiling his busy part —
Silently creeping everywhere.

Here I come creeping, creeping every where;
You cannot see me coming,
Nor hear my low sweet humming;
For in the starry night,
And the glad morning light,
I come quietly creeping everywhere.

Here I come creeping, creeping everywhere;
More welcome than the flowers
In the summer's pleasant hours;
The gentle cow is glad,
And the merry bird not sad,
To see me creeping, creeping everywhere.

Here I come creeping, creeping everywhere; when you're numbered with the dead
In your still and narrow bed,
In the happy spring I'll come
And deck your silent home—
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Here I come creeping, creeping everywhere;
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USEFUL HINTS

Aspirin

Aspirin relieves pain and reduces inflammation. It also lowers high temperatures and fever. It is therefore useful to take aspirin if, for example, you have a cold, sore throat or inflamed joints. Aspirin also make blood less likely clot, thereby reducing the risk of a repeated heart attack or stroke. However, aspirin can irritate the stomach and cause ulcers and internal bleeding, so sufferers from ulcers and indigestion should avoid it. Paracetamol is less likely to cause an upset stomach but does not help to prevent heart attacks and strokes.

Caution Children under 12 should not be given aspirin to take when they have a virus because of the danger of Reye's syndrome, a rare but often fatal disease which has been linked to viral infections and aspirin. Paracetamol is considered a safe alternative if taken with care.

Batteries

- Remove batteries from items you seldom use. Bundle them together with a rubber band and store them in a plastic sandwich bag to keep moisture out. Don't allow them to touch metal objects during storage or they may lose their power. Keep them away from warm places best of all, store them in the refrigerator. Let them warm to room temperature before using them.
- When using battery-operated equipment in freezing weather keep the batteries warm in your pocket until you need to use them.
- If you can avoid it, don't store or use old batteries with new ones. New batteries can put stress on old ones and cause them to leak acid.
- Do not top up a rechargeable battery after every use. Let it run right down first or will not recharge fully, because the battery 'remembers' how much it was recharged and will work for only that amount of time.

Car security

- Etch your car's registration number, or some other number personal to you, onto the window tops (so that it can be seen if the door windows are lowered|), wing mirrors and lights. Etching kits are available from motor accessory shops, or ask your local garage.
- Don't leave valuables visible in the car.
- Sharply turn the front wheels of the car to lock the steering wheel. Make sure the steering wheel is turned to the fully locked position. Set the gear lever in Park on an automatictransmission car; on a manual, leave the car in gear. Engage the handbrake.
- Close all windows tightly, including the sunroof. Lock the car and pocket the key, even if you're

- only steps away for a few minutes or you're parked in your own driveway.
- Vary your routines don't park in the same place every day, for the same length of time.
 And park your car between others so that it will be more difficult for a thief to tow away.
- Avoid parking in a low-traffic, dimly lit area, such as the remote sections of a shopping centre, where a thief can work undetected.
- Always take valuables inside at night.
- Special locks, alarms and assorted disabling devices are among the many anti-theft devices available for cars today. Fit an alarm or ignition immobiliser, and always use it. Fit a lockable fuel cap and lockable wheel nuts.

Corkscrew

- Have you lost your corkscrew? Use a large screw hook or eye instead, and use a mixing spoon or sturdy stick to pull a cork out. Or drive a plain screw into the cork and grip the head of the screw firmly with a pair of pliers. (This technique is not advisable with a good, rare wine, however).
- To ease out a stubborn cork, dip a cloth in very hot water and wrap it around the neck of the bottle; it will expand the glass and free the cork.

Flowerpots

- Look around the house for containers that would make good flowerpots. Pretty coffee mugs fit on a windowsill and make the perfect holder for herbs or small plants. Drill a drainage hole in the bottom with a carbon-tipped glass or masonry bit, or place an inch of gravel and some charcoal in the bottom of the container to keep the roots from becoming waterlogged.
- Larger kitchen containers, such as ceramic milk jug and the baking dish that sits abandoned at the back of the cupboard, are good choices, too.
- Cleaning a plastic flowerpot requires nothing more than a stiff brush and hot soapy water, but the stains and ingrained dirt on an old clay pot may prove more stubborn. Soak the pot in a solution of 4 fl oz/115ml bleach per gallon/4.5 litres of hot water for 5 minutes, then remove, rinse and scrub; repeat as necessary.
- If a pot has housed a diseased plant, sterilise it before you fill it up with a new plant. Soak it in boiling water or run it through a complete cycle in the dishwasher after first rinsing off any grit.

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Maynooth Golf Society

The following are the results of our outing to Millicent sponsored by East Coast Building Co. Ltd.

1st Overall	Liam Farrelly	38 pts	
2nd	Steve Greenwood	35 pts B9	
3rd	Dave Kinlon	35 pts B9	
4th	Barry Desmond	35 pts B2	
5th	Emmett Savage	35 pts	
6th	Gerry Reilly	31 pts B9	
7th	Kevin Loftus	31 pts	
Front 9	Jim O'Keeffe		
Back 9	Tom Flatley		
Nearest the Pin	Mick O'Rourke		
Two's Club	Mick O'Rourke, Steve Greenwood, John Byrne		



Liam Farrelly Overall Winner on right with Emmett Savage



Gerry McTernan Overall Winner & Cam Dunne sponsor

Our next outing took place on Saturday 17th April to The Heath Golf Club and it was sponsored by Maynooth Paving and Patios Ltd. (Cam Dunne).

Results as follows:

1st Overall	Gerry McTernan	39 pts (B.9)	
2nd	Derek Murray	38 pts	
3rd	Tom Flatley	38 pts (B.9)	
4th	Colm Loftus	38 pts	
5th	Dave Sullivan	34 pts	
6th	Gerry Reilly	32 pts	
7th	John Carroll	31 pts	
Front 9	Pa Conway	22 pts	
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Two's Club	Steve Greenwood & Eamon Murphy		

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Question

Can you please give the new rates of payment for Child Benefit?

Answer

Child Benefit is paid monthly by the Department of Social and Family Affairs for each qualified child normally living with you and being supported by you. The rate of Child Benefit increases each year from April. To qualify a child must be dependent on you and must also be:

Under age 16 or

Aged 16, 17, or 18 and attending full-time education or a FAS Youthreach course or have aphysical or mental disability.

The payment is generally made to the mother of the child. Where the parents are living separately it is paid to the parent with whom the child lives the majority of the time. If the child is not living with or being maintained by the parents, then it may be paid to the person who is caring for the child. From April 2004 the Child Benefit rates are as follow:

Number of children	Monthly rate
	€
1 child	131.60
2 children	263.20
3 children	428.50
4 children	593.80
5 children	759.10
6 children	924.40
7 children	1,089.70
8 children	1,255.00

Child Benefit claimants paid by electronic methods receive the increased rate in full from April 2004. Those on book payments will receive the increased rate through a special payment in May, backdated to April.

When a birth is registered, if it is a first child, the Department sends a partially completed application form to the mother requesting payment details. If it is a second or subsequent child the Child Benefit payment is automatically increased and the mother notified. In other cases, application for Child Benefit should be made on Form CB1 for children under 16 years of age and on Form CB2 for a child aged 16 or over. Claim forms are available from your local Social Welfare Office, Post Office or from the Child Benefit Section, Social Welfare Services Office, Tel: LoCall: 1890 400 400.

Question

I believe you can get assistance towards the cost of having a telephone. Can you please give details?

Answer

Assistance may be available under the Household Benefits Package: Free Television Licence, Electricity/ Gas Allowance and Telephone Allowance. The Telephone Allowance scheme provides a payment towards your telephone bill from Eircom. The value of the allowance is $\in 20.41 (\in 24.70 \text{ including VAT})$ if you are billed monthly and $\in 40.82$ ($\in 49.40 \text{ including VAT})$ if you are billed two-monthly. It will not, however , cover the full cost of your telephone bill. The cost of Eircom's Social Benefit Scheme is $\in 25.17$ (including VAT) per month or $\in 0.47$ more than the Telephone Allowance. This covers line/telephone rental and up to

 \in 1.46 (including VAT) of call credit per month. The Allowance also does not cover the initial installation charge for the telephone.

Those aged 70 or over are eligible for the Household Benefits Package no matter what their means or who lives with them. Also eligible are:

- Those aged between 66 and 69 in receipt of a qualifying payment, such as Old Age Pension, Widow(er)'s Pension or One Parent Family Payment, and living alone or with certain excepted persons.
- Those aged between 66 and 69 who satisfy a means test and are living alone or only with certain excepted persons.
- Those under age 66 in receipt of a qualifying payment such as, Invalidity Pension or Disability Allowance, and living alone or with cettain excepted persons.
- Those in receipt of a Carer's Allowance.

To be eligible for the Allowance you have to be the registered account holder. You cannot be living in a Nursing/Retirement Home where the accommodation is not fully self-contained. However, those aged 70 or over living in a Nursing Home are eligivle for the Telephone Allowance, even though the accommodation is not self-contained, providing the telephone account is in their name.

Question

A friend of mine who is ill has not yet claimed Disability Benefit. If he claims now will it be backdated?

Answer

If you want to claim Disability Benefit from the Department of Social and Family Affairs you must apply for it within 7 days of the start of you illness. It

Maynooth Citizens Information Cont'd.

is payable after the first 3 days of illness. If you are late claiming you may lose a days payment for each day you delay. However, payment may be backdated where you have a good reason for the delay.

Normally, payment will only be backdated up to 6 months but it may be backdated further in certain special cases wher you did not apply for reasons such as the following:

- Because of information supplied to you or someone acting for you by the Department.
- Because you were so ill that you could not apply or get someone to apply for you.
- Because you suffered a 'force majeure' an overwhelming event such as a natural disaster.

You will be required to provide evidence that will backup your reason for the delay in claiming.

Payment may also be backdated beyond six months where you need payment to prevent or relieve current 'financial hardship'. In this case you must be in debt. You myst be able to show that your current income, including any social welfare payments, is not enough to meet ongoing expenses and that you are unable to reduce or pay off your debts by using savings or other disposable assets that you could sell.

The following may be considered good reasons to backdate payment up to 6 months, however, they are not acceptable as reasons for further backdating:

- Because of a lack of knowledge about your entitlement by you, by someone acyting for your or by third parties.
- Because of information or advice supplied by an agency other than the Department.
- Because of a failure to act by an individual or an agency than the Department.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Question

I understand that there has been a change in the type of work you are allowed to do if you avail of the Scheme of Early Retirement from Farming. What can you do?

Answer

Under a recently announced change it is now possible for someone who has retired from farming under the scheme to return to certain farming activities.

The Farm Retirement Scheme operated by the Department of Agriculture and Food encourages farmers aged between 55 and 66 to retire from farming and transfer their lands to a younger farmer. Farmers who retire and meet the conditions of the scheme quailfy for a Farm Retirement Pension. The Farm Retirement Pension is reduced by certain social

welfare pensions which may be in payment, including qualified adult, child dependent and living alone allowances.

Up until recently those retiring under the scheme had to retire from commercial farming forever. They could only take up work outside of farming or pursue social or recreational activities.

They may now take up insurable employment in farming-related business. Examples of such businesses are co-ops and private companies that provide services to farmers on a contract basis, such as relief milking, silage making and hedge cutting. They may not, however, work on the farm from which they have retired or work directly for another farmer.

Further information is available from Department's Early Retirement Section, Johnstown Castle Estate, Wexford, Tel: LoCall 1890 200 509 and the Citizens Information Centre at 01-6285477



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Debra Ireland was set up to help people mainly children with Epidermolysis Bullosa -EB- is a distressing and painful genetic skin disorder causing skin layers and body linings to separate and blister at the slightest touch. Children born with EB have skin that is as fragile as the wings of a butterfly - and as easily damaged.

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The longer evenings signal not only the arrival of spring but the start of the evening fixtures. Managers are reminder to check the fixturing listing before arranging training venues. Official fixtures take preference in <u>ALL</u> cases. It is worth a phone call to all opposition, for both home and away games to avoid unnecessary travelling and disappointment. The refferee should also be contacted for all home games. The club has started running our pilot coaching academy with qualified FAI coach James Call. The intension is that every team get one session before the end of this season. A decision will then be made on how best to progress this important initiative. The hope is (finances permitting) to put a coaching package together for each schoolboy team for the start of preseason training next year. Any manager wishing to arrange there session for this season should contact John Doogan or Gerry Folan.

As per the discussion at our last AGM the club's financial year will close on th 31st of May. The accounts will then be sent for audit with this years AGM pencilled in for June/July. The date will be confirmed on the Maynooth Town F.C. website and other usual notice boards.

Maynooth Town 7 v Broadford Rovers 3 D.D.S.L. Under 8 C1

This home tie for Maynooth in the Harbour Field provided proof positive why one should leave their beds early on a Sunday morning. Both sides displayed a passion for fast, open, attacking football and served up ten goals for the fans.

From the kick-off Maynooth took the initiative. After some fine passing Conor Davin found himself in space and his through ball to Gary Daly was neatly tucked away inside the opening three minutes. Not to be outdone Broadford put together a swift counter attack to grab the equaliser.

It was not long before the Town struck again. Having started the move in the centre of the park mid-field power house Declan Burke was on hand to fire a fine shot into the net giving the visiting keeper no chance. With the game poised at 2-1 Maynooth conceded a penalty but home keeper Bankole Agunsoye pulled off a fine save to keep his side in front. The Town stretched there lead to 3-1 before the break as Conor Davin show tigerish determination to score.

Both sides resumed with vigour and determination. Following some fine tackling in mid-field Jack Connolly found space to supply a fine cross from which Gary Daly netted his second.

Despite the best efforts of the Maynooth's defenders Daniel French and James Penny Broadford added a second. The Town's mid-field of Burke and Connolly then switched to overdrive and Burke added another for his side. Substitutes Conor Gorman and Jonathan Flattery brought a fresh threat to the Broadford defensive line and it was not long before Daly added his third to make it 6-2 in Maynooth's favour. However Broadford were not finished and added their third before Daly wrapped it up for the home side with his fourth to leave the final score 7-3. A exciting and entertaining performance from both with the real winner being the beautiful game!!.

	Maynooth Town F. C. Weekly Lotto Results Sponsored by Caulfields Lounge Maynooth				
Date	Numbers	Jackpot	3 x €35 Winners		
25-Jan-04	3,4,9,14	€1,275	AIDAN DEMPSEY	DAMIAN WILLIAMS	JOHN DALY
01-Feb-04	5,9,10,21	€1,350	SIOBHAN BURGESS	ANNETTE DUFFY	MADELINE O' HARE
08-Feb-04	2,3,15,26	€1,425	JOEY O' RIORDAN	BRENDAN COFFEY	STEPHEN KING
15-Feb-04	4,13,22,24	€1,500	WILLIE SAULTS	JOAN CARROLL	JIM MOORE
22-Feb-04	9,13,26,27	€1,575	MARK & LISA THOMPSON	RUTH MILLAR	RUAIRI MURRAY
29-Feb-04	1,11,16,18	€1,650	ROSE CONNOLLY	JOHN SAULTS	SARAH MILES
07-Mar-04	4,15,19,28	€1,725	EILEEN QUINN	MARTIN MAGUIRE	ROSANNA REID
14-Mar-04	1,9,15,26	€1,800	KIERAN HORGAN	CATHERINE QUIGLEY	DON FOLEY
21-Mar-04	9,16,26,27	€1,875	WILLIE KELLY	E. CULLEN	ERRIN CLAVIN
28-Mar-04	7,21,24,28	€1,950	MICHAEL GILL	JACKIE KELLY	JOHN KIELTY

Features

A Truly Historic Moment Europe Opens the Doors... Part 3

The Ascension to Europe, which starts in May 2004, opens the door to the 10 countries of Eastern Europe. We welcome new members and conclude our introduction (March and April issues of Maynooth Newsletter) with the last three countries.

Poland

The Polish tribes were first united in 9th century under Mieczyslaw to become an independent kingdom. Christianity was brought in by Miezko in the late 10th century. Kings of the 14th century Ladislas I and Casimir the Great brought unity, centralised administration, defence and contributed to the development of trade and industry of the country. A period of the Protestant ascendancy of 1386-1572 was marked by development of the arts and sciences. The most successful and the most powerful were 16th to mid-18th centuries when Poland was the biggest country in Europe and defeated its neighbouring Russia and Lithuania.

However, with the death of the last member of the Jagiellonian dynasty, the country's might declined and in the war against Sweden and Russia it was defeated and would never recover. The further partition of Poland was enforcing these measures with parts of the country divided between Russia, Austria and Prussia in 1772. The patriotic resistance by Kosciusko was soon defeated which resulted in further partition in 1795 with establishment of protectorate of the Russian Empire under Catherine the Great. 1830-63 saw the uprisings against the protector country and in 1918 Poland regained its independence under the leadership of Pilsudski with agreement between Russia and Poland on the border of Curzon Line.

Further years were marked with political instability up to the beginning of the World War II in 1939. The war eliminated 6 million of the country's population, majority being slaughtered in the concentration camps all over the occupied country. The end of the WWII established the new borders and saw the re-election of the republic in 1947, which was still under the close Soviet supervision. Pro-Soviet rule which was associated with arrests, food shortages and general civil unrest culminated in 1956 when Gomulka took over as a leader and reintroduced private farming and released the key Catholic figure Wyszylski. Corrupted regime of Gierek and further unrest of 1970-80s resulted in curfew and civilian deaths in 1982, and the Pope visited country in 1983 calling for reconciliation.



The slow but important improvements began by Jaruzelski administration led to liberalisation, reforms of the state, and relaxation of economic sanctions by the US. In 1989 Poland began its transition to the market economy with opening of the stock exchange, privatisation, and strong support of the International Monetary Fund. Soon enough the country was trying to tackle hyperinflation, unemployment and discords against further economic reformation of the country. The October 1991 saw the first fully free multiparty election and in 1993 Poland was invited to apply for membership of the European Union.

Slovakia

Established by Slavonic tribes in the 5th century, it was occupied by Magyars since 10 AD, and belonged to the Hungarian crown onwards. The major nationalist movement was at its peak in the 18-19th centuries and with the collapse of Austro-Hungarian empire the country has overthrown the crown to establish a free state with neighbouring Czechs. However, a centralised control from Prague and absence of administrative power led to dissent followed by protection from Germany and declaration of autonomy within Czecho-Slovak state in 1938.

Communist regime controlled the Republic since 1948, and saw the introduction of the new constitution, however the control over the joint state was tight and demands for independence grew within following years. 1989 saw prodemocratic demonstrations and increase of Slovak separatism, followed by formation of parties in 1991 and finally the new government under Vaclav Havel with location in Slovakia's capital Bratislava.

On January 1, 1993 the world saw what became known as 'velvet revolution' or 'velvet divorce', when the two states signed an official separation treaty on terms of good neighbourliness, thus reconciling the nationalist discord. The new constitution was adopted and in June 1993 the Slovak Republic was admitted to the United Nations and the Council of Europe. In January 1994 the state joined NATO's partnership for peace programme, to become an Associate EU member.

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Slovenia

Settled by Slovenes in the 6th century, the territory was under Hungarian domination since 10th century and was then controlled by the Hapsburgs from 1335. The collapse of the Austrian crown rule after the WWI gave way to establishment of the kingdom of Croats, Serbs, and Slovenes in 1918, which later formed a part of Yugoslavia.

During the World War II the territories were occupied by Fascist Germany and Italy. In 1945 the Yugoslav Socialist Federal Republic was formed, with Slovenia being the most economically advanced of all the incorporated states. Unlike the neighbours, there were very few demands for autonomy and the Slovenes helped in subsidizing the poorer republics and greatly contributed to overall development of Yugoslavia.

Economic decline and social unrest in 1980s mounted pressure within the republic which was enough to launch a campaign for independence by Democratic Opposition of Slovenia (DEMOS). The communist party was defeated in elections 1990, and the call for independence ended up at the referendum 1991. The

EC and USA recognized the Slovenian Republic January 1992, and in May 1992 it was admitted to the United Nations.

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Local Perspectives

The Local Election candidate, Brid Feely has been very encouraged by the friendliness and hospitality shown to her by the residents of Maynooth, as she has met with them over the period of the past year, since she was nominated to stand in her local area. Furthermore she has been particularly heartened by the identification of a large percentage of those residents with the same issues and problems that she herself has long felt were issues that the current Councillors have abjectly failed to deal with in a positive manner for Maynooth.

INTRODUCTION

I wish to appeal directly to all the citizens of Maynooth to vote for me in the Local Elections on June 11th. Local Elections are only held every 5 years and so it is very important that people who are concerned about the future of the town, both short and long term, should use their voice to choose how that future is planned and progresses.

I am asking the people of Maynooth to entrust me with their valuable vote based on a simple platform of truths.

I have spent all my life in Maynooth and so I am deeply aware of the origins of the town, its uniquely historic significance and ethos, the importance of preserving, utilising and maximising the benefits that stem from that reality to all the residents in Maynooth.

I have witnessed the initially slow development of the town during the 1960's, '70's and '80's and the somewhat faster development that took place during the 1990's driven by the economic boom that was the "Celtic Tiger" evidenced by a mass return of immigrants and almost full employment among the workforce - employment in technology driven companies such as Intel and Hewlett Packard resulted in increased demand for residential and commercial developments and consequently increased necessity for provision of infrastructure to service that development. *I, along with all the other residents of the town, have borne witness to the failure of our Councillors to successfully plan and provide for that infrastructure.*

We have witnessed how the increased demand for residential and commercial development has been somewhat restricted and held back and not been satisfied, yet how the obvious need for provision of essential infrastructural developments such as *Link Roads and Ring Roads have been ignored and how our County Council and Councillors have failed to*

provide these essentials, despite their being in the public domain for the past 25-30 years. Being a resident of Maynooth over all those periods of time, I am astounded that in 2004 we still have not been provided with those urgently needed and long identified essentials. What is wrong with Kildare County Council and our local Councillors ???? How much time do they spend in Maynooth or indeed in the north of the County ???? Have our County Council and present Councillors no long term vision of Maynooth. Why, in the era of the Celtic Tiger, has Maynooth been neglected and not reaped the benefits and infrastructure that it surely has long warranted and deserved? This is simply not good enough - the lack of results are plain and evident for all to see.

Working in Maynooth on a daily basis involves constant driving up and down the town, through all the approach roads into the town and therefore I have first hand and on-going experience of the *nightmare that Maynooth traffic* currently is for all our residents. I can see how *seemingly simple problems* can and do contribute to traffic gridlock and mayhem and I have recently distributed my first newsletter detailing how some of those simple problems could be addressed in order to reach some improvement in the daily lives of our motorists and pedestrians.

I can also see how some *major problems* are on the horizon principally due to the failure of our Council and Councillors to prepare and plan correctly or at all for the future. *These major problems include the development of major projects such as the Mill site without the proper provision of Ring roads and Link roads in advance. It also includes the incorrect location of schools and the proposed incorrect location of a childrens playground, which however is long overdue and essential.*

As a resident of Maynooth myself, it is in my best interests to ensure that the progressive developments and benefits that should accrue to Maynooth as a result of its strategically important location are maximised to the full for the benefit of our residents, both economically, socially and in terms of quality of life on a daily basis. Other major problems include the current mix of commuter, commercial, leisure, work and school traffic centred in the Main St and town centre areas.

In my view, proper planning in advance for our future needs and development must make provision for the setting aside of an area adjacent to the Meadowbrook Link road for services such as a primary school, childrens playground etc - an area where high residential development exists which will ensure proper planning from the point of view of traffic management and movement also. Perhaps consideration should be given to the possibility of

swapping the current small areas taken by primary schools near the town centre, for much larger areas, facilitating larger school services and also taking into account traffic movements for parents, commuters etc.

As a new candidate, I represent fresh blood, a new voice, with a new progressive vision of how Maynooth should emerge and progress, yet protecting its essential spirit and ethos. Long term strategic planning, envisioning what demand for services will be like in 20-25 years time is appropriate and vital. Immediate concentration on the urgent provision of a Ring Road, new schools strategically located close to residential developments thus avoiding unnecessary school traffic in other areas such as the Main St, a system of Roundabouts to cater for on-going movement of traffic (not endless traffic lights designed to stop traffic) are without doubt those issues that I will pressurise Kildare County Council to concentrate on and provide to the people of Maynooth, if I am elected.

I recognise the ultimate importance of listening to what people have to say, their opinions and suggestions and place dialogue with and co-operation with the residents of Maynooth at the top of my programme. It is not a Councillors job to dictate to, or decide what are or are not options for the people of Maynooth. It is the Councillors job to liaise with, advise and inform with all the best knowledge available to them, the people they are representing - not the other way round! The residents of Maynooth should be constantly consulted for their opinions, wants and priorities and issues prioritised on that basis. The people should do the leading, not the other way round, after all the Councillors are there to serve the people they represent and who have elected them.

I emphasise this very important point, with the example of speaking to the residents of the Moyglare Road area of Maynooth recently. On a house by house basis, I was struck by the positive attitude of the residents with regard to the planning permission granted for 526 houses in the area. The residents are supportive of the need and demand that exists for future residents to live in the area and had no problem with the permission itself. However their concerns are practical and involve the lack of provision of the necessary infrastructure in the form of a Ring Road, the very same Ring Road that Councillors and the County Council knew 20-25 years ago would be required !!!!. Why have they not done anything with regard to providing this road, long before any residential developments were applied for ??????

Why haven't the Councillors impressed upon the Council the necessity of providing such a Ring Road throughout the intervening years? Why wait until the

inevitable demand for residential development can no longer be restricted or ignored and then suddenly and short-sightedly deal with the problem on a piece meal basis by the routine lodging of objection after objection to planning applications in a seemingly conveyor-like and cynical manner ????

Proper traffic management and adequate parking facilities also are the responsibility of the Council to provide. Suggestions that parking meters be provided in the town seem ridiculous and premature given the fact that Maynooth commuters do not have any alternative areas in which to park at the moment.

At time of writing this article, the *Harbour Action Area Plan* is still delayed, yet I do feel strongly that a significant part of the Harbour Field must be designated and set aside for parking for those people who commute daily to work via the improved Train system. Aesthetics can be guarded and prioritised, but the people of Maynooth, present and future, must benefit from *significant car parking facilities in this field.*

The election of a new Councillor, from the area , working in Maynooth on a daily basis, would help refresh the Council's attitude to the area, as fresh blood and a fresh approach would inevitably result in the possibility of a fresh approach in turn from the Council who may have got too used to dealing with the same old faces in the same old way for so many years.

A new female voice would also ensure the opportunity to refresh and renew the tired old system at this very important junction in the future development and planning of how Maynooth should progress for our children, our current residents and indeed the future residents of the area.

I ask the people of Maynooth to vote for me, Brid Feely, on June 11th to ensure that,

1. A young, 2, Fresh, 3. Progressive, 4. Local, 5. Female, 6. Reasoned and 7. Determined voice, conveys the wishes and requirements of Maynooth residents to the County Council, who up to now seem to be unaware of the true problems currently experienced in Maynooth and who appear unwilling to make proper and necessary provision for the current and future necessities of the town.

THE FOLLOWING ARE A NUMBER OF ISSUES CURRENTLY OF IMPORTANCE.

A) DULCEDO MILL DEVELOPMENT

At time of going to press, it has been reported that apparent dumping of rubble has taken place onto a site on the Straffan road from the Mill site. Council officials are investigating the matter and should this be confirmed it would represent a very serious development. As a condition of planning, certain regulations were put in place to deal with the transportation of such rubble from the area along certain routes and to a particular dumping site in Summerhill. Health concerns have also been expressed in relation to this. Were such activity to be confirmed it could represent a flagrant disregard for the conditions attached to planning and serious consideration would be required to deal with the issue immediately. However it is wise to examine the exact circumstances firstly as the matter is still unclear before making any further comment.

Other matters have arisen with regard to the Mill development which concern the residents of Maynooth.

- The number of parking spaces provided doesn't appear to take account of the inevitable increase in numbers using the retail services which will occur in the years ahead.
- The vehicular entrance on the Kilcock road, will in my opinion, inevitably lead to traffic congestion in the immediate future. Surely the ideal and sensible entrance would have been at the existing corner wherein a Roundabout system could have been put in place, thereby ensuring constant movement of traffic in a safe manner. In fact in my opinion, only a Roundabout system in operation here will work to clear traffic bearing in mind the current hassle and stress involved for residents on the Moyglare road trying to access the town.
- At present, partly because of the extent of the hoarding coming out onto the roadway, it is dangerous for traffic coming up from the Main St and trying to cross up to Moyglare Road due to poor visibility and confusion over where exactly the median lies.
- The hoarding as erected impinges to quiet an extent on the vision of motorists and lessens the safety for children in particular trying to get to school. A hoarding licence which was granted for 12 months is renewable every 2 months so citizens should bear this in mind. Recently during the very high winds on the weekend of 20th March, during which there was a tragic fatality on Bond Bridge, a loose sheet of wood approximately the size of one section of hoarding rose from the other side of the existing hoarding and flew at speed

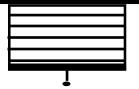
across the road banging violently onto the Church wall , narrowly missing moving cars but more particularly two men who were walking along the path. Luckily neither were injured as luck was on their side on this occasion.

B) HARBOUR ACTION AREA PLAN

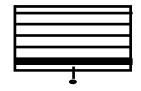
The publication of the Harbour Action Area Plan has been expected at the end of March but unfortunately has been delayed somewhat. However many fine elements are expected to be included - the provision of a service centre etc. However I feel that a significant area of this field should be set aside wholly for the provision of car parking for those people using the train station daily. The importance of the train service in Maynooth is expected to increase very substantially in the years ahead, and indeed the presence of such a service is a major reason as to why people wish to live and reside in the area. Surely we must learn the lessons from previous mistakes, and make proper provision based on the usage over the next 20-25 years. In other words, plenty of car parking spaces must be provided here as a priority. There is suggestions being made that a portion, of this field should be set aside for a children's playground, however I would seriously question this location for its suitability as in my opinion the area close by the canal is not safety friendly for young children, and indeed from a traffic point of view, residents wishing to use the playground would have to travel which in turn would lead to further traffic congestion centering on the Main St and town centre, thereby mixing with commercial, commuter and work traffic. It is my belief that the provision of a children's playground is absolutely essential but its location should be adjacent to areas of large residential development, such as adjacent to the residential developments that will be adjoined by the soon to be constructed Meadowbrook Link Road. The location of a chidrens playground in the Harbour field might look good but I would contend would in practise be a disaster. Perhaps our councillors are too eager to capture immediate votes by not thinking the correct location through in somewhat more detail and imagining the situation within a few short vears.

C) BOND BRIDGE

I fully support the statements contained in the recent letter from The Chairperson of the Bond Bridge Action Group, Mr. John Doogan to all the councillors and the County Council concerning the above. Indeed I believe the latest sentiments expressed by the Council, now querying the value of completing the project at all, is a good example if one were needed of the apparent lack of understanding or willingness to address the needs of the Maynooth area vis a vis infrastructure. Are the Council leading our Councillors and therein the



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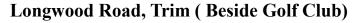
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residents of the area a merry dance round in circles ?? Again I applaud the action of the Fianna Fail Councillor Paul Kelly in proposing a motion calling on the County Council to prepare a report on funding options to be available at the next area meeting in April.

D) TOWN COUNCIL STATUS

I have written to Minister for Finance, Mr. Charlie McCreevy T.D. calling on him to intercede with the Minister for the Environment and Local Government, Mr. Martin Cullen T.D. to facilitate a meeting between representatives of the Maynooth Community Council and himself in order to discuss the expected time frame for movement of our application to obtain Town Council status. Local resident Paul Croghan has long been an advocate of town council status and I fully support his view that such status could bring substantial gains to the town. Minister McCreevy is expected to visit the town in April and I expect he will be able to meet to discuss this issue.

E) APPLICATION TO AN BORD PLEANALA FOR MART FACILITIES AT MOYGLARE

I enclose an extract from a recent letter written in support of those residents objecting to the application for a mart and livestock sales facilities for location at Moyglare, Maynooth which was recently rejected by Meath County Council but subsequently appealed to An Bord Pleanala.

Brid Feely has welcomed the decision recently taken by Meath County Council to refuse planning permission for a Mart and associated livestock sales facility, at Moyglare, Maynooth.

However, she has cautioned that those residents and groups who made submissions or lodged objections to the application must remain vigilant and pursue the issue as the applicant has just recently lodged an appeal to An Bord Pleanala.

Speaking at the weekend, Ms Feely, who has experience of the meat export business, stated there was no justifiable need whatsoever for a Mart to be located in or near Maynooth.

" At present there is an overcapacity in the meat factories and over capacity in the livestock marts in Ireland.

During the 1970's and '80's Maynooth Livestock Mart flourished as did neighbouring marts in Blessington, Naas, Trim, Edenderry etc but this was during a period when those marts were supplying large capacity Abattoirs in the area. Factories such as IMP Leixlip had a capacity of 3,500 cattle per week, IMP Grand Canal Street had a capacity of 3,000 plus cattle per week, Sallins had a capacity of 2,500 per week

while the Dublin Meat Plant at Ballymun had a capacity of 2,500 cattle per week. Those meat plants have long since closed and as a result up to 11,500 cattle per week in terms of sales and movements to such plants have disappeared."

" Such sites have now been swallowed up by the rapid developments that have occurred in the last 10 years, "said Ms. Feely.

"There are now no meat factories in the immediate area of Maynooth and therefore there is no need for a mart to be located in the area. Livestock marts have no place in satellite towns such as Maynooth "Ms. Feely stated.

The two largest dairy herds in the area, Carton Estate and the College, have long gone. Kavanagh Manor Mills, suppliers of feedstuffs to the Agri business has also disappeared.

Thankfully so too have the lorries going to and from the mart through the Main St of Maynooth. Maynooth and its residents want the town to progress not regress.

Accordingly, given these factors and the planned rationalisation of the meat industry, it is patently clear there is no logical or justifiable reason for a mart to be located in Maynooth or Moyglare or anywhere near the area, continued Ms. Feely.

F) MOUNTJOY GOVERNOR JOHN LONERGAN IN MAYNOOTH - COMMUNITY AND YOUTH FACILITIES

The Governor of Mountjoy Prison, Mr. John Lonergan recently addressed an open Public Meeting in the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth during which he gave an indepth and heartfelt address to those in attendance. His address touched on many of the *ills of society in* general, the *isolation and loneliness of the individual* in modern , developed and busy societies, where *mass media and loss of the comforts provided by smaller communities often propell the vulnerable* into lives of depression and poverty, leading to dependence on drink, drugs, crime etc.

His description sounded a cautionary tale for those communities, including Maynooth, who fail to provide the facilities that the various members of society need. Lessons with regard to how future amenities should be planned for our young people as Maynooth approaches a period of significant residential development and population increase must be taken from his address. Provision of activities, sporting and recreational facilities and the fostering of community spirit through the opportunities to join and take part in group events is a vital ingredient in ensuring that the young people of Maynooth, present and future, enjoy well rounded and happy childhoods and are encouraged to stay on the path to well rounded and

happy adulthoods. The failure of any community to provide the football, hurling, tennis clubs, the playgrounds, social activities such as quizzes, areas where all sections both young and old can meet such as a Community Centre is a recipe for disaster - a breeding ground of isolated, lonely, dysfunctional and socially disruptive teenagers and young adults who descend into sad and lonely lives, often accompanied by drink and drug excesses and eventually leading to criminal and anti-social behavior. It is for all these reasons, that the provision of a Community Centre is of vital importance to Maynooth.

G) NEW PAY BY USE WASTE CHARGES

The recent introduction of the "pay by use "waste charges by the Minister for the Environment, are to be welcomed since they make provision for the scale of charges which an individual has to pay to be determined by the amount of waste he or she produces. Hence the individuals who reduce, reuse or recycle their waste have the least amount of charges to pay.

H) REGISTER TO VOTE

Everyone wishing to vote in the Local and European elections in June, should ensure that they are on the register which will be published in May. Applications can be obtained by phoning me at the numbers below or by contacting me at my e-mail address Make sure you have a voice in your local area and you can play your part in ensuring that Maynooth progresses as you wish. Application forms can also be obtained from the Garda Station and Kildare County Council and must be filled in and stamped at the local Garda Station where it would be advisable to bring independent identification.

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Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Bond Bridge:

At the January 2004 meeting of Kildare County Council the County Manager advised Cllr. John McGinley that he would be bringing funding recommendations for the new Bond Bridge before the March Meeting of the Council for decision by the Councillors.

The Manager did not honour this commitment as the report presented to the March meeting questioned the need for the new bridge and stated that the project would "be the subject of a detailed cost benefit analysis" on completion of the Meadowbrook Link road. The County Manager had ignored the policy decision made in March 1998, when the Council agreed to proceed with the new bridge.

Cllr. John McGinley proposed:

"That Bond Bridge be given No.1 Priority for funding out of the new Development Contribution Scheme."

An hour long debate followed during which Council Officials shamefully used scare tactics to get Cllr. McGinley's motion defeated. They said that if the motion was agreed other important road projects throughout the county would suffer. They ignored the fact that Bond Bridge will take two years to complete and during that period the maximum outlay on other road projects by the Council will be $\[\in \] 21.5m$.

Over the next two years the Council will take in \in 32m for roads through the Development Contribution Scheme. As the net cost of Bond Bridge is now \in 4.96m one does not have to be a mathematical genius to figure out that they will have no problem funding both Bond Bridge and the other projects. Indeed they will have \in 6m left over for, as yet, unidentified projects.

At the end of the debate Cllr. McGinley felt that it would be prudent to withdraw his motion and to give Councillors a month to reflect on what was being said a **would come** t the meeting. He then seconded Cllr. Paul Kelly's motion:

"That the report be rejected and that the Director back to the next monthly meeting with funding proposals for the new bridge"

This motion was agreed unanimously and hopefully we will see funding agreed for the new Bond Bridge and the other projects that the Council is committed to at the next meeting on 26th April.

Bus Bays at the Girls' School in Maynooth:

Cllr. John McGinley has been relentlessly pursuing the installation of bus bays, at Convent Lane, for the Girls' School, over the past two years. It appeared as if the commencement of the project was imminent and on Holy Thursday Cllr. John McGinley got the following devastating E-Mail from Des O'Connor, Kildare County Council Project Engineer:

"The DTO allocation was received earlier this week. It is in the course of being formally ratified at present at a meeting in the DTO where it is assumed that no alterations will be made. Unfortunately, Charterhouse did not make the list this year. This, I must stress, is not due in any way to any alleged delay in sending documentation to the DTO from Kildare County Council. There was no such delay at any stage.

This year the DTO were instructed by the Dept. of Transport to include only works which contribute to the relief of congestion and the Charterhouse project was not deemed to make such a contribution.

The grant sought by Kildare County Council was $\in 100,000$. This finance will now have to be found from a different source. I intend to try and locate a source because we all agree that this project has been doing the rounds for too long and I would like to see work being done as early as possible.

I'm on Annual Leave until Monday 19th and I will be searching for a source of finance upon my return."

Cllr. John McGinley sent him the following reply:

Des,

To say that "this project has been doing the rounds for too long" is putting it very mildly.

As long ago as 1st March 2002 we were advised at our Area Meeting that funding had been received for the project. I quote from Page 2 of the minutes:

"Mr. McNulty advised the members that funding in the sum of €56,000 has been received and that a design for this scheme would now be drawn up."

What has happened to this money?

At the Area Meeting on 5th June 2003, in response to my motion, I was advised, in writing, by Eileen Quinlivan that the bus bays would be in place by early Autumn i.e. before the school opening in September 2003.

At our Area Meeting on 3rd October 2003 we were advised, in writing, that the "Total cost of this scheme is \in 83,500 of which the DTO are providing a grant of \in 41,750."

From the foregoing you don't need me to point out to you how deplorable the Council's actions have been on this Health & Safety issue that affects our children. We have an Area Meeting on 23rd April and I expect you to tell us that you have funding in place and that you will be going to tender immediately."

In addition Cllr. McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

"That funding be made available for the bus bay project at the Girls' School, Maynooth, that it immediately goes to tender and that the contract awarded to ensure that the project is completed by the end of July 2004."

Taking Housing Estates in Charge

Cllr. McGinley, along with other Councillors, has been campaigning for some time to get the County Council Management to take their responsibilities seriously when it comes to development control.

Believe it or not, for a two year period the Council had no staff working on development control, even though Kildare is the fastest growing county in the country. They now have seven inspectors and three administrative staff, so a shortage of staff can no longer be used as an excuse for the lack of progress.

A report was presented at the March Leixlip Area Meeting on the status of each housing estate and Cllr. McGinley has forwarded the report to the secretary of every residents' association for the information of residents. Very little progress is reported and the next step is to take enforcement action under the planning legislation to ensure the satisfactory completion of the estates in question.

The officials stated that the Council cannot take court action to take an estate in charge and that enforcement action is only to achieve satisfactory completion in line with planning permission.

Cllr, McGinley advised the officials to pursue the enforcement action vigorously.

Children's Playground----Site Agreed at the Harbour Field

Cllr. McGinley's following motion was agreed unanimously at the March Area Meeting:

"That a site be allocated on the west side of the Harbour Field for a Children's Playground as part of the Action Area Plan for the Harbour Area, Maynooth and that 100% funding be allocated from the Recreation, Amenity & Community element of the Development Contributions Scheme in order to construct the playground within the next 12 months."

Funding of Children's Playgrounds:

A debate lasting 90 mins took place at the March Council Meeting to decide which location in the county should benefit from a possible Government Grant of €40,000 for a children's Playground. Cllr. McGinley made the point that neither Councillors nor Council Officials appear to realise yet that the Council will have €9.5m per year available for Social, Recreation & Amenity purposes under the new Development Contributions Scheme. This is more than enough to construct playgrounds in all of the towns throughout the county. And on the proposal of Cllr. McGinley this money is ringfenced for use in the Electoral Area in which it was levied. In practical terms this means that every new house built in Maynooth and Leixlip will have a levy of €3,500 which will go towards Social, Recreation and Amenity purposes. In Maynooth alone there are proposals for around 2,500 new dwellings which will contribute €8.75m; enough for playgrounds, Community centre; swimming pool complex etc.

Up until last month development levies on each house were around $\in\!20,\!000$ and it all went into roads infrastructure county wide to be decided on by Council Management, none of it went towards social infrastructure. Under the new scheme the levies have been reduced and now range from $\in\!11,\!000$ to $\in\!18,\!000$ depending on the size of house and Councillors decide on where the money is spent. It is time that all Councillors took their new power seriously.

Maynooth Parking Bye Laws:

Cllr. John McGinley has been advised that the Maynooth Parking Bye Laws will be reviewed in the latter part of 2004.

Taking HGV's out of the Town Centre

Cllr. McGinley has been advised that the signs diverting HGV's at Barretts to the M4 have been ordered and will be erected shortly. Cllr. McGinley has made it very clear that if HGV's don't obey the

signs he will be left with no alternative but to resubmit his motion banning them from Main Street, Maynooth.

Carton Court Improvements:

At the request of the Residents' Association Cllr. John McGinley has sought the following improvements for Carton Court:

- Laying proper footpaths at the pedestrian walks to Straffan Way and Greenfield Drive.
- Laying a tarmacadam cover to the cul de sac at No.3 to No.16.
- Painting a yellow box junction at the exit on the Straffan Road
- Repairs to footpaths (Residents' Association to prioritise)
- New public lights (Residents' Association to identify locations)
- Lowering of stop cocks with freezing problem (Residents' Association to identify houses)
- Trees to be removed as they are damaging footpaths (Residents' Association to identify)

Kingsbry Estate Improvements

At the request of the Residents' Association Cllr. McGinley has sought the following improvements for Kingsbry:

- Carpet of tarmacadam in cul de sac with house No. 206 to 216
- Three traffic calming ramps, similar to those on the Moyglare Road, on the Main Road through the estate.

Greenfield Estate/Shopping Centre

Following requests from residents Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to paint double yellow lines at the Maynooth Park side of the Main exit from Greenfield Shopping Centre. Lorries regularly park here making it very difficult for motorists exiting from the Shopping Centre to see oncoming traffic.

Leinster Park Improvements

At the request of the Residents' Association Cllr. John McGinley has sought the following improvements for Leinster Park:

- Improved public lighting on the way in to the estate
- Pruning of the trees around the existing lights
- Pruning of the overhanging trees and shrubs at the exit onto the Old Dublin Road. They are a serious hazard for motorists at present.
- Resurfacing of the roadway
- Unblocking of drains/ providing new drain to remove the cause of the flooding on the road.
- That a determined effort be made by the Council to have the estate taken in charge. According to the Development Control Section of the Council

the estate was satisfactorily completed by Straffan Construction in 1985 but it could not be taken in charge as the road leading to the estate is the property of High Degree Construction. Cllr. McGinley has asked the Council to get High Degree to carry out the necessary work to enable the Council to take the estate and road in charge.

Children's Playground for the Harbour Field in Maynooth within the next 12 Months.

It was agreed that Maynooth and Leixlip both will have children's playgrounds within the next twelve months at a meeting held in Kildare County Council offices in Naas on 15 April to discuss Council Policy on Children's Playgrounds in the county.

There were representatives present from Playground Action Groups from Maynooth, Leixlip, Celbridge, Kildare, Monasterevin and Athy. The Chairperson of The Maynooth Playground Action Group, Deirdre Bristow, represented Maynooth and Cllr. John McGinley also attended in a supportive role.

The good news is that Peter Minnock, Director of Service, Kildare County Council, confirmed at the meeting that it was an objective of the Council to have a children's playground in each Electoral Area within the next 12 months. When it was pointed out to him that such a policy would mean that either Maynooth or Leixlip would not get one in that period he confirmed that the provision of playgrounds for would both towns run in parallel. This very positive news follows on the adoption of the Development Contributions Scheme on 23 February last which ensures that Recreation, Amenity and Community facilities have funding for the first time ever. Through this scheme over €9m per year will be levied on all new buildings countywide and this money can only be used for such social infrastructure. Better still, as a result of a proposal from Cllr. John McGinley these funds can only be spent in the Electoral Area in which they were levied. It means that Maynooth and Leixlip no longer need to worry about funding for Playgrounds, Community Centres, Swimming Pool Complex, Arts Centres etc.

Cllr. McGinley's motion that the west side of the Harbour Field be the location of the first Maynooth Playground was agreed unanimously at the Leixlip Area Committee on 19 March. The second playground will be located in the new Public Park at Carton Avenue as per the Maynooth Development Plan.

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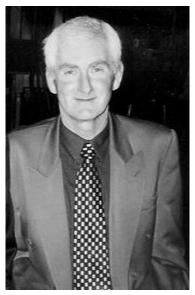
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Tribute



Tony Mooney

The people of Maynooth extend their sincere sympathy to Martina, Jackie and Antoinette daughters of Tony Mooney. He greatly contributed to our community and his positive nature and good humour will always be remembered.

Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group

We meet on Friday mornings, 10am-12pm, during term time for a friendly chat and unstructured play for the children. We meet in the basement at the rear of the Parochial House on Moyglare road. Coffee, tea and juice provided. €3 per session. This is a non-denominational group, all welcome.

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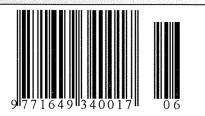


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NUI Maynooth President, Dr W. J. Smyth, President Mary McAleese, John Hume, Dr Martin McAleese and Pat Hume, at the opening of the John Hume Building.



Editorial

Three local community celebrations took place in Maynooth recently. Of historic interest at local and national level was the opening of the new central auditoria and teaching facility in the University named in honour of its famous graduate, John Hume, distinguished politician and Nobel prize winner for Peace. President Mary McAleese performed the official opening of the building on Friday 23 April 2004.

In May the First Communion celebrations got underway and judging by the photographs in this issue it was an enjoyable day for the families involved. Great credit is due to the teachers, clergy and parents associations who put much time and effort into preparing for and organising the ceremonies.

By the time this issue is published people will be about to make up their minds as to how they will vote in the up coming citizenship referendum on 11th June. To find out more about this subject, check out http://www.politics.ie/ . Each party has made a contribution to the debate and outline the reasons why they favour a yes or no vote. We wish all our local candidates well in the upcoming elections.

We extend our congratulations to Dan Conway who celebrated his 80th birthday recently. Breithlá shona duit!

Finally we welcome contributions to the newsletter – organisational/club news, reviews, articles (including Irish language) etc. This is your community newsletter.

Maynooth Newsletter

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

Any of the above can be submitted to our office at

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Beaufield, Maynooth
on or before copy date which is the 14th
June, or you can Email us at
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Community Council May Meeting

The May meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on the 10th May in the Glenroyal Hotel.

There were several co-options to the Council: John O'Connor Terry Nealon (The Maynooth Arts Forum)

Naomi McLoughlin (Parsons Hall)

Beaufield

Chairperson, Hugh Gallagher presented a submission on behalf of Maynooth Community Council i.e. Submission to Kildare County Council—Maynooth Action Area One. Hugh gave a brief history of Maynooth Community Council from it's establishment in 1984. He said it is a non political, non denominational organisation. He said all clubs and societies are invited to send representatives. He said the submission is presented in accordance with Maynooth Community Council's aim to promote the well being of the community and to secure facilities lacking in the area. Contents of the submission are as follows:

Introduction The Geraldine Hall Action Area One Epilogue

Introduction

Hugh noted that Maynooth is North Kildare's only university town and is becoming a service and retail centre for North Kildare. He also stated it is largely due to the increased population of the last number of years that the town has not kept apace with modern civil facilities found in smaller towns in the country. The Harbour Field area on Action Area One, including the Geraldine Hall, is recognised as one of the main

the Geraldine Hall, is recognised as one of the main focus points of the town. The submission stated that the area has the potential to become our "civic hub" with buildings suitable for the Arts, Tourism, Library and Museum. The submission also noted the Harbour Field with it's playing fields is an asset long utilised by the town's young and old. A location for sport, festivals, concerts, carnivals and circuses. The provision of the children's playground can only further enhance its utilisation in the town. The submission also pointed out facilities in the town and those that were lacking.

The Geraldine Hall

The submission included a brief history of the Geraldine Hall which is located to the North of Action Area One and is seen by Maynooth Community Council as the central location of the town's "civic hub". Built in 1859 as the Church of Ireland Parish School it continued as a school until dwindling numbers led to it's closure around 1935. The school was then used as a social club and a large hall was added. It then passed to the Catholic Young Mens

Association and today is held in trust for the people of Maynooth.

Issues outlined in this section includes:

Development Proposal.

A Theatre and the Arts

Design Issues

Frontages

Neighbourliness

Open Space

Care for people with Disabilities

Enhancing the Public Realm

Conclusion:

The Community Council has, from its inception, with local organisation and Kildare County Council acts as a key holder for both the Geraldine Hall and the Harbour Field.

The Submission also notes that M.C.C., has sponsored a number of employment initiatives in conjunction with FAS the National Training Authority since 1985. The purpose of these schemes is to give valuable training to local people who are seeking to enter the workforce as well as providing services to the community of Maynooth and publish the "Maynooth Newsletter". The Submission also noted, that it is through its years of commitment to Maynooth and our experience with various employment schemes in the town that makes the Community Council confident in its ability to manage any development that may be located at the Geraldine Hall.

The Submission also stated that consideration must be given to the historic importance and the environmental sensitivity of the Geraldine Hall, in particular its relationship to the Harbour Field and Canal all in close proximity.

The development of the hall as part of an extended 'Town Centre', in association with the Action Area as a multi-functional 'Civic Hub' must not be ignored.

Action Area One: Background

Development Proposals: Civic Hub

CIVIC HUD

The Art and Museum

Design Issues:
Frontages
Neighbourliness
Open Space
Care for people with Disabilities
Transport and Access
New Urban Squares
Pedestrian and Cycling
Canal

Community Council May Meeting

(contd)

Conclusion, Epilogue.

The area consists of a playing pitch on the Harbour Field bordered with the fire station and council yard to the east, the canal and road to the south and west respectively and the Geraldine Hall to the North. The Submission fully covered the above listed points.

Conclusion:

Any development of the area must be achieved by integrating the existing town centre with the Action Area and the community to the South of the canal.

Any development that ignores the lack of community facilities in Maynooth coupled with the increased population movement into the town and its young population profile will lead inevitably to an increase in social and community issues.

All efforts must be made to ensure that the "green" image of the area is preserved and where possible enhanced. The development of the area as an extended "Town Centre" and as a Civic Hub should not be ignored.

Consideration must be given to historic importance and the envoi mental sensitivity of the area in question, with the Geraldine Hall, Harbour Field and Canal all in close proximity while not conflicting with established or future amenity developments.

The Submission gave a full report on population and expected growth suggesting a current population of 10,400 this is expected to grow further with the future and continued development such as the Manor Mills.

Kildare County Council has the opportunity at this location to allow for the provision of a 21st century multi-functional Civic Hub that would be the model for so many new and up-coming towns providing a strong and vibrant town centre for Maynooth, long into the future.

The full Submission can be reviewed in the Community Council office and the following discussion took place.

The development of the Geraldine Hall and Harbour Field was very important and must be the beginning of the integration of the town.

The question of funding was raised, as funding will come from central government said Cyril McAree. He wondered would it be available to M.C.C.

Cllr. John McGinley stated that Kildare County Council now owns the Harbour Field also that there will be huge development taking place at the council yard site. It will include 400 underground car parking places as well as other developments. John said this is included in the New "Shared Services Centre" proposed by Kildare County Council. It will incorporate most of what is in the Submission. John stated that funding will come from the Development contribution scheme for a refurbished Geraldine Hall.

Cllr. Senan Griffin said Kildare County Council have

talked to consultants. He said funding is available. This will include levies etc. He said huge finance is involved. He said all this area is to be developed and will include Harbour Field, Royal Canal, Waterway Ireland also have plans to develop the canal.

Ann Burns—Maynooth Community Centre partnership are also working on plans and she said they are wondering where finance will come from. She felt that interested groups should come together and see what is needed. They have also put in a submission to K.C.C., Director of Services, Peter Minnock.

Peter O'Connell said that the Action Area One Plan is a full and proper development and will include residential development. He said the community need to have input in to this plan. He also raised the possibility of another vehicular access to this area.

Terry Nealon Arts Forum said they also have sent a submission to Kildare County Council. He said he fully agreed with M.C.C. Submission and that theirs was on the same lines.

Chairperson Hugh Gallagher was congratulated on a very fine Submission also the fact that it was only deemed necessary to change two words.

Sub. Committees and affiliates.

Tidy Towns

Paul Croghan said their cleanup day will be 15th May. He said Maynooth did well in the Eye Ball competition. Maynooth came 12th in the competition with 30 towns. He said they are happy with this result.

Festival.

Chairperson Andrew McMullon stated that plans are well under way now for the Festival. They are very happy to have secured sponsorship from Tesco's.

He asked Residence Associations to get involved and put in teams for the Soccer Competition. Registration forms will be in the Newsletter also in the office.

There will be a 70's Night with some funding going to Crumlin Children's Hospital.

Fishing Competition.

Table Quiz.

Treasure Hunt with a prize of €500.00. A carnival will also be in town. The Soccer competition will start on the 13th July.

The Festival will begin on 21st—25th July.

Editorial Board

Andrew McMullen said that they need new members on the ground. They also need a new editor. It was noted that one need not be a member of M.C.C. to be on the editorial board.

Maynooth Community Centre Partnership.

Tony Bean said that they now hope to meet with Peter Minnock (Director of Services) with a view to making an architectural submission to their plan. Next meeting of Maynooth Community Council is 14th July in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
04/896	Michael Doyle	39 Rockfield Court Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	22/04/04	First Floor extension to side of existing dwelling house with utility room extended below, a single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling house and also convert existing garage to a habitable space with provision for new window to front	39 Rockfield Court Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/ 897	William & Elizabeth Gannon	4 Rockfield Rise Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	22/04/04	To erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion with utility room extended below	4 Rockfield Rise Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/908	Monsignor Stenson	Parish House Maynooth Town Centre Co. Kildare	P	22/04/04	For development which will consist of the partial demolition of a wall and the construction of a new garage space and dividing wall within the existing side yard to the property. Also the construction of a new secondary entrance driveway to allow, Etc.	Parish House Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/950	Dermot & Juliette Sweeney	4 Parklands Close Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	28/04/04	A first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion with utility room extended below and a single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling house	4 Parklands Close Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1014	Kevin Gorman	54 Parklands Court, Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	05/05/04	A first floor extension over existing single storey ground floor to side of dwelling	54 Parklands Court Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1036	Eoin Doyle	Eretrias Jonsinstown Straffan Co. Kildare	Р	06/05/04	A dormer bungalow, detached garage, Bison treatment system and ancillary site works	Johinstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1043	Sean D'arcy & Donal Logan	Taghadoe Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	07/05/04	21 no. 4 bedroom detached houses, 176 no. 3 bedroom semi-detached houses, 28 no. 3 bedroom townhouses, 4 no. 2 bedroom first floor apartments, Child Care Facility of 300 sqm, retail unit of 74 sqm etc	Oldgrange Monastervin
04/1096	Marin Ni Chealeachar	Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich Celbridge Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	13/05/04	Construction of two additional single-storey temporary classrooms and associated alterations to the side of the existing temporary school building	Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich Celbridge Road Maynooth Co. Kildare

Labour



VOTE

1

McGINLEY

John

VOTE NO 2

PURCELL Colm

WORKING FOR YOU

Maynooth Community Festival 2004 Children's Art Exhibition and Competition



The Castle Keep Art Group Maynooth is organising a

Children's Art Exhibition and Competition to be held in

Maynooth Community Library

Closing date for receipt of entries is Wednesday 14 July 2004

The age groups are 4-6, 7-10 & 11-13 (Please put age, name and address on back of art work along with parental signature)

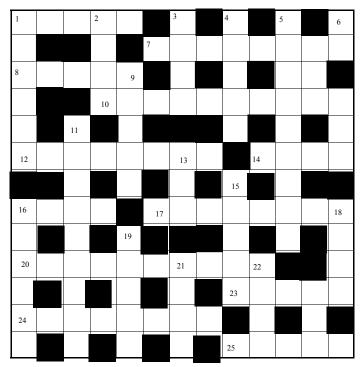
Art works will be displayed in library during the Maynooth Festival Week

Prize giving will be on Thursday 22 July at 7pm

ALL WELCOME

Crossword

No: 23



Entries before: 15th June 2004

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Address:		
Phone:		

Across:

- 1. Lawbreaker (5)
- 7. Toga base (anag) (8)
- 8 Enticed (5)
- 10 Three Times a Lady singers (10)
- 12 Not excessive (8)
- 14. Pretends (4)
- 16 PLatform (4)
- 17. Familiarise (8)
- 20 Star-gazer (10)
- 23. Broadcaster, —- Jameson (5)
- 24. Leave bin (anag) (8)
- 25. Sturdy (5)

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WINNER Mary Callaghan 145 Kingsbury Maynooth

Down:

- 1 Former London borough (6)
- 2. Oil-producing cartel (4)
- 3. Injure (4)
- 4 Boisterous (5)
- 5. Build (9)
- 6. Population count (6)
- 9. Marriage endownment (5)
- 11. Habit-forming (9)
- 13. Spasm (3)
- 15. Healed (5)
- 16. More expensive (6)
- 18. Stained (6)
- 19. Yellow gemstone
- 21. Norway's capital (4)
- 22. City in Nevada (4)

Across: No 22

- 1. Stupefy, 7. Curio, 8. Ominous, 9. Remedy,
- 11. Cloak, 13. Apse, 14. Lawless,
- 15. Here, 16. Jenny, 17. Adrift, 21 Radical,
- **22**. Satin, **23**. Sockeye.

Down:

- 2. Tumbleweed, 3. Pinnacle, 4. Feud,
- 5. June, 6. Wife 9. Rebel, 10. Dispensary
- 12. Sweet, 13. Asterisk, 18. Roam,
- 19. Flip, 20. Capo.

COLOURING COMPETITION



Name	
Address	
Tel	-

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Taaffes Golf Society Straffan Court Hotel

Since our last notice the society has since played in two outings. The first outing was in Kilcock Golf Club with 15 members teeing off. The weather was perfect and a lovely days golfing was backed up by fine food refreshments at The Straffan Court Hotel. Prizes were presented to the winners by vice captain Pat Blount.

1st Prize	Monro O'Dwyer
2nd Prize	Aidan Murphy
Front Nine	Jim Moore
Back Nine	Cian Lynch
Members Prize	Pat McCarty
Guest Prize	John Caulfield

Our second outing was to City West Golf Club on the 9th of May. Just before play the rain stopped to allow our members concentrate on golf, with 17 members teeing off to superb greens. Again it was back to the Straffan Court Hotel for refreshments and some very large steaks just right for very hungry men. Prizes were presented to the winners by captain Kevin Denner.

1st Prize Cat. A	John Caulfield
2nd Prize Cat A	Mick Featherston
1st Prize Cat B	Gerry Smith
2nd Prize Cat B	Daniel McGibney
Front Nine	Monro O'Dwyer
Back Nine	Kevin Moffit
Members Prize	Michael Hannon

Our next outing is to Millicent Golf Club in July. Membership is still open.

Mick Dempsey Secretary.

Maynooth Swimming Club

The A.G.M. was held on 4th May 2004. New committee elected as follows.

Secretary: Catherine Carton & Allison Flynn

Treasurer: Margaret Sweeney
Asst. Treasurer: Margaret O'Connor
P.R.O.: Bronwyn Mooney
Roster 1st Bus: Siobhan Byrne
Roster 2nd Bus: Mary Murray

New term has started, any fees should be paid as soon as possible.

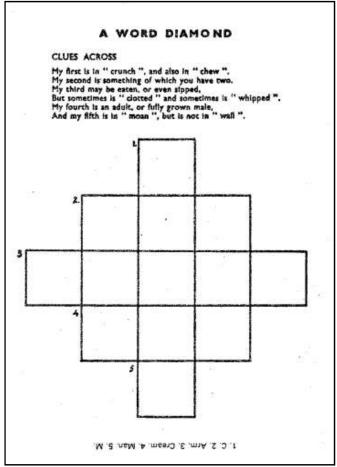
All swimming groups full to capacity at the moment, however, names are welcomed to be placed on the waiting list for next term restarting 4th September 2004. Contact Mary at 01 6244256 or Siobhan at 01 6012974.

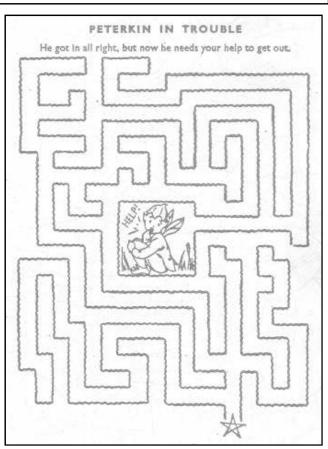
Please ensure to contact committee member on duty if your child arrives by car to Stewarts for record purposes.

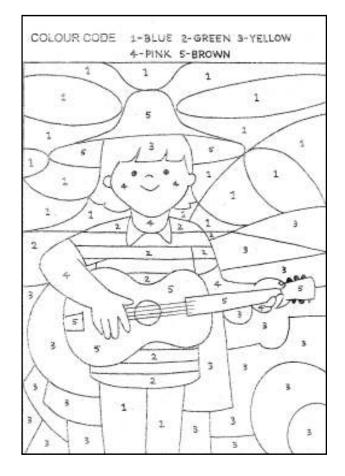
Siobhan Byrne.



Children's Corner







Colouring Competition Winner!

Congratulations to last month's winner!

Eleanor Geraghty

20 Beaufield Grove, Maynooth.

Age: 7

Prize to be collected at the office.

Fianna Fail

Vote no 1



Vote no 1

Brid Feely

VOTE NO 2 PAUL KELLY

Andy Mac Thai and Chinese Simple Cookery

Clear Chicken and Mushroom Soup (Serves 4)

Ingredients

2 large chicken legs, about 450 g/1 lb total weight

1 tbsp groundnut oil

1 tsp sesame oil

1 onion, peeled and very thinly sliced

2.5 cm/1 inch piece root ginger, peeled and very finely chopped

1.1 litres/2 pints clear chicken stock

1 lemon grass stalk, bruised

50 g/2 oz long-grain rice

75~g/3~oz button mushrooms, wiped and finely sliced

4 spring onions, trimmed, cut into 5 cm/2 inch pieces and shredded

1 tbsp dark soy sauce

4 tbsp dry sherry

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Method

- 1. Skin the chicken legs and remove any fat. Cut each in half to make 2 thigh and 2 drumstick portions and reserve. Heat the groundnut and sesame oils in a large saucepan. Add the sliced onion and cook gently for 10 minutes, or until soft but not beginning to colour.
- 2. Add the chopped ginger to the saucepan and cook for about 30 seconds, stirring all the time to prevent it sticking, then pour in the stock. Add the chicken pieces and the lemon grass, cover and simmer gently for 15 minutes. Stir in the rice and cook for a further 15 minutes or until the chicken is cooked.
- 3. Remove the chicken from the saucepan and leave until cool enough to handle. Finely shred the flesh, then return to the saucepan with the mushrooms, spring onions, soy sauce and sherry. Simmer for 5 minutes, or until the rice and mushrooms are tender. Remove the lemon grass.
- 4. Season the soup to taste with salt and pepper. Ladle into warmed serving bowls, making sure each has an equal amount of shredded chicken and vegetable and serve immediately.

Food Fact

Tahini is a thick paste made from sesame seeds. It is available from many delicatessens and supermarkets as well as Oriental food stores. It is most often used in making hummus.

Spicy Beef Pancakes (Serves 4)

Ingredients

50 g/2 oz plain flour

Pinch of salt

½ tsp Chinese five spice powder

1 large egg yolk

150 ml/1/4 pint milk

4 tsp sunflower oil

Slices of spring onion, to garnish

For the Spicy Beef Filling:

1 tbsp sesame oil

4 spring onions, sliced

 $1~\mbox{cm}/\mbox{$\frac{1}{2}$}$ inch piece fresh root ginger, peeled and grated

1 garlic clove, peeled and crushed

300 g/11 oz sirloin steak, trimmed and cut into strips

1 red chilli, deseeded and finely chopped

1 tsp sherry vinegar

1 tsp soft dark brown sugar

1 tbsp dark soy sauce

Method

- Sift the flour, salt and Chinese five spice powder into a bowl and make a well in the centre. Add the egg yolk and a little of the milk. Gradually beat in, drawing in the flour to make a smooth batter. Whisk in the rest of the milk.
- 2. Heat 1 teaspoon of the sunflower oil in a small heavy-based frying pan. Pour in just enough batter to thinly coat the base of the pan. Cook over a medium heat for 1 minute, or until the underside of the pancake is golden brown.
- 3. Turn or toss the pancake and cook for 1 minute, or until the other side of the pancake is golden brown. Make 7 more pancakes with the remaining batter. Stack them on a warmed plate as you make them, with greaseproof paper between each pancake. Cover with tinfoil and keep warm in a low oven.
- 4. Make the filling. Heat a wok or large frying pan, add the sesame oil and when hot, add the spring onions, ginger and garlic and stir-fry for 1 minute. Add the beef strips, stir-fry for 3-4 minutes, then stir in the chilli, vinegar, sugar and soy sauce. Cook for 1 minute, then remove from the heat.
- 5. Spoon one-eight of the filling over one half of each pancake. Fold the pancake in half, then fold in half again. Garnish with a few slices of spring onion and serve immediately.

Andy Mac Thai and Chinese Simple Cookery

(contd) Passion Fruit and Pomegranate Citrus Tart (Serves 4)

Ingredients

For the Pastry:

175 g/6 oz plain flour Pinch of salt 125 g/4 oz butter 4 tsp caster sugar 1 small egg, separated.

For the filling:

2 passion fruit 175 g/6 oz caster sugar 4 large eggs 175 ml/6 fl oz double cream 3 tbsp lime juice 1 pomegranate Icing sugar for dusting

Method

- 1. Preheat the oven to 200°C/400°F/Gas Mark 6. Sift the flour and salt into a large bowl and rub in the butter until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Stir in the sugar.
- 2. Whisk the egg yolk and add to the dry ingredients. Mix well to form a smooth, pliable dough. Knead gently on a lightly floured surface until smooth. Wrap pastry and leave to rest in the refrigerator for 30 minutes.
- 3. Roll out the pastry on a lightly floured surface and use to line a 25.5 cm/10 inch loose-based flan tin. Line the pastry case with greaseproof paper and baking beans. Brush the edges of the pastry with the egg white and bake blind in the preheated over for 15 minutes. Remove the paper and beans and bake for 5 minutes. Remove and reduce the temperature to 180° C/350°F/Gas Mark 4.
- 4. Halve the passion fruit and spoon the flesh into a bowl. Whisk the sugar and eggs together in a bowl. When mixed thoroughly, stir in the double cream with passion fruit juice and flesh and the lime juice.
- 5. Pour the mixture into the pastry case and bake for 3—40 minutes or until the filling is just set. Remove and cool slightly, then chill in the refrigerator for 1 hour. Cut the pomegranate in half and scoop the seeds into a sieve. Spoon the drained seeds over the top and just before serving dust with icing sugar.

Helpful Hint

Pomegranates have leathery skin and may be a dark yellow to a crimson colour. They have a distinctive slightly acidic flavour.





Clubs, Organisations and Societies



The Maynooth Arts Forum Affiliated to Maynooth Community Council Ltd.

A Nuadha Players, a drama group made up of local people, has been in existence for the past 4 years. In that period it has produced a number of quality productions.

Our biggest problem to date has been finding suitable locations for rehearsal, performance and storage. The further development of the group is hampered by the physical constraints that it encounters.

With the assistance of the Maynooth Community Council, we made contact with a large number of groups with similar problems and similar targets.

Group Requirements

- ➤ A dedicated performance space with collapsible raked seating, and/or moveable stage to accommodate a maximum audience of 100/120.
- > A rehearsal area away from the performance space.
- A secure area for storage of set/props/wardrobe and possibly set construction.
- ➤ A properly equipped space to cover all aspects of the Arts in the Maynooth area which at this moment does not exist. This is a totally unacceptable situation in a University town.

The Benefits are as follows

- To continue to build the group and nurture talent in the area with the emphasis on young people. The benefits of this area are obvious.
- ➤ The Castle Keep Art group would have a permanent exhibit with a suitable area for art classes, work shops and visiting exhibitions.
- Young singer songwriters would have a place to showcase there talent in the place they live.
- Maynooth's local creative writers group, and visiting artists, would have a place to be heard and to perform in a conducive environment.

- ➤ A Maynooth information centre would ensure a permanent presence by day and the Library would have a place for possible exhibitions.
- ➤ A suitable space for the Maynooth School of speech and drama. These children have to travel to Newbridge for a suitable Venue.
- Professional Theatre groups and performers are always looking for a well equipped space in which to perform.
- Maynooth could have its own Theatre and Choral Festival which would bring groups from all over the country with obvious benefits.
- Similar spaces for the Arts have flourished all over the country in the past 10 years. They have shown that with proper planning, and with experienced and committed people to manage the facility, such a project could make a major contribution to the future of the town

This is the aim of the Arts Forum. We have already made our submission to Kildare County Council regarding the Geraldine Hall which would suite our needs.

If you are a member of an arts group and feel you should be involved in moving this project forward the committee would be glad to hear from you

Contact Terry Nealon, Chairman Maynooth Arts Forum

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Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Moyglare Village Residents' Association—An update

The association held a very well attended Emercency General Meeting on Thursday 22nd of April in the Glenroyal Hotel. A robust discussion took place on a wide range of items on the agenda varying from law and order, health and safety issues and litter control, to general communal cosmetic appearance and ideas for finance generation.

The issue of law and order, unsurprisingly, generated considerable interest and there was a frank and varied exchange of ideas relating to this critical and sensitive topic. Ideas and suggestions for reducing and ultimately eliminating sporadic crime in its various guises were outlined and critically examined. These were well received from the floor.

Health and safety embraced a diversity of strands which included speeding on the estate, dog litter and environmental lighting. Serious concern was expressed regarding a section of wall on the estate which is structurally progressively and rapidly disintegrating and therefore constitutes an acute safety hazard according to a recent survey which the committee commissioned. The meeting welcomed a commitment by the owner of this wall to deconstruct and replace it as expeditiously as possible. The other key issue which generated much debate was the perennial litter problem. Plans for curbing and reversing this aesthetic eyesore were outlined and received generous support.

The meeting concluded with canopy food and beverages. The committee wish to thank all those who attended and to also acknowledge a number of apologies received in advance by those residents who, due to unforeseen circumstances, were unable to attend. We also acknowledge the generosity of the management of the Glenroyal Hotel and thank them for their organisation and facilitation.

The committee are confident that by the end of summer, significant and tangible progress will have been made towards positively changing the face of Moyglare Village. By the same token, we acknowledge and thank most sincerely all those residents who have been so supportive financially and who have given so generously of their time, knowledge, skill, support encouragement and cooperation.

It will of course be appreciated that work of the calibre and magnitude which is currently in progress does not come cheap. Accordingly, the current 2004 subs will be collected before the end of the school year.

Finally, the committee would like to thank all those who paid last years subs. There was a 96.2% compliance rate—a record in the history of the

estate! For this we are most grateful and we optimistically look forward to breaking that record this year!! Without the subs and your continued generosity, no progress could be made.

The committee earnestly pledge to continue to work assiduously on your behalf during the remained of this year towards the clear objective of restoring our estate to a standard which is second to none.

Pat O'Brien, Chairman, Moyglare Village Residents' Association

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- ✓ Demand vitally needed <u>youth and</u> community amenities for Maynooth
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I am very pleased to say my total amount taken in €640 is wonderful.

My sincere thanks to everyone.

Betty Farrell

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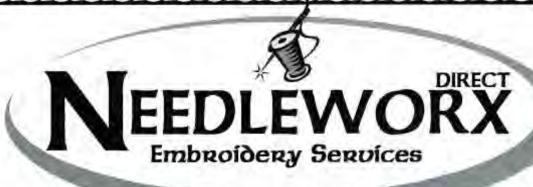


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Maynooth Community Festival



7-A-Side Soccer Tournament 13th - 25th July Rules



- Each panel will consist of not more than ten players. A player may play for only one team in the tournament. Each player must be resident in the Maynooth area at least three months.
- 2 The committee reserve the right to refuse any entry.
- 3 Teams to consist of players not currently playing competitive soccer. (Currently means this year.)
- 4 Names of players and entry fee must be submitted with the official entry form. The team must be named after a housing estate e.g. Old Greenfield.
- 5 Fifteen minutes will be played each way and three substitutes may be used.
- 6 The format of the competition will be decided by the committee.
- All games must start at the stated time, in the event of a team being late the match will be awarded to the opposition, under no circumstances will any postponement be given.
- 8 Any team playing players not included in their entry form will be removed from the tournament.
- 9 The organising committee will not be responsible for any articles lost or damaged.
- 10 The organising committee will not be responsible for any injury to any player.
- 11 All protests will be dealt with by the organising committee.
- 12 Protest, together with fee of ∈10.00, refundable if protest is upheld, must be lodged with the Secretary of the organising committee within thirty minutes of the finish.
- 13 Teams will not be included in draw unless entry fee is paid ∈30.00
- In the competition studs may be worn but must confirm to F.I.F.A. standards. Shinguards must be worn. Match referee's decision will be final in this matter. Flat footwear must be of proper standard, be safe for wearer and not constitute a danger to other players. Referee's decision is also final in this matter.
- 15 In the event of an objection it will be up to the team allegedly guilty to prove that they are innocent.
- 16 In the event of a walk-over or an objection the other team will be rewarded a 2-nil win.
- 17 The committee's decision is final in all matters.

John McGinley (Phone 6285293) Secretary Organising Committee
Entries before 25th June 2004

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Maynooth FairTrade Campaign

Maynooth's campaign to promote FairTrade and to become a FairTrade town got off to a successful start on April 27th at a well-attended meeting in the Glenroyal Hotel. Speakers from the FairTrade organisation outlined the benefits for producers in the Third World of being guaranteed a fair price for products such as coffee, tea, cocoa and bananas. At a further meeting held on May 18th a steering committee was formed with the aim of gaining FairTrade Town status for Maynooth in the coming year. This will involve promoting the idea of fair trade in the town and encouraging local businesses and retailers to stock FairTrade products. Students from NUI Maynooth and from Maynooth Post-Primary School have taken a lead role in the campaign.

With a view to raising the awareness of fair trade issues the Maynooth FairTrade Steering Committee is sponsoring a poster competition with the theme – 'FairTrade in Maynooth – It's a fair deal'. Prizes will be awarded in three categories – i) for entries from children in first, second, third and fourth class in primary school ii) for those in fifth and sixth class and iii) from students attending post-primary. Further details will be available via the schools.

For further information on fair trade see www.fairtrade.ie. If you are interested in becoming involved in the Maynooth campaign e-mail fairtrade@maynooth.info.

Why Fairtrade?

International trade may seem a remote issue, but when commodity prices fall dramatically it has a catastrophic impact on the lives of millions of small scale producers, forcing many into crippling debt and countless others to lose their land and their homes.

Fairtrade contributes to the alleviation of this poverty through a system of trade that allows producers in the developing world access to our markets. This alternative trade builds on the producers' skills and enables communities to play an active role in their own development, while at the same time satisfying our consumer demands.

Fairtrade "humanises" the trade process - making the producer-consumer chain as short as possible so that consumers become aware of the culture, identity and conditions in which producers live.

"We don't need any charity, we are not beggars. If we are paid a reasonable price for our coffee, then we

can do without charity"

Isaís Martínez, UCIRI Mexico

Fairtrade producer groups vary from one region to another and from one product to another. They include federations of producers, co-operatives, family units and workshops, and their sizes vary. The one thing that they have in common is that without the Fairtrade system they would not be able to gain direct access to local or international markets, nor would they have the security of knowing that despite fluctuations of world market prices, a guaranteed, fair price will always be paid for their products.

Fairtrade makes a real difference to some of the poorest producers in the world by challenging the conventional model of trade, and offering a progressive alternative for a sustainable future. It empowers consumers to take responsibility for the role they play when they buy products from the Third World.

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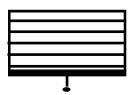
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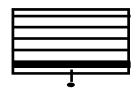


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Carol with brother Joe who also celebrated his birthday on the same day as father Dan



Dan relaxing at home before all the festivities

Dan Conway celebrating his 80th birthday. Pictured here with members of his family



Daughter Denise, son-in-law John & grandson Mark.



Dan enjoying his birthday cake!



Daughter Catherine Fay.



Daughter Carol & May and daughter-in-law



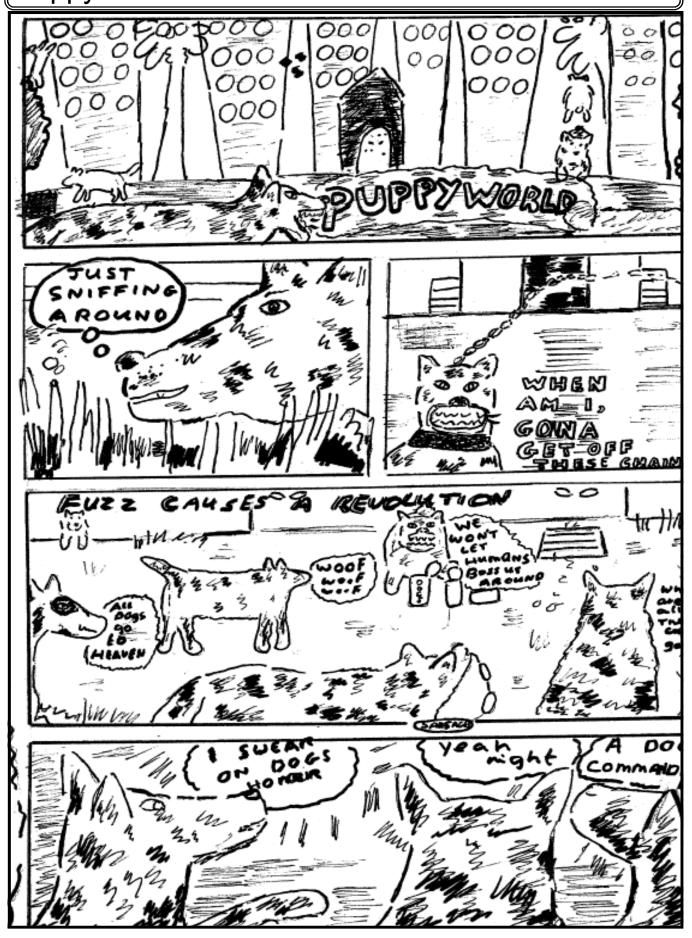
Dan with daughters Catherine, Denise & Sharon.



Dan with his eldest daughter May.

"Maynooth Community wishes Dan Conway the best on his 80th Birthday"

Puppy World



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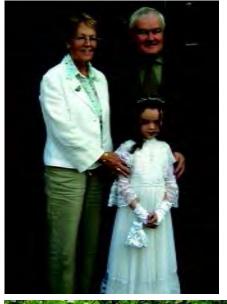


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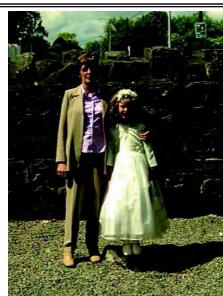
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Kate Doherty & family.



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Roisin Ni Bheachain with aunt Elaine and friend Melanie



Roisin Ni Bheachain



Denis, Heather & Cal MacGabhna

Boys National School Maynooth



Young visitors to Book Fair

Sean Kelly President of the G.A.A. with pupils of B.N.S

The pupils of Maynooth were honoured with a very special guest on Monday 18th May. Mr. Sean Kelly the GAA President came to the school to talk to the boys. He was accompanied by Mr. Ger Curtain, chairman of the North Kildare Board and Aidan Sinnot Chairman of Maynooth Hurling Club and Mr. Ash from the Kildare Board.

He was welcomed by Vice-Principal Mr. Patrick O'Connor who took the occasion to comment on the number of teams the school fielded. He further thanked the teachers in the school for all the efforts they put into the National Games and wished the school's Under 10 team success in their County Final on Wednesday.

Mr. Kelly encouraged the boys to continue to play sports and particularly the National Games. He reminded them that the friends they would make, through sport, at this age would be life-long. And very importantly he told them that in sport participation was the important thing with winning coming a poor second. He further encouraged them to take part in the Féile competition and to come along and watch some great games.

The boys queued up for autographs and photographs with their esteemed visitor, who had a word and a handshake for all.

School Book Fair, Maynooth B.N.S.

This year the boys' school had possibly the most successful Book Fair they have ever run. The Book Fair took place from Wednesday 24th until Tuesday 30th of March.

The aims of the Book Fair are to encourage the children to read for enjoyment and the boys have a chance to look at a wide range of books and to purchase any that take their fancy.

Of course as well as the benefit of all the extra reading the Celtic Travelling Book Fair Company donate a percentage of the money they earn to the school. This in turn is used by the school to keep its class libraries up to date with the latest in fiction and non-fiction.

Great credit is due to Mrs. Edel Brennan who took on the responsibility of organising and over seeing the event. There was a lot of preparation and it showed. Mrs. Brennan for her part is full of praise for the parents who came to the school each day to help with running the fair. Without them the fair would have been much poorer.



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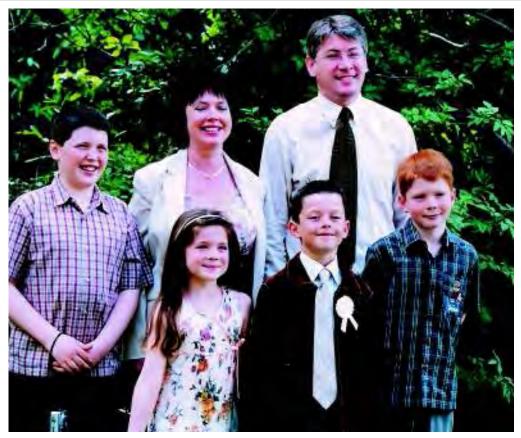
Andrew Munley with parents Mark & Allison.



Ryan Deegan with father Denis & nanny Bernie.



Darren Kennedy with parents and family.



Andrew Munley and family



Mark Doyle with his parents Margaret & Philip, sisters Nicola & Suzanne and brother Ian.

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Kingsbry Residents Association

Clean up day on Tuesday 25th May for Kingsbry was very successful. We wish to thank everyone who came out and did their bit!

Committee members also wish to remind residents who haven't paid their yearly subscription that they can drop it into any committee member as every euro helps to keep Kingsbry looking its best.

Neighbourhood watch will be starting in the area shortly more details will follow.

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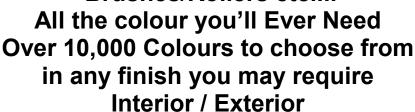
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Melessa Ndakengerwan and family.



Madeleine Martin



Derry Bradley with mun Anna

Gardening Tips for June

Hardy Primulas

Many of the hardy primulas can be raised from seed sown from now through to the end of the month. Germination may be erattic, but a little care and patience will provide plenty of plants for flowering next spring and summer.

Remove flowers

If you have time and patience, and can reach, there is merit in removing rhododendron flowers which have passed over, so that energy is not wasted in the production of seed.

More annuals, the early season means that many annuals will pass their best earlier than in an average year. So make sowings of fast growing types, which can be planted out as needed.

Plant Dahlias raised from cuttings can now be planted out, provided they have been adequately hardened.

Rose Care

As every one appreciates the beauty of roses in the garden or the home, it is wellworth while to do all we can to prolong the display. The major step in this direction is to combat the pest and disease which none of us can totally avoid. Nowadays, this is much easier, from the point of view of the work involved, than it used to be. The pests can be most effectively controlled by using a systemic insecticide and we can now combat the diseases, such as mildew and black spot, by using a systemic fungicide, called Benlate. Moreover, the two can be mixed together so that we can spray only once for a complete control. But you may have to do so at intervals, using your discretion after examining your rose trees, as scientists haven't yet succeeded in discovering a product that lasts all season long.

Where black spot is concerned, it is as well to pick off any badly affected leaves and pick up any such leaves that have fallen off the bushes and burn them as if they are left lying on the ground they will spread the disease.

Another good practice is to feed your roses with a rose fertiliser. Apply it according to directions on container and water it in if the rain dosen't do the job for you.

Keep your rose beds free of weeds by hand weeding, not by hoeing. More harm is done to the roots of rose trees by hoeing than is generally realised. And it is this type of damage to the roots that is most common cause of suckers arising from the stock on which the named variety has been bedded.

If you are bothered by suckers, and it is important that they are removed, otherwise the vigour of the stock will seriously weaken the growth of the part of the plant you want to flower well, remove these suckers by pulling off if you can. Scrape the soil away from the area where the suckers originates, preferably with the fingers so as not to do further

damage, and pull the sucker away from the bush centre. If you cannot get it off without uprooting the plant, then cut it off, right at its point of origin and replace soil, pressing it down with a foot.

REMONSTRANCE WITH THE SNAIL.

Ye little snails,
with slippery tails,
Who noiselessly travel
Along this gravel,
By a silvery path of slime unsightly,
I learn that you visit my pea-rows nightly.
Felonious your visit, I guess!
And i give you this warning,
That every morning,
I'll strictly examine the pods;
And if one I hit on,
Your next meal will be with the gods.

I own you're very ancient race,
And Greece and Bablyon were amid;
You have tenanted many a royal dome,
And dwelt in the oldest pyramid;
The source of the Nile! O,you have been there!
In the ark was your floodless bed;
On the moonless night of Marathon
You crawled o'er the mighty dead;
But still,though I reverence your ancestries'
I don't see why you should nibble my peas.

The meadows are yours, - the hedgrow and brook, You may bathe in their dews at morn;

By the aged sea you may sound your shells,
On the mountain erect your horn,
The fruits and the flowers are your rightful dowers,
Then why—in the name of wonderShould my six pea-rows be the only cause
To exvite your midnight plunder?

I have never disturbed your slender shells;
You have hung round my aged walked;
And each might have sat,till he died in his fat,
Beneath his own cabbage-stalk:
But now you must fly from the soil of your sires
Then put on your liveliest crawl,
And think of your poor little snails at home,
Now orphans or emigrants all.
Utensils domestic and civil and social
I give you an evening to pack up;
But if the moon of this night does not rise on your flight,

To-morrow I'll hang each jack up.
You'll think of my peas and your thievish tricks,
With tears of slime when crossing the styx.

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USEFUL HINTS

Coffee Stains

To remove a coffee stain from washable fabric, try one of these methods.

Soak in a warm biological detergent solution if the fabric is suitable, then wash as usual.

Rub the stain with a bar of white household soap or a commercial stain remover and then launder.

If the fabric is not washable, sponge the coffee stain with a laundry borax solution (1tbs/15ml to 18fl oz/500ml of water), then blot dry. If the stain remains, apply a 50-50 solution of glycerine and water, leave for an hour, then sponge with water.

Compost material

Use your kitchen leftovers to feed your plants. Fill a compost bin gradually with alternating 6in/150mm layers of kitchen waste (no meat scraps, grease or bones), garden debris (no weed seeds) and soil. Add a sprinkling of ammonium sulphate to each layer. (A little lime will also help, but don't add it if you're going to use the compost to top-dress acid-loving plants such as azaleas.) Let the mixture age for 3 to 6 months, dousing it regularly with a hose.

Standard rural compost ingredients such as animal manure and spoiled hay may be hard to come by. Look around your town for suitable industrial byproducts instead: shredded cardboard and newspaper, rotten vegetables from the greengrocer, mill wastes of wool and silk and hair clippings from the barbershop. All can be used on the compost heap.

However, a word of warning: don't use ashes from the barbecue, dog or cat droppings, or shredded magazines; they may contain sulphur oxides, organisms or inks that are bad for plants. And avoid cooking oils or fats; they attract scavenging animals and will also slow down the composting process.

Exams

Look after your physical needs. Get a good night's sleep, avoiding the temptation to cram last-minute revision far into the night. Eat a carbohydrate-rich breakfast, or lunch if the exam is in the afternoon. Take some boiled sweets to suck on when your energy flags.

Read all instructions twice before you begin. When reading the questions, underline key words such as 'not' and 'except'.

Budget your time. Divide the total number of questions by the allotted number of minutes to determine how long to spend on each questions. If you find you're taking too long on one, leave it and go on to the next.

If you can make an 'educated guess' between two or

three choices on a multiple-choice question, do so; the odds favour you - even if the exam has a penalty for incorrect answers. But if you haven't a clue, don't guess wildly between five or six choices.

Begin with the easiest essay questions. If you don't have time to complete an essay, try writing an outline adding the explanation 'Ran out of time'.

Flower Arranging

You can make your own preservative to keep cut flowers fresh. To each 2 pints/1.1. litres of water add a drop of chlorine bleach.

Before setting flowers in the water, remove 1-2in/25-50mm of stem by making a diagonal cut with a sharp knife (scissors crush the stems). Wash bowls and vases in hot soapy water before using; fill them with lukewarm water.

Keep flower arrangements out of direct sunlight; store them in a cool room $(5-10^{\circ}\text{C}/40^{\circ}-50^{\circ}\text{F})$ until ready to display. Although florists keep cut flowers in a cooler, the home refrigerator is not a good storage place, especially if it contains fruit; fruit releases ethylene gas, which will cause the flowers to age prematurely.

Hangovers

Prevention The best way to avoid a hangover is to avoid excessive amounts of alcohol.

Just before you go out - and also while you're partying - line your stomach with milk and milk products.

Fill up on bulky foods, such as bread and pasta, to slow the absorption of alcohol into the blood.

Avoid red wine and such dark liquors as rum; they contain more impurities that intensify a hangover.

Mix your drinks with fruit juice or plain water - carbonated water speeds the absorption of alcohol - or down a glass of water after every alcoholic drink.

Treatment Before going to bed, drink at least 1 pint/570ml of water or juice.

The morning after, drink more water and juice. Avoid caffeine; it dehydrates the system. Eat easy-to-digest-foods - cereal and milk, toast and fruit. (Skip eggs, which are difficult to digest.)

Honey or a sweet drink may raise a low blood sugar level reduced after drinking alcohol.

Paracetamol will ease a headache, but avoid aspirin, which may upset your stomach. For an upset stomach, try mint tea or an antacid.

VOTE NO. 1 BRID FEELY ON JUNE 11TH "FROM MAYNOOTH...... FOR MAYNOOTH A WOMAN CANDIDATE TO REPRESENT ALL SECTIONS



OF THE COMMUNITY

"These are the immediate issues and objectives I will strenuously pursue when elected."

- 1. PARKING—It is incredible that there is still no adequate parking downtown for commuters travelling to work every day. When elected I will work to ensure that the bus and train commuters who currently have to search the streets for car parking will have adequate parking beside the train station and bus route.
- 2. **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT—I** believe we must plan and implement proper traffic management measures so that increasing traffic levels in the town area remain constantly moving. Current over-reliance on traffic lights (which stop traffic) must be replaced by the introduction of Roundabout systems. It is my objective to free-up the traffic flow in the Main St. and approaching roads.
- 3. CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS—I pledge myself to providing a second playground (in addition to that included in Carton Avenue Area) in the proper location having regard to researching what is the best location in terms of accessibility and safety, and being closest to where parents and children live.
- 4. **COMMUNITY CENTRE—**wholeheartedly the work currently being undertaken to provide a Community Centre for Maynooth. The provision of community facilities for the young, middle-aged and old are vitally important in the development of the spirit that gels a community together.

- 5. INFRASTRUCTURE—Kildare County
 Council must be forced to focus on the prioritised provision of infrastructural necessities such as the Ring Road which has been identified and acknowledged as being vital to the area for almost 20 years or more.
- 6. **FAMILY ISSUES—**The participation of women in local politics, screening of childcare workers, financial assistance to family carers, provision of health screening for men and women locally, Town Council Status for Maynooth and Heritage status for the town are some of the issues which I also intend to focus on.



Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Tidy Towns.

During the month of May, we asked the local business community for support to enable us to replant the hanging baskets on Maynooth's Main Street and on the Straffan Road. Thanks to the response received, we were able to do so. We were also in a position to plant up the tubs for the square outside St. Patrick's College and the Boy's National School. Plans for planting on approach roads under Maynooth Town signs are also in place. The support of the local Business Community is extremely important to the Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee, who through the voluntary work of its members strives to enhance the appearance of our town. We say a sincere thank you to the following businesses for their donations and support

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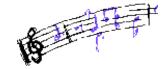






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Maynooth Tidy Towns (Continued)

At the time of going to press we believe that the above represents the list of donations received. If due to error or omission a Donor has not been included on above list please contact us and we will have your name included in the next issue of the newsletter.

A special word of thanks to Christy Hynes in St Patrick's College for the use of platforms to enable the baskets to be planted up. We would also like to express our appreciation to Paul and Tina from Lyreen Garden Centre Maynooth for all the work done on Wednesday and Friday. We would like to express our appreciation for the wonderful help we received from Carmel, Janet, and Lila. We would like to express our thanks to Rosaleen, Iris and Stephen. Without all of these people Maynooth would not be in bloom this year.

Reminder

The annual collection this year will be held on June 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th. Please support generously

Laraghbryan Cemetery Development Association

In 2001, the above Committee undertook to restore the old Church Ruin in Laraghbryan Cemetery, which was in a very neglected state. This restoration work was to be funded by Kildare County Council and Laraghbryan Cemetery Association, under the auspices of the Historic Monuments Advisory Committee & Architectural Services Department. To this end we decided to run a series of Golf Classics.

We ran three very successful events in 2001, 2002 and 2003. Work commenced in 2002 and was completed this year.

As we are not running a Golf Classic this year, we would like to express our sincere thanks to you for your support which made our venture a great success.

We would like to thank Carton House Golf Club and House Pride who sponsored the overall prizes; Kilcock and Highfield Golf Clubs for putting their courses at our disposal; Maynooth G.A.A. Club for allowing us to use their facilities for the presentation of prizes; all businesses and individuals who sponsored teams, tee boxes, greens and spot prizes.

It is expected to have an official commemorative Ceremony to celebrate the restoration with Kildare County Council in September. In the meantime you are very welcome to go and see what a difference your generosity has made to the Cemetery.

Of course there will be on-going maintenance to keep the Church Ruin in good condition. Therefore we hope we can depend on your support when we run our next Golf Classic!!!

Breda Holmes

Laraghbryan Cemetery Association



Aibhin Conway and mother



Ciara Sweeney, Aoibhin Conway and Anna Flood



Alison Tierney



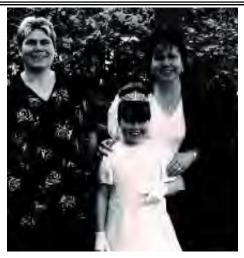
Niamh Feeney with mum Angela and sister Aine.



Katie Milner & Ciara Sweeney



Taylor Corcoran



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Taylor Corcoran with mum Anita and Dad John.



Allison O'Dea & Abi McKeever.



Nicola Feeney with mother Bridin.



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Kate Doherty and Aunt Rachel

Maynooth Town F. C. Notes

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Robinson bags three as Maynooth win Cup-Final !!

Maynooth Town under 12's lifted the Costello Cup at the Oscar Traynor centre on Saturday last and it proved a more that memorable afternoon for the Town's Paul Robinson as he bagged a hat-trick to help his team to an easy victory. Maynooth started a little shaky and conceded a 10th minute goal to a more than able Northway Rangers. Once the nerves settled the Town got into their stride and began to dominate. Maynooth captain William Donovan released Sean Foxe who had his goal bound shot cleared off the line.

Maynooth levelled the match in the 23rd minute when Adam Knapp's inch perfect cross was powerfully headed home by Robinson. Five minutes before the interval the Town took the lead when Robinson was again on target. Maynooth began to hit cruise control twelve minutes after the restart when Foxe's shot rebound to Ross Mc Donald who struck home for number three. Foxe added the fourth when he headed home a well flighted corner from Donovan in the 56th minute. Maynooth's fifth came in the final minute when Cian Taylor broke clear and unselfishly slipped a perfectly weighted pass for Robinson to complete his hat-trick. Maynooth: Eoghan Mc Nutt, Darragh Dunning, Gavin Doyle, John Daly, David Bradley, Joe Garrey, William Donovan, Paul Robinson, Ross Mc Donald, Sean Foxe, Adam Knapp, Cian Taylor, Ruairi Kearney, Conor Mahon, David Thompson and Conor O' Brien.





Broadford Rovers 0 v Maynooth Town 2 DDSL Under 8 C1

Maynooth Town Under 8's continued the good run as they face Broadford Rovers away recently. In what turned out to be a much closer encounter that their first encounter in the Harbour Field the Town's tigers had to wait until just before the interval to break down the visitors resolve. A corner from Jack Connolly caused mayhem in the home side's defence and Jonathan Flattery struck to give his side and half-time lead. The second half continued in the same vein as the first but the home side wasted some fine scoring chances. The Town's determination and effort were rewarded as Connolly cooly slotted home from the spot giving the home keeper no chance. With the final score 0-2 the Maynooth lads are almost assured of the runners-up spot and are a live contender to lift the title.

Maynooth: Bankole Agunsoye, Daniel French, James Penny, Declan Burke, Jack Connolly, Conor Davin, Gary Daly, Jonathan Flattery, Conor Gorman, Michael Jones, Christopher Donnolly, Daire Byrne, Andrew Munley.

Maynooth Town F. C. Weekly Lotto Results Sponsored by Caufields Lounge Maynooth						
Date	Numbers	Jackpot		3 x €35 Winners		
11-Apr-04	14,15,26,28	€2,100	MOSSY MAHER	IMELDA DOWLING	IVOR c/o Caulfield's	
18-Apr-04	3,9,18,21	€2,175	MARY NOLAN	MORGAN RYAN	C & R Mc DONALD	
25-Apr-04	7,14,19,20	€2,250	DARREN MORAN	3 PENNY'S	MARTIN, ROSE & NOEL	
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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre

Question

If I am on a FAS Scheme and wish to make a complaint what can I do?

Answer

If you are on a Community Employment Scheme or other FAS employment programme you can initially make your complaint to your immediate supervisor. If the complaint is unresolved you can complain to the programme sponsor (i.e. employer) and if still unresolved to the FAS official responsible for the programme.

Those on a FAS training course can initially address their complaint to their instructor or facilitator and if unresolved to the manger of the training unit.

Whether you are on an employment programme or a training course, if the matter is still unresolved you should make your complaint to

Client Services Co-ordinator, FAS Offices, 55-60 Jervis Street, Dublin. Tel: 01 804 4614, Fas: 01 872 6690 Email: charles callan@fas.ie

If you are still dissatisfied you can complain in writing to the:

FAS Client Services Commissioner, P.O. Box 5656, 27-33 Baggot Street Upper, Dublin 2.

The FAS Client Services Commissioner will independently investigate your complaint and may make a recommendation for corrective action by FAS or for compensation.

Further information is available for the Citizens Information Centre at 01 6285477

Question

I work part-time. Am I entitled to join my employer's pension scheme?

Answer

You may be entitled to join the pension scheme if you work sufficient hours. If you are not entitled to join the scheme you should have access to a Standard Personal Retirement Savings Account (PRSA).

Under the Protection of Employees (Part-Time Work) Act 2001 if your employer provides a pension scheme for full-time workers, then access to the scheme (or a no less favourable alternative) must also be possible for comparable part-time workers, unless exclusion can be justified on objective grounds, or because they

work less than 20 percent of the normal hours worked by the full-time workers. A comparable worker is one who is doing the same, similar or equal-value work.

Where an employer tries to justify less favourable treatment on objective grounds he/she has to show that the difference in treatment is based on grounds other than the part-time status of the employee, is a legitimate purpose of the employer, and is appropriate and necessary for that purpose.

If you are not entitled to join your employer's pension scheme then you could start a PRSA. PRSAs are investment accounts used for long-term retirement provision by employees, self employed, homemakers, carers, unemployed or any other category of pension. They are approved by both the Pensions Board and the Revenue Commissioners.

Your employer must provide you with access to at least one Standard PRSA if;

- You have no company pension scheme or
- You are only included in the scheme for death in service benefits or
- Your are not eligible to join the scheme within 6 months from the date you commenced employment or
- You do not have access to Additional Voluntary Contributions (AVCs) through your scheme.

Further information is available from the pensions Board, Verschoyle House, 28/30 Lower Mount Street, Dublin 2. Tel: LoCAll 1890 656 565 and from the Citizens Information Centre at 01 6285477.

Question

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

Answer

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

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

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

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secondary school starts a part-time job they are awarded Pre-Entry Credits.

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

- Worked before starting the course and paid Class A PRSI
- Started the courts before reaching age 23
- Entered full-time employment on leaving the course

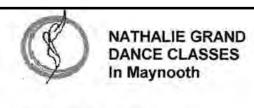
When applying for the credits you must provide a statement from the college confirming that the course was full-time and giving the dates of attendance. You will also have to provide verification of the date of entry/re-entry into full-time employment.

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

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre in Maynooth at 01 6285477



Philip Blount

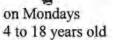


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Straight Talking

Lands at Castletown House

It is in the public interest that the current situation regarding the use of lands surrounding Castletown County Council, the Planning Authorities and the Government have an obligation to settle the matter before the condition of the area surrounding the house deteriorates further. Failure to resolve the matter would leave the Government with an opportunity to purchase 200 acres approx. of land surrounding Castletown House. The purchase would present exciting development and environmental possibilities for the towns of Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge in particular and the people of Ireland in general. The record of the Government in purchasing Historic Buildings and lands is quiet good and that makes their reluctance to purchase the lands at Castletown House, Puzzling. It is accepted that the Government has got budgetary problems and has many demands made on its finances. However it is hard to understand why our legislators are not aware of the potential of these lands for the Public good. Is it too much to hope that we are not back into the murky waters of redevelopment of agricultural land for housing development.

Maynooth has great potential for development as a University Town. The existing college campus, however, is overcrowded, many of the buildings require repairs and replacement. St. Patrick's College was never designed as a University for the masses, but the potential is there for it to develop into a great University. The college buildings are magnificent and could form the centrepiece of a development that could rival great universities like Cambridge. The town centre in Cambridge is a good example of where town and university merge into an entity that gives it a unique identity. The character of Cambridge is determined by its University, with lots of open spaces, commons, cycling and pedestrian pathways. Traffic calming measures limit private motoring and trucks are banned from the city. There is extensive use of public transport with good park and ride facilities from the town outskirts. Overall there is a tranquillity which enhances the quality of life for the towns citizens and students.

excellent opportunity for the government to give an impetus to the expansion of Maynooth University. It is accepted that Castletown is within the Celbridge town area but it also only a few minutes drive from Maynooth. The house itself could lend character to the development of a new campus attached to St. Patrick's. The Art faculties on the existing site require the

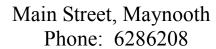
new buildings and a new library. Has any thought be given to the need for a state of the art Agricultural Institute that would be part of a new university complex? The history of our State since its foundation House in Celbridge be resolved. The Owners, Kildare has shown a continuous lack of vision in the corridors of power. There appears to be little strategic planning and more often than not departmental forecasts appear to underestimate the extent of future requirements on infrastructure and developments.

> For the moment let us look to the future and see what is ahead of us. We are now a high cost economy. The consequences are daily job losses in the manufacturing area. Those jobs are going to the new entrants to the European Union mostly Eastern Europe and Asia. The Government is obliged to take note of what is happening and plan accordingly. It is not sufficient to call for wage moderation as we have already passed that point. What is necessary is a strategic review that guide the country towards a science and technology based economy. We now have to plan for Ireland to change to a German/Austrian type of Economy rather than a provider of cheap labour. We have to develop a Research and Development model where the skills available are specialised and scarce. More expenditure on education is vital. A significant increase in students studying science, physics and other development disciplines are a must for survival. When we speak about Germany and Austria we also speak about economies that have a highly efficient Agricultural sector. In the food industry only those with their heads in the sand can not see what's coming. Shop in a German owned supermarket and see what their prices are for dairy products. The meat, cheese and milk products are coming in cheaper than their Irish counterparts without reduction in quality and pose a big threat to the Irish agricultural sector. The plans to open more stores round the country are going to prove a real headache for Irish producers and Retailers. Through its history Ireland has always lagged behind its neighbours in agricultural development and has continually played a game of catch up. We are going to have to catch up very guickly to compete at this level.

The availability of land at Castletown provides an A new university complex at Castletown could incorporate an agricultural faculty that would have the vision of providing graduates to the Industry who would have expertise in production efficiency, product quality and marketing. The Irish based multinational co-ops would have an obligation to fund part of the new Campus, as it is their own interest that they have capacity to compete in the International Agricultural market. With the Dept. of Agriculture and

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The State Laboratories already located within the area there is great potential for co-operation in this field.

There would be no obligation on the college authorities or the government to start appropriating funds to a new campus development if the purchase of the lands went ahead. It may well be a number of years before funds became available and work commenced. There is however an urgent need for the authorities to acquire the land so that at least we have a suitable site to facilitate the expansion of Maynooth University.

The greater Dublin area has been badly served by the authorities over the past 40 years It is really sad that nothing has been created but continual lines of Residential housing with no thought as to community or quality of life. Driven by greed, corruption and lack of planning the development paid little attention to the environment and welfare of the population. There is now an opportunity for

the planners and the Government to change things round. There are great possibilities to create something different, a new development that would give the people of North Kildare an environmental jewel of a University /Town entity which would be unique and nurtured with pride by the coming generations.

When we speak about great personalities of our time most people will tend to remember Legislators with vision. The vision of Donagh O' Malley, for example, a true patriot and Minister for Education who represented a noble breed of politician who worked tirelessly for the common good. His introduction of free secondary education to the people of Ireland turned out to be a contribution of immense significance. It is important that the present Government recognise the opportunity and have the vision to do something special for the people of North Kildare. Future generations will be truly thankful.

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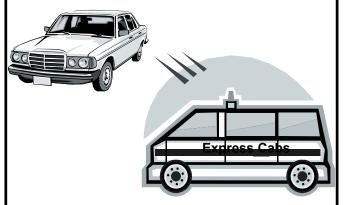
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Maynooth Labour News

Cllr. John McGinley

Funding for Bond Bridge Finally Agreed

Cllr. John McGinley has stated that the Bond Bridge Project was the most difficult struggle that he has been engaged in since becoming a Councillor eleven years ago. The long running battle for Bond Bridge is over. It was agreed at the Council Meeting on 4 May, by a vote of 14 to 2, to proceed with the new Bond Bridge and the associated culverting. Bond Bridge becomes the first project to be prioritised for funding under the new Development Contributions Scheme

After a debate, which lasted over an hour, it was agreed to fund the project as outlined in the report of Joe Boland, the Council's Director of Services. Essentially it means that a loan will be taken out to fund the 2005 requirements and the balance will be ringfenced from the Development Contribution Scheme in 2006 and 2007. Cllr. McGinley's perseverance and doggedness in standing by the project through thick and thin has been recognised by the people of Maynooth and in turn Cllr. McGinley would like to particularly thank the Bond Bridge Action Group and the people of the Newtown Area for their support over the years.

No Heavy Goods Vehicles Through Maynooth

As a result of a motion from Cllr. John McGinley plans have been drawn up that will prohibit Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV's) greater than 5 ton from entering Maynooth.

The scheme has been finalised by the Road Design team in Kildare County Council with input from the Gardai. Its purpose is to encourage HGV's currently travelling through Maynooth to use an alternative route around the town.

The key design elements include:

- A total of 12 signs located at various stages over the six mile route (Barrett's roundabout on the Straffan Road, along the M4 to the Celbridge Interchange, Intel to Blacklion Road and to the Dunboyne Road)
- The possibility of augmenting the above through the use of "gateway" type signs on the approaches to the town and duplicate signs giving a total of 26 in all.

The scheme will cost from \in 30,000 to \in 50,000 and Cllr. McGinley has asked the Council to get the National Roads Authority (NRA) to pay for the scheme as they should be encouraging HGV's to use motorway by-passes of towns.

At the Leixlip Area Committee meeting of the Council on 23 April Cllr. McGinley stated that the benefit of the proposals should be made clear to the HGV drivers i.e. it will save time for the HGV's as they will avoid the Maynooth Main Street traffic hold-up. For the rest of us:

- It will significantly improve traffic flows in the Main Street
- It will improve safety for pedestrians
- It will improve the air quality in the town centre.
- It will lead to an improved ambience in the town

Safety at Newtown Shopping Centre, Beaufield

Following requests from residents of the area Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council.

That safety measures, including temporary ramps, be put in place at Newtown Shopping Centre in order to cater for the increase in traffic resulting from the closure of Newtown Grove.

"When the motion was discussed at the Area Meeting on 21 May Cllr. McGinley asked that the traffic calming be

extended for the full length of the Beaufield Road. The County Secretary advised John to discuss the issue with staff in the Roads Section and to outline the special case for traffic calming on this road. Cllr. McGinley stated that he would do so immediately.

Bus Bays at the Girls' School in Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley's motion to have the bus bays in place by the end of July was discussed at the Leixlip Area Committee Meeting of the Council on 23 April. In addition to other safety measures the project will have "Bus Only" parking on both sides of Convent Lane and it will now cost €140,000. Disappointingly, the Dublin Transportation Office (DTO) have refused to fund the project as expected. However, the Council's Director of Services, Joe Boland, advised Cllr. McGinley that he was optimistic that he could get funding from Development Levies and that he hoped that this funding would be identified before the next meeting on 21 May.

He also stated that that the project will take six weeks to complete and that the Council will not have to go to tender as they will use an existing contractor. Cllr. John McGinley was advised at the Area Meeting on 21 May that 100,000 euro had been identified from past Development Levies and that the Council would proceed with the project with a revised specification in order to stay within the budget. Cllr. McGinley demanded that the work be finished before the school re-opens in September and he was advised that this was the Council's objective.

Meadowbrook Link Road

The Council Engineer who is liasing with the developer of the houses and the Link Road has confirmed to Cllr. John McGinley that construction traffic will be prohibited from using any housing estate roads for the duration of the construction. The work is expected to begin in June or July. The engineer, George Willoughby, estimates that the Link Road will take 9 months to complete and that all of the associated safety measures agreed during the planning process are included in the contract. Cllr. McGinley has recently been advised by George Willoughby that the project will start in early June.

New Public Lighting

Councillors had an allocation of $\in 8,888$ for new public lighting in Maynooth and Leixlip. However, there were requests for lighting totalling $\in 55,443$. Following a discussion at the Leixlip Area Meeting on 23 April it was agreed to fund the following:

- 10 lights at the Royal Canal, Maynooth Harbour
- 1 light at Pole No.30 on the Back Lane, Maynooth
- 1 light at the end of Railpark, Maynooth
- 1 light on Pole No. 2 on the way into Old Greenfield, Maynooth
- 2 lights on Doctors Lane, Maynooth

- 1 light on the way into Leinster Park, Maynooth
- 4 lights on the east side of the large green in Riverforest, Leixlip
- 2 lights at the Health Centre in Leixlip

Litter Bins at Railpark & Old Greenfield Bus Stops

The Council have agreed to Cllr. John McGinley's request for litter bins at these two bus stops on the Straffan Road and they should be erected shortly.

Geraldine Hall & Harbour Field

Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee kindly agreed to carry out works to secure the Geraldine Hall and the Harbour Field on behalf the Council. The cost of the work is a very reasonable \in 7,000, yet, incredibly the Council advised Cllr. McGinley at the April Area Meeting that all that the Council could afford was \in 3,500. Cllr. McGinley made the point that the Council were probably breaking the law by not looking after a listed building in their ownership. In order to bring this long drawn out saga to a close Cllr. McGinley allocated \in 3,500 from his Discretionary Funding in order to have the work carried out. In addition to securing the Geraldine Hall the work also involves replacing the mound of rubble at the entrance to the Harbour Field with a sturdy gate.

Re: The Thing in the Green (The "Bandstand") The History

At the Leixlip Area Meeting on 23 July 2003 Councillors were advised that €150,000 had been granted by the Department of the Environment for the upgrading of Pound Park through the Urban & Village Renewal Programme.

All of the Councillors expressed surprise as they were not aware that the Council had applied for such a grant, but they were nevertheless delighted to get the money.

The suggestion of a Bandstand seemed a good idea as it is close to the Bandhall and would be ideal for outdoor rehearsals. Cllr. John McGinley asked that the detailed proposals from Maynooth Tidy Towns for The Green also be considered. All Councillors asked that the residents and St Mary's Brass & Reed Band be fully consulted. Cllr. McGinley also stated that the bottom left hand corner was the best location.

Councillors got no further information until the very end of the December meeting when they were handed a computerised sketch of the proposed bandstand. Cllr. McGinley could not make head or tail of it and anyone that he showed it to could make no sense of it either. He asked why it was not a traditional bandstand and was told that the proposal was the most suitable.

What Happened?

- The Council did not consult with the residents and the band members as agreed.
- They did not go through a Planning Permission process as expected.
- They have not put it in the bottom left hand corner as agreed
- The yoke that has been erected is certainly not a bandstand.

All of the Councillors raised these issues at the Area Meeting on 23 April 2004 and they asked that members of the Residents Association be invited to the next Area Meeting on 21st May.

If residents are of the view that the only option is to remove it altogether Cllr. McGinley will give them his full support. Indeed at the end of the Area Meeting on 23 April a Councillor from an adjoining Area told Cllr. John McGinley that he would be more than willing to take it for Donadea Park.

New Kildare Bridge to go to Tender Shortly

Councillors were advised at the April Area Meeting that tenders would be sought shortly for the new Kildare Bridge and the associated roundabout at the end of Blacklion Road. The project is 100% funded from National Road Grants.

Carton Action Area Plan

A meeting to progress the Action Plan at Carton Avenue was held on 28 April. All of the 31 submissions were discussed and there was a fair amount of consensus among the Councillors on most of the issues. The thorny issues of densities and building heights were not discussed and this will be dealt with at the next meeting after discussions on the transfer of lands to the Council have been held with the landowner.

Harbour Area Action Plan

Councillors have been advised that discussions on the Harbour Action Area Plan can be held as soon as discussions between the Health Board and the Council have concluded. The Health Board are central to proposals for this sensitive area.

One of the Local Election candidates, has stated that a significant part of the Harbour Field must be designated and set aside for parking. Cllr. McGinley can assure the people of Maynooth that he will not agree to any such proposal. Cllr. John McGinley has played a leading role in ensuring that the Harbour Field was taken into public ownership for recreation and amenity use of the community and as a result Kildare County Council are the owners of both the Harbour Field and the Geraldine Hall since last December. Cllr. McGinley will vote against any proposals to take away this central amenity from the

community and he believes that the existing Councillors would do likewise.

The Council have proposals for a 200 space underground car park in the Council yard as part of the Shared Public Services Centre proposed in the Action Area Plan for the Harbour Area. Cllr. McGinley, along with the other Councillors, has asked that the car park be increased in size to accommodate 400 cars in order to meet the needs of the train commuters.

New Yellow Boxes on the Straffan Road

As requested by Cllr. John McGinley the Council have painted yellow box junctions at the Carton Court and Silken Vale exits on the Straffan Road.

Repairs to Footpaths

Following representations from Cllr. John McGinley the Council have allocated €15,000 for repair to footpaths in Old Greenfield.

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"...I owe more to Maynooth than Maynooth owes to me."

John Hume – Legendary Leader and Peace-Maker

Nobel Laureate of 1998 and a charismatic leader John Hume is a well-known figure in Ireland and all over the world. His vision and commitment has driven him all the way through in his burning desire to eliminate the social, political and religious discords. Inspired by an example of Martin Luther King and carrying the faith in the good of the human being, he dedicated his life and his work to fighting against violence, prejudice and hatred suffered by so many of his fellow countrymen.

In mid-1950s John Hume was an idealistic and bright student who came to Maynooth College to complete his B.A. in French and History and later to did a research M.A. degree. During his years in college he learnt under many of its legendary academicians, including Monsignor Thomás Ó Fíaich, later President of Maynooth. John Hume came to share his mentor's vision and formed a belief that the human betterment is possible by struggling through the imposed shackles and overcoming the constraints of economics and politics. His education in Maynooth helped him to develop ideas and focus on the actions in pursuit for his goal.

In years to come John Hume sat in the Northern Ireland Parliament and the Northern Ireland Assembly, and became known as a moderate and peace-promoting member of the Catholic community. In 1979 he became the leader of Social Democratic Labour Party (SDLP) and the same year he was elected to the European Parliament. His talks in 1993 with Sinn Fein leader resulted in an unprecedented Anglo-Irish peace initiative, which in its turn led to a general cease fire, which removed tension and contributed greatly to the peace-making process in the North.

On April 23, the President Mary McAleese officially opened the new state-of-the-art education and research centre at NUI Maynooth, the John Hume Building.

Recognising contribution John Hume has made, President McAleese said, "Without John Hume there would be no peace process and no Good Friday agreement. Our children have a future, a good future thanks to his sacrifice, his resilience and his determination. This building which carries his name will continue to vindicate the role of education and in particular higher education as the engine-room of modern Ireland."



Pat and John Hume outside the John Hume Building, with NUI Maynooth President The John Hume Building Opening Ceremony

Dr W.J. Smyth, President of NUI Maynooth, commented on the event by adding that, "in opening the John Hume Building, NUI Maynooth is celebrating a Maynooth graduate of international significance and presenting a future role model for the students and researchers of the university." Dr Smyth proudly said that "generations of students will see John Hume as an example of what one inspired graduate can achieve, and they will also be inspired by the boundless possibilities of education."

The college also announced the establishment of the John and Pat Hume scholastic awards, the awards for emerging researchers and scholars to provide financial and other support, as an act of commemoration of the great achievements of the Maynooth college graduate.

"I am very deeply moved that the authorities in Maynooth have honoured me in this way," John Hume said. "So, it's quite clear that I owe a deep debt of gratitude to Maynooth. I owe more to Maynooth than Maynooth owes to me."

Named after one of the most acclaimed graduate of the Maynooth college, the new facility will combine traditional lecture theatre and seminar rooms with cutting-edge technology enabling computer-assisted learning, distance-learning and tele-conferencing. The complex will be used by 5,500 students of the college

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and will become the key element for the developing (contd)

campus. In addition to teaching and research facilities, the John Hume Building will house research groups from National Institute for Regional and Spatial Analysis (NIRSA) and Department of Psychology, NUI Maynooth.

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President-elect, John Hughes, Phil Coulter and out-going President, Dr. W. J. Smyth at the opening of the John Hume Building.

Maynooth Fianna Fail

The Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann, in conjunction with our Local Election candidate, Brid Feely, would like to take this opportunity to ask the people of Maynooth and surrounding areas to **VOTE NO. 1 FOR BRID FEELY** in the upcoming Local Elections on Friday June 11th

This is our chance to elect a local Councillor from Maynooth for Maynooth. We would also like to emphasise to the people of Maynooth that unless a significant percentage of people from Maynooth actually go out to vote, there is a danger that we could end up with 3 Leixlip Councillors and only 1 Maynooth Councillor. **GO OUT AND VOTE**

The following are issues that need to be brought to the attention of the Maynooth public.

Traffic Congestion and Solutions

As far back as January, Brid Feely issued a Press release asking for a survey to be carried out on the traffic lights in the Main St of Maynooth to evaluate what their effect on the flow of traffic was. None of our existing Councillors made any comments whatsoever with regard to this proposal, although this was hardly surprising since the escalating problem of traffic mayhem in Maynooth seems not to be of any concern to them. Indeed neither did Kildare County Council take any action on such a survey, but this was hardly surprising either, since they hadn't acted on the problem previously—Just allowed it to continue!

Since then the problem of traffic build-up has continued and worsened significantly with a Garda announcement on Radio with regard to a 2 mile build-up of traffic into the Main St of Maynooth from the motorway exit at the Business Park and up the Barberstown Road.

Brid Feely has since enlisted the assistance of a suitably qualified professional to carry out this muchneeded survey on the timings of the lights on the Main Street. That survey has now been submitted to the Chief Engineer for Kildare County Council in an effort to get the Council to carry out their own survey and adjust the lights as necessary. Briefly that survey has found that the filter light turning right into the Square and towards the Motorway controls the primary traffic flow, controlling more than double the amount of traffic that is controlled by the left filter light for traffic continuing up the Main St towards Tesco. However, the time allotted to the right filter light (green) is only 25/26 seconds while the time allotted to green on the left filter light is 1 minute 5 seconds plus the 25/26 seconds above. Basically this confirms that the time allotted green to the right filter light needs to be extended by approximately 25 seconds to result in a very significant clearance of traffic building up from the Parson St, Kilcock Road and Moyglare Road

through the Main Street Action from Kildare County Council in the form of a traffic light survey, followed by resultant corrective action by a change of timings allotted to these lights involves just some action on their part, it doesn't involve any extra expenditure but will yield dramatic results for the residents of the area.

Maynooth Post Primary School

If elected, Brid Feely will actively pursue the development of the extension for the Post Primary School in Maynooth, "it is a primary issue on which I will actively and urgently pressurise my colleague Mr. Noel Dempsey T.D., Minister for Education to bring to a successful conclusion." I have already written to Noel Dempsey in relation to this, and he has assured me that he is positively disposed to the progressing of this matter. Furthermore, I will be speaking to our local T.D. Minister for Finance, Mr. Charlie McCreevy T.D. on this matter immediately.

Unfortunately the development of this project has been held up unnecessarily for a very long period because the Department cannot progress the project beyond its current Stage 3 until the information the Department requested from the VEC in February 2003 is forwarded to them. This information relates to the 1982 building, its existing mechanical and electrical services along with an outline of costs of the works required to bring these installations into line with current standards. To date, only that information relating to the 1971 portion of the building has been received from the VEC by the Department.

It must be stated that the recent comments made by the current Principal of the school, Fine Gael Councillor Senan Griffin appeared to me to be cynical in nature and an attempt by the Councillor to play on the issue for political purposes.

Senan Griffin does not have a monopoly of concern with regard to wishing to progress this matter simply because of his position. I am extremely determined to play a positive and relentless part in ensuring that the extension is built as a matter of urgently when all the necessary stages have been progressed. It is not appropriate for Senan Griffin to issue press releases on the school in which he attempts to hijack the issue as if he is the only one concerned with it.

It would be far more productive if Senan Griffin acted to ensure that all such necessary information was forwarded to the Department on time and then the extension could be progressed through the remaining stages. Already the numbers attending the school and which were budgeted for have been reached, so this begs the question what input did our Councillors have with regard to making projected population figures available to the Department? As a Councillor at that time and vice-Principal surely Mr. Griffin should have played an active part in ensuring that the Department were dealing with more realistic figures taking into account the expected number of housing units to be built in the area?

Finally, I would like to emphasise to everybody that I will be very anxious when elected to assist all other

parties concerned, including the VEC to move the issue forward immediately so that further unnecessary delay will not be allowed hamper the project.

The Harbour Area Action Plan - Lack of Transparency by Councillors

During my on-going canvas of the residents of Maynooth, a significant number of residents have asked me what is going on as far as the Council planning for the Harbour Area is concerned. Some small few details have been given to the Press by our current Councillors relating to a Public/Private/Partnership to include the possibility of the provision of a "onestopshop" in the area wherein motor tax etc could be processed for residents of the area. Releases have also been prepared alluding to the provision of a Garda Headquarters, possible Courthouse etc, etc.

However many residents are concerned at rumours circulating concerning the possible construction of a roadway from the bottom of the Straffan Road, opposite the Glenroyal Hotel, across the Harbour Field into the Leinster St area and ongoing across the adjoining land to exist onto the Parsons Street area. Again it is rumoured that such a roadway would allow extremely high density development take place. While many rumours are circulating it is notable that our Councillors are uncharacteristically quiet and unwilling to throw any light on the issue.

Recently during a Maynooth Community Council Meeting, a representative from one of the Residents Associations asked those present were there such plans for a road and if so what were they. answer was forthcoming from the Councillors present despite the fact that they normally are very enthusiastic about using the forum of the Council to publicise other matters. In fact the Fine Gael Councillor Senan Griffin made a comment that he had been shown a "big plan" for the area but was not at liberty to divulge it as it was disclosed to him in confidence. An artistic way of being able to say at a subsequent stage "I told you I couldn't tell you".? Surely as an elected Councillor it is his first duty to represent the residents of the area, make all information at his disposal available to the public and not protect the confidences of others with particular or vested interests in such an area?

It is a concern of residents of Maynooth that when such Plans are being made there is no input possible from the public until the actual Draft Plan is published for public display—for a limited period and when so many elements are already very much integrated making change difficult.

I call on the sitting Councillors here now, to let the people of Maynooth know what are the possibilities or plans being discussed presently in relation to such a roadway through the Harbour Field?

Parking for Commuters, Residents and People with Businesses in the Town

As published by me in recent Press Releases and Newsletters the issue of the pathetic lack of planning by sitting Councillors in relation to provision of car parking in the town for residents, commuters, and people with businesses in the town is an issue I intend to pursue and be pro-active in when elected.

Again as with the issue of traffic congestion, I am currently doing a survey on the lack of car parking provision in the Maynooth town area. When that survey is completed I will forward same to the Kildare County Council and when elected use that survey to pressure the Council into making proper long-term plans to provide those parking areas where they will be of maximum benefit to the population, particularly adjacent to the train station and bus routes etc.

It is only when this urgently needed facility to park is provided that the residents of the Main St and parallel streets can enjoy their rights to be able to open their front doors, and use their cars to exit when required.

Bandstand in Pound Park

Very briefly I would like to say that I was delighted to be of assistance to the people of Leinster Cottages and Pound St etc recently when they came to me looking for help in stopping the erection of the Bandstand above.

As explained by the residents of the area they were never consulted on the issue of whether they wanted it erected there or not. No proper planning was displayed by either the Council or the Councillors for the area. In fact, the Councillors subsequently blamed the Council for not checking whether the residents wanted the bandstand in advance.

How convenient for the Councillors !!! Surely it is the Councillors who are elected to represent the people—not the Council officials. Why didn't the Councillors bother to take an afternoon to check with the people for their reaction or feelings on the issue??

Furthermore, it was interesting to note how one Councillor in particular was very eager to take full credit for the bandstand back in July 2003 and February 2004 on his website but later when confronted with the reality that the people had been able to stop the bandstand going ahead, was so eager to blame the council officials and assume collective responsibility with the other Councillors!

To conclude I would sincerely ask the residents of Maynooth to VOTE NO 1 FOR BRID FEELY on June 11th bearing in mind the record of the current councillors, their poor record with regard to proper planning and the fact that you are voting for the councillors of your choice to stay in that position for a long five years.

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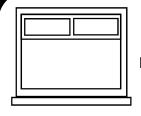
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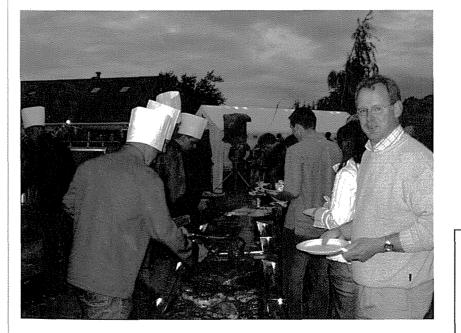
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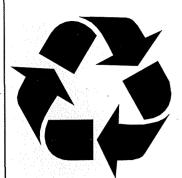
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Editorial

Reflecting the one of the aims of the Maynooth Newsletter which is to "bring community to the world" we would like to look around on how people and events all of us participate in affect the community as a part of nation.

Firstly, we would like to express our best wishes to the winners of the **local elections**. The people have spoken and have chosen those who are truly believed to make our life better. We will try to support your actions and initiatives in order to build better community for our children.

Secondly, the result of the **Referendum** on June 11, and the YES vote in the landslide majority mark another change, the alteration in the constitution in regard to citizenship. The Irish nation has made its historical choice.

Thirdly, on June 16, 2004 the whole country has started the celebration of the **Centenary of Bloomsday**, with string of events around Ireland. As ReJoyce Festival 2004 is in full swing we will make an overall feature about it in one of the next issues.

Finally, the stressful time of the exams is over and we congratulate the students in schools and colleges, their parents as well as their teachers and professors on the end of another year. You did great, so enjoy the summer!

Enjoy Maynooth Newsletter, and if you feel you have something to tell, somebody to congratulate, or just want to comment on current issues – you are more than welcome!

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Community Council June Meeting

The June meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on the 21st June in the Glenroyal Hotel. There was one Co-option to the Council, - Deirdre Cusker representing O'Neill Park Residents Association.

Sub. Committee and Affiliates

Tidy Towns

Paul Croghan thanked all involved in their collection, he said people were very generous. He also thanked Andrew and Tom McMullon. He said the hanging baskets are up and looking well he also noted the new area on the Kilcock road and thanked Sean Cushen for his hard work hear.

Festival

John McGinley said that the football closing date is Friday 25th of June and will be starting 19th July. The festival will run from the 19th to the 25th July. A program is well under way.

Local Matters

The matter of a new quarry development at Mullah Kilsjum south Meath was raised.

It was noted that Maynooth Community Council have put in a submission objecting to this.

Paul Croghan said that a development like this should have a large sign stating the name and the small sign that is there. He also noted it would mean a huge amount of trucks coming into the town using Maynooth as an access point, it was also felt that material going into the quarry could be waste. Cllr. Senan Griffin said the quarry is near Mullhussy National School and that the quarry could become a dump. He felt we should support the local Residents on this.

Carton Court-Resident Association

Cyril McAree stated that the dumping situation has taken a turn for the worst. He said dumping is taking place on lands around Carton Court. He said Carton Court have put in a submission objecting to this. . He said material was to be reduced to the level of the Straffan road, but that this has not happened. He noted that there is no person in K.C.C. to talk to about this. K.C.C. have no development control office. John McGinley pointed out that K.C.C have seven such offices. Cyril wanted M.C.C to support them but because the monthly meeting being held later than usual it was to late for M.C.C to support.

Hugh Gallagher, Chairperson suggested that people should get in touch with M.C.C. regarding planning.

He also noted that if time was a short, to get in touch executives to submit an objection.

Pat with O'Brien-Moyglare Village— Developers Maintaining Open Areas

Pat raised concerns about a section of wall that is now dangerous. He said that an engineer had examined at the wall and found it was dangerous. Pat wanted to know what is the situation re-liability. It was felt that this was a legal grey area.

The estate is private and not yet taken over by K.C.C. The question of what can be done to get developers to maintain open access in estates was raised. Paul Groghan said developers are walking away doing nothing. Developers should be made responsible for upkeeping the estate as this is part of the planning conditions

Cllr. Senan Griffin said developers should be brought to heel on the matter. Kildare County Council has to instruct the developers to carry out maintenance. The council will not take over an estate where the developers have not done the proper work. The legislation has to be changed. It was also stated that K.C.C won't even cut grass in council owned estate. It was agreed to clarify the situation.

Mary Clougher-O'Neill Park

Mary said the people in the estate do all the work themselves. She raised the concerns about fire hydrants in the estate. She said the fire hydrants for the area are in O'Neill Pk. She was worried about further development in the area and the water situation. It was felt that Tesco's have taken in a fire hydrant on their own property.

Andrew McMullen-Cluain Aoibhin

Andrew said the road sweeps have not being in the estate for some time. He noted than the election posters did not look well along with the hanging baskets and suggested than election posters be banned from the main street in further.

Auctioneers-Re- Signage

Paul Croghan felt that there is an over use of signs, and that signs are left up for some time after sale.

Heavy Goods Vehicles – Banning of trucks in Maynooth

It was very strongly felt that H.G.V. should be stopped from coming through the town. It was noted, that there will be a 5 ton limit now.

Community Council June Meeting

Pat O'Brien felt that the Gardai should be made to enforce the law. The town is in a dreadful state with congestion etc. He said we should be making more noise about this. It was noted by Hugh Gallagher that M.C.C. have written to Kildare County Council about this, Cllr John McGinley's motion a year ago to ban trucks didn't get through. K.C.C. agreed to go the voluntary way instead and if this did not work Cllr McGinley stated that he would introduce a motion banning these results. As some questions were directed personally to both Cllr. Griffin and McGinley Hugh Gallagher Chairperson stated that this was not the forum for such questions as both are only here representing their own area. However Cyril McAhre felt that this was not the case and that both Cllrs. had being answering individual questions. At this point Cyril left the meeting. It was stated that the Cllrs would talk to people privately. However John O' Connor stated our main problem is to get the H.G.V out of the town. He felt the volunteering ways won't work. Cllr Griffin stated that a map with new changes is about to be proposed and we should wait for this. Mary Clougher raised the problem of people selling fruit etc at the entrance to O'Neill Pk. They would like see the people positioned in a safe place to allow Residents enter the park safely. She also pointed out that the only problem they have is the safety issue. Again it was felt that the Gardai will have to enforce the law. Des Matthews said it took years to get the bye laws implemented and enforced. It was agreed to invite to the Superintendent, also Kildare County Council about funding from N.R.A,, and the Minister to address the question of free access for trucks on the toll bridge

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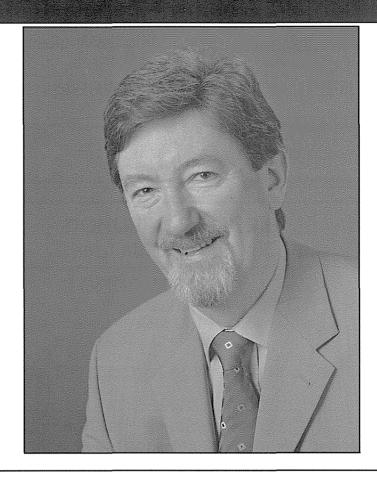
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File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location04
04/1106	Eoin Doyle	Eretrias Johninstown Straffan Co. Kildare	Р	14/05/04	Construction of a Bungalow, Detached garage, Bison treatment System and Ancillary site works	Johinstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1124	Ciaran & Derbhile Henson	3 Rye River Gardens Dun Carrig Leixlip Co. Kildare	o	17/05/04	A dormer style House with effluent Treatment system, New entrance gates And associated site Works. Outline permission has previously been granted for a single storey dwelling ref no. 00/2050	Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1137	Brian & Winifred Noone	Straffon Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	p	19/05/04	extension to the existing concrete yard at garage premises consisting of approx. I acre of concrete hardstanding with associated surface water drainage and holding tank with approx 1 acre of hardcore hardstanding for coach parking,etc.	Brian Noone Ltd. Straffan Road Maynooth
04/1174	Mr & Mrs E Murphy	22 Parklands Place Maynooth Co Kildare	р	21/05/04	alteration and extensions to extisting to existing semi detached dwelling house to increase existing kitchen extension, provide additional first floor accommodation over existing single story converted garage, utility room and new kitchen extension, erect single	22 Parklands Maynooth Co kildare
04/1184	Coolm & martina Murphy	91 Moyglare Village Maynooth Co. Kildare	p	21/05/04	Single storey extensions at front and rear, two Storey extension at site with roof lights (2 no.) in roof at side, attic conversion to Storeroom with roof light at rear, retention of existing garden shed at rear	91 Moyglare Village Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1260	Brian Lanigan	C/O Mc Cormacks Pharmacy Main Street Maynooth Co. Kildare	p	28/05/04	Change of use of existing first floor residential apartment (granted under Pl. ref No 01/2074) to medical consultation rooms above premises	Mc Cormacks Pharmacy Main Street Maynooth
04/1275	Barton Enterprises Ltd	Straffan Rd Maynooth Co. Kildare	p	01/06/04	Construction of an area of hard standing and area of concrete for use as a bus park for their own buses and the enclosing of same with 225mm concrete block wall plastered both sides and capped 3m high on two sides of the enclosed area, etc	Greenfields Maynooth Co. Kildare

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04/1281	Ciaran & Derbhile Henson	3 Rye River Gardens Dun Carraig Leixlip Co. Kildare	p	02/06/04	Construction of a dormer bungalow, garage and games room, new entrance gates and piers, septic tank with effluent treatment system and associated site works	Rail Park Maynooth Co. Kildare
04//1306	Trevor & Breda Beattie & O' Flaherty	Ballybane Clondalkin Co. Dublin	p	03/06/04	Demolition of existing structure and build a dormer bungalow, new entrance and waste water treatment system	Barrogstown East Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1307	Gerarda O Cinneide	6 Parklands Grove Maynooth Co. Kildare	p	03/06/04	First floor domestic extension with external finishes to match existing to side	No 6 Parklands Grove Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1339	Fred Leavy	Greenfield Maynooth Co, Kildare	p	Demolition of existing single story cottage and construct a terrace of three two bedroom two story dwelling with associated public services connections and off street parking	87 Old Rail Park Maynooth Co. Kildare.	
04/1355	June Gleeson	Sunningdale Old Maynooth Road Celbridge Co Kildare	р	10/06/04	Erection of single story extension to the front side and rear of the dwelling	Sunningdale Old Maynooth Road Celbridge
04/1356	Gerard & Carolyn O' Keeffe	168 Rockfield Square, Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	p	10/06/04	Dwelling house over existing garage conversion with utility room extended below and also a single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling house	168 Rockfield Square Railpark Maynooth
04/1369	Stephen Mc Cartan	Smithstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	10/06/04	A two storey house, detached double garage, Bison treatment system and ancillary site works	Smithstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1382	Electricity Supply Board	27 Lower Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin 2.	p	14/06/04	two 110 KV overhead lines. The lines will consist of three overhead wires supported on double wood pole structure,whose poles are 5 metres apart, of average height 19 meters. The angle structure will consist of lattice steel towers ect	Roseberry to Maynooth

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04/1388	Tesco Ireland Ltd	Gresham House Marine Road Dun Laoghaire Co Dublin	p	14/06/04	Revisions to the permitted petrol filling station (ref. 02/178)to allow for an increase in the size of the shop/kiosk by 35 sq. m and ancillary works	Cattlemart Site Dublin Rd Maynooth
04 /1405	Lyreen Partnership	Adelaide Chambers Peter Street	p	16/06/04	A residential development on a 4.9 acre (2 ha) site. The development will consist of the demolition If one habitable house and the construction of 1 no. 3-storey terrace, 2 no 2 stored terraces and 3 no 3 storey plus set back ect	Mariaville Dunboyne Road Maynooth
041418	Monsignor Stenson	Parish House Maynooth Town Co. Kildare	р	16/06/04	partial demolition of a wall and the construction of a new garage space and dividing wall within the existing side yard to the property. Also the construction of a new secondary entrance driveway to allow access	Parish House Maynooth
04/1419	Maureen O' Flaherty	Kilmacraddock Maynooth Co Kildare	р	17/06/04	Tow storey dwelling with septach 2000 domestic waste water effluent treatment system and perolation area and to use the existing dual entrance to the proposed	Kilmacraddock Maynooth Co Kildare
04/1438	David Collins	Hawthorn House B&B Old Greenfield Maynooth Co Kildare	р	18/06/04	4 self catering accommodation units (216sq.m) and to provide 4 additional car park spaces and all associated site works	Hawthorn House B&B Old Greenfield Maynooth
04/1441	June Gleeson	Sunningdale Old Maynooth Road Celbridge Co. Kildare	р	18/06/04	A single storey extension to the front, side and rear of the dwelling	Sunningdale Old Maynooth Road Celbridge

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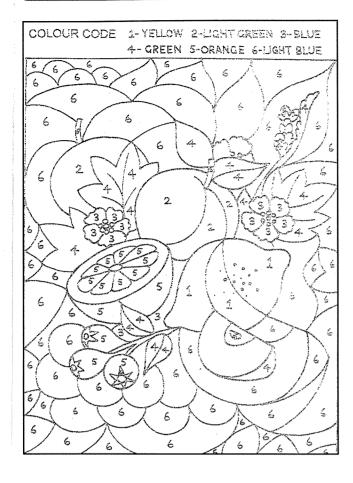
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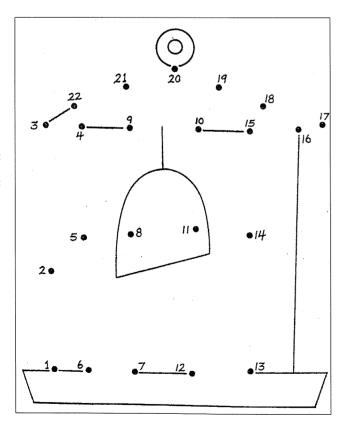
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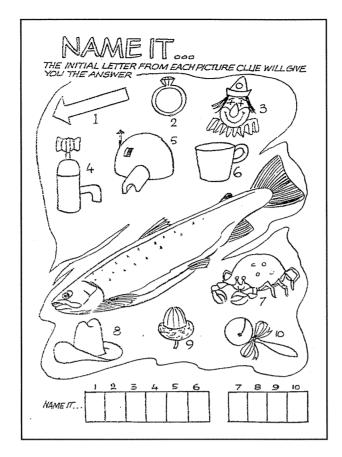


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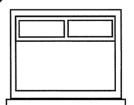
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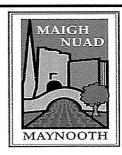
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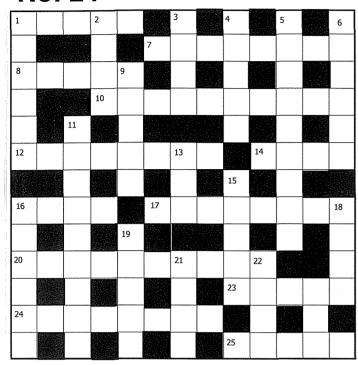
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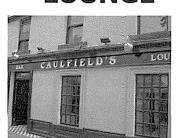
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At this point I would like to thank the following, the I.C.A. for the continued use of their hall, the G.A.A. for the continued use of their club. A special thanks to Dominic, Martin and Ruth for all their help. Bartons Transport, a long and loyal benefactor, Eamon Gorey for many 'freebees' in the past, Seamus Grant for long and faithful service, Brian, Mick and 'Bourbon Street' who provide our music throughout the year, the Post Primary school, local politicians, the Golf Society, local business and all the many people who support our fundraising events. There is an astounding respect and inclusiveness in this community towards our Senior Citizens and of course that is how it should be. In a world where the future is all important, it's refreshing to know that we still respect our past.

Finally, may I wish all our Senior Citizens, our benefactors and committee members an enjoyable summer and I look forward to seeing you all in September when we commence another year of activity.

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Mrs Ellen Leavey

Sometimes one picture will speak a thousand words. what broad vista then will a motion picture show? In discussing the transformation in the life and times of Ellen Leavey and her generation, the above analogy proves the most appropriate. The transformation was so dramatic that it has no parallel in Europe and probably not in the world. In the space of one generation, Ireland went from being one of the poorest countries in Europe to one where there is now an above average standard of living and a wide degree of social equality. To understand the progress that has been made, one can literally disregard the hundreds of books that have been written about our misfortunate past and learn all we need to know from that great Kerry playwright John B Keane. His series of plays and short stories showed an Ireland in transition still hostage to its primitive past but showing a determination to progress because it had the right values. To view John D Sheridan famous film adaptation of "The Field" with your American or British friends you can be sure that they will miss the point. It was not just about a green field created out of a barren landscape. It was about the determination and the faith of a hard working Irishman to make a better life for his family. It mattered not that he would never see the benefits of his labours. All he wanted was that the hard work and sacrifices made would help in some way to make a better life for the future generations. In the end it went horribly wrong

but most of us would understand his motivation.

Those who would understand him most would be Ellen's generation who had to work so hard to provide for their won families. They sought nothing for themselves but good health and all shared the core values of Faith in the Sacred Heart, devotion to their families and concern for their neighbours.

Ellen was born on the Carlow/Wexford border and was one of a family of nine children. Her father was a small farmer and her mother dressmaker. In telling her story of her childhood many aspects of how people provided for themselves would mirror "At School through the Fields" by Alice Taylor. Households made their own bread and butter. Bed sheets were made from flour sacks and her mother as a dressmaker made a lot of the family clothing. The family grew their own potatoes, and vegetables. They had an animal slaughtered from time to time to provide their meat. Little was wasted or discarded. It was a happy childhood where children had to make their own entertainment. They also had their responsibilities and daily chores were distributed by their Mother and were expected to be completed. Her first job took her to Mountrath where she met her future husband, James. They married in 1944 and moved to Maynooth in 1948. Her husband secured a job on the farm in St. Patrick's College but subsequently found employment with St. Loman's in

Old Greenfield, where the couple settled, was literally in the country, linked to the town by a narrow bridge that spanned the canal and the railway line. There was no electric lighting on the road to the town and the main street was also unlit. A flashlight was essential for a night-time walk to a shop and one of the children always came for company. The main street had a few shops and butchers and was mainly residential. One of the bigger stores was O' Brien's, the site now occupied by The Roost. There were few cars on the road and the Garda were quite strict on cyclists riding without lights at night. Ellen and James had six children and life was anything but easy. There were no washing machines or dishwashers in those days and all washing had to be done by hand. She speaks with sadness of the ill health that effected her husband at a relatively young age. Ellen was forced to find a job in order to keep her home intact. Ireland in those days was not a hospitable place for those who were ill or down on their luck. It can only be imagined the sheer strength of will required for her to be up at four or five in the morning to start her work at the Irish Meat Packers at six or eight depending on the season. She would then have to work a ten to twelve hour day. Buses would bring in workers from as far afield as Edenderry and at its peak the Company employed 800 workers. Each night she laid out the

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children's clothes for school the next day. She also prepared meals that could be served with the minimum of fuss by her children.

It was in some ways a difficult interview as Ellen would speak very little of herself. She would not accept that she is different in any way than anybody else and prised her children and in particular her eldest daughter, Josie, for accepting responsibility at such an early age, Regarding her children's time she remarked now little it took to keep them happy. A sixpenny piece was a fortune and highly appreciated. Ellen worked in Irish Meat Packers for twenty-seven years, retiring in 1986.

Ellen Leavey walks six miles each day and is highly involved in Senior Citizens activities. Her constant companion on her daily walk is Kitty Connolly of whom she speaks warmly. She also had high praise for Josie Moore who is involved in organising a range of activities for the Senior Citizens of Maynooth. Her favourite outing is the week spent in Kalverstown House near Naas. She speaks highly of the efforts made by Josie and her committee in making sure that all guests have a great time. Ellen loves her garden and it would require full coloured pictures to do justice to the cottage garden surrounding her home. She will not admit to it but it is a proven fact that she is one of the "highest earners" in bringing in sponsorship for the annual walk supporting the senior citizens committee. Nor will she speak of the many acts of extraordinary kindness and generosity shown to her neighbours down the years. She knows more than most about hospitals as she accompanied neighbours who had difficult appointments or treatments. She enjoys the company of young people and feels that in many ways they face a more difficult future than her generation did. She is aghast at the price of houses and feels that expectation now are so high that many will find it difficult to manage. She likes to travel and has been to Chicago on may occasions to visit her son Bernard, daughter-in-law Sue and her three grandchildren. She also visits her old home on the Carlow - Wexford border. Ellen still has a great zest for life and is universally loved by all that have the privilege of knowing her. She has great faith and is a great believer in the benefits of Daily mass. As the interview was drawing to a close we looked at photographs of her family. The wedding photo of herself and James, whose anniversary this year on April 29th marked the 30th year of his death. We also view the photo's of her children, Josie, Jim John, Tony, Harry and Bernard. Ellen has eighteen grand children and seven great grandchildren. As we left her warm and homely kitchen she brought the writer down the garden to see her hens, chickens and ducks. This was a reminder of a more gentle time in Irish life when people had the time to absorb the beauty of nature that surrounded them. Ellen Leavey is as enthusiastic about life as she has ever been. She sees good in everybody and is so positive about friends and neighbours. She can be rest assured that she is universally loved and respected by her community in Maynooth.



Ellen with her son Harry and grandson Harry Jnr.

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Maynooth Community Games 2004

Maynooth Community Games held the local athletic events on Friday 21st May in the Maynooth G.A.A. centre. Lots of boys and girls turned out to enjoy a lovely fine evening.

Lots of boys and girls turned out to enjoy a lovely fine evening. All the tiny tots enjoyed running and went home with medals.

Results as follows:

Event	Place	East	West
Girls U8 60M	1st		Siobhan McNulty
	2nd		Bronagh Kearney
	3rd		Eleanor Geraghty
Girls U8 80M	1st		Siobhan McNulty
	2nd		Eleanor Geraghty
	3rd		Hannah Regan
Girls U10 100M	1st	Ciara Hewson	Ciara Brennan
	2nd	Ellen Larragy	Niamh Murray
	3rd	Sarah Jennings	Aaron Delaney
Girls U10 200M	1st	Ciara Hewson	Ciara Brennan
	2nd	Ellen Larragy	Niamh Murray
	3rd	Alison Kelly	Emer Sinnott
Girls U12 100M	1st	Elaine Kelly	Heather Gaffney
	2nd		Karen Feehan
	3rd		Niamh Kearney
Girls U12 600M	1st	Elaine Kelly	Karen Feehan
	2nd		Heather Gaffney
	3rd		Niamh Kearney
Girls U14 100M	1st	Eva Dunne	Roisin Murray
	2nd	Ailbhe Flynn	Claire McNamara
	3rd		Sinead Murray
Girls U14 800M	1st		Roisin Murray
	2nd		Sinead Murray
	3rd		
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Maynooth Community Games Results

Event	Place	East	West
Girls U16 100M	1st	Karen O'Hare	
	2nd		
	3rd	•	
Girls U16 1500M	1st		
	2nd		
	3rd		
Girls U13 Walking Race	1st	Heather Gaffney	Elaine Kelly
	2nd	Niamh Kearney	
	3rd	Karen Feehan	
Girls U14 Long Puck	1st	Michelle Dolan	Louise Walshe
	2nd		Samantha Ward
	3rd		Emer Sinnott Ciara Brennan
Boys U13	1st	Eoin Sinnott	Padraig Kilcoyne
	2nd	Cal Gaffney	
	3rd		
Boys U14 Long Puck	1st		Padraig Kilcoyne
	2nd		
	3rd		
Boys U8 60M	1st	Stephen Dolan	Cal Gaffney
	2nd	Joseph Millett	Oisin O'Sullivan
	3rd	Breen McGeogh	Michael Hogan
Boys U8 80M	1st	Stephen Dolan	Cal Gaffney
	2nd	Joseph Millett	Oisin Devereux
	3rd		Oisin O'Sullivan
Boys U10 100M	1st	Matthew Melia	Tadgh Ford
	2nd		Peadar Murray
	3rd		Sean Kearney
Boys U10 200M	1st	Matthew Melia	Tadgh Forde
	2nd		Peader Murray
	3rd		Sean Kearney
Boys U12 100M	1st	Rory Hughson	Padraig Kilcoyne
	2nd		
	3rd		
Boys U12 600M	1st	Rory Hughson	Padraig Kilcoyne
	2nd	Dylan Lynan	
	3rd		/continued

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Event	Place	East	West
Boys U14 100M	1st	Justin Cullinane	Ciaran Kearney
	2nd		Eoin Sinnott
	3rd		
Boys U14 800M	1st	Justin Cullinane	Ciaran Kearney
	2nd		
	3rd		
Boys U16 100M	1st	Emmanuel Ali	
	2nd		
	3rd		
Boys U16 1500M	1st	Emmanuel Ali	
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Congratulations to all the boys and girls and good luck in the County Final on weekend 2nd - 3rd July. Well done

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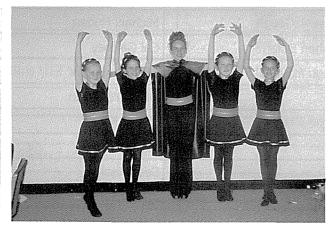
The County Finals took place in the Curragh on Saturday 3rd April and well done to all who participated. Congratulations to Jennifer Feehan who came home with a Gold Medal and good luck in Mosney.

Gymnastics

Good luck to Juliet Cunningham U14 and Niamh Feeney U10 who will represent Maynooth in the County Finals in Newbridge on Saturday 19th June.

Set Dancing

The Group Dancers from Maynooth came 4th in the finals in Mosney at the Special Activities weekend in May. Well done.



Lady of the Dance L-R Hannah Stack, Aoife Dunne, Ailbhe Flynn, Sarah Jennings, Karen Feehan



Set Dancing L-R Laura Walsh, Sarah Jennings, Hannah Stack, Karen Feehan, Aoife Dunne, Emily Milner, Michelle Dolan, Ellen Stack, Orla Canning, Niamh Lennon

Maynooth Community Games Results 2004

Swimming

On Saturday June 5th boys and girls from Maynooth packed their bags and headed off to Athy Swimming Pool. The bags were a lot heavier coming home.

Gold	Daragh Murphy	U8 Freestyle
Bronze	Shane Monaghan	U10 Freestyle
Gold	Sean McKnight	U12 Freestyle
Bronze	Cian Forde	U12 Backstroke
Gold	Maebh Walsh	U10 Backstroke
Gold	Molly Meade	U12 Backstroke
4th	Karen Feehan	U12 Backstroke
	Gold Bronze Gold Gold	Bronze Shane Monaghan Gold Sean McKnight Bronze Cian Forde Gold Maebh Walsh Gold Molly Meade

Gold	Aoife McKnight	U14 Backstroke
Gold	Ailbhe Lenihan	U14 Breaststroke
Silver	Michelle Dolan	U14 Breaststroke

4th U13 Girls Squad

S. Howell, M. Dolan, G. Behan, A Lenihan, H. Collins Well done to all the girls and boys and good luck representing Kildare in Mosney in August.



High Infants Class in Maynooth Convent 1965

Maynooth Summer Project

Tuesday 6th July registration for all activities 10.30am—12.30pm in ICA Hall. Registration for all activities (see important notes at bottom of the page)

			Week I		
Day	Date	Time	Meeting Place	Activity/Venue	
Tues Wed Thurs Fri	6th July 7th July 8th July 9th July	10.30 - 12.30 11.30 - 4.00 12.00 - 4.00 2.00 - 4.00	ICA Hall Greenfield Shopping Centre Greenfield Shopping Centre I.C.A. Hall	REGISTRATION DAY Bowling Tallaght Play barn Bingo	' €3 each/ €7 fami €7.00 €8.00 €2.00
Day	Date	Time	Week 2 Meeting Place	Activity/Venue	
Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri	12th July 13th July 14th July 15th July 16th July	11.30 - 4.00 2.00 - 4.00 11.30 - 4.00 2.30 - 4.30 12.30 - 5.00	Greenfield Shopping Centre I.C.A. Hall Greenfield Shopping Centre Glenroyal Hotel Greenfield Shopping Centre	Malahide Castle Quiz Maze Disco Chocolate Factory (Make your own So bring home what y make)	

Welcome to Summer Project 2004

If you are available to help out during the project please give your name on Registration Day. The Summer Project is run entirely on a voluntary basis.

This year registration day is Tuesday 6th July at the I.C.A. Hall between 10.30 and 12.30. All children must be 7 years of age on or before 1st July 2004. The Registration Fee is €3.00 per child or €7.00 per family.

- Booking for all away events must be made and paid for on Registration Day.
- 2 All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian on Registration Day.
- 3 On all trips, children must bring sufficient food for the day and also rainwear.
- Parents, please put suntan lotion on the children where necessary.
- At <u>some</u> events children will be allowed to spend a <u>small</u> amount of pocket money.

Contacts: Madeline Stynes @ 01 - 6286443 Paula Tracey @ 01 - 6285810

PLEASE COLLECT YOUR CHILDREN ON TIME

Enjoy the rest of your Summer Holiday



The Castle Keep Art Group Maynooth is organising a

Children's Art Exhibition and Competition

to be held in

Maynooth Community Library

Closing date for receipt of entries is Wednesday 14 July 2004

The age groups are 4-6, 7-10 & 11-13 (Please put age, name and address on back of art work along with parental signature)

Art works will be displayed in library during the Maynooth Festival Week

Prize giving will be on Thursday 22 July at 7pm

Andy Mac Thai and Chinese Simple Cookery

Wonton Noodle Soup (Serves 4)

Ingredients

4 shiitake mushrooms, wiped 125 g/4 oz raw prawns, peeled and finely chopped 125 g/4 oz pork mince 4 water chestnuts, finely chopped 4 spring onions, trimmed and Finely sliced 1 medium egg white Salt and freshly ground black pepper 11/2 tsp corn flour 1 packet fresh wonton wrappers 1.1 liters/2 pints chicken stock 2cm/3/4 inch piece root ginger. Peeled and sliced 75 g/3 oz thin egg noodles 125 g/4 oz pak choi, shredded

Method

- Place the mushrooms in a bowl, cover with warm water and leave to soak for 1 hour. Drain, remove and discard the stalks and finely chop the mushrooms. Return to the bowl with the prawns, pork, water chestnuts, 2 of the spring onions and egg white. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Mix well.
- Mix the cornflour with 1 tablespoon of cold water to make a paste. Place a wanton wrapper on a board and brush the edges with the paste. Drop a little less than 1 teaspoon of the pork mixture in the centre then fold in half to make a triangle, pressing the edges together. Bring the 2 outer corners together, fixing together with a little more paste. Continue until all the pork mixture is used up; you should have 16-20 wantons.
- Pour the stock into a large wide saucepan, add the ginger slices and bring to the boil. add the wontons and simmer for about 5 minutes. Add the noodles and cook for 1 minute. Stir in the pak choi and cook for a further 2 minutes, or until the noodles and pak choi are tender and the wontons have floated to the surface and are cooked through.

4 Ladle the soup into warmed bowls, discarding the ginger. Sprinkle with the remaining sliced spring onion and serve immediately.

Food Fact

Wonton wrappers are thin, almost see through sheets of dough made from eggs and flour, about 10 cm/4 inches square. Buy them fresh or frozen from larger super-markets and Oriental stores.

Barbecued Pork Fillets

Ingredients

Serves 4

2 tbsp clear honey

2 tbsp hoisin sauce

2 tsp tomato purée

2.5 cm 1 inch piece fresh root ginger, peeled and chopped

450 g/1 lb pork tenderloin

3 tbsp vegetable oil

1 garlic clove, peeled and chopped

1 bunch spring onions, trimmed and chopped

Method

- Preheat the oven to 200° C/400F/ Gas Mark 6, 15 minutes before cooking. Mix together the honey, hoisin sauce, tomato purée and ginger in a bowl. Trim the pork, discarding any sinew or fat. Place in a shallow dish and spread the honey and hoisin sauce over the pork to cover completely. Cover with cling film and chill in the refrigerator for 4 hours, turning occasionally.
- Remove the pork from the marinade and place in a roasting tin, reserving the marinade. Cook in the preheated oven for 20 25 minutes, or until the pork is tender and juices run clear when pierced with a skewer. Baste occasionally during cooking with the reserved marinade. Remove the pork from the oven, leave to rest for 5 minutes, then slice thinly and keep warm.
- Meanwhile, heat a wok or large frying pan, add the vegetable oil and when hot, add the garlic, spring onions and peppers and stir-fry for 4 minutes or until softened. Add the rice and peas and stir– fry for 2 minutes.
- Add the soy sauce, sesame oil and flanked almonds and stir-fry for 30 seconds or until heated through. Tip into a warmed serving dish and top with the sliced pork. Serve immediately

Andy Mac Thai and Chinese Simple Cookery

Helpful hint

If you have only untoasted flaked almonds, place them on a baking sheet in the oven for 5-10 minutes, while you cook the pork. Check them frequently as nuts burn very easily.

Crunchy Topped Apricot

This dessert is a deliciously light and fruity way to end a meal. You may not have créme fraíche in the house, but this recipe tastes just as good with 140ml (¼ pt) frozen double cream (thawed and lightly whipped) - which is worth keeping in stock.

230 (8oz sliced white bread, crusts removed 85g (30z) soft, light brrown sugar

411g (141/20z) can apricot halves in fruit juice, drained

230 ml (8fl oz) créme fraíche or 140 ml (¼pt) frozen double cream (thawed and whipped) 1 tablespoon of icing sugar.

Set the oven at Gas Mark 6, 400 degrees F, 200 degrees C.

Crumble the bread coarsely in a food processor or liquidiser.

Mix the sugar and breadcrumbs, and scatter on to a baking sheet. Bake for 10 to 15 minutes, turning occasionally. Remove from the oven and leave to cool.

Blend the apricots in a liquidiser or food processor. Tip purée into a bowl and fold in the créme fraíche. Divide the purée between 4 tall glasses and top with the crispy bread misture





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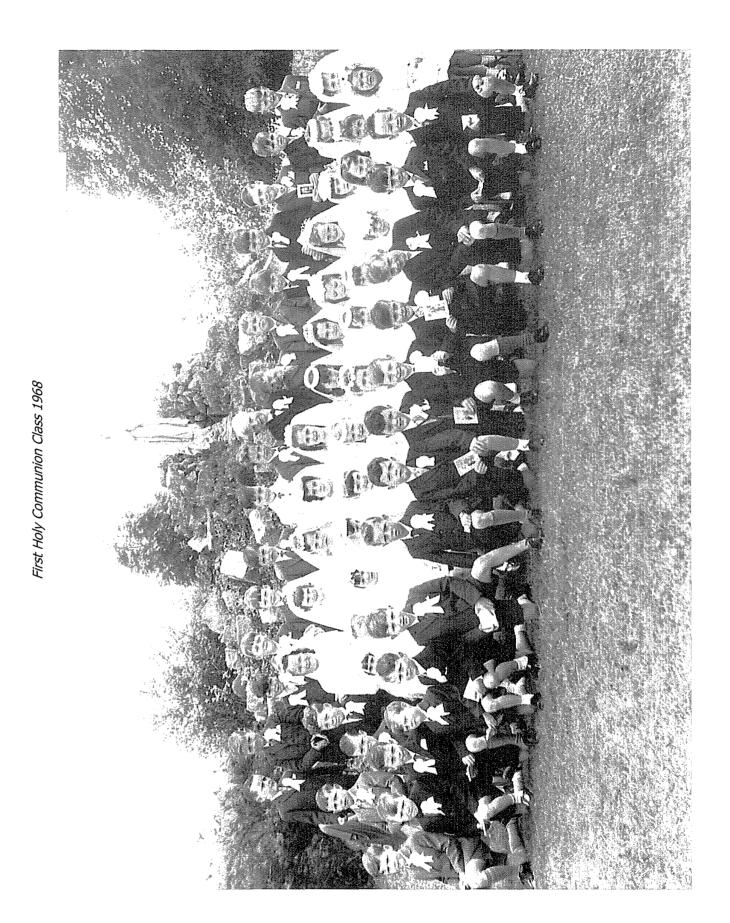












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Citizens Information Centre

Ouestion

I heard that the EU Form E11 which I used to get from my Health Board when going on holidays has been replaced. What has replaced it?

Answer

You are right. It has been replaced by a new European Health Insurance Card.

Previously, if you were going on a short stay to an EU country (excluding UK), an EEA country (Iceland, Leichtenstein, Norway) or to Switzerland it was advisable to have an E111 form from your local Health Board to cover you and your family for public healthcare should you become ill or injured while away. From June 2004 this form has been replaced by a European Health Insurance Card. The card is valid for up to two years and you will need a card for each person travelling.

You can apply for the card online at www.ehic.ie if you have a Medical Card or a Drugs Payment Scheme Card. You can also download application forms from the website or get them from your local Health Board. You will have to provide your name, address, date of birth and Personal Public Service (PPS) Number.

You should apply for the Card at least ten working days before travelling. If there is not enough time to get a card you can get a Temporary Replacement Certificate from your Health Board instead for each person travelling, which will cover you.

Apart from people going on holidays, other people who should apply for the card are:

- Those going on business trips
- Those going to look for work
- Those posted to work in one of the countries mentioned, temporarily, but still paying tax in Ireland
- Those going to do a course of study
- Those going temporarily for any other purpose where healthcare itself is not the purpose.

Further information is available from your local Health Board and from the Citizens Information Centre at 01 6285477.

Question

I understand that the surviving spouse/partner of someone who dies can continue to receive the deceased's social welfare payment for six weeks after he/she dies. Is this true?

Answer

Up to June this year it was not true in all cases. Improvements were introduced by the Department of Social and Family Affairs in 2003. However, these improvements did not cover all cases. If, for example,

the deceased was receiving a Contributory Old Age Pension it would not continue to be paid for six weeks after the death.

From June 2004, however, such cases should no longer arise under the new arrangements which are as follows:

- Where a person dies who was receiving a social welfare payment which included an increase for his/her spouse/partner, or would have been if the spouse/partner was not receiving a social welfare payment in his/her own right, the deceased's payment continues to be paid for six weeks after the death.
- Where the spouse/partner dies for whom an increase is being paid the increase continues to be paid for six weeks.
- Where a child dies for whom an increase is being paid the increase continues to be paid for six weeks.
- Where a person is receiving One Parent Family Payment and he/she has only one child, if the child dies the payment including the increase for the child continues to be paid for six weeks.
- Where a person is receiving Carer's Allowance or Carer's Benefit and the person who is being cared for dies, the carer's payment continues to be paid for six weeks after the death.

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The relevant section in the Department of Social and Family Affairs should be notified of the death. If the deceased was receiving Unemployment Benefit or Unemployment Assistance, the local Social Welfare Office should be notified.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre at 01 6285477

Question

I am hoping to start my first job next month. What should I do so that I do not have to pay too much tax?

Answer

To ensure your tax is dealt with properly and that your employer deducts the correct amount of tax there are two things you must do.

- You should give your employer your Personal Public Service Number (PPS No.). This number is your unique personal identification number for public services in Ireland. Your employer should then let your tax office know that you have started work and that they are your employer. If you do not know your PPS No. or you wish to apply for one contact your local Social Welfare Office.
- You should apply on a Form 12A for a 'Certificate of tax Credits and Standard Rate Cut-Off Point to your employer's tax office. You can ask your employer for the application form and the address of the tax office or by telephoning LoCall 1890 306 706

To ensure that your employer and the tax office have time to have everything sorted out before your first pay-day, it is advisable to do all this as soon as you accept an offer of a job (even for part-time or holiday employment). The tax office will then forward you a detailed statement of your tax credits. Your employer will also be notified of your tax credits.

Your own personal circumstances dictate the amount of tax credits you are entitled to and therefore how much tax you must pay. All workers have tax credits - for example, a single person has a Personal Credit of €1,520 and an Employee Credit (previously PAYE Credit) of €1,040 in the tax year 2004. If you are single your tax is calculated on your gross pay at 20% of your earnings below €28,000 and at 42% of the balance. This gives you your gross tax liability. Your tax credits are then subtracted from this figure and the remainder is the amount of tax you will pay. The tax you pay is spread over the tax year so that you receive approximately the same wages each week.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre 01 6285477

Questio

I understand the new Rural Social Scheme announced in the Budget has been recently launched by the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs. Who is the scheme for?

Answer

The Rural Social Scheme (RSS) aims to provide income support for farmers who are in receipt of long - term social welfare payment and to provide certain services of benefit to rural communities, such as environmental maintenance work or care of the elderly. Low-income fisherman may also be eligible. To be eligible for the scheme you must be:

- In receipt of Farm Assist OR
- Have a herd number and be in receipt of longterm Unemployment Assistance, Unemployment Benefit (if previously on a Community Employment Scheme) or Disability Allowance.

The dependent spouse of a qualified farmer is eligible to participate on the scheme instead of the farmer. Those currently on Community Employment (CE) Schemes, who meet the eligibility criteria, may be able to transfer.

You work 19½ hours per week on an RSS and you are initially accepted for 12 months. If you are receiving Farm Assist, Unemployment Assistance or Unemployment Benefit you receive a payment from the scheme instead of your social welfare payment. The rates of payment are similar to FáS CE rates:

Participant Qualified Adult Child Dependent €159.20 €89.40 €16.80

If you are receiving Disability Allowance, you continue to receive it and also receive a top-up payment from the scheme to bring you up to these rates. A person receiving a maximum Disability Allowance of $\[\in \]$ 134.80 would receive a top-up of $\[\in \]$ 24.40 per week.

You should check with the Department of Social and Family Affairs and your local Health Board to see if your secondary benefits such as a Medical Card, Fuel Allowance, etc are affected. Apart from your farming work you are not permitted to earn more than €88.88 from other employment.

Further information is available from your local LEADER or Udaras Na Gaeltachta office and from the Citizens Information Centre 01 6285477.

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Features

Press Release

Pat O'Brien, campaign manager for Paul Croghan, independent community candidate for Kildare County Council, on his 350cc Honda "Quadmobile' during the Maynooth canvas.



Paul Croghan, the well known Moyglare-based community activist, procured an impressive 800 first impressive votes on Saturday night following a rigorous fourteen day electioneering campaign for the Maynooth/Leixlip electoral area. Following transfers and distribution of surpluses, Paul netted a grand total of 850 votes before being eventually eliminated following the fourth count. His campaign manager and mentor, local man and Trinity College Psychiatry and Psychology Lecturer, Pat O'Brien, said afterwards that "Paul performed most impressively given that he was somewhat late in entering the race in addition to competing against some well established sitting party stalwarts".

Moyglare, Paul's local territory, produced the largest turnout of voters in the whole of Maynooth with 62.5% of the electorate casting their votes following an intensely robust canvas, under Pat's direction, by Paul and his hardworking team of N.U.I. lecturer, Dr. John Sweeney and 20 other volunteers. Given that 29% of houses in Moyglare Village are rented by noneligible voters, effectively 91% of residents turned up at the polling station to exercise their franchise.

Pat's innovative and colourful Modus operandi in canvassing, using a state of the art high powered Red Honda Quad-Bike ('Quadmobile') as the campaign climaxed during the final 36 hours, generated much interest in the locality—even prompting some degree of curiosity, if not consternation, not only amongst the people but arguably the indigenous canine and feline population who, alas, were not deemed eligible to vote!

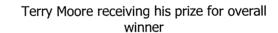


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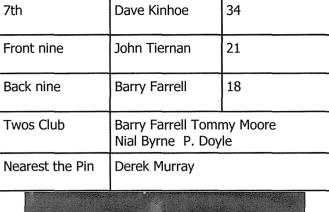
Vice President (Paddy Foy) Prize at Port Arlington Sponsor- Declan Kennedy Brady's Clock House Bar

1st	PA Conway	42
2nd	Mick Flynn Jr	40
3rd	Norman Kavanagh	38
4th	Liam Farrelly	38
5th	Mick Flynn Snr	37
6th	Tom Flattery	34

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Golf Society Outing to Trim Golf Club on Saturday 15th May **Sponsor Dave Mahony**

1st Overall	Terry Moore	45 Pts
2nd "	Barry Desmond	44 "
3rd "	Fintan Gannon	41 Pts (B.9)
4th "	Paddy Foy	41 Pts
5th "	Alan O'Brien	39 "
6th "	John Carroll	38 Pts (B.9)
7th "	Norman Kavanagh	38 Pts (B.6)
Front Nine	Colm Loftus	20 Pts
Back Nine	M. Flynn (Jnr)	22 "
Nearest the Pin	Dave Kinlon	
Twos Club	Terry Moore	





Pa Conway overall Winner with Paddy Foy Vice President and other Golfing Members

Next outing to Knockanally on Friday 9th July (Eddie Kavanagh Cup). First round of Math Play to be played before this date. No exceptions.



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- For quick relief, take a cool oatmeal should be used regularly from early childhood to prevent skin damage, such as altered texture, wrinkling, discoloration, pronounced blood vessels and skin cancer.
- Here's a formula for judging their effectiveness. Determine how many minutes it takes your skin to begin to burn when unprotected. Multiply that number by the sun protection factor (SPF) printed on every commercial lotion. Divide the result by 60 to find out how many hours of protection you can expect. If you would normally burn in 30 minutes,s for example, an SPF lotion should protect you for about 4 hours.
- The SPF number is an indication of protection against ultra violet B rays, but it does not tell you the product's ability to protect against UVA, the radiation that penetrates deeply into the skin and which has been shown to encourage premature ageing. Products are now labelled with a star system to show UVA protection levels.
- If you burn easily or must be out in the sun for a long time, consult your pharmacist; she may recommend a complete sunblock such as zinc oxide.
- Also take into account the sun's intensity; the higher in the sky it is, the more direct the rays are. You need a higher SPF number at midday than you do in the morning or evening, and a higher number in the tropics than farther north.
- Even a sunscreen labelled 'waterproof will come off while swimming. Remember to reapply it.
- Never use a sunscreen that is more than a year old - check the expiry date, if there is one, or throw it away if you are in any doubt.
- Don't rely on 'natural' lotions such as sesame oil, cocoa butter or mixtures of vinegar and olive oil. They're not effective.

Insect Bites

- To relieve the itch of a mosquito or other insect bite, apply an ice pack or ice cub for 10 minutes. Let the skin dry, then smooth on an over-the-counter hydrocortisone or antihistamine cream.
- If the bite is especially itchy, or swollen or uncomfortable, or if you have many bites, take anti histamine tablets. But if you have to drive or operate machinery, make sure you

- use tablets which do not cause drowsiness.
- Some people have a physical reaction to insect venom that as its most extreme takes the form of anaphylactic shock. If the victim's breath is laboured, he is dizzy and his skin burns, call a doctor immediately.

Airsickness

- If you suffer from this problem, reserve a seat over a wing, where you feel the least turbulence. Fly well rested and wear loose clothes. Eat light, easily digestible food before and during the flight, and try to avoid alcohol and cigarettes smoke. As soon as you're seated, tilt the vent above you so that the air is directed towards your face.
- If your child is susceptible to airsickness, bring along his favourite games, toys and puzzles to distract him.
- Take anti-travel-sickness medicines (available from a chemist) ½ to 1 hour before departure. Some travel medicines may cause a dry mouth, others may make you drowsy.
- If you begin to feel dizzy or nauseous, recline your seat (unless the plane is taking off or coming in to land) and close your eyes or stare at a fixed point. Alternatively tense and relax your body.

Jet Lag

- Alternate a 'feast day (high protein breakfast and lunch, high-carbohydrate dinner) with a 'fast' day (soup and salad) for 3 days before departure; during those days don't drink any liquids containing caffeine except between 3 and 5 pm if you're flying west, and between 6 and 9 pm if you're headed east.
- Readjust your bedtime. If flying east, go to sleep an hour earlier each day for each time zone you're crossing; if flying west, move your bedtime later in the same fashion.
- When flying east over several time zones, try to take a morning flight instead of an overnight one. On arrival your 'body time' will be set at mid-afternoon; local time will be early evening. Eat dinner and go to bed late by local time. The next morning you'll feel rested.
- Flying west is easier. In fact, you may avoid jet lag altogether if you take a late flight, stay awake during the trip, then go to bed as soon as you reach your destination.
- Drink lots of fluids before and during the flight, but avoid alcohol.
- Go outside into sunlight as soon as possible after arrival.

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Swimming Club

Our last day this term on the 19th June was a fun swim. Swimming lessons will resume on 4th September 2004. Anyone not returning in September, please contact Mary at 6244256 or Siobhan at 6012974 as places could be allocated to new members.

All outstanding fees must be paid to help keep our records up-to-date,

Following the Community Games heat in Athy on 5th June—well done to our swimmers who took part—Niamh and Sean Kearney, Owen Byrne, Michael Hogan, Luke Essex, Gillian Behan, Maebh Walsh. Congratulations and best of luck to Darragh Murphy who came 1st Under 8s Freestyle and will represent Kildare in the finals this August.

As we are at the end of term we would like to express our thanks to our swimming instructors, Stewarts Swimming Pool and Barton's bus drivers for their assistance and care of all our swimmers.

Our last mention has to be for all the parents who help to run the club, their time given is very much appreciated.

Copy date for the August Edition of the Newsletter is Monday the 12th July 2004 at 5 p.m.

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Gardening Tips for July

LIFT BULBS

Spring bulbs, such as tulips and hyacinths which were set in nursery rows to complete their growth, should be ready for lifting, c leaning, drying and storina.

Parsley to stand the winter should be sown now. In colder areas it may be transplanted to a cold frame or given cloche protection. Make a further sowing in three weeks.

Clematis in flower can be encouraged to flower again in late summer by applying a little fertiliser or liquid feed.

TOMATO CARE

Although the successful growing of tomatoes out of doors in this country depends to a great extent on the weather during the summer, we can do quite a lot to assist the plants to overcome adverse conditions. If, as I hope, you are growing yours against a fence or some other screen from which they will benefit by protection from the wind and by the reflected warmth, you have taken the first important step. It must be realised, however, that such a screen may also protect them from some of the rain and they may therefore need more watering to keep them nicely moist at all times. This is really essential. They must not alternate between wet and dry.If they do, you are almost certain later on to have troubles, such as fruit with split skins or badly shaped.

Another must is the regular and early removal of side shoots that grow from the axils on the main stem or even direct from the bottom of the plants

at ground level. If you find a leaf shoot developing at the end of a flower truss after the fruit has set, nip that out as well.

Once the tiny green fruit can be seen on the lowest flower truss, you can start feeding the plant. It should not be done earlieras then you get too much growth of stem between the fruit trusses.

As with watering, here again regular and correct quantity application is very important. Follow exactly the directions on the container of the feed you use. A stop-go, haphazard policy, if anything, is worse than not feeding at all.

When you have three or perhaps, four in some favoured district or a particularly good summer, trusses of fruit set, nip out the top of the plant to concentrate the plant's energy into maturing the quantity of fruit. You also should emulate the plant and concentrate on maturing that the quantity of fruit unless you are quite happy to have a lot of green tomatoes remaining at the end of the season that you propose to use for making tomato chutney

The plant may well try to rebel against this concentration effort by sending out vigorous sideshoots.

These must be removed.

BIRDS, NESTS The skylark nests among the grass And waving corn is found; The robin"son a shady bank.

With oak leaves strewn around.

The Wren builds in an ivied thorn Or old ruin wall: The mossy nest so covered in,

You scarce can see at all

The Martins build their nests of clay, In rows beneath the eaves; While silvery lichens, moss and hair, The chaffinch interweaves.

The Cuckoo makes no nest at all. But through the wood she strays Until she finds one snug and warm, And there her egg she lays.

The sparrow has a nest of hay, With feathers warmly lined; The ring-dove's careless nest of sticks On lofty trees we find.

Rooks build together in a wood, And often disagree; The Owl will build inside a barn Or in a hollow tree.

The Blackbird's of grass and mud In brush and bank is found; The Lapwing's darkly spotted eggs Are laid upon the ground.

The Magpie's nest is girt with thorns In leafless tree or hedge: The wild duck and the water-hen Build by the water's edge.

Birds build their nest from year to year, According to their kind, Some very neat and beautiful; Some easily designed.

ANONYMOUS.

Fianna Fail



Brid Feely Would like to thank all the people of Maynooth and Leixlip for their support both 1st Preferences and right through.

Monthly Clinics will be starting the 5th July and the first Monday of every month thereafter.

Contact Number 087 205 2649

Features

Maynooth Post Primary

Had I, as a parent been given or taken an opportunity to speak at the graduation ceremony this is what I would like to have said!

On behalf of the parents I would like to thank the teachers for their co-operation and dedication in getting our precious cubs through, what to me, and I know I am the most ordinary of people, is the most tiring physically and mentally exhausting time that both parent and child will have to go through D.V.

To the two of the longest serving teachers, Mr. Willie Coughlan and Michael O'Donnell, I salute you! It seems another life altogether when Maynooth had no secondary school! Dr. Mary Cullen, Ms. Marie Kelly, Mrs. Kennedy et al set about looking for a secondary school for Maynooth. It is very easy to forget that at this time Maynooth Parish included Leixlip and Confey, and it seems inconceivable that such a large area should have no secondary school. I was only involved as a potential customer as I had five children! It is great credit to the teachers under the guidance of Mr. Thomas Ashe that the school has risen to such great heights and become the model for most of our neighbours. To all the teachers in the school who have made the passing years memorable (warts and all!) I say thank you. After 37 years of schooling behind me I was looking forward to my release but my daughter has said that she knows the best boarding school for her daughter-Maynooth Post Primary and living with Grandma.. So here's to the future.

Cheers. Joan Howard-Williams

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Maynooth Town's Under 11D side held their end of season presentation recently in the Glenroval Hotel, Martin O'Connor got The Golden Boot (No photo available), Bryan Grehan (above left) Most Improved Player and Patrick Kabungu (above right)Player of The Year. The managers, parents & players would like to thank the Glenroyal Hotel Management.

Maynooth Town F.C. recorded there best season ever at schoolboy level in season 2003/4 with honours across the age ranges from Under 8's through to Under 17's. There were also several teams that just missed out on honours by the narrowest of margins. With the Maynooth schoolboy/girl coaching academy coming on stream next season the future of soccer in the town is looking bright.

Maynooth's U12's-League Champions & Costello Cup Winners 2003/4!!

Maynooth's U17's - NDSL League Champions 2003/4!!

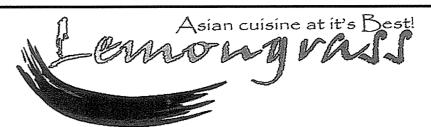
Maynooth's U13D - NDSL League Runners-up!!

Maynooth's U8C1's - DDSL League Runners-up!!

Maynooth's U8E's - DDSL League Runners-up!!

Maynooth Town F. C. Weekly Lotto Results Sponsored by Caufields Lounge Maynooth

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Features

Maynooth Boys National School Take Top Honours

Congratulations to Maynooth Boys National School on the tremendous success of their School Junior Warden Team which participated in the Kildare Region Final at Miltown on June 16th. They were judged the outright winners, the first time such an honour was bestowed on a Maynooth Team in the history of the competition. Tremendous credit is due to the team as the standard is extremely high in this very competitive event.

Team Members:

Sean Gerard Cushen, (Captain), John Comerford, John Daly, Eoin Wilson, Robert Dignam, Andrew Corbett.

Every parent will appreciate the hugely important role the Junior Wardens play in the safety of pupils walking to and from the school. They provide an invaluable service, rain, hail or shine. The Board of Management is very grateful to these boys and their parents for supporting such an important school activity.

A special congratulations to Mr. Pat O' Connor and his assistant Mr. McBride, without whom the Junior Warden Teams would not exist. Each year they put in a huge amount of time and effort to train and supervise the boys. Mr. McBride recent intensive training certainly paid dividends. It was a very proud Mr. O' Connor who had the team to receive their award at the Ambassador Hotel. Well Done!!!

Note: The team which represented us in the final came through a very tough qualifier at school level. They overcame stiff opposition from the other school teams. In fact the judge stated that it was the highest ever standard witnessed in Maynooth. All warden members will be receiving their special certificates on Friday.

Wardens

On the 16th of June, six of us from Sixth Class, went to the Kildare Junior Warden Competition in Miltown. The Captain was myself Sean Gerard Cushen, the Sign Warden was Robert Dignam, the Assistant Warden 1 was Andrew Corbet, the Assistant Warden 2 was John Comerford and the Vice-Captain was Eoin Wilson. There were five teams and after some hard competition we went to the Ambassador Hotel, after a nice meal the speeches were made. We won!!!!. This was the first time Maynooth B.N.S., have won the Junior Competition. Thanks to Mr. O' Connor and Mr. McBride for all their help, we could not have done it without them.

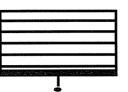
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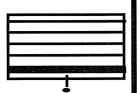
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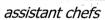
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An extraordinary gathering around Maynooth GAA Club took place on June 19th. Accompanied by sensational amount of food thanks to record-breaking number, of Chefs (6 this year!) and terrific musical performance from En Deci (well done lads!) This unmissable event will be remembered for years and years. Even rain could not stop people from coming, and the 8 till late promise was kept as some stayed till very very late!

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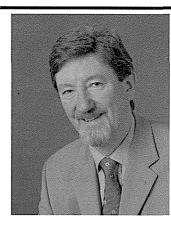


L to R Back Row: Barra Mac Niocaile - teacher, Nicola Ni Bhraonain, Molly Ni hAodha, Shane O Coileain, Kellie Ni hUigin, Michael O Ciarsaigh, Christin Nic Dhonail Front Row: Conchur Mac Giolla Phadraig, Nicole Ni Throithigh, Grainne Nic GhiollChomaill, Fiachra O Fearcheallaigh, Hayley Ni Dhulain, Meadbh Ni Bhradaigh.

Party Political



Maynooth Labour News



Emmet Stagg T.D.

Cllr. John McGinley

Thank You from Cllr. John McGinley

I would like to thank the people of Maynooth and Leixlip who voted for me in the County Council Elections. I would also like to thank the people of Maynooth for the courtesy shown to me when I called to your homes. As always the communities of Maynooth and Leixlip can be assured that I will continue to work for them and be accountable to them over the next five years.

Problems at Maynooth Train Station

Cllr. John McGinley wrote to the Chairman of CIE, on 20 May, asking him to take action on the following issues relating to Maynooth Train Station:

- The car park is hazardous as it is completely potholed.
- The lights on three of the lamp posts on the way in to the station have not worked for years.
- There is no sign for the Station as you approach it from the Straffan Road side even though the steel poles for the sign have been in place for years. The absence of the sign has led to many near accidents as cars enter the wrong road or else by-pass the station and then suddenly stop.

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply, dated 28 May, from the Chairman, John J. Lynch:

"Thank you for your letter of 20th May regarding a number of issues relating to Maynooth Station:

- This week repair work was undertaken to address the uneven surface of the car park. Provision has been made for next year for the total re-surfacing of the car park.
- Arrangements have now been made for the maintenance personnel to repair the electrical fault on the lamp posts on the entry to the station.
- The directional signage referred to will be erected in the next couple of weeks."

Requests for the Provision of Late Night Trains to Maynooth:

Following requests from members of the public Cllr. John McGinley wrote to the Chairman of CIE on 26th May, asking that consideration be given to introducing a late night train service to Maynooth. Cllr. McGinley got the following reply, dated 11th June, from the Chairman:

"The scheduling of rail services is based on customer demand, together with the effective and efficient utilisation of rolling stock and associated resources.

Iarnrod Eireann have advised that they are now in the process of determining customer requirements for the next timetable revision, which is due to be implemented in December 2004. While I cannot confirm at this stage that we will be in a position to meet the specific request for the provision of a later service to Maynooth departing after 22.30hrs, I assure you that it will receive serious consideration.

Once again thank you for your letter and we will continue to examine all options to further develop our services in line with our customers increasing service needs."

Pedestrian Crossing Required on the Celbridge Road, Maynooth

Following requests from parents and the Parents' Association of the Gaelscoil Cllr. John McGinley has submitted

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"That pedestrian lights be installed on the Celbridge Road, Maynooth, between the entrances to Rockfield/ Railpark Estates on one side and Laurence Avenue on the other, in the interests of pedestrian safety." John also wrote to the Council separately, on $16^{\rm th}$ May, asking for action on this safety issue and he got the following reply dated $9^{\rm th}$ June:

" I refer to your representations in regard to a pedestrian crossing at Celbridge Road, Maynooth. I would like to inform you that the Roads Design Section have confirmed that they will carry out a traffic and pedestrian count at this location to determine if a warrant exists for a pedestrian crossing."

Cllr. McGinley has asked that the count be carried out before the school summer holidays as there would be little point in carrying out the count while the school is closed.

Pedestrian Signals at the Train Station on the Straffan Road, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council for an explanation for the delay in installation the much needed pedestrian lights at the entrance to the Train Station on the Straffan Road, Maynooth. Such lights would also help residents exit Parklands/Castlebridge, Silken Vale and Old Greenfield. The Roads Engineer advised Cllr. McGinley last December that he expected to put them in place early in the New Year.

Extending the Yellow Box Junction at the exit from Parklands estate:

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to extend the yellow box junction at the exit from Parklands for the full width of the road to enable vehicles exiting to turn right at peak traffic times.

Illegal Parking at Pound Lane/Back Lane, Maynooth

Following representations from Cllr. John McGinley the Council have agreed to put down some double yellow lines at Pound Lane/Back Lane in order to stop the illegal parking by indiscriminate motorists who are preventing local residents from exiting from their homes.

Litter Bin Needed at the Bus Stop on the Celbridge Road, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to put a

litter bin at the bus stop at the Celbridge Road, Maynooth in order to prevent littering of the area.

Bus Shelters at O'Neill Park & Opposite the Glenroyal

Dublin Bus submitted incomplete planning applications for these two much needed bus shelters last December/ January. They have not yet corrected their mistake and Cllr. John McGinley has asked them to do so without any further delay.

Notice Board at the Entrance to Carton Avenue

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to complete the Notice Board at the entrance to the Lime Walk Avenue as it is still without text. As many people are now walking the Avenue it is a pity that information concerning it is not posted on the Notice Board.

Filling Large Water Tankers from the Fire Hydrant in O'Neill Park, Maynooth

Residents of O'Neill Park have drawn Cllr. McGinley's attention to the practice of large tankers taking water from the fire hydrant in O'Neill Park. Apart from the fact that taking the water from any fire hydrant without a permit is theft, taking it from the small mains in O'Neill Park leads to serious inconvenience for the residents as the pressure is gone while the tankers are being filled. It means showers, washing machines and dishwashers cannot work. Following Cllr. McGinley's and residents intervention the culprits have been advised by the Council that they cannot take water from this fire hydrant anymore and that they will need a permit before they can take water from the larger 16" mains elsewhere.

New Public Lights Required

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to get the ESB to install two new public lights on the green in Old Greenfield outside House No.'s 824 and 837.

Cllr. John McGinley can be contacted at:

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Paddy Lynch

The residents of Maynooth Community would like to express our deepest sympathies to the family of the late Paddy Lynch. He was a person of a cheerful nature , kindness and his sense of humour brought happiness to people around him.

With sad and deep regret we say goodbye to you but your name will be remembered.

SYMPATHY

Mrs. Sarah McGinley

Maynooth Community Council and staff would like to express our sympathies to Councillor John McGinely on the recent death of his mother Sarah.

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We meet on Friday mornings, 10am-12pm, during term time for a friendly chat and unstructured play for the children. We meet in the basement at the rear of the Parochial House on Moyglare road. Coffee, tea and juice provided. €3 per session. This is a non-denominational group, all welcome.

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Editorial

August! People are still in holiday mood. Enjoying the last few weeks before we return to a more strict routine of school going days. The festival feeling is mirrored here with plenty of photographs from the Maynooth Summer Festival. Highlights of the soccer tournament, the entertainment evening in the community library, traditional music, children's art exhibition and competition, children's disco and fun day in the harbour field and tug of war - to mention a few - are shown.

The festival is an important event in the community calendar and credit has to be given to the small festival team (under the auspices of the Community Council) who voluntarily help to make it a successful event. A special word of thanks goes to Andrew McMullon who did a large portion of the work in organising the Festival. Of course there would be no festival participation the of Maynooth businesses, particularly the local pubs and hotels. TESCO, REMAX and L.S. Autos and Sean Donovan of Londis were the main sponsors of the event this year.

There is always room for improvement. More people are needed to get involved so that the festival can develop further and become an event equal if not better than some of the more well known ones that we all hear about and travel miles to attend.

Maynooth, an historic and university town with an ever increasing population has the potential to produce a festival of national significance at least. There is room for further development in Arts, Culture, Education and Entertainment. A festival of this calibre needs early planning and it is with this in mind that we invite the community to bring their ideas, expertise and skills to this worthy event. If interested please contact the Newsletter Office at Newtown Maynooth.

To the festival team - well done! and thanks to all who attended and supported the festival events.

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Community Council July Meeting

The July meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on 12th July in the Glenroyel Hotel.

Auctioneers Signage Issue

The issue of signs was raised. It was noted that when an estate has been taken in charge by Kildare County Council, it is then against the law to put up signs at the entrance to estates. It was also noted that there is a volunteer code agreed by local Auctioneers, but that not all Auctioneers are local.

Band Stand

Maynooth Community Council has received a letter from Kildare County Council requesting comments about the site of the new Band Stand. The Band Stand is being erected under Kildare County Council's urban renewal plan. It was noted that other groups had also received letters from Kildare County Council. Paul Croghan, Tidy Towns, proposed that the Band Stand be moved to the Harbour Field. Cllr Senan Griffin said a lot work has been done to facilitate the Band Stand and that it would prove very expensive to move it now. Other money would also be lost. It was stated that the base of the stand would be difficult to move. Its use as a park feature was raised by Paul Croghan.

It was generally felt that Residents of the area don't want the new Band Stand design and that they had made this known.

Maynooth Community Council would view the harbour Field areas most suitable.

Annual Collection

Maynooth Community Counci's annual collection will take place in September. Again we will be looking for volunteers

Festival

Andrew McMullon thanked all involved with the festival. Main Sponsors Tesco's, L.S. Autos, Re-Max, organising Committee Soccer and U/8 Tournament. He thanked the executive, Marie Gleeson, Patricia Moynan for Family Fun Day, Hugh Gallagher for Table Quiz, Kay McKeogh and Fran Walsh for organising the Treasure Hunt.

Susan Durack, Children's Art Competition; Willie Healy, tug-of-war. The Kearney family. He also thanked the office for all their help and support.

It was noted that there will be a Special Festival Mass in St. Mary's on 25th July at 11.30. A Community Festival Programme will be delivered to all households.

Sub-Committees and Affiliates

Tidy Towns

Paul Croghan said that they were approached by Kildare County Council to clean up the area around the Geraldine Hall and that they have communicated a plan for the area, and as yet have not being asked officially to do the work.

Best Estate Competition

Judging will take place late July - early August. He said all estates looked well now and urged people to keep up the hard work. Cllr. John McGinley was thanked for his work for Tidy Towns.

Office

Paul Croghan said there are now a number of vacancies in the office. Applicants should be in receipt of Social Welfare payments for one year.

The office is working very well, and there is a very good training programme in place.

Best wishes to John Burke who is not well at the moment.

Newsletter

The Newsletter will be celebrating 25 years this year, and they will be publishing an anniversary Newsletter before Christmas

Quarry Development at Mulhussy

Paul Croghan attended a meeting on the quarry development. He noted the traffic route planned will affect Maynooth. He will keep Maynooth Community Council informed about further developments.

County Development Plan

Councillor Senan Griffin said the County Development Plan will go on display early August.

Irish School

Hugh Gallagher said that the school was looking for support for a pedestrian crossing . It was agreed to write letter of support.

Next Community Council Meeting—13th September in the Glenroyal Hotel.

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04/1459	Colm & Martina Murphy	91 Moyglare village Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	21/06/04	Single storey extensions at front and rear, two storey extension at side with roof lights (2 no.) in roof at side, attic conversion to storeroom with roof light at rear, retention of existing garden shed	91 Moyglare Village Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1462	Huma Bloodstock Ltd	Newtownmacabe Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	21/06/04	The relocation and reorientation of offices already granted under file Kildare County Council 04/61 and all associated site works	Newtownmacabe Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1477	Fred Leavy	Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	22/06/04	Demolish the existing single storey cottage and construct a terrace of three two bedroom two storey dwellings with associated public services connections and off street parking	87 Old Rail Park Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1498	Albany Homes Ltd	The Gables Torquay Road Foxrock Dublin 18	P	24/06/04	Construction of a crèche in a two-storey and attic building with total floor area of 187.66sqm with associated 6 no. car parking spaces and private openspace	Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1503	Thomas & Miriam Kavanagh	8 Rockfield Rise Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	25/06/04	Demolish part of existing garage conversion to make provision for extended side entrance and to etect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over remaining part of garage conversion, existing utility room and over proposed ground.	8 Rockfield Rise Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1536	Maureen O'Flaherty	Kilmacraddock Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	29/06/04	Two storey dwelling with Septech 200 domestic waste water effluent treatment system and percolation area and to use the existing dual entrance to the proposed dwelling	Kilmacraddock Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1546	Michael Geraghty	Hill Cottage Newtownmacabe Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	30/06/04	(1) demolition of the existing dwelling house; (2) construction of new split level dwelling house on the same site, complete with associated site works, septic tank and percolation system	Newtownmacabe Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1565	Tracey & Padraig McLoughlin	Clounagh, Johnistown, Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	02/07/04	Construction of dormer bungalow with biocycle waste water treatment system and garage	Clounagh, Johnistown Maynooth Co. Kildare

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04/1582	Mary McGrath	Berkeley House 17 Berkeley Street Dublin 7	P	02/07/04	Reinstatement of stone boundary wall	8 Main Street Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1601	Kieran O' Malley	No. 1 The Green Double Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	06/07/04	For the construction of a single storey sunroom extension to the rear of existing two storey dwelling	No. 1 The Green Double Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1603	P. G. Mulhern	Timard Maynooth Co. Kildare	0	07/07/04	Erect dwelling, secondary effluent treatment system and associated site works	Timard Maynooth Co. Kildarae
04/1604	J. W. Mulhern	22 Woodlands Naas Co. Kildare	0	07/07/04	Erect dwelling, secondary effluent treatment system and associated site works	Timard Maynooth Co. Kildarae
04/1623	Ciaran Gallagher	c/o 4 Rockfield Close Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	09/07/04	One and a half storey dwelling house with integrated garage/poultry house, glasshouse and bio- crete wastewater treatment system	c/o 4 Rockfield Close Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1625	Denis Creighton	19 Parklands Court Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	09/07/04	Extension to existing ground floor kitchen and utility room, a first floor extension over and to the side of existing single storey family room, utility and kitchen, to provide 2 bedrooms and 1 ensuite bathroom at first floor level, and new brick etc.	19 Parklands Court Maynooth Co. Kildre
04/1633	John & Fionna Merrick	21 Rockfield Square Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	p	09/07	To erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over garage conversion with kitchen area extended below and also a single storey extension to rear	21 Rockfield Square Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1641	Tesco Ireland Ltd	C/o John Crean Cunnane Stratton Reynolds Plunkett Chambers 21-23 Oliver Plunkett St., Cork.	P	09/07/04	New shop/kiosk at the permitted petrol filling station (Kildare Co. Council Ref 02/178)	Cattlemart Dublin Rd., Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1667	Emmet Savage	32 Charter House Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	14/07/04	For a dormer bungalow, garage for domestic use and septech 200 effluent treatment plant	Cormickstown Maynooth Co. Kildare

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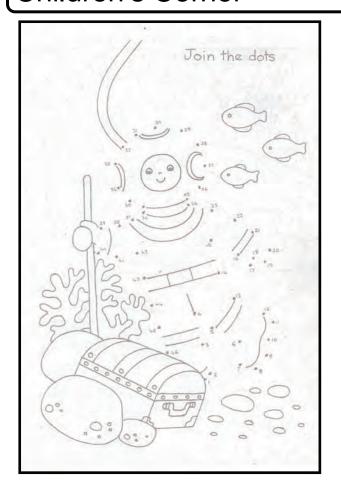
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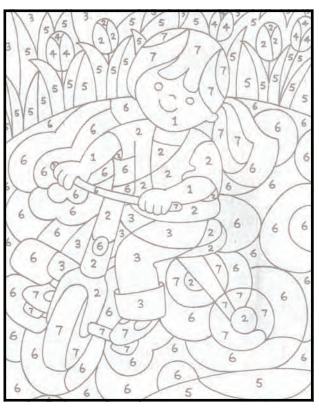
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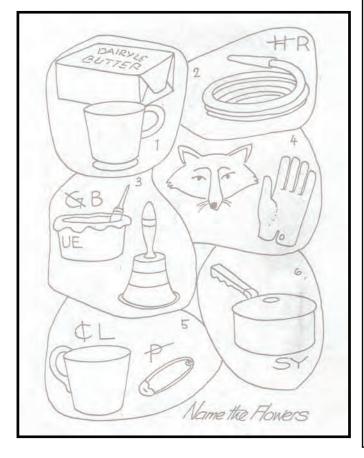


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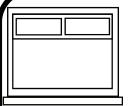
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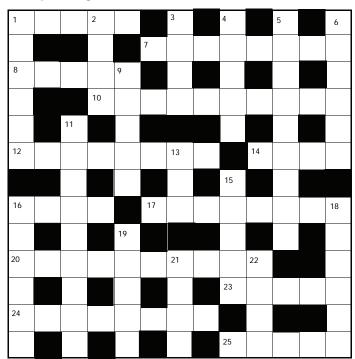


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1. Chasm, 7. Bachelor, 8. Gavel, 10. Delectable, 12. Telegram, 14. Fret, 16. Cook,

17. Skeleton, 20. Amalgamate, 23. Error, 24 Accolade, 25. Envoy.

Down:

- 1. Cygnet, 2. Shed, 3. Rake,
- 4. Chute, 5. Elaborate, 6. Urgent, 9. Ledge
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Gardening Tips for August

An Invitation to Butterflies

One particularly rewarding aspect of gardening is the fact that given just a little thought, you can use even the smallest of areas to attract wildlife to enhance the garden.

A tree, for instance, a mountain ash, or a berry carrying shrub, will attract any number of birds, whilst a pond may attract either frogs and toads or dragonflies.

Most rewarding as introductions to those plants which, through colour or particularly through scent, attract bees and butterflies.

There are a number of wild flower collections of seeds which provide the wherewithal to do the trick, but it may be more rewarding to select and introduce plants or bushes, so as to allow one to plan for colour.

The most successful shrub in attracting butterflies is probably the Buddleia. Generally speaking one sees the more common lavender variety, but there are others to fit into colour schemes too.

Among the smaller border plants some of the best for attracting butterflies are scabious, phlox and the vibrant violet coloured Lunaria, beloved too of flower arrangers for the silky, silver, disc-like seed pods.

All of these add so much colour to the garden and attract even more.

Work for the Month

- ♦ COMPOST The volume of waste material from the garden tends to increase at this time and unless diseased is useful for composting. Dry material should be moistened to speed decay, and a dressing of sulphate of ammonia or a proprietary accelerator helps the process.
- ♦ **STOP WEEDS** Keep the hoe going on a frequent basis to prevent weeds becoming established and seeding.
- PLANT SEEDLINGS Seedlings of wallflower, myosotis, digitalis and the like should be ready for transplanting. Dress the nursery bed with general fertiliser, which can be raked in. Then plant the seedlings 225mm (9in) apart in shallow drills 300mm (12in) apart. The drill will make watering easier until the plants establish.
- ♦ **REMOVE HEADS** Removing the seed heads from bedding dahlias will encourage them to continue producing flowers.
- ♦ BLACKBERRIES AND LOGANBERRIES New canes which will carry next year's crop of blackberries and loganberries should be tied in as they grow. New plants can be had by tip layering the older shoots.
- ♦ WINTER SPINACH Sow winter varieties of spinach in succession through August and September, to provide crops from October through to April.

- PRUNE BLACKCURRANTS As blackcurrants pass out of bearing, a proportion of the oldest stems can be removed by cutting back to the base. This will encourage younger shoots to develop and help keep the bush vigorous.
- PAINT AND PRESERVE Check over fences and structures and apply paint or preservative as required.
- PAPER AND PEN It is a good idea to always carry paper and pen to make a note of attractive plants seen in other places. At this time of year, with plants in flower and the likelihood of some travel, it is all the more important.
- ♦ CLEAN GLASSHOUSES Take the opportunity afforded by fine weather to move plants out of the glasshouse and give it a thorough cleaning.
- ◆ GERANIUM CUTTINGS A start can be made to making cuttings of zonal and ivyleaved forms of geranium. Select shoots 125mm (5in) long without flower and take care to select them evenly from amongst the display.
- HEDGE TRIM Hedges of beech, chamaecyparis, thorn, thuja and yew which only need clipping once a year can be dealt with now
- ◆ IN THE GLASSHOUSE There is now more of a nip in the air at night and more care is needed with glasshouse ventilation. In general the aim should be a day temperature of 16C (60F) and a night minimum of 10C (50F). Unless we have an Indian summer, shading can be removed in a couple of weeks.



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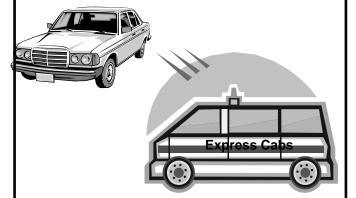
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The Belvedere story is one that is steeped in scandal and provides rich opportunities to capture the visitor's imagination. The Estate comprises of 160 acres of parkland with 6kms of magnificent woodland and lakeshore walks. Several follies adorn the landscape including Ireland's largest folly - The Jealous Wall. The restored Belvedere House is an 18th century hunting/ fishing lodge designed by the renowned German architect Richard Castle for Robert Rochfort, later the 1st Earl of Belvedere. A fascinating Walled Garden, designed by Ninian Nevin in 1857, contains one of Ireland's finest collections of rare and special plants. The Stable Block is home to a modern Visitor Centre with multi-media show, exhibitions, Café and Gift Shop. Adjacent to the Visitor Centre is the Animal Sanctuary and Children's Play Area. There is also a delightful tram which provides guided tours around a section of the parkland on selected days throughout the year. Belvedere is open to the public 7 days a week all year round.

Andy Mac Thai and Chinese Simple Cookery

Sweetcorn Fritters

Ingredients

Serves 4

- 4 tbsp groundnut oil
- 1 small onion, peeled and finely chopped
- 1 red chilli, deseeded and finely chopped
- 1 garlic clove, peeled and crushed
- 1 tsp ground coriander

325 g can sweetcorn

6 spring onions, trimmed and finely sliced

1 medium egg, lightly beaten

Salt and freshly ground pepper

- 3 tbsp plain flour
- 1 tsp plain flour
- 1 tsp baking powder

Spring onion curls to garnish

Thai-style chutney, to serve

- Heat 1 tablespoon of the groundnut oil in a frying pan, add the onion and cook gently for 7-8 minutes or until beginning to soften. Add the chilli, garlic and ground coriander and cook for 1 minute, stirring continuously. Remove from the heat.
- Drain the sweetcorn and tip into a mixing bowl. Lightly mash with a potato masher to break down the corn a little. Add the cooked onion mixture to the bowl with the spring onions and beaten egg. Season to taste with salt and pepper, then stir to mix together. Sift the flour and baking powder over the mixture and stir in.
- 3 Heat 2 tablespoons of the groundnut oil in a large frying pan. Drop 4 or 5 heaped teaspoonfuls of the sweetcorn mixture in the pan, and using a fish slice or spatula, flatten each to make a 1 cm/½inch thick fritter
- Fry the fritters for 3 minutes, or until golden brown on the underside, turn over and fry for a further 3 minutes, or until cooked through and crisp
- Remove the fritters from the pan and drain on absorbent kitchen paper. Keep warm while cooking the remaining fritters, adding a little more oil if needed. Garnish with spring onion and service immediately with a Thai-style chutney.

Helpful Hint

To make a spring onion curl, trim off the root and some green top to leave 10 cm/4 inches. Make a 3 cm/1¼ inch cut down from the top, then make another cut at a right angle to the first cut. Soak the spring onions in iced water for 20 minutes and they open up and curl.

Stir-Fried Salmon with Peas

Ingredients

Serves 4

450 g/1lb salmon fillet

Salt

6 slices streaky bacon

1 tbsp vegetable oil

50 ml/2 fl oz chick or fish stock

2 tbsp dark soy sauce

2 tbsp Chinese rice wine or dry sherry

1 tsp sugar

75 g/3 oz frozen peas, thawed

1-2 tbsp freshly shredded mint

1 tsp cornflour

Sprigs of fresh mint, to garnish

Freshly cooked noodles, to serve

- Wipe and skin the salmon fillet and remove any pin bones. Slice into 2.5 cm/1 inch strips, place on a plate and sprinkle with salt. Leave for 20 minutes, then pat dry with absorbent kitchen paper and reserve.
- 2 Remove any cartilage from the bacon, cut into small dice and reserve.
- 3 Heat a wok or large frying pan over a high heat, then add the oil and when hot, add the bacon and stir-fry for 3 minutes or until crisp and golden. Push to one side and add the strips of salmon. Stir-fry gently for 2 minutes or until the flesh is opaque.
- 4 Pour the chicken or fish stock, soy sauce and Chinese rice wine or sherry into the wok, then stir in the sugar, peas and freshly shredded mint.
- 5 Blend the cornflour with 1 tablespoon of water to form a smooth paste and stir into the sauce. Bring to the boil, reduce the heat and simmer for 1 minute, or until slightly thickened and smooth. Garnish and serve immediately with noodles.

Helpful Hint

Sprinkling salmon with salt draws out some of the juices and makes the flesh firmer, so that it remains whole when cooked. Prior to cooking, pat the strips with absorbent kitchen paper to remove as much of the salty liquid as possible. Dark soy sauce is used in this recipe as it is slighly less salty than the light version. To reduce the salt content further, cook the noodles in plain boiling water without added salt.

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Andy Mac Thai and Chinese Simple Cookery

Classic Vanilla Ice- Cream

This creamy vanilla ice-cream is made with a custard sauce. It's delicious on its own, or makes a great base for other flavoured ice creams.

Serves 8

Preparation time: 20 minutes plus freezing time.

Cooking time: 5 minutes

16 fl. Oz / 475 ml milk 1 tsp vanilla essence 6 egg yolks, size 3 4oz / 100g caster sugar 8fl oz / 225 ml double cream

- 1. In a pan, heat the milk and vanilla essence to boiling point. Remove from the heat.
- In a bowl, whisk the egg yolks and sugar together for 3 min. until light and thickened. Gradually stir in the hot vanilla milk (1) Mix well.
- 3. Return to a clean pan and heat gently, stirring with a wooden spoon, until the mixture has thickened slightly and leaves a clear trail when

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- you draw a finger across the spoon. (2). Don't let the custard boil or it will curdle
- 4. Remove from heat and strain into a cold mixing bowl (3). Cover with dampened geaseproof paper to prevent a skin forming. Leave to cool.
- 5. Pour the custard into a freezer-proof container and freeze for 2 hours until slushy.
- Lightly whip the cream until softly peaking.
 Turn the custard into a cold mixing bowl and
 lightly beat with an electric or hand whisk to
 break down any ice crystals. Fold in the
 whipped cream, combining thoroughly.
 Return to the container, seal well and freeze
 for 3 hours until solid.

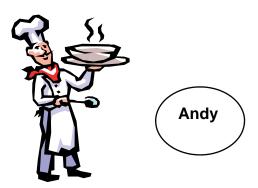
Tips:

- 1. An hour before you start, set the freezer to fast freeze. The quicker the ice-cream freezes, the smaller the ice crystals will be and the smoother the texture of the ice cream.
- 2. The more times you whisk the ice-cream during the freezing process, the better its texture will be.

Secrets of Success:

- Take ice cream out of the freezer and pop it into the fridge about 30 minutes before serving this will allow it to soften slightly.
- 2. For maximum flavour, let ice cream mature in freezer for a day before serving. It can be kept for a month in the freezer, but tastes best if eaten within 2 weeks.

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Citizens Information Centre

Question

I hope to start a course next September. Could you please tell me who is eligible for the back to education allowance?

Answer

The back to education allowance (BTEA) is paid by the department of social; and family affairs (DSFA) to unemployment people; lone parents and people with disabilities who wish to do approved second or third level courses of education. To be eligible for the allowance you must be;

- Aged 21 or over 24 or over for a postgraduate course and for the previous 6 months (15 months for a third level course) have been receiving a social welfare payment such as unemployment assistance/benefit or one parent family payment.
- Aged 18 or over and for the previous 6 months (15 months for a third level course) have been receiving a disability payment such as disability allowance or Invalidity pension[receiving disability benefit for 3 years].
- Aged 18 to 20, out of formal education for 2 years, and for the previous 6 months (15 months for a third level course) have been receiving One Parent Family Payment or Unemployment Assistance/ Benefit

An adult dependant of someone who is eligible may qualify if a Qualified Adult allowance is in payment. Periods spent on unemployment schemes, training courses and in prison may count towards qualifying period.

Courses you can attend include full-time second level courses certified by the department of education and science (DES) or approved by the Further Education and Training Awards council (FETAC]), such as the leaving certificate or post leaving certificate course and full-time third level courses approved by DES for its maintenance grant schemes or courses which have Higher Education and Training awards council [HETAC] recognition.

When you have been accepted for a course you should apply to DSFA for the allowance on form BTE 1. You will be paid the allowance instead of your social welfare payment at a rate equivalent to the maximum of your current social welfare payment. If you were previously getting an unemployment payment the BTEA will not be paid during the summer period between academic years,

Those who had been receiving other payments will continue to receive the BTEA during the summer.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Question

I understand there is a new organisation that deals with compensation? Claims following an accident at work, how do I claim compensation?

Answer

The personal injuries assessment board [PIAB] is a new statutory body set up to provide independent assessment of personal injury compensation for those involved in workplace, motoring or public liability accidents. From June 2004 all claims for compensation involving workplace, accidents must be submitted to the PIAB before taking out legal proceedings. This will extended to other type of accidents in due course,

If you feel you are entitled to compensation you should make a claim directly to the party that injured you. If you fail to reach a settlement you must submit your claim to the PIAB.

You apply to the PIAB on an application form which is available on their website at www.piab.ie or from their helpline at locall 1890 829 121. with your application form you should send the following;

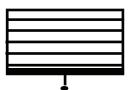
- Medical report form completed by the doctor treating you [when your case is settled you will receive 150 towards the cost of the report]
- Copies of any correspondence between you and your employer relating to the accident.
- Confirmation from your employer of your loss of earnings.
- Receipts for any other financial loss you may have incurred.
- Any other correspondence or documentation relevant to your claim.
- A cheque or postal order for €50 made payable to the PIAB. [you can also pay by credit card].

Your application should be sent to the PIAB at box 8, Clonakilty, Co Cork. When the PIAB receives your completed application form and other documentation you will be sent a letter explaining the next steps. If your employer wishes to argue legal issues you will be given an authorisation allowing you to take your case to court, subject to the statute of limitations. If there are no legal issues an assessor will be assigned to your case who determines the award. You have 28 days to decide if you will accept the award you will be authorised to take the case to court if you wish.

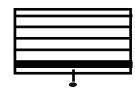
Question

A friend of mine from northern Ireland is hoping to get work as a shop assistant in the South while still living in the North. Where does he pay his tax and social welfare contributions?

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Citizens Information Centre (contd)

Answer

Your friend may have to pay tax in the North if he has other income in the North. However, he will pay tax on the income from his job down here and not in northern Ireland, he will receive the full standard personal tax credits in the south provided at least 75% of his income is taxable here.

Under a double taxation agreement with the UK he will not have to pay tax on the same income again in the North. If he is liable for tax on other income in the North he will receive a tax credit for the tax he has already paid in the South. If he has no income in the North he will not have to pay any tax there. He may pay his pay related social insurance (PRSI) contributions down here which will entitle him to certain benefits. He will need a personal public service number (PPS NO) which he can obtain through a local social welfare office down here. He will require the following when he is applying for it.

- Current valid passport or birth certificate (long form preferred) and valid photographic ID e.g. full driving licence, employment ID (WITH PHOTO)
- Evidence of either work, social welfare claim, residency, tax liability or education history in Northern Ireland
- Evidence of his address.

Question

I heard that there is a back to school allowance. What is it?

Answer

You are probably referring to the back to school clothing and footwear allowance which is a special payment for parents to assist with the cost of children's school uniforms and footwear at the beginning of the school year. It may be claimed for a child aged 18-22 in full time education for whom a child dependant increase is payable.

Families claiming a social welfare payment (including family income supplement) or a health Board payment are eligible for this scheme if their income is below certain threshold as follows;

	Lone Parent	Couple
1 child	€238.90	€348.10
2 children	€260.50	€367.40
3 children	€282.10	€386.70
4 children	€303.70	€406.00
Each additional child	€ 21.60	€19.30
4 children	€303.70	€406.00

Those taking part in a vocational training opportunities schemes (VTOS) or in receipt of back to Education Allowance are also eligible.

The allowance is also available to people on employment schemes such as community employment. Back to work allowance, and Revenue Job Assist who retain their secondary benefits, (i.e., gross weekly household income is less than €317 .43) if they do not meet this condition they can apply under the normal income limits.

The allowance is €80 for each child aged 2-11 and €50 for each child aged 12-22.

The scheme runs from 1st June to September and is administered by the Health Board as part pf the supplementary Welfare Allowance scheme. Families should apply to the community Welfare Officer at their local Health Centre,

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On The Run



Run, Eire, Run!!!

Women's Mini Marathon 2004 sponsored by Flora, which took place on June Bank Holiday became a big event in Dublin - thousands of women were running it in their desire to help those in need. Louise Duffy and Jacinta McPartlin, who both work in Maynooth are known in our community. The girls were doing the run in order to raise money for Marie Keating Foundation.

What was it all about?

Jacinta: The marathon brought women from all over Ireland, to run together and support each other as well as raise funds for different charities and foundations. We participated for Marie Keating Foundation (www.mariekeating.com), which is established in order to make people more aware about breast cancer and how to prevent it, reflecting the motto of the foundation: 'Not to frighten, but to enlighten'.

I also took part as I was told it was good craic, and it really was!!!

What made you come and participate in the event? Louise: I decided to do the marathon for a number of reasons. Firstly, I enjoy walking and keeping fit. Secondly, I knew a charity would benefit from my sponsorship. I chose the charity 'aware' who support people whose lives are affected by depression. The money I raised will go towards maintaining the services they provide which include 60 support groups nationwide, 24 hour local helpline, schools education, public lectures and research. I also took part as I was told it was good craic, and it really was!

What was your best impression?

Jacinta: A good time and exercise along with everybody else, as we were running at our own pace. Even some men participated in it (dressed in colourful women's sportswear), which added more fun to it.



Most memorable was getting the medal!!!

Medals for Louise and Jacinta

Would you do it again?

Louise: Definitely, I had so much fun, met loads of people as well as had some exercise. I'm looking forward to next year and hope to beat my time from this year. Also I will try and get more of my friends to take part so we can encourage each other. So, if

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Maynooth Tidy Towns Caring for our Environment

Best Estates Competitions 2004

Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee would like to inform residents associations that judging in the "Best Estates Competitions" will take place during August. The committee invites residents associations to write to us outlining details of the environmental enhancement work that you have carried out in your estate in 2004. A standard questionnaire is available for completion and your representative should contacts us for same. Entry Forms are not essential, but it helps the judges to award points for the work undertaken by the residents association.

The competition is running since 1995 and is arranged in two categories:

(1) Best Small Estate (less than 100 houses) and (2) Best Large Estate (100 houses or more)

There are three main prize categories:

(a) Most Improved (b) Runner -up and (c) Winner

Judging is based on five criteria: (1) Open Space maintenance, (2) Presence of Weeds,

(3) General condition of houses (4) Condition and quantity of trees and (5) condition of features (e.g. flowerbeds shrubs etc.)

Best Shop Front Competition 2004

No entry form is required as all business premises are automatically included in the competition. There are three main prize categories: (a) Most Improved (b) Runner –up and (c) Winner.

Judging is undertaken under a number of criteria such as general decorative condition, Absence of Litter and shop window design.

Other Prizes include:

- "Senior Volunteer of the Year" (not open to Tidy Towns Committee members)
- "Junior Volunteer of the Year" (Under 18 yrs old and not open to Tidy Towns Committee members)
- "Litter Person of the Year" (not open to Tidy Towns Committee members)
- "Best Local Community Group" (The group that did most to support the Tidy Towns efforts in 2004)
- "Person of the Year" (The individual that did most to support the Tidy Towns effort in 2004 and is not open to Tidy Towns members)
- "Tidy Towns Volunteer of the Year" (confined to members of Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee)

The committee welcome nominations for these prizes and such recommendations should include details on why you are nominating the person as well as proof to support your proposal. Closing date for nominations is Friday 10th September 2004.

If you want to contact Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee on any of the competitions, please contact Paul Croghan, Tidy Towns Competitions Co-ordinator at 6286709.

Some of the people who attended the Festival Bingo in the Straffan Court Hotel





Features

WE ARE SURVIVORS

THIS IS AN ARTICLE FOR THOSE BORN BEFORE 1950.

We were born before colour television, sugar lump immunisation, frozen foods, Xerox, videos, Frisbees and the Pill. We lived before credit cards, split atoms, laser beams, dishwashers, tumble dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, DRIP dry clothes, and before man walked on the moon.

We got married first and then lived together, (how quaint can you be)?

We thought fast food was what you ate in Lent. A "Big Mac" was an oversized raincoat, and crumpet we had for tea. We existed before house husbands, computer dating, dual careers when a meaningful relationship meant getting alone with your cousins, and sheltered accommodation was where you waited for a bus.

We were before Day Care Centres, Group Homes and disposable nappies.

We had never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yogurt, and young men wearing earrings.

For us "time sharing" meant togetherness, a chip was a piece of wood or fried potato - hardware meant nuts and bolts, and software wasn't a word.

Before 1948 "made in Japan" meant junk; the term "making out" referred to how you did in your exams; a stud was something that fastened a collar to your shirt, and going "all the way" meant staying on a double decker bus until it reached the depot.

In our day, cigarette smoking was fashionable; grass was mown, coke was kept in the coalhouse; a joint was a piece of meat you had on Sundays, and pot was something you cooked it in.

Rock music was a grandmothers lullaby, El Dorado was an ice cream; a gay person was the life and soul of the party and nothing more, and aids just meant beauty treatment or help for someone in trouble.

We who were born before 1950 must be a hardy bunch when you think of the ways in which the world has changed and the adjustments we have had to make. No wonder we are so confused and there is a generation gap!

BUT - - - BY THE GRACE OF GOD WE HAVE SURVIVED

ALLELUIA

AGE

Just a line to say I'm living
That I'm not among the dead
Though I'm getting more forgetful
And mixed up in my head.

I've gotten used to my arthritis To my dentures I'm resigned I can manage my bifocals But "Oh God" I miss my mind!

For sometimes I can't remember
When I stand at the foot of the stairs
If I must go up for something
Or if I must come down from there.

And before the fridge so often my poor mind is filled with doubt Have I just put the food away Or have I come to take some out?

So if it is my turn to write to you there's no need for getting sore I may think that I have written And don't want to be a bore.

So remember I do love you And wish that you were near But now its nearly mail time So I'll say "Goodbye" my dear.

There I stood beside the mail box With a face so very red Instead of mailing you my letter I had opened it instead.

ANONYMOUS

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The participants of the U8 Soccer Tournament



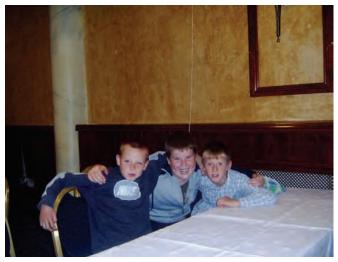
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Tug of War on Main Street





Festival 2004 Children's Disco



Jamie McEvoy, Michael McGee & Elliott Leavey



Brian McTeigue enjoying the disco



Shannon Thompson and cousin



Sharon & Clodagh



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Useful Tips

Babies' name

The name you choose for your child must last for ever (unless he or she changes it when adult). So consider the names carefully.

- Choose a name which can grow with the child and suit it as an adult.
- Write down the name to see how it balances with the surname.
- Consider how many other 'Emmas' and 'Marks' or you know. You might prefer to be more unusual.
- When drawing up a short list of middle names, check that the initials don't result in odd spellings. Include plainer middle names in case your child hates the more original first name.
- Think of possible nicknames and abbreviations.
- Imagine calling the name at the top of your voice to summon your child.
- Check that the name goes well with that of any brothers or sisters.

Camping in rainy weather

- Wear a waterproof jacket and trousers.
- Rain gear works better and feels more comfortable when it fits loosely. Air spaces provide ventilation and allow your body to dry.
- Any camper who has endured the tedium of a rainy day knows that a paperback book can be an important first aid for boredom. Travel-size board games (draughts, chess, backgammon, Scrabble) and a pack of cards are also lightweight, easy-to-carry protection against the dreary monotony of a soggy campsite. Writing letters will take your mind off the rain.

Coffee

- Instant coffees can taste and smell just like the real thing. The secret is to cover the cup or mug with a saucer after you've added the hot water, then let the brew steep for a full minute.
- To preserve its fresh flavour, always store ground coffee in the refrigerator or freezer.
- Freeze very strong leftover coffee in ice cube trays. When you want a cup put a couple of cubes in a mug, top up with water, and heat in a microwave.
- Stretch 1lb/450g of coffee by adding 30z/85g of roasted chicory; it increases the yield by about ten cups. If the pleasant bitterness of chicory suits your taste, add still more - up to 8oz/225g.
- Instead of decaffeinated coffee, try one of the coffee substitutes on the market. they are made from roasted grains, nuts, chicory or dandelion root. You can mellow their taste by adding a vanilla bean to the grounds.

Litter for cats

- Instead of commercial cat litter, you can use sand, wood shavings or peat. Don't use peat for long-haired cats, however; it sticks to their coats.
- To deodorise any type of litter, mix 1 part bicarbonate of soda into 3 parts litter; cover the bottom of the cat tray with a layer of bicarbonate of soda.
- Use cut-up plastic bin liners as litter box lines.
- Better still, make a 'pillowcase' for your cat tray: slip the whole box into a heavy duty rubbish bag (or two thin ones - claws can punch tiny holes) and pour the litter onto the surface of the bag. When it's time to dispose of the contents, simply turn the bag inside-out over the litter and lift it out of the tray.

Picnics

- If you are planning a picnic but have no coolbox or bag, make your own by lining your picnic basket or box with cold beverages; and then pack the food in the centre. But remember that the cold cans are no substitute for ice; only use this trick if you have a short distance to travel and your food is unlikely to spoil.
- A clean shower curtain make a good picnic cloth, because spills are easy to wipe up.
- Carry your food to the picnic site in sturdy cardboard boxes; once you get there, remove the contents, turn the boxes upside-down and cover them with a shower curtain or waterproof cloth to create a miniature table.
 - To keep ants out of food, use aluminium foil or plastic film. Or pack food in containers with lids that you can close after each serving. You could also buy dome-shaped nets to cover plates and bowls.
 - If you are worried about food poisoning, avoid egg salad, potato salad and fish and pasta dishes, especially on hot days. Instead, make sandwiches out of luncheon meats, tinned meats or cheese. And spread the bread with mustard (a fairly good preservative because of its acid content), butter or margarine instead of mayonnaise.
 - If it is a very hot day indeed, freeze puddings, yoghurt and sandwiches without salad. Then pack them into a coolbox, if you have one, with ice packs (or cubes in a plastic bag); by the time you're ready to eat, the food should be defrosted.

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Tug-0-War comes Home to Roost

At 5 p.m. on Sunday July 25th last, watched by a large attendance, men and women, Tug-0-War pullers took to the street to provide an exciting climax to Maynooth Community Festival 2004.

In the first pull of the evening a hastily put together Brady's team took on a stronger and determined Caulfield's team. Brady's puller Anthony (Guy) Maloney got the crowd going with his enthusiasm and good humour. Bradys put up good resistance but the Caulfield's team coached by John Gallagher piled on the pressure and won two pulls in succession to claim all three points.

Women's Competition

During a break in proceedings an impromptu women's competition was held. After much encouragement two teams emerged and delighted the crowd with very tenacious and spirited struggles. There was one foul pull when a man assisted one of the teams. At the end of the third pull the women had given their all and a very popular drawn result was declared and medals were presented by George Gallagher.

When the men's competition resumed a very well organised and physical Roost team took on the Brady's team, by now very popular underdogs of the tournament. Bradys put on the brakes but the soles of their shoes got hot as they were dragged past the marker. In the second pull Bradys were hoping to find a crater, pothole or even bog-hole to get into but alas there were none of these on the main street. The Roost team heaved and jumped backwards to claim full points.

Third Round

In the third round of the tournament the birds had fled the wires and the shouting could be heard as far away as Pike's Bridge when the Roost and Caulfields engaged in battle for the top prize. The crowd pressed ever closer sometimes blocking the line of vision of referee George Gallagher who did an excellent job officiating on the day. Despite strong pulling by John Murray, Kevin Connolly and their team-mates, the Roost got their rhythm going and won the first pull. In the second, Caulfields made their last stand, gaining some ground and going into holding mode. However their brave resistance was overcome by the physically fitter Roost team of Darren Mooney, coached by Niall Neville, who emerged as tournament winners.

Winners: The Roost: Darren Mooney, Garret Fitzgerald, Alan Brannigan, David Rossitor, Donal O'Sullivan, Trevor Brannigan, Fiacre Cunningham, Emmet Brady, Niall Neville (Manager).

2nd Place: Caulfields: Martin Gormley, John Nevin, Francis Conlon, Gary Groarty, Eddie Connolly, John Murray, D. Kinsella, T. Nichols, M. Carthy, M. McGee, John Gallagher, Manager, Anto Edwards, Assistant Manager.

3rd Place: Bradys The Clock House: Geroid Higgins, Tony McMahon, Barry Farrell, Anthony Maloney, Paul Byrne, Danny Byrne, Mick Byrne, Tony Byrne.



The Roost Winning Team

Festival Report by Andrew McMullon

I would like to thank the following people for their help and support during the Festival. I would especially like to thank Christina Saults for her help and keeping me sane during the week. I would also like to thank the following Community Councillors for their help: Marie Gleeson for organising the Family Day, Paul Croghan, Dominic Nyland and Brid Feely for their help on the Family Day. Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin, Peter Connell, Dominic Nyland and Hugh Gallagher for helping with the Table Quiz. I would also like to thank the office staff, Norah McDermott and Freda Kelleher.

My thanks also to my Dad, Dave Moynan and the staff of Caulfields for their help in closing off the Main Street. Without their help it would never have happened. Thanks also to Willie Kiernan for providing the sound system at such short notice, Noelie McGovern, Tully School of Irish Dancing and St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band for keeping the crowds entertained. Caulfields, Bradys and The Roost for their Tug of War teams, George Gallagher and Willie Healy for organising the Tug-of-War, Kay and Fran for organising the Car Treasure Hunt.

Thanks also to our sponsors, Tesco, Remax, L.S. Autos, Sean Donovan, Londis, Rehab for their help in creating posters and putting them up.

If I have left anybody out, I apologise.

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Town F. C. Notes

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Maynooth footballers clinch U11A Spring league in thriller with Clane.

Maynooth 1 - 8 Clane 2 - 1

Maynooth U11A footballers secured the North Kildare spring league in a thrilling match against Clane on Monday June 28th.

Clane were unbeaten going into the final match of the league against Maynooth. They had won 5 games and drawn 1.

Maynooth lost the opening match of the season against Sallins but recovered excellently and recorded five wins in a row against Sarsfields, St. Kevins, Celbridge, Leixlip and Naas. Clane needed to win so the stage was set for a cracker!

The pace of the game was hectic from the throw in. Maynooth got off to a great start with a blistering goal from Denis O' Brien.

Maynooth added a further point before Clane settled and came back strongly with two goals. Both sides added more scores with Clane leading by a point at half time. (2-1 to 1 3). The scene was set for a nail biting second half

Maynooth levelled the game early after the restart with a free from Sean Higgins. Neil Flynn who moved to centre forward had a great second half for Maynooth adding four points to their tally. Maynooth now lead 1 - 8 to 2-1.

The final few minutes were hectic as Clane pressed hard for scores. The standard of football was excellent with great blocking skills in particular on display from both sides. Maynooth held fast to protect the lead and secure the win.



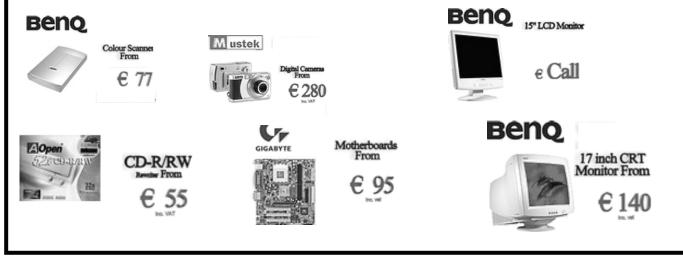
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I. C. A Notes

At the AGM in May, Mary MacNamara stepped down as president of Maynooth guild and handed over to the incoming president Mary O'Gorman, and her new committee.

The winner of the overall competition for the year was 1st Mary Halton, 2nd Veva Kearins 3rd Rosemary Hanley.

The guild are on summer break at the moment but will be back in September with their monthly meeting on Thursday 2nd at 8pm. All activities such as Crafts on Monday nights and Badminton on Monday and Thursday mornings will resume. We would love to see new members come to join us, they are always welcome.

Copy date for the
September Edition of
the Newsletter is
Monday the 16th
August 2004

Festival Barperson of the Year Competition



3rd Place Richie Flanagan representing The Roost



2nd Place Alan O'Keeffe representing Caulfields

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Features

Children's Books—Information for Parents

Selecting the right books

This is an area of concern for most parents. An enormous amount of children's books are published each year, and it is easy to feel intimidated by the range of titles available. Try to look for books which reflect your child's own interests, hobbies and abilities.

When selecting for younger children, you will probably also want to pick a book which you like – after all, you may have to read it again and again! It is important not to pick books which are either too easy (and may be boring for the child) or too advanced (and will put the child off). Don't be afraid to ask for advice from the experts – children's librarians represent a particularly good source of knowledge and expertise.

It's never too early and It's never too late

You can introduce children to books from a very early age. Sharing books with babies is a companionable and enjoyable activity.

Don't panic if you haven't thought much about books. There is no right or wrong age where books and storytelling are concerned. After all, most adults enjoy discussing books they have read.

Making it fun

One sure-fire way to turn children off books is to try to force them. Reading should be an enjoyable leisure activity, not a chore. If your child is tired, hungry, unhappy or just not 'in the mood', don't force it – try again another time when s/he is more receptive.

Participation

Encourage young children to join in with the story – guessing what happens next, pointing, repeating words and phrases, discussing the pictures and asking/answering questions. You might try to be creative and make up your own stories together – or re-tell stories you remember from your childhood.

Variety

Try to make as wide a choice of books as possible available to your child. Don't assume that's/he will like all the same books as you – or the ones you read when you were a child. Children soon develop their own tastes – and the more they have to choose from the better. However, it's also quite common for a child to want the same story repeated time and time again and the repetition can help him or her learn.

Sharing books is a rewarding and enjoyable activity

for parent and child alike. As a parent/carer you can play an extremely valuable role in encouraging your child to feel confident with books and helping them to develop a life-long love of books

Book Choice for Primary Schools

Book Choice for Primary Schools was published in 2001 and edited by Rosemary Hetherington and Claire Ranson. Book Choice for Primary Schools lists over 1,000 titles recommended for primary school children, divided into age groups. Each title has a key code, to enable adults to ensure that the books they select are suitable for their intended readership. A selection of annotations and cover images are also included. The publication contains the Department of Education and Science's recommendations on School Libraries and lists of resource organisations, recommended books and journals and information about series fiction.

This publication was commissioned by the Department of Education and Science and is a collaborative project of Children's Books Ireland and Dublin City Public Libraries. *Book Choice for Primary Schools* was funded by the National Reading Initiative and the National Development Plan. Copies of the guide were distributed to all primary schools in the Republic of Ireland on publication.

Copies of *Book Choice for Primary Schools* are available from the Department of Education and Science and Children's Books Ireland. Copies of *Book Choice for Primary Schools* are free. Contact us at info@childrensbooksireland.com for further details.

Book Choice for Post-Primary Schools

Book Choice for Post-Primary Schools was published in 2003 and was edited by Claire Ranson and Julie Rowan. Book Choice for Post-Primary Schools lists recommended titles for secondary school students, divided by age group. All titles are key-coded and the publication contains a range of annotations and cover images. The booklet contains the Department of Education and Science's recommendations on School Libraries and lists of resource organisations and recommended books and journals.

This publication has been commissioned by the Department of Education and Science from Children's Books Ireland. Book Choice for Post-Primary Schools was funded by the National Reading Initiative and the National Development Plan. Copies of the guide were distributed to all post-primary schools in the Republic of Ireland on publication. Copies of Book Choice for Post-Primary Schools is available from the Department of Education and Science and Children's Books Ireland. Contact us at info@childrensbooksireland.com for further details.

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Maynooth Festival 2004 Children's Art Competition and Exhibition

The children's art competition and exhibition, which was organised by Maynooth Castle Keep Art was held in the Community Library. It proved to be a great success again this year. The artwork submitted was divided into three age categories 4-6, 7-10, 11-13.

The prize giving took place on Thursday 22nd July in the library where the artworks were on display during the festival week. Certificates of appreciation were given to all who entered and there was a first, second and third prize given in each age category. Our thanks to Clodagh Kelly who judged this year's entries. Clodagh, who studied printing at the Dublin Institute of Technology, is an experienced Children's Art Teacher and Facilitator and has run workshops and in mask making, clay and painting, (to mention a few).

A lot of work and effort was put into the various art works and it was obvious that there was great enjoyment in creating them. There was a diverse range of subject matter – animal studies, buildings, street scenes, cartoon characters, people and abstract studies. There were pencil drawings, paintings, mixed media and collages. Thanks to all who took part and made the event such a success. Next year lets hope there will be even more entries.

We appreciate the help we received from the Community Library in mounting the exhibition and our thanks to TESCO Maynooth for their sponsorship and to Clodagh for her help and encouragement to all who entered.

Winners and runners up

4-6 Category

- 1.Máire Hogan
- 2.Cormac McKinsley
- 3.Lorna Brennan

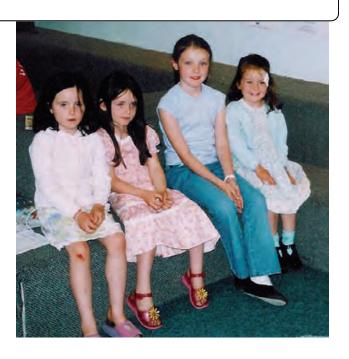
7-10 Category

- 1.Sarah Jennings
- 2.Philip Kenny
- 3. Noelle Brennan

11-13 Category

- 1. Aileen Mooney
- 2.Katie Fleming
- 3. Johnny Curran

Susan Durack, Castle Keep Art Group.







Features

Children's Books—Information Parents (contd.)

The Big Guide 2: Irish Children's Books

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The Big Guide 2: Irish Children's Books was published in 2000 and edited by Valerie Coghlan and Celia Keenan. The Big Guide 2 features a range of authoritative articles on contemporary Irish children's literature and is illustrated in full-colour. The Big Guide 2 is a companion publication to the original Big Guide and provides a wealth of information.

The book is divided into four sections: Books, Classrooms and Curricula; 'The Past is a Foreign Country ... ' Writing about History; Culture, Identity and Image; and Awards and Research.

The following articles are included in the Big Guide 2:

- 'Encouraging the Reluctant Reader' by Irene Barber
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 - o Part 1: A General View by Celia Keenan
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- Difference and Conformity: What do we tell the Children?' by Carole Redford
- · 'Irish Children's Books in Translation' by Emer O'Sullivan
- 'Book Awards' by Finian O'Shea
- 'Researching Irish Children's Books' by Valerie Coghlan

Copies of *The Big Guide 2: Irish Children's Books* are available from Children's Books Ireland at a cost of €14.60/£10.10stg/\$18.00

Information on books for children courtesy of *An Leabharlann/Library Association of Ireland.*

The William G. Carroll Education Bursary for the Community and Kildare Education Bursary for people with Disabilities.

Kildare County Council is awarding two bursaries which are designed to provide an opportunity to study at third level to persons who may not be in a position to undertake a course of study, because of serious disadvantage or disability. The William G. Carroll Bursary is mainly, but not exclusively, for third level courses in the field of community development. The Kildare Education Bursary for People with Disabilities is for any third level course.

Applications are invited from persons living in County Kildare who wish to undertake a degree course at a recognized third level institution in Ireland. Each course must be of undergraduate nature. Bursaries are not normally available for either PLC courses or Post-graduate courses, but will be considered on a case by case basis.

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Further information and application forms can be obtained from the Community & Enterprise Department, Kildare County Council, 045 873835 or can be downloaded on www.kildare.ie.

All application forms should be submitted to the office in either hard copy format to Ann Marie Conneely, Community & Enterprise Department, St Mary's, Naas or by email to educbursary@kildarecoco.ie. Closing date for applications is Tuesday 31st August 2004.

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Feile na Gael, as the name suggests, is a festival of Gaelic sport. U14 teams from every County are invited to participate in Camogie, Hurling and Handball. Meath, Westmeath and Kildare have hosted the festival for the past two years. Maynooth had both boys and girls handball teams participating. With the experience gained in last years competition the teams were expected to do well in 2004. The boys played in Leixlip against the home side and Liscaul. They were very unlucky not to progress to the play off stages. The teams members were Colm Peelo (Captain), Leo Cooney, the O'Regan twins Barry and Niall, and Kevin Peelo.

The girls team Captained by Louise Walsh exceeded all expectations. Their qualification group consisted of Friary Abbeyside (Waterford), Killala (Mayo) and Windgap (Kilkenny). Each match consisted of two games to 21 aces with one point awarded for each game won. In their first game against Killala the points were shared. Likewise the Windgap round resulted in each gaining 1 more point. The final group match against Friary Abbeyside also resulted in a draw. Maynooth were fortunate to make the semifinals mainly due to the dominance of Killala in their remaining group matches. Windgap and Friary were eliminated at this stage of the Abbeyside competition. Clooney Quin and Carrickmore also qualified for the semi-finals.

In the first semi-final Clooney Quin (Clare) emerged winners from a tough battle with Killala. The second semi saw Maynooth pitted against the in form team of the tournament Carrickmore (Tyrone). With the Maynooth girls having played three camogic matches in addition to their three handball matches in less than twenty four hours they had a tough task ahead.

First to play for Maynooth were Louise Walsh and Ellen Stack. With Ellen showing great coolness and Louise leading her team by example they took the first game on a 21 - 14 scoreline. Eimear Connolly and Roisin Gorey gave of their best but were defeated 21 -13. With both teams now having one point each the match went to a tie breaker. Each team were allowed to play any two players in the 11 point tie breaker. Maynooth played Louise and Roisin together in the tie breaker. As they had won the U13 Leinster Doubles Championship together they were always going to provide formidable opposition for the Carrickmore girls. With Louise's power serves, Roisin's cross wall serves and their doubles experience together standing them in good stead they had an excellent 11 – 4 win to take them to the final.

The Clare girls from Clooney Quin having defeated Killala in the first semi final this set the stage for a Maynooth Clooney Quin final. With Louise buoyed up from her semi – final win and Ellen showing no final nerves Maynooth started the first game well with Louise making nine points on her first serve. With the

score at 20 –10 Ellen showed her determination by making her best serve of the tournament to put Maynooth a game up in the final.

Maynooth were now looking for a big game from Roisin and Eimear. With finals experience in multiple sports Eimear was never going to be found wanting for determination. It was soon obvious that she had reserved her best handball for the final and with Roisin playing to her full potential Maynooth had no intention of allowing the match to go to a tie breaker. Both girls combined well and covered every inch of the court to record a comfortable win. With a scoreline of 21 – 9 they created handball history by becoming the first Maynooth team to capture the St Agustine's College shield.





Maynooth 2004 girls Féile Handball Team Left to Right Therese Barry, Ellen Stack, Róisín Gorey, Louise Walsh(Cptn), Eimear Connolly and mentors Clooney Quin 2004 girls Féile Handball Team

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2.

I love you real deep inside
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My emotions I tend to hide
But deep down I cherish you so
Your caring ways and familiar voice
Is so very nice for to hear
If I had riches of any choice
To have you forever Mother dear

3

Bless those caring hands
Have toiled at our call
You may search over many lands
But your Mother is best of all
Praise be to your presence now
Lady of your gentle grace
There is no other way now
Anyone can take your place

Patrick Murray

Memories

I am sitting here now And feeling so sad And thinking of the time When I was a lad

When I played in the meadow And ran through the fields And let my fair hair Be blown by the breeze

I would rise up in the morning And be off like a lark To run helter skelter From morning till dark

The birds were a singing The flowers were in bloom The corn was a ripening The trees looked so fine

I could play all day long And sure sing a song Be happy and free Like a young bumble bee

But time moves along And then I grew up No more I did play Because I started to work

So if you are young Go out sure and play And make sure you enjoy it From day to day.

Patrick Mooney.



John McGinley, Richard Brady with fiancée Aoife and his mother Maura at Law of the Land during Festival



Maurice Carthy tuning up prior to playing with Law of the Land during Festival Week

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Pedestrian Crossing on Celbridge Road for Gaelscoil Pupils

Cllr. John McGinley's motion for the pedestrian crossing was discussed at the Leixlip Area Meeting of the Council on 16th July.

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Despite the fact that the Council advised John by letter dated 9 June 2004 that they were going to carry out a pedestrian and traffic count, they still had done so. They stated at the meeting that they would do the count during the next school term. Cllr. McGinley stated that this would be too late and that the crossing needs to be in place for the next school term. He also said that it was not necessary to carry out a traffic or pedestrian count as the parents and the school authorities would not ask for such a crossing unless there was a need for same.

Cllr. McGinley had the full support of the other three Councillors and they asked that the officials proceed with the work and that funding could come from development levies on the new houses being constructed in the area. The Senior Engineer, Des O'Connor, agreed to have another look at it and get back to the Councillors in the near future.

Bus Bays at the Girls' School

The design for the bus bays has been revised and the scheme will now include bus bays at the school side of Convent Lane and exclude those proposed those for the opposite side.

Cllr. John McGinley has been advised by the Council's Senior Engineer, Des O'Connor, that it is proposed to carry out the work in August and that he has a commitment from the contractor that the work will be completed by the end of the month.

The Council also intend to carry out the Environmental Improvement works at the entrance to Carton Avenue at the same time, so that the new parking regime will be in place for the school opening on 30th August.

Recycling Information

Residents who got their recycling bin prior to May of this year may not be aware that tetrapaks and plastic bottles can now be put in the green bin. Cllr. John McGinley has been advised by the Council that they are working with Thorntons on a leaflet drop for all customers who got bins before May. A third bin for organic waste will be introduced next year. A decision has yet to be made on whether the system will be pay by weight or pay by volume from next January.

Mycete Planning Application for 538 Houses on Moyglare Road, Maynooth

The decision by Kildare County Council to grant planning permission for 526 dwellings on the Moyglare Road has been appealed to An Bord Pleanala by Cllr. John McGinley. Appeals were also submitted by Moylare Abbey & Moyglare Village Residents' Associations and by Mr. John Sweeney. There was also a first party appeal from the Developer, Mycete Construction.

Cllr. McGinley was advised by An Bord Pleanala on 13 July that it is their intention to make a decision before the 14th August 2004.

Party Political

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Completion of the Ring Road from Moyglare to Moygaddy

At the June meeting of the Area Committee Cllr. McGinley asked for a progress report on the discussions that Kildare County Council were having with Meath County Council on the construction of the Meath section of this much needed ring road. He was given the following incredible update at the

He was given the following incredible update at the Area Meeting on 16th July:

" Arrangements have been made to meet with Meath County Council at an early stage. The members will be kept informed of progress."

Needless to say Cllr. McGinley dismissed this totally unacceptable and inaccurate report (Cllr. McGinley is aware that a number of meetings have already taken place between engineers of the two Councils) and asked for proper updates at each monthly meeting from now on.

County Development Plan 2005-2011

The Draft County Development Plan 2005-2011 is being debated at special Council meetings during July. This is a very important document as it sets policy for the future development of every town and village in the county. In other words it determines the quality of life for all of us who live in the county.

The Council is obliged by law to take account of the Regional Planning Guidelines for the county. In these Guidelines a total of 16,950 new houses have been allocated to county Kildare for the duration of the plan. Cllr. John McGinley has pointed out that, as there are over 2,700 acres of residentially zoned land in the county, there is no need to rezone any more land under the new Development Plan. The average density of houses under construction at present is 12 per acre, which means that there is enough land already zoned residential to accommodate 32,400 houses.

Cllr. McGinley will be proposing that a clause be inserted in the plan stating that:

"No further land will be rezoned for housing in the County for the duration of the Development Plan in order to comply with the Regional Planning Guidelines"

The "Bandstand" in the green at Pound Park

The Council has written to relevant organisations in Maynooth seeking their views on the "bandstand", i.e. does Maynooth need a bandstand and where should it be located. The Council has asked for comments before the end of July.

Traffic Calming at Newtown Shopping Centre and Beaufield Road

Residents will be aware that Cllr. John McGinley has asked that traffic calming ramps be installed at Newtown Shopping Centre and along Beaufield Road to cater for the increase in traffic as a result of the closure of the road at Newtown Grove. Cllr. McGinley was given the following extraordinary progress report at the Area Meeting on 16th July:

"It is expected that traffic volumes will decline substantially when the Meadowbrook Link is open to traffic. In the interim, the Area Engineer will endeavour to effect short term improvements in terms of enhancing signage and lining arrangements."

Cllr. McGinley pointed out that ridiculous replies such as this make the life of a Councillor very difficult. Everyone (except the individual who wrote the progress report) knows that the opposite is the case and that traffic volumes will increase significantly when the Meadowbrook Link is open to traffic. Cllr. McGinley again asked that immediate steps be taken to put the necessary traffic calming measures in place.

Children's Playground

The design for the children's playground at the Harbour Field is at present being drawn up in consultation with the Maynooth Playground Action Group. In order to ensure that the ongoing maintenance is not a burden on local communities Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Full Council:

"That an appropriate allocation be made in the budget for 2005 to cover the Operation and Maintenance of the proposed new children's playgrounds."

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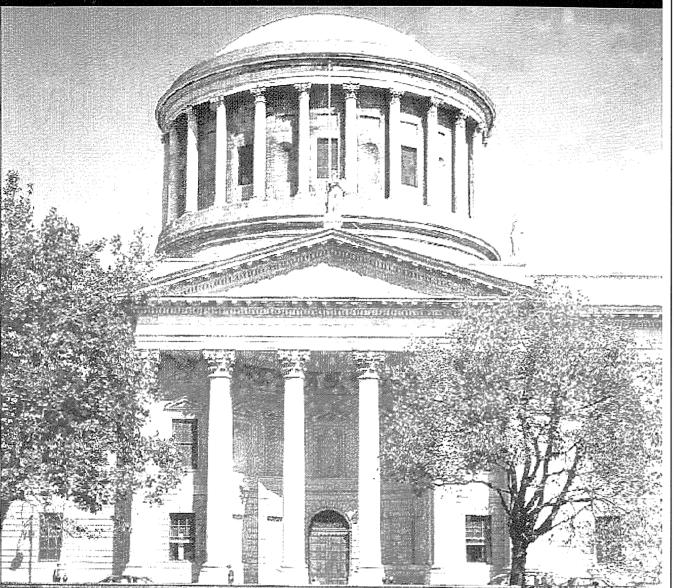
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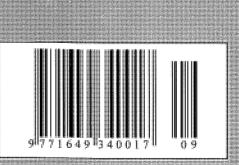
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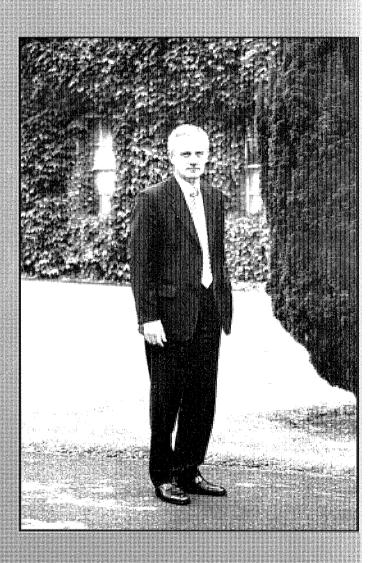


Maynooth welcomes

Dr. John Hughes, Recently Appointed, President of NUI Maynooth

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Editorial

This month we are pleased to feature an in dept interview with the recently appointed President of NUI Maynooth, Professor John Hughes. The new President took some time out to expand on his views regarding the future development of the University and the relationship of the College with the local community. His mission statement and his vision represent a great opportunity for the people of Maynooth and North Kildare to get involved with local Arts and Music groups to work for a worthy objective in building a civic theatre. This new facility would serve the needs of both the University and the Community. We hope that everybody concerned realises that the development of the arts is a necessary step in the further development of our Community.

Following on in the educational theme, we wish all our students well as they return to another school year.

Our special wishes to all the boys and girls who are starting school this year.

Keep a look out for photographs in the next issue.

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National University of Ireland, Maynooth

New President – Prof. John Hughes

At a special meeting, the Governing Authority of the National University of Ireland Maynooth, appointed Professor John Hughes to the post of President, with the appointment taking effect following the expiry of the ten year term of office of the the previous President, Dr WJ Smyth on June 22nd 2004.

Professor Hughes is a former pro-vice-Chancellor for Research at the University of Ulster and has an international reputation in information technology. A native of Belfast, Professor Hughes was educated at the Christian Brothers Grammar School and at Queen's University Belfast where he obtained a BSc with First Class Honours in Mathematics and a PhD in Theoretical Physics. Following appointment at Queen's and at the International Atomic Agency in Vienna, he became Professor of Information Systems Engineering at the University of Ulster in 1991. He has held a range of senior academic positions in the University and has been actively involved in promoting research and technology transfer initiatives, which have attracted substantial funding to the University of Ulster. Professor Hughes is a Fellow of the British Computer Society and was elected by the Society as *IT Professional of the year in 1997*. In 1999 his research team won the prestigious European Grand IST prize for software innovation. He is a member of the Northern Ireland Higher Education council and sits on a broad range of public and private sector organisations.

Professor Hughes has extensive international links in Europe, the US and Asia. He has initiated a large number of successful research collaboration with prestigious institutions including the Max-Planck Institutes, Carnegie-Mellon University, MIT and Tsinghua University in Beijing.

New Theatre for the Arts

Professor John Hughes kindly agreed to an interview with the Newsletter so that our readers would become more aware of his mission and his vision for the University and the town of Maynooth. His concept of a new theatre to serve the needs of the University and the town has met with a universal welcome. He has been greatly encouraged by the response of local art, music and community groups who have written to him pledging their support. He would envisage a public/ private partnership with elements of private donations and public funds to finance the project. The cost of the theatre buildings would only be one element in the project. It would require professional management to ensure that the operation would run successfully. His experience with the Riverside Theatre in the University of Ulster complex would prove an invaluable asset in building a similar theatre in Maynooth. The theatre would serve the townlands of Maynooth, Celbridge, Leixlip and other towns in North Kildare ensuring a wide catchment area. This would help to make the project viable. Professor Hughes is fully committed to a policy of integrating the University into the cultural, social and educational life of the town.

University Funding

The writer raised the apparent contradiction in Government policy regarding the funding of Irish universities. In a speech delivered in the past year, the Tániste stated that Ireland's economic development could only continue at its present rate on the basis of significant funding for research and development. The consensus is that manufacturing jobs in this Country will be lost to the emerging Nations in Eastern Europe and Asia. For Ireland to continue its progress it will have to develop an R & D based economy like Germany and Austria. This will require significant increase in university funding to supply sufficient numbers of students qualified in maths, science and other related disciplines. How then can the same Government cut university funding by 10%? Professor Hughes accepts that increased funding is vital and advised that he was recently a member of a delegation of university presidents who met the Taoiseach to discuss these cuts in funding. The meeting was productive and the hope is that an appropriate level of funding will be restored in the near future. He accepts that the Government has a problem with primary school funding and this sector does require additional resources. He is encouraged by the recent appointment of a new Chief Scientist who in future will advise the

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New President Prof. John Hughes (contd.)

University Fees

The question of funding then led to the current debate regarding the introduction of university fees. Professor Hughes is not in favour of the reintroduction of university fees as a matter of principle. He is conscious of the fact that NUI Maynooth has a significant proportion of students (25%) from low-income families. This intake would be affected if fees were reintroduced. This would be a step backwards for education in Ireland.

If students eventually have to pay fees he would favour the British system of student loans, repayable when the students start to earn salaries appropriate to their qualifications. He has, however, to deal with the reality of the situation. Funds will have to be found to restore many of the older buildings within the university complex and bring them up to the operating standard of the many fine buildings on the north campus.

Public perception of Universities

The writer then raised the issue as to how the general public perceives Irish universities. Many will remember the time especially those in rural Ireland when university education was the preserve of the few. The college scarf was mandatory wear for the parade up the church aisle so that the wealthy could take their allocated reserved seats for mass. The perception of universities by the general public Professor Hughes said is now much better than it was. Universities in the past has tended to be insular and tended to avoid contact with the local population. The current reality is that the universities must market themselves at home and abroad. The taxpayers require to be convinced that the country and the economy will be better served by having adequately universities. The universities have got to market abroad to attract additional research funds and students to finance its R& D programmes. With this in mind Professor Hughes is scheduled to travel to China and Australia later this year to develop and consolidate existing ties with universities in both countries.

NUI Maynooth and the Newsletter

Professor Hughes expressed interest in the Maynooth Newsletter, complementing its presentation and its contents. He noted that the current relationship between the college and the magazine were not as strong as in the past when both students and lecturers were frequent contributors to our publication. Professor Hughes said that there is a wealth of publications issued by the University and its students on matters of agriculture, history and related social matters. He would be keen to see college links with our publication strengthened so that the wealth of material published by the college would be shared with our readership.

There is no doubt that the new President of Maynooth is a visionary. His mission is to develop the University into a cultural, historic, tourist and social entity that embraces the town of Maynooth. The has beautiful surroundings and university internationally recognised academic departments. It also has the Russell library housing an impressive collection of books and manuscripts, some dating back to the 12th century. A new facility is required to house and exhibit the collection and it is one of the new President's priorities to advance this project. The Maynooth and its University has the town of potential to rival other great university towns like Cambridge. We have every confidence that Professor john Hughes will achieve his goal and that Maynooth will in time become an Internationally accepted leader in university/ town community development.

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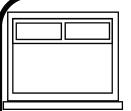


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04/1727	Emma Fay	545 O'Neill Park Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	20/07/04	Dormer type bungalow to rear	545 O'Neill Park Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1750	Rod McCarthy & Martina Harrison	21 Parklands Close Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	22/07/04	Erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion with utility room extended below and also a single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling house	21 Parklands Close Railpark Maynooth
04/1775	Peter Kelly	c/o Students Union NUI Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	23/07/04	Fit-out of a convenience store consisting of counter space, shelved display areas, refrigerated displays and ancillary storage accommodation, to be constructed on the ground floor within the existing John Hume building on the NUI Maynooth Campus	NUI Campus Kilcock Road Maynooth
04/1776	John Byrne Books Ltd.	c/o John Byrne St. Patricks College Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	23/07/04	Fit-out of a Bookshop consisting of counter space, shelved display areas and ancillary storage accommodated, to be constructed on ground floor level within the existing John Hume building on the NUI Maynooth Campus	NUI Maynooth Campus Kilcock Road Maynooth
04/1777	Allied Irish Bank PLC	c/o Geoffrey Gallagher Lansdowne House Lansdowne Road Dublin 4	Р	23/07/04	Fit-out of a bank sub-office, consisting of an open plan office with counter, two meeting rooms and ancillary accommodation, to be constructed within the John Hume building	NUI Maynooth Campus Kilcock Road Maynooth
04/1783	Willie & Eileen Healy	91 Rail Park Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	23/07/04	Living room and kitchen extension to the rear of the existing house and conversion of the existing garage to bedrooms	91 Rail Park Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1791	Mark Kennedy	18 Meadowbrook Close Maynooth Co.Kildare	p	26/07/04	Two storey extension to side and single story extension to rear (66,2 sq.m in total) of existing detached dwelling (90 sq.m)	18 Meadowbrook Close Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1809	Emmet Savage	32 Charter House Maynooth Co.Kildare	р	28/07/04	Dormer bungalow, garage for domestic use and Septech 2000 effluent treatment plant	Cormickstown Maynooth Co.Kildare
04/1811	Schneider Electric Ireland	C/O Michael Ferry Lisney 24 St. Stephens Green Dublin 2	Р	28/07/04	Erection of a non- illuminated corporate sign to the existing front (west) elevation of block	Maynooth Business Campus Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1833	Siobhan & Gerard Burgess	16 Parklands Crescent Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	30/07/04	Two storey domestic extension to side of existing house and all associated site works	16 Parklands Crescent, Maynooth Co. Kildare

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04/1852	David Collins	Hawthorn House B & B Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	03/08/04	4 self catering accommodation units of 216m2. and biocycles and provide 4 additional car park spaces and all associated site works	Hawthorn House B&B Maynooth
04/1854	Eoin Nevin	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	03/08/04	Construction of a new 4 bedroom Mansard style house, with living accommodation in the roof space, a proprietary effluent treatment system, a new vehicular entrance and associated site works	Barrogstown Maynooth
04/1868	Brian Noone	Boycetown Kilcock Co. Kildare	P	04/08/04	The change of use of the first floor from snooker hall to restaurant and kitchen, and a first floor rear extension at first floor at corner of Main St. and Mill Street and forming of increased width entrance doors off Main St.	Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1940	Tesco Ireland Ltd.	Gresham House, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire Co Dublin	Р	13/08/04	A new six pump forecourt area and ancillary development works at the permitted petrol filling station (KCC Ref: 02/178) located at the former Cattlemart Site	Dublin Road, Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1956	Peter Mooney	11 Rockfield Rise Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	13/08/04	First floor extension over garage and utility at side with two storey extension to rear, also single storey extension to rear all with tiled roof over	11 Rockfield Rise Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1959	Finbar & Ailish Coghlan	24 Parklands Lawns Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	16/08/04	Erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion with kitchen area extended below and also a single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling house	24 Parklands Lawns Railpark Maynooth
04/1988	John Saults	225 Kingsbry Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	18/08/04	Single storey extension to existing house consisting of 1 no. bedroom with ensuite and kitchen with existing boundary relocated as per agreement with Kildare County Council	225 Kingsbry Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/2003	Keith & Kathryn Troy	11 Parklands Close Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	19/08/04	Erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion with utility room extended below and also a single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling house	11 Parklands Close Railpark Maynooth
04/2019	Peter Robinson	Crinstown House Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	20/08/04	Change elevation to existing light industrial unit (replace existing roller shutter door with glazing and also provide an additional glazed opening within wall) also provide a new first floor within the unit	Maynooth Business Park Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/2022	Tesco Ireland Ltd.	c/o Jeanette Fitzsimons Cunnane Stratton Reynolds Copley Hall Cotters St. Cork	P	23/08/04	Development at the site of the Tesco Ireland Maynooth Supermarket (extension under construction 7/8 Kildare County Council Reference 02/177)	Dublin Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/2027	Joseph & Olive Cahalane	54 Greenfield Drive Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	23/08/04	Build entrance porch incorporating extending of existing garage and providing pitched roof over existing garage and proposed entrance porch	54 Greenfield Drive Maynooth Co. Kildare

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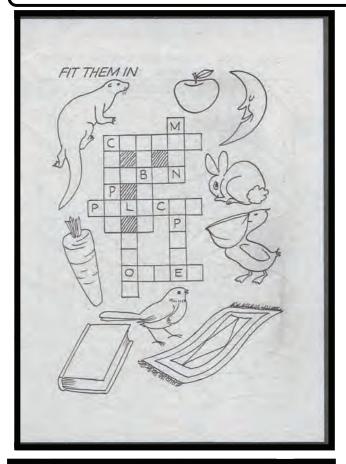
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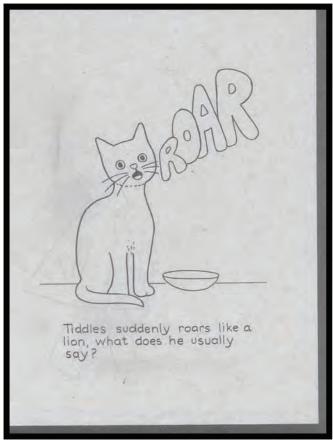
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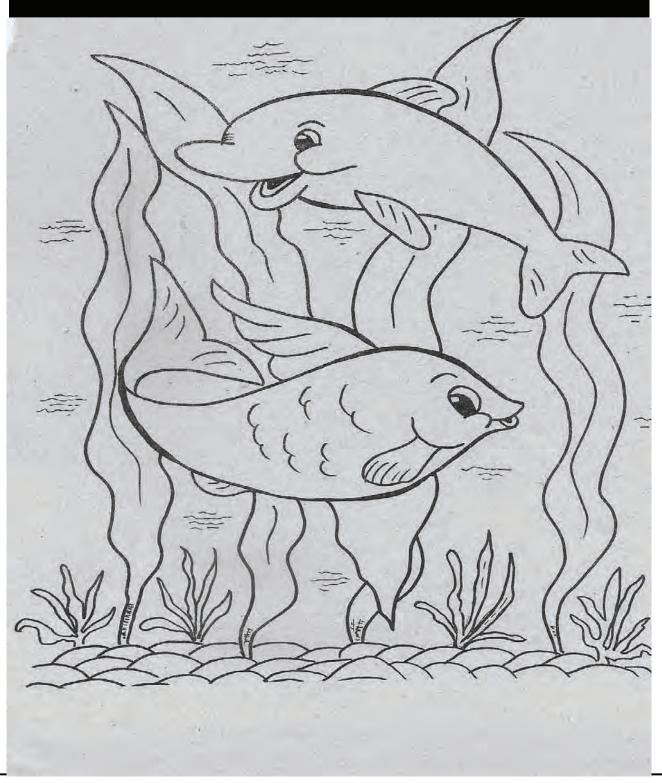
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Maynooth Swimming Club

We hope all our members are enjoying the summer break.

New term restarts on 4th September 2004. Members will be contacted shortly to confirm their places.

All swimming groups are full at moment, however names can be placed on the waiting lists, contact Mary at 01 - 6244256 or Siobhan at 01 - 6012974.

Good Luck to Darragh Murphy who is representing Maynooth in the Freestroke Under 8 Community Games Final Saturday week.

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Sesame Prawn Toasts

Ingredients Serves 4
125 g/4 oz peeled cooked prawns
1 tbsp cornflour
2 spring onions, peeled and roughly chopped
2 tsp freshly grated root ginger
2 tsp dark soy sauce
pinch of Chinese five-spice powder (optional)
1 small egg, beaten
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
6 thin slices day-old white bread
40 g/1½ oz sesame seeds
Vegetable oil for deep-frying
Chilli sauce, to serve

- Place the prawns in a food processor or blender with the cornflour, spring onions, ginger, soy sauce and Chinese five spice powder, if using. Blend to a fairly smooth paste. Spoon into a bowl and stir in the beaten egg. Season to taste with salt and pepper.
- Cut the crusts off the bread. Spread the prawn paste in an even layer on one side of each slice. Sprinkle over the sesame seeds and press down lightly.
- 3. Cut each slice diagonally into 4 triangles. Place on a board and chill in the refrigerator for 30 minutes.
- 4. Pour sufficient oil into a heavy-based saucepan or deep-fat fryer so that it is one-third full. Heat until it reaches a temperature of 180°C/350°F. Cook the toasts in batches of 5 or 6, carefully lowering them seeded-side down into the oil. Deep-fry for 2-3 minutes, or until lightly browned, then turn over and cook for 1 minutes more. Using a slotted spoon, lift out the toasts and drain on absorbent kitchen paper. Keep warm while frying the remaining toasts. Arrange on a warmed platter and serve immediately with some chilli sauce for dipping.

Helpful Hint

The toasts can be prepared to the end of step 3 up to 12 hours in advance. Cover and chill in the refrigerator until needed. It is important to use bread that is a day or two old and not fresh bread. Make sure that the prawns are well-drained before puréeing—pat them dry on absorbent kitchen paper, if necessary.

Cantonese Chicken Wings

Ingredients Serves 4
3 tbsp hoisin sauce
2 tbsp dark soy sauce
1 tbsp sesame oil
1 garlic clove, peeled and crushed

2.5 cm/1 inch piece fresh root ginger, peeled and

grated.

1 tbsp Chinese rice wine or dry sherry

2 tsp chilli bean sauce

2 tsp red or white wine vinegar

2 tbsp soft light brown sugar

900 g/2 lb large chicken wings

50 g/2 oz cashew nuts, chopped

2 spring onions, trimmed and finely chopped.

- 1. Preheat the over to 220°C/425°/Gas Mark 7, 15 minutes before cooking. Place the hoisin sauce, soy sauce, sesame oil, garlic, ginger, Chinese rice wine or sherry, chilli bean sauce, vinegar and sugar in a small saucepan with 6 tablespoons of water. Bring to the boil, stirring occasionally, then simmer for about 30 seconds. Remove the glaze from the heat.
- 2. Place the chicken wings in a roasting tin in a single layer. Pour over the glaze and stir until the wings are coated thoroughly.
- 3. Cover the tin loosely with tinfoil, place in the preheated oven and roast for 25 minutes. Remove the tinfoil, baste the wings and cook for a further 5 minutes.
- 4. Reduce the oven temperature to 190°C/375°F/Gas Mark 5. Turn the wings over and sprinkle with the chopped cashew nuts and spring onions. Return to the oven and cook for 5 minutes or until the nuts are lightly browned, the glaze is sticky and the wings are tender. Remove from the oven and leave to stand for 5 minutes before arranging on a warmed platter. Serve immediately with finger bowls and plenty of napkins.

Helpful Hint

Chicken wings are regarded as a delicacy in both China and Thailand and are considered one of the tastiest parts of the bird. If you give your butcher advance notice, he will probably sell them to you very cheaply, as they are often trimmed off and discarded when cutting chickens into portions.

Chocolate & Lemon Grass Mousse

Ingredients Serves 4
3 lemon grass stalks, outer leaves removed
200 ml/7 fl oz milk
2 sheets gelatine
150 g/5 oz milk chocolate, broken into small pieces.
2 medium egg yolks
50 g/2 0z caster sugar
150 ml/½ pint double cream

Juice of 2 lemons

1 tbsp caster sugar

Lemon zest, to decorate

I. Use a wooden spoon to bruise the lemon grass, then cut in half. Pour the milk into a saucepan, add the lemon grass and bring to the boil. Remove from the heat, leave to

Andy Mac Thai and Chinese Simple Cookery

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infuse for 1 hour, then strain. Place the gelatine in a shallow dish, pour over cold water to cover and leave for 15 minutes. Squeeze out excess moisture before use.

- Place the chocolate in a small bowl set over a saucepan of gently simmering water and leave until melted. Make sure the water does not touch the bowl.
- Whisk the egg yolks and sugar together until thick, then whisk in the flavoured milk. Pour into a clean saucepan and cook gently, stirring continuously, until the mixture starts to thicken. Remove from the heat, stir in the melted chocolate and gelatine and leave to cool for a few minutes.
- Whisk the double cream until soft peaks form, then stir into the cooled milk mixture to form a mousse. Spoon into individual ramekins or moulds and leave in the refrigerator for 2 hours or until set.
- 4. Just before serving, pour the lemon juice into a small saucepan, bring to the boil, then simmer for 3 minutes or until reduced. Add the sugar and heat until dissolved, stirring continuously. Serve the mousse drizzled with the lemon, sauce and

Helpful Hint

Take care when melting milk chocolate not to overheat it; the water in the pan should be barely bubbling and it is a good idea to turn off the heat as soon as the chocolate begins to melt. Buy chocolate specifically for desserts and baking, but avoid chocolate-flavoured cake covering.

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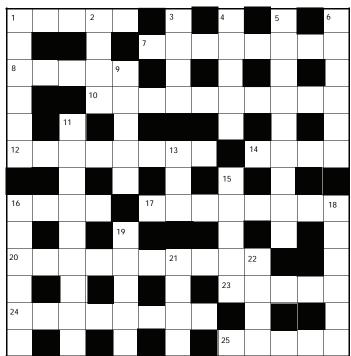
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- Flaw (6) 6.
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- 13. Egg shells (3)
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- Pattern (6) 16.
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1. Block, 7. Ornament, 8. Steal, 10. Percentage, 12. Travesty, 14. Kind, 16. Pity, 17. Tranquil, 20. Attractive, 23. Early, 24 Snowdrop, 25. Choir.

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1. Basket, 2. Clap, 3. Eric, 4. Saint, 5. Tenacious, 6. Attend, 9. Lever, 11. Partition, 13. Tar , 15. Knave, 16. Praise, 18. Lawyer, 19. Hardy, 21. Troy, 22. Each.

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Gardening Hints

Taking cuttings

Apart from the actual production of food crops, it should not be forgotten that we can make considerable savings by raising our own plants by rooting cuttings of those we already have. A remarkable number of different plants can be increased in this way at this time of year. For example, Penstemon, Calceolaria, Viola, Pansy, Petunia, Verbena, Marguerita and Fuchsia, to mention a few. There are many more—and why not experiment to see if can succeed in surprising your friends, perhaps?

Cuttings taken now should have time to root and develop into quite sturdy little plants that will survive the winter. It is best to use shoots which have not flowered, of the present season's growth. Prepare them by cutting neatly across the stem, immediately below a leaf joint and removing the lower leaves. Wet the end, dip it in hormone rooting powder and insert in holes made with a pencil or something similar in pots, boxes or direct into a cold frame.

A good mixture for them is one part each of good loam, peat and silver sand or one of the soiless cutting composts. It should be nicely moist when you insert the cuttings, watering it overnight and allowing it to drain before insertion, if necessary. Afterwards, it should be kept just nicely moist, carefully avoiding over-watering. The cuttings need a sheltered spot not in full sunlight. This is usually not difficult to arrange with easily movable pots or boxes. Where the cold-frame is concerned, cover it with some sacking or something similar to keep off excessive sunlight but don't destroy the ventilation in the process, otherwise the cuttings may damp off before rooting.

By using hormone rooting powder the rooting process is speeded up. Most of these cuttings will be rooted in about 3 weeks. I have had fuchsia cuttings treated in this way rooted in two weeks. When they have rooted, as evidence by new growths, keep them outside as long as possible so that they develop into sturdy, hardy plants, only taking inside when frost arrives.

Bulbs for shady spots

Several kinds of bulbs for shady spots can be planted during the next few weeks. Scatter handfuls of the bulbs, planting them where they fall. Use a trowel if the site is of soil. Drop a little sand and bone-meal into each hole; set the bulb at its correct

depth and refill the hole. If the site is rough turf, use a strong dibber, packing the fine soil round the bulb

Bulbs in Bowls

Nothing helps to brighten the long, dark days of winter more than some nice bowls of bulbs in flower over the Christmas period or early in the new year. By starting them at different times or by using different subjects or varieties, quite a long flowering succession can be achieved.

Most people are now familiar with the fibre-in-bowls Method so why not try other ways this year? Some bulbs can be grown for early flowering in this way entirely on water, which not only saves the cost of the fibre but also provides a novelty.

The bulbs to use are crocus, the narcissus varieties Bridal Crown, Cragford and Paper White, or the white Roman hyacinths.

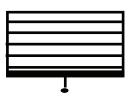
One way is to use a wide, shallow bowl at the bottom of which is placed an inch or so of sand or shingle. On this, pebbles are spaced out so that the bulbs can be arranged among them, not too close together, in such a way that the pebbles hold the bulbs as firmly in position as possible and at the same time keep the base of each bulb just above the level of the sand. It is important that the bulbs do not "sit" in water as they then tend to rot.

It is a great advantage to use rain-water, even when adding more later. (Even in a flat you can put an empty bowl out on a window-sill to catch rain for this purpose.)

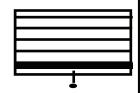
Keep the bowl of bulbs in a cool, dark place until growth has started. You can then bring it into the light but not immediately into direct sunlight. Keep the water at the correct level at all times.

Another method is often called a hyacinth glass. Again, use rain-water and place a few lumps of charcoal in the bottom. Keep in darkness until you can see the roots have formed, then bring into the light. You can then watch its progress, which is quite fascinating. Don't try to force it too quickly with too much heat or the leaves will be much taller than the flowers.





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Maynooth Planning Alliance

It has been some time since a *Maynooth Planning Alliance* contribution appeared in the Newsletter. During that interval much of the energies of the group were directed at minimising the excessive rezoning practices which have been a feature of many of the Kildare towns over the past twenty years, and which have left a legacy of which we cannot be proud. Poor services, major infrastructural deficiencies, a lack of youth and sporting facilities - these have been the direct consequences of development-led planning. Many millionaires have been created among landowners and developers in and around Maynooth over the past 5 years. In return, the community gets traffic chaos, overcrowded schools, an absence of youth or community facilities, fish kills and the erosion of what made Maynooth distinctive. We may have a motorway and railway, but what other town of 12,000 people in Ireland doesn't have a community centre or public indoor sports facility?

The need to campaign for proper planning at the Development Plan stage is only too evident as we look around the town today at the products of the rezonings voted for in the current Development Plan by our four local councillors: Griffin, Murphy, McGinley and Kelly. Approximately 2,000 houses are now approved or under construction in Maynooth as a result of the 2002 Maynooth Development Plan. That's 3,000 cars and 6,000 people. The present population of the town is approximately 12,000, so we face at least a 50% increase in cars and people over the next five years. The most recent blow to the town is the astonishing An Bord Pleanala decision to permit 530 houses to be constructed on Moyglare Road before completion of the portion of the ring road required in the 2002 Maynooth Plan. Once again this area was rezoned against the wishes of local residents associations only too aware of what was likely to happen. In this case a cul de sac development resulting in up to 860 cars per hour trying to get through Main Street from Moyglare Road has now been approved. This beggars belief and together with other huge housing developments on the Rathcoffey, Celbridge and Straffan Roads makes a farce out of aspirations to improve traffic flow in the town.

Who stands for the community interests in Maynooth? The answer is a small number of voluntary organisations with little real clout against powerful vested interests. Your continued support for them is vital if any semblance of community objectives are to be achieved. Sadly, such groups cannot look to organisations who might be expected to share their long term vision of a well planned, dynamic university town with a strong sense of community. It has to be said that a deafening silence is the norm from major organisations in the town when community solidarity is sought. Partnership in community action is an alien concept for some. But a core of active volunteers has always characterised Maynooth and, with the support of the community, will act when required in the interests of the people as a whole, and not on behalf of narrowly defined constituencies among them.



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The Tramp

See him walk through the alley ways
Dragging his feet along the ground
With little worry he spends his days
And no where in particular he is bound
He is unimportant to the everyday man
Rejected by society and left to carry on
For to survive he does the best he can
People don't care whether he's dead or gone

The winter cold grips him with his bite
Constantly walking along to try stay warm
All alone he must face the weary night
With it's twinkled star night to adorn
He snugs in a shelter of an old wrecked car
As weather beaten as himself but not aware
His thoughts dwelled in his mind wander far
With memories of his loved one he once shared

He awakes at morning with some fear
Another day born just to carry on
His bottle of wine beside him near
With another place to explore he is gone
This man must have dreams I confess
Or is his dreams cursed on this earth
His life to us all seems such a mess
But to me his promised dreams are of birth

Patrick Murray

Each soul Our soul is within our living life That we cannot grasp or see I know our life is part of strife But our soul will forever be When we die our soul will depart To a heaven sincere and true While now feeling is within each heart In which we all forever grew Our bodies will deteriorate at death But our souls will carry on Our lives are destined from our birth That heavenly light shine upon Each death never brings any sorrow But to a world wholesome and new So we pray for a new tomorrow With her Gods wisdom shining through.

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10/08/2004 to 10/09/2004	Exhibition - A Sense of Place	Riverbanks Arts Centre	Newbridge
02/09/2004 to 09/09/2004	Adrienne Symes	Celbridge Library	Celbridge
02/09/2004 to 04/09/2004	The Kings of fKilburn High Road	Riverbanks Arts Centre	Newbridge
04/09/2004	Soccer: Kildare County Fc vs Limerick	Station Road	Newbridge
05/09/2004	Moyglare Stud Stakes Day	Curragh Racecourse	Newbridge
05/09/2004 to 12/09/2004	Heritage Week	Athy Community Library	Athy
10/09/2004	Gavin Moore in concert	Riverbank Arts Centre	Newbridge
11/09/2004 to 12/09/2004	Kilcock Canoe Polo Festival	Kilcock Marina	Kilcock
14/09/2004 to 18/09/2004	Still Lives by Rebvekah Carroll	Naas Community Library	Naas
15/09/2004 to 18/09/2004	The Bird Trap	Reiverbank Arts Centre	Newbridge
17/09/2004	Soccer: Monaghan United vs Kildare County Fc	Century Homes Park	Monaghan
18/09/2004	Autumn Festival of Racing - Irish St Leger	Curragh Racecourse	Newbridge
19/09/2004	Autumn Festival of Racing	Curragh Racecourse	Newbridge
24/09/2004	Best of Irish - The Music of West Kerry and the Dingle Peninsula	Riverbanks Arts Centre	Newbridge
25/09/2004	Sharon Shannon in concert	Riverbanks Arts Centre	Newbridge
25/09/2004	Soccer: Kildare County FC vs Cobh Ramblers	Station Road	Newbridge
26/09/2004	Sex and the City Singles Night	Time: Venue	Naas
26/09/2004	Punchestown Racing	Punchestown Racecourse	Naas
29/09/2004	Benjamin's Father in Concert	Riverbanks Arts Centre	Newbridge
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If you want to join these young people, there is an Open Day for the Maynooth Academy on Saturday 18th September. It runs from 10am—1pm at Maynooth Boys National School and it is open to young people in the 8—18 age range. Just come along on the day but you must arrive on time and be prepared to stay for the three hours.





On a Conservationist

Threatened species were his great concern,
Dwindling crafts and old dishonoured buildings;
Destruction of a hedge would make him mourn
The web of wildlife it had nurtured.
He even criticised development of bogs,
Claiming that if left our grouse no cover,
And if some effluent fouled a river
He fretted for the fish if as their brother.

Friends accused him of perversely
Valuing nature more than man That or seeking notoriety:
He knew himself he loved men's nobler ways,
The dreams they raised against derisive Time,
And so it hurt that hucksters held it right
To bulldoze Tara for a highway site..

Patrick Devaney.



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Each year we hold an Open Day to fill vacancies. We do not hold auditions as we see it as our work to teach those who show interest rather than choosing 'the best'. Entry to Open Day is free of charge but you should arrive on time and be prepared to stay for the three-hour session.

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On being offered a place with the Academy, a registration fee of €35 is payable. Thereafter, the weekly fee for the three-hour session is €12.50. this is paid in a weekly basis. There is no charge for entry to Open Day.

NO NEED TO PRE-BOOK, JUST COME ALONG
ON THE DAY. FURTHER INFORMATION FROM BACKSTAGE-IRELAND ON 091-590706. E-MAIL—
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New Meadowbrook Link Road under construction





Luas at Davitt Road Inchicore





Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Tidy Towns

National Tidy Towns Competition 2004

September is usually an anxious month for people involved in Tidy Towns across the entire country as villages, towns and cities await the results of the National Competition. I expect that we will all know our fate by Monday 13th. Whild Maynooth has done very well in the competition over the last number of years there is no guarantee that this will continue. It would be a pity if our marks were to fall back this year when marks have been increasing every year for the past ten years. Our fate has well been decided by now - so lets hope it is good news again this year.

Best Estates and Shop Front Competitions 2004

Judging has taken place fro these competitions and we would like to commend everybody on their efforts. There continues to be huge interest in many estates in particular in winning the prizes and this has been reflected in the efforts. The Best Estates Competitions in particular are aimed at improving the environment and appearance of your estate, but even more than that it gets people our of their houses and helps the social interaction between neighbours working together for their mutual benefit. It helps to foster pride in your area and as a consequence of it happening in so many areas it helps the overall image and condition of Maynooth. Who won - well you will have to wait at least until next month's *Maynooth Newsletter* to find out.

Maynooth in IBAL (Irish Business Against Litter League)

We will shortly get the results of the second judging of Maynooth under the Irish Business Against Litter League. Maynooth has been included for the first time in 2004 in this competition, mainly because of the presence of the National University in the town. In the first judging we came a very respectable 12th out of 30. however, what normally happens is that towns that do very badly get their act together and those in the comfort zone then end up down in the 20s. Much credit must go to the staff of Kildare County Council in Maynooth for their efforts - however, to become litter free demands care of our environment by the entire community. Lets have a go at it.

Paul Croghan Secretary Maynooth Tidy Towns

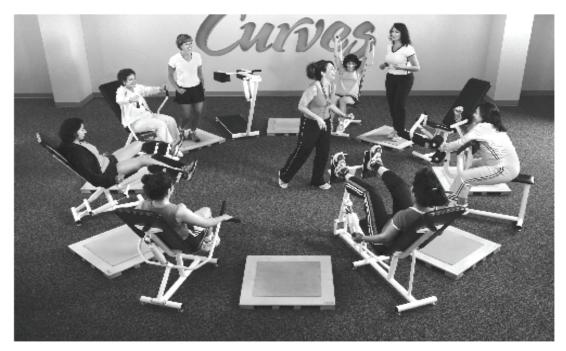


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Next outing Mullingar Captain's Prize

All members bring a prize.

2004

Captain Mick Fahy Prize at Mullingar on Saturday 24th

1st overall 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th Front 9 Back 9	Michael Flynn (Jnr) Emmett Savage Barry Desmond John Saults Alan O'Brien Gerry McTiernan Niall Byrne Liam Farrelly Dave Kincon	38pts 37 - (B.9) 37pts 36 - (B.9) 36 - (B.6) 36pts 35pts 16pts 19pts
Past Captains	John Saults	36pts
Longest Drive	Barry Desmond	
Nearest the Pin	Emmett Savage	
Two's Club	Norman Kavanagh	
Visitors	Tony Byrne, Pat Nolan	
Next outing Shay	Moore Cup to Athlone	August 24th



Mick Flynn being presented with Cup by the late Eddie's daughters, Shauna and Brona



L to r John Tiernan, Mick Flynn Jnr., Mick Fahy & Philip Doyle



Mick Fahy and John Byrne

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TESCO 7-a-Side Soccer Tournament

The Joe Murphy Memorial Trophy 2004

This popular 7-a-side soccer tournament was held in the Harbour Field from Monday 12th July to Sunday 25th July. The quarter finals, semi finals and final were held during the Community Festival. Sixteen teams competed in this year's tournament and there was an average attendance of 200 spectators each evening, with around 400 watching a very The Old Dublin Roaders entertaining final. triumphed for the second year running.

The results for the Group Matches were as follows:

Group 1

The Town	1 – 0	Kingsbry
Castle Dawson	1 – 3	The Crescent
The Town	5 – 2	Castle Dawson
Kingsbry	2 – 0	The Crescent
The Town	0 - 0	The Crescent
Kingsbry	5 – 0	Castle Dawson

Group 2

Old Greenfield	5 – 1	Greenfield Drivers
Silken Vale	0 – 2	Castlebridge Celtic
Greenfield Drivers	2 – 7	Castlebridge Celtic
Old Greenfield	1 – 3	Silken Vale
Old Greenfield	0 – 2	Castlebridge Celtic
Greenfield Drivers	1 – 1	Silken Vale

Group 3

Silken Vale Reserves	1 – 5 Old Dublin Roader
Maynooth Park	3 – 1 Rathcoffey Road
Gaffers	
Old Dublin Roaders	2 – 0 Rathcoffey Road
Gaffers	
Silken Vale Reserves	1 – 3 Maynooth Park
Old Dublin Roaders	1 – 3 Maynooth Park
Silken Vale Reserves	2 – 3 Rathcoffey Road
Gaffers	

Group 4

Old Greenfield (B)	0 – 3 Parklands
Carton Bodger Utd	4 – 0 Super Valu FC
Old Greenfield (B)	2 – 0 Carton Bodger Utd
(walk-over)	
Parklands	2 – 2 Super Valu FC
Parklands	1 – 1 Carton Bodger Utd
Old Greenfield (B)	1 – 2 Super Valu FC

Quarter-finals

The Town	0 - 3	Silken Vale
Castlebridge Celtic	1 – 0	Kingsbry
Maynooth Park	1 – 1	Carton Bodger Utd

(Maynooth Park won on pens)

1 – 1 Old Dublin Roaders Parklands (Old Dublin Roaders won on pens)

Semi-finals

Silken Vale 1 – 3 Castlebridge Celtic Maynooth Park 0 - 0 Old Dublin Roaders (Old Dublin Roaders won 1-0 in extra time by the silver goal rule)

FINAL

Castlebridge Celtic 0 – 1 Old Dublin Roaders

THE REVIEW by Hank Scorpio

The date: Sunday July 25th. The time: 4pm. The venue: The Harbour Field, Maynooth. The occasion: The final of the Joe Murphy Memorial Trophy 2004. The teams: The Old Dublin Roaders, the current champions versus Castlebridge Celtic, the slight favourites going by current form.

The Old Dublin Roaders, missing one or two of their flair players from last season's tournament, had a tough time making it to this year's final. However, an epic penalty shoot-out success in the quarterfinals and a narrow 1-0 silver goal victory in the semis-finals showed that they had the vital ingredients necessary to win this much-coveted trophy - experience, natural ability and ice coolness under pressure. Castlebridge had won every one of their games coming into the final, an impressive feat considering the overall quality in this year's tournament.

The game began at a frenetic pace. Both sides were obviously eager to do battle. A crowd of some 400 knew that they were in for a thrilling afternoon. Passes were going astray, tackles were being mistimed, clear opportunities on goal were few and far between. The referee was having a tougher afternoon than most, one or two very dubious decisions caused pandemonium and uproar on the sidelines.

After 19 minutes of mostly resolute and gritty stuff, which would have be more suited to a Gerard Houllier training session, we saw one moment of sheer genius. Pádraic Flood, the Old Roadsers talisman, picked up a loose ball played out to the wing by the Castlebridge defence. He looked up

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Tesco 7 a side soccer (contd)

momentarily and without hesitation, floated a ball from all of 40 yards which soared over the bewildered goalkeeper into the far corner of the net. The assembled masses erupted in awe. been floored as he launched his effort on goal, Flood dusted himself down, smiled inwardly and offered a royal bow of appreciation to the cheering Roaders' fans on the sidelines. Many outsiders would say that his effort was a fluke, that there was no way he could have meant it. Those who know the game would say that if you have a shot on goal, you're not trying to hit the stands.

The Roaders were in control of the game from that moment on. Indeed they could have added to their lead, hitting both post and crossbar in the second The Castlebridge goalkeeper was having a difficult time recovering from the shock of the goal he had conceded. Any confidence he had in his ability had been well and truly shattered. After 3 minutes of injury time the referee blew the final whistle. Relief and joy were etched into the faces of the Roaders' heroes. They had retained the holy grail of 7-a-side football, the Joe Murphy Memorial trophy.

The match itself will be quickly forgotten. winning goal will be remembered for many a foot balling day.

The victors, in order of appearance, were: David Corcoran, Shane Flynn, Pádraic Flood (capt), Tomás Madden, Derek Dolan, Brian McHale, Brendan Healy, Caoimhin Flood, John Gillespie and Alec Roston.

I would like to thank the organising committee who helped out each evening to make sure that the tournament was a success. Special thanks are due to Tom Dempsey, John Saults, John Doogan, Michael O'Reilly, Willie Saults, Michael Dempsey, Lennie Murphy, Tommy Daly and Christina Saults.

Finally, on behalf of the organising committee I would like to thank all of the teams for taking part, TESCO for their sponsorship and the Murphy family for the beautiful trophy.

John McGinley (Organiser)



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THE AUTHOR:

Patrick Devaney grew up on a farm in County Roscommon and was a boarder at Summerhill Collage, Sligo. He went on to study Civil Engineering in University Collage Galway, where his interest in art and poetry competed with his dreams of building roads and bridges in Africa. After the death of his father he emigrated to New York. While working as an electrical draughtsman he attended City College at night, while continuing to write poetry and plays. Returning to Ireland in 1969, Patrick became a teacher of maths and English with the County

Kildare Vocational Education Committee. He has written *Rua the Red Grouse*, a book for teenagers, *Through the Gate of Ivory*, a novel for adults, and a collection of poems, *Searching for Updraughts*. His two books published by Mentor are *The Stranger and the Pooka* and *The Psychic Edge*. He is married with five children and lives in Maynooth.

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Maynooth/Leixlip History Talks

Heritage Week 5-12 September 2004

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John Colgan will give an illustrated talk (over 50 illustrations) on the **Dublin to Kinnegad Turnpike Road** (established in 1731). The illustrations will include a map of the road, by segment, from the Phoenix Park to Enfield, Co. Meath, mile-stones, toll houses and gate.

John will be giving a second talk on **Friday 10 September at 8.00 p.m**. in Leixlip RC Parish Centre, Old Hill, Leixlip. This will also be an illustrated talk (over 50 illustrations) on the **history of the Roman Catholic Church in Leixlip**, Co. Kildare, with particular emphasis on the period 1700 to modern times.

Both talks are drawn from John's forthcoming encyclopaedia on Leixlip's history (over 350 illustrations with c. 300 pages and c. 100 topics.

On **Sunday 12 September** there will be a talk and a guided tour in connection with **Laraghbryan Medieval Church** where we will be informed of the restoration work already carried out. Anyone who is interested should meet at Maynooth Roman Catholic Church at 3.00 p.m. There is no charge for this event.

In addition to the above there will be guided tours of thirteenth century **Maynooth Castle**, stronghold of the Great Earl of Kildare, Garret Mor FitzGerald. Events and fun days for Heritage Week have still to be confirmed. Contact Maynooth Castle guides for details at 01 628 6744 or e-mail: maynoothcastle@duchas.ie.

Heritage Week booklets are available in the local library in Maynooth and in Maynooth Bookshop. This booklet gives details of other events organised by various committees and groups in Co. Kildare and other counties throughout the country.

Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

As summer draws to a close our Senior Citizens Committee start another year of activities. During the summer a number of our Senior Citizens enjoyed a week's holiday at Kerdiffstown and in July we went on our annual outing to Ardgillan House and Gardens near Balbriggan. A great day was had by all. The day was sunny and we returned to Springfield Hotel for dinner. Our thanks to the staff who always look after us so well. Our Club reopens on Tuesday 7th September. The first Tea Dance will be held on Sunday 19th September in the GAA Club on the Moyglare Road; on that day we have our Annual Tony Smith Memorial Walk organised by the Labour Party. Sponsorship cards can be had from our committee members. The proceeds go towards our Senior Citizens Fuel and Social Fund.

P.S. Our monthly meeting for committee members will take place in the Health Centre on Tuesday 7th September at 8 p.m.

Patsy O'Rafferty P.R.O.

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James Joyce Centenary Festival

By Serj Merzliakov

One of the most controversial writers of his time and the most well-known Irish writer today, James Joyce celebrated the centenary of Bloomsday this summer. The ReJoyce Centenary Festival which started long before the actual date of Bloomsday set the tune for some 70 events that continued until mid-August. Commemorating the literary heritage of James Joyce we are telling you all about the Festival.

Writer and His Work

Born in Dublin in 1882 James Joyce was the eldest of 10 children, and originally coming from a well-to-do family, he completed his school in Belvedere College and graduated from University College, Dublin. His determination to become a writer influenced his choice not to pursue a medical career and in 1904 he departed for the continent.

Later that year the three short stories appeared in an Irish magazine written under the pseudonym Stephen Dedalus, the ones, which were later to form a part of 'Dubliners'. After a year of wandering between Dublin and Paris Joyce settled in Trieste with a Galway girl Nora Barnacle, who would later become his wife.



Ulysses Plaque in Dublin (O'Connell St.)



Joyce and the Dubliners – an everlasting romance

He returned to Ireland in 1909 in attempt to find a publisher for 'Dubliners' but was unsuccessful. Although his Dublin publisher George Roberts destroyed the original version of the book, however, it was finally in print in 1914 in London.

Joyce met the beginning of WWI in Zurich where he started on 'Ulysses', the work that would immortalise his name and forever link it to Dublin. Unsurprisingly, when the book was released in 1922 Dublin never liked it. Joyce was called a lunatic and the scandalous trail around it never fainted until the mid-60s.

Largely unread even today, the book depicts the adventures of the characters within a single day in an atmosphere of Dublin in Edwardian times. Being cited as 'terribly intellectual' this book today stands out as a literature evoking different levels of its understanding and re-understanding.

Living in Paris since 1920 and largely criticised for the book, Joyce had no desire to come back; however, the success and ban of 'Ulysses' brought attention to his name and gave a chance to meet his literary contemporaries like T.S.Elliot, Proust. There in Paris in 1923, he started his last work 'Finnegans Wake'.

The outbreak of WWII drove the Joyce family to Zurich where the writer died in 1941.

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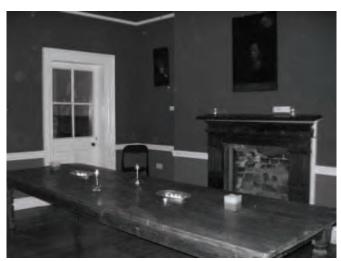
ReJoyce Festival

In commemoration of Leopold Bloom's famous morning meal in Ulysses, which happened almost 100 years ago, O'Connell Street was opened for **Denny's Bloomsday Centenary Breakfast**. The meal which featured Denny's sausages, described in Joyce's literary phenomenon '*Ulysses'* gathered around 50,000 people who came from all over the world. Stilt walkers and circus artists, singers and authentic Edwardian market provided fun and perfect atmosphere for the day.

On legendary Bloomsday, June 16th, **James Joyce Centre** in Dublin celebrated it with another open-air breakfast featuring Edwardian dressed characters, street theatre and dramatic readings.

Commemorating the contribution made by the most prolific of Irish writers, the James Joyce Centre also launched a series of walks visiting a number of sites connected with James Joyce and Edwardian Dublin.

National College of Ireland has taken the honour of hosting the 19th **James Joyce Symposium**, the major event for the Joycean scholars, critics, students and readers. The street market and live music entertainment with special guests in period costumes accompanied the Docklands Programme.



Room in James Joyce House described in 'The Dead'

Another string of events is connected with the newly opened **James Joyce House** at 15 Ushers Quay. The house itself was featured in the last story of 'Dubliners'

cycle, 'The Dead'. Earlier this year it became a place for the Dinner of the Century, marking the beginning of the Festival. The house, which was recently restored is now open to visitors throughout the year and currently serves as a museum and an art gallery featuring paintings inspired by works of Joyce.

In addition, every visitor and tourist of Dublin was heartily invited to join a Joyce Trail, visiting spots featured in 'Ulysses' commemorated by special plaques and places related to the writer's life in the city.

Irish Film Institute has prepared a programme on a hardly known part of the life of the great writer. It may be a revelation for many to learn that James Joyce was involved in Ireland's first cinema - Volta Cinematograph located at 43 Mary Street in Dublin.

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Closing the ReJoyce Dublin Festival and marking the end of the celebrations, IFI demonstrated *Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* on August 16, the screen



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Features

I hate to complain, but (A tongue-in-cheek look at life.)

I hate this time of year. There is something very depressing about the end of summer, isn't there? It isn't just that I'm getting old and hate the prospect of winter. I have always hated it. I remember, as a child how I hated hearing Adults longing for the end of the long summer holidays. I hated the signs popping up in shops announcing, 'Back to School' offers. These were bad enough but they were only silent, impersonal notices. I couldn't expect the big shops to have any interest in my well-being but my parents and neighbours should have known better. How could anyone look forward to ending the freedom of summer?

I don't think I was sophisticated enough to suspect them of begrudgery. I expect I just resented the reminder of the looming months of imprisonment beginning in September.

Now as an adult, I can in all honesty claim, at least in this regard, that I have not become like my parents. I still hate the end of summer. I dread the schools reopening. And I admit it. I hate the loss of freedom and the lack of peace. How I miss the peaceful freedom of shopping of an evening in a childfree store! Once the schools reopen it seems parents need to spend, 'quality time' in the evenings with the little darlings and this means letting them run riot through the supermarket.

You've noticed it too, haven't you? Aisles that at other times are free, except for fellow shoppers and the occasional hazard of an employee packing a shelf, now resemble a war zone. Once the schools close these become racetracks for careering toddlers: pitches for larger brats to play tag in and the venue of choice for teen versus parent confrontations.

And all this is only the warm up. The highlight is saved for the checkout. Here, while the queues to your right and left are charging by at dizzying speed, you are motionless. Somewhere in the far distance in your line, someone is querying a price, criticising a product, has gotten caught in a conveyor belt or God knows what. It doesn't matter. What matters is you are a captive. There is no escape. In frustration you check your

check your watch. It must be broken. You must have looked at it a dozen times as you stand there enduring parents trying to coax and bribe manipulative children into behaving and yet it shows only two minutes have passed. That can't be right.

And then the screaming starts.

Maybe I'm jealous because I too feel like screaming.

But I leave that to the toddlers. They don't need any help. It's amazing. These toddlers can scream with such volume yet at such a pitch that only their parents can't hear them. Surly they can't? Mannerly respectable people wouldn't let their designer clad offsprings behave in such a way if they could hear them.

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Question

I am going back to collage in the autumn and want to know if I will be able to get a grant?

Answer

The Higher Education Grants Scheme provides means-tested grants to eligible students on approved courses. Application forms are available from your local authority which administers the grant. For the academic year 2004/2005 the application must be with the local authority by 31 August 2004.

The scheme is also available to full time students who are attending medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine and teacher training courses in publicly funded third-level institutions in other EU Member States.

The income limits (for the period 1 Jan—31 December 2003 are as follows:

Number of Dependent children	Full maintenance and full fees	Part maint. (75%) and full fees	Part maint. (50%) and full fees	Part maint. (25%) and full fees	Part Fees (50%) only
Less than 4	€33,890	€36,005	€38,125	€40,240	€42,360
4-7	€37,240	€39,570	€41,895	€44,225	€46,550
8 or more	€40,435	€42,960	€45,485	€48,010	€50,535

The limits can be increased by a further €4,100 where there are 2 children attending full-time third-level education, and a further €4,1000 for each additional child.

The maintenance grant rates are as follows:

	Non- Adjacent Rate	Adjacent Rate
Full maintenance	€2,945	€1,180
Part maintenance (75%)	€2,210	€880
Part maintenance (50%)	€1,475	€590
Part maintenance (25%)	€735	€295

The Adjacent Rate is paid if you normally reside 15 miles or less from your college. Mature students will receive the Non Adjacent Rate in all cases.

The special rates of maintenance grants for 2004/2005 are €4,855 for the Non Adjacent Rate and €1,945 for the Adjacent rate, equivalent to a top up of €1,910 and €765 to the standard rates respectively. The income limit for these grants is €14,693. You must be receiving an eligible social welfare or other payment.

Question

How can I apply to get access to my personal health records?

Answer

You can apply for access to personal health records in three ways-through Administrative Access, under the Freedom of Information Acts (FOI) and under the Data Protection Acts.

When applying through Administrative Access apply in writing to the appropriate service or agency (e.g. for hospital records apply to the Hospital Manager). You will have to supply sufficient information so that your records can be identified. There is usually no charge for copies of personal records, however, you may be (contd)

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You should apply for sensitive health records, such as psychiatric records, under the Freedom of Information Acts 1997/2003, including records relating to a child or a deceased relative. You must apply in writing, referring to the Acts. There is no application fee for personal records and your request must be acknowledged within 10 working days. You will normally receive a decision on your request within 20 working days of receiving your request. If it is decided not to release all the records this must be clearly explained, setting out the sections of the Act used in reaching these decisions. You should also be given details of your entitlement to an internal review and an appeal.

You can also apply for personal records under the Data Acts 1988 & 2003. However, you cannot access the records of a deceased person. You can apply to any holder of personal information, not just public bodies as under FOI. You must apply in writing with an application fee of €6.35, referring to the Acts.

You will normally receive a decision within 40 days of your request. Details of your entitlement to complain to the Data Protection Commissioner should be included with the decision.

Question

We have just returned from a package holiday in Spain. Unfortunately the holiday was a disaster as we did not have the hotel facilities promised in the brochure is there anything I can do about it in terms of making a complaint and getting our money back?

Answer

Yes there is. The Package Holiday and Travel Trade Act 1995 implements an EU Directive and gives you a certain level of protection should the package not be satisfactory or if the operator goes out of business. For you to benefit from this protection, your holiday should be a package holiday, sold at an inclusive price that covers a period of more than 24 hours or overnight accommodation and be made up of a combination of at least two of the following prearranged by the operator/organiser:

- Transport
- Accommodation
- Other Tourist services which account for a significant proportion of the package (e.g. golf/ fishing).

You are entitled to compensation for financial loss that you have incurred as a consequence of relying on information given to you about your package holiday. Compensation may also be claimed for disappointment at the quality of the holiday.

If the brochure was inaccurate, or things went wrong during the holiday itself, you can look to the tour operator and/or the travel agent for compensation. Your contract must give you at least 28 days from the date the package ended to lodge your complaint.

If your holiday is altered or cancelled you have the right either a replacement package of similar or superior quality, a lower grade package plus compensation up to the cost of the original package or a full refund. Alternatively you can sue for breach of contract, though if cancellation was caused by factors beyond the organiser's control, or the minimum number for the package was not reached and you were given the required notice of this in writing, you will not be entitled to any compensation.

Question

Can I claim tax relief for third-level tuition fees?

Answer

Yes you can, providing the courses are eligible. Tax relief for third-level tuition fees is available for the following courses:

- Approved undergraduate and postgraduate courses (full-time & part-time) in publicly funded and duly accredited private third-level colleges in the state
- Approved undergraduate and postgraduate courses (full-time & part-time) in publicly funded and duly accredited private third-level colleges in any EU member state.
- Approved undergraduate postgraduate courses (full-time & part-time) operated by colleges in any EU member state providing distance education in the State.
- Postgraduate courses in certain private and publicly funded third-level colleges in non-EU countries

Undergraduate courses must be of at least 2 years duration. Postgraduate courses must be for at least 1 academic year, but not more than 4 years, and must lead to a postgraduate award based on a thesis or an examination.

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McGINLEY & STAGG LODGE OBJECTION TO 4 & 3 STOREY PROPOSALS FOR OLD PITCH AND PUTT COURSE.

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Cllr. John McGinely and Deputy Emmet Stagg have lodged objections to the proposal by the Lyreen Partnership to develop 81 dwellings in three 4 storey terraces of houses on the old Pitch and Putt Course on Dunboyne Road, Maynooth.

The following are the main reasons for their objection to the proposal:

- The density of the development is 17 units to the acre which is excessive when compared with other developments in the area which consist of densities of 6 units to the acre and single dwellings on their own individual sites.
- The proposed 4 storey blocks of apartments are monotonous and are more suitable for the inner city of Dublin rather than Maynooth Village. The 3 storey terraced houses are similarly unacceptable in design.
- The 4 Storey Blocks and 3 storey terraced houses will overlook the rear gardens of dwellings in Leinster Cottages which has existed for 200 years.
- The excessive height of the proposals will impact on the views from Pound Park.
- The 2 storey terraced proposal which will front the Dunboyne Road does not conform with existing development in the area and would be an unacceptable low quality development at the entrance to Maynooth from Dunboyne.
- The proposal ignores the unique nature and character of development in this Historic Town Area of Maynooth. If it was allowed to proceed ti would irreparable damage Maynooth Village's unique architectural heritage.

It is Cllr. McGinely's view that the Council should comprehensively reject this speculative development in the interests of the existing residents of the area and in the interest of preserving the unique character of the area.

DRAFT COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2005 - 2011

The Draft County Development Plan was agreed at a Council meeting on 3 August. This comprehensive document was agreed after eleven meetings of the Council and will go on public display on 16 August. The closing date for submissions is 26 October. As there is already 2,700 acres of land in the county zoned for housing Cllr. McGinley is encouraging members of the public and community groups to study the Plan carefully and to make submissions to the Council before the closing date. Also, please send a copy to John at 50 Greenfield Drive, Maynooth.

Party Political

MEADOWBROOK LINK ROAD FOR COMPLETION END OCTOBER.

Cllr. John McGinley has been advised by the Council's site engineer that the Meadowbrook Link Road will be completed by the end of October. The open of this road will bring great relief to the Town Centre and will be of great benefit to all of the residents of the Newtown/Rathcoffey Road area. Cllr. McGinely has also asked that traffic calming measures be put in place on the Beaufield Road, without any further delay, in order to counteract the massive increase in traffic volumes that will arise, in this housing estate road, as a result of the opening of the Meadowbrook Link Road.

PEDESTRIAN LIGHTS TO GO AT THE TRAIN STATION, STRAFFAN ROAD, MAYNOOTH

Cllr. John McGinley has been pressing the Kildare County Council for some time now to provide pedestrian lights near the entrance to the train station on the Straffan Road, Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley was advised by the Council on 16 July that funding had been received for this work and that it was intended to commence work in mid August. The lights will make life much safer for pedestrians as well as facilitating cars exiting from the station and from Parklands/Castlebridge, Old Greenfield and Silken Vale.

PROVISION OF SHELTERS IN MAYNOOTH

Cllr. John McGinley got the following replay from Paddy Doherty, Business Development Manager, Dublin Bus, concerning the delay in the provision of these much needed bus shelters:

"The above planning applications have been delayed because we have experienced difficulties in keeping site notices on the bus poles. On no fewer than two occasions the notices have been removed when the planner visited the site for inspection.

We hope this matter has now been resolved and we have asked the local authority to proceed with the decision making progress"

MOYGLARE ABBEY TO BE TAKEN IN CHARGE

Cllr. John McGinley has been advised by Kildare County Council that Moyglare Abbey housing estate will be on the agenda for the September meeting of the council in order to commence the taking in charge process.

Cllr. John McGinley can be contacted at: 6285293h; 7026536w; 087 9890645 e mail jmcginley@eircom.net Www.labour.ie/johnmcginley/



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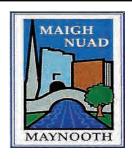
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Editorial

September, the time to return to education, from first days in primary, secondary and university to first nights at evening classes, courses and lectures. The theme is reflected in this month's newsletter with numerous first day at school photographs and photographs of students receiving their Junior Certificate results.

Congratulations to our most recent NUI graduates in particular Thomas Farrell, Sharon Cummins Ciara O' Neill and Nicola Doyle. The first few days can be daunting for new university students with registration, college services information, orientation tours and meeting fellow students. There is so much information to take in as well as grappling with the geography of the campus and the town. This soon passes and the newsletter takes this opportunity to welcome our university students.

Another visitor to our town recently was that of Deputy Mayor, Ms Marie Maschke of Maynooth, Hastings, Ontario. It would be interesting to find out the history of the origins of this town. A twinning project is being considered. Maynooth Ontario is a much smaller town than Maynooth, Leinster with a large hinterland.

Our own much smaller hinterland is feeling the effects of increased housing development. One can imagine the impact within the town as a result of these developments. Every opportunity should be taken by the public to view the Draft Development Plan and to make they views known. The Draft Development Plan is on display in St. Mary's Council offices in Naas and on the Council Web Site

CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION!



Entries will be displayed in the office window
Entries to be in before the 18th of October

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

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

Office: Break-in

Paul Croghan stated that the office was burgled in August. He congratulated the guards, who were very quick on the scene. He also noted that it was very sad that a Community run Scheme office was robbed.

Draft County Development Plan 2005 - 2011

Cllr John McGinley gave a brief outline of the Draft County Development Plan. The plan has been on public display since 16th August on the Council Web Site and at St. Mary's Council offices, Naas. This is a very important plan as it lays down policy for the future development of every town in Kildare.

New Housing

The development plan must comply with the policies of the Regional Planning Guidelines for the Greater Dublin Area RPG'S. The RPG'S have allocated 16,950 new housing units to Co. Kildare for the period 2003 - 2010.

The Draft Co. Development Plan (CDP) has a target of 22,600 new houses for the County for the period 2002 - 2011 and 1,450 of these have been allocated to Maynooth. A similar amount has been allocated to Leixlip and Celbridge. It was also noticed that with the average density of houses under construction at present at 12 per acre, this means that there is land already zoned residential in the County for 32,400 new houses which is nearly twice the amount allocated to the County in the RPG'S. John said he proposed the following: "That no further land be rezoned for housing for the duration of the County Development Plan in order to comply with the RPG'S".

The following amendment was agreed unanimously. "Given the level of land currently zoned for housing (1093ha/2700 acres) it is not anticipated that further such zoning will be necessary during the period of this plan. This however does not preclude additional such zoning in specific locations where the council is satisfied that clearly established need for such zoning is evident."

It is important that people study this plan and any such amendment will be discussed at the next Community Council meeting on the 11th October.

The point was raised by Paul Croghan as to how one decides when extra Development should be done, or where is the need. Cyril McAree pointed out the new development on the Moyglare Road. The plan will be fully discussed at the next meeting.

Visit to Maynooth

On 1st September, Maynooth Community Council hosted a visit to Maynooth for Marie Maschke (Deputy

Mayor) Municipality, Hastings Highlands, Maynooth Ontario, Canada. This included a visit to the Castle, a tour of Maynooth College, many thanks to Dominic McNamara; the Community Library where they viewed the Book of Maynooth. There followed a visit to Carton House, where they enjoyed a tour of the house and refreshments. Many thanks to the Mallaghan family. They also proposed twinning the two towns, or a student exchange. It was decided to look at the twinning prospect.

Marie Maschke has connections in England and Ennis. They returned to Ennis where there was a reception hosted by Ennis Town Council.

Mayor Campaign

A sub-committee was set up to look at how best to run the Mayor Campaign. The committee consisted of Tony Bean, Cyril McAree, Andrew McMullon and Paul Croghan. A document was presented and some discussion took place. It will be fully discussed at the next meeting.

Carton Court

Frank O'Shea brought the worrying prospect of landlords changing the interior of a house, where by the house could contain several bed-sits. Cllr. Senan Griffin said regarding planning regulations one may only need planning for front windows or changing the front of a house. Planning may not be needed for the interior of a house.

Bus turning site: Straffan Road

Cyril McAree pointed out that the repairs done here were finished very badly in tarmac. However Cllr. John McGinley said that the developer will have to put it back as it was. Cyril also said the sweepers are doing an excellent job. It was also stated that the men cleaning the Main Street and town are also doing a wonderful job and should be complimented.

Litter: Car Park

Robert Wilson said the bottle bank has become a dumping site now and is in a dreadful state. Maynooth Community Council has written to Kildare County Council regarding this. It was also pointed out that cameras are now up and fines are on the way. Robert also noted the parking problems in the town. It was also noted that car park full signs were up very early in the railway station on Sunday 12th September.

Tidy Towns

Paul Croghan said that Maynooth has gained a further 4 points this year and they were very pleased about this. However, he also noted that Maynooth was placed in a very bad position by BAL the National

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Litter Body. A full report is in the Newsletter

Information Sign: Carton Avenue

Tony Bean said the unveiling of the information sign will take place soon.

Fairtrade: Poster Competition

Maynooth Fairtrade Steering Committee are holding a Poster Competition with the theme "Rich World/Poor World we're for Fairtrade".

Closing date 1st October. Results of the competition will take place on the 8th October in the Glenroyal Hotel. The Fairtrade work guarantees that third world producers receive a fair price for their produce.

Congratulations and best wishes were extended to Peadar Haran on his retirement. It was noted his service to the people of Maynooth of 23 years. Maynooth Community Council wishes Peadar the very best on his retirement.

Next Maynooth Community Council meeting will take place on the 11th October in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Marie Gleeson (PRO)

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

Re the folly in the park

The Lyreen residence area is one of the last bastions of the old original people of Maynooth, mostly old and many bereaved. In this area there was a pretty little park, which for years was maintained by their own subscription and labour. It was used for BBQ's, ladies football, picnics and children's games. Recently the centre of the park was ripped up and a hideous pile of twisted tin 'with shapeless sculpture decked' was erected, in defiance of the people of the area. Some members of the residence spent hours trying to prevent it from happening but they were arrogantly ignored. The perpetrators of this vandalism are now pointing the finger at one another, following what was clearly an election stunt. One of them was of the opinion that it would make a nice ornament, but N.B. not in his back garden. Another of the perpetrators promised to be the first to bulldoze it out, if it didn't suit the local people. He was informed before it was installed that it wouldn't suit. The bulldozer must be on its way by road from the South Pole. The result is that the little park is ruined by a half erected pile of scrap metal, concrete and piles of clay. It is now a rubbish dump and a focus for cider drinking. People in their latter years might have deserved a little more respect, when their wishes were known well in advance. We demand that this scrap heap be removed immediately and that the park be restored to its original condition. The money which was squandered on this project (c. €150k) could well have been spent on much needed infrastructure in the region instead of destroying what was already a functioning amenity.

The Lyreen residence association, Maynooth.

(Contact Number with Editor)



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04/2026	Joseph & Olive Clahalane	54 Greenfield Drive Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	23/08/04	Build entrance porch incorporating extending of existing garage and providing pitched roof over existing garage and proposed entrance porch	54 Greenfield Drive Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/2055	Blathnaid Ward	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	27/08/04	1 no. two storey dwelling house with a Puraflo effluent treatment system and associated site works	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/2056	Deidre Ward	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	27/08/04	1 no. two storey dwelling house with a Puraflo effluent treatment system and associated site works	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/2057	Fergal Ward	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	27/08/04	1 no. two storey dwelling house with a Puraflo effluent treatment system and associated site works	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/2058	Breda Ward	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	27/08/04	Upgrading and relocation of existing septic tank to a Puraflo effluent treatment system and associated site works	Barrogwtown Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/2059	Padraig Ward	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	27/08/04	1 no. two storey dwelling house with a Puraflo effluent treatment system and associated site works	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/2063	Shelester Properties Ltd	Mill Street Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	27/08/04	Change of dwelling type from 6 two storey 2 bed single aspect houses in 1 block of 6 houses to 6 two bedroom shared acess Apartments in 1 two storey block of 6 Apartents, with balconies forecourt car parking, detached waste bin enclosure etc	Oldtown Mill Oldtown Celbridge
04/2067	Sean & Sheila Smith	126 Rail Park Maynooth Co. Kildare	R	27/08/04	Single storey domestic extension to side and rear of original two storey dwelling house	126 Rail Park Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/2085	Jim Kelly	16 Beaufield Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	31/08/04	For construction of a two storey extension to the rear, a small single storey extension to the front incorporating a new window and the conversion of the existing garage to a habitable room	16 Beaufield Green Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/2129	Michael & Tom Madden	15 Greenfield Drive Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	06/09/04	The demolition of existing single storey three bedroom dwelling and replace with the construction of two professional office suites at ground floor level and two one bedroom apartments at first floor level	9 Doctors Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/2132	David Collins	Hawthorn House B&B Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	06/09/04	For four self catering accommodation units plus for car park spaces (building216 sqmts) to be used for short term B&B, to rear, and all associated site works	Hawthorn House B&B Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/2152	Catherine Kiernan	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kldare	P	08/09/04	A four bedroom dormer bungalow and separate double garage including all ancillary works and a mechanical aerated treatment plant with raised percolation area	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare

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04/2175	Peter Robinson	Crinstown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	P	10/09/04	Change of elevation of existing industrial unit (replace existing roller shutter door with glazing and also provide an additional glazed opening within wall) also provide a new first floor within the unit	No. 16 Block F, Maynooth Business Park, Maynooth, Co. Kildare
04/2196	Margaret Flood	Crinstown, Maynooth, Co. Kidlare	P	10/09/04	Construction of a new dwelling house, domestic garage, entrance and the provision of a sewerage treatment system	Crinstown Maynooth, Co. Kildare
04/2254	Donal Kaanagh & Michelle Morley	15A Meadowbrook Court, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	R	16/09/04	4 bed 2 storey dwelling as constructed in side garden	15A Meadowbrook Court, Maynooth, Co. Kildare

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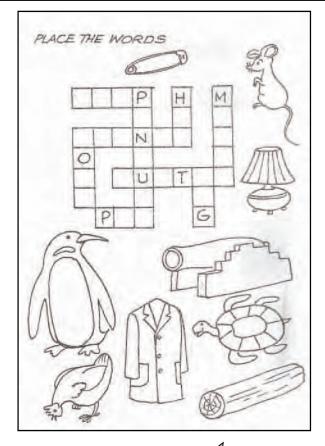
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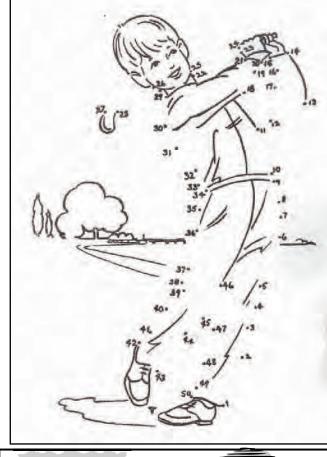


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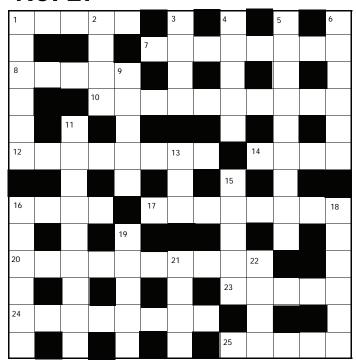
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- 8 Picture support (5)
- 10 Branched candlesticks (10)
- 12 Determination (8)
- 14. Small island (4)
- 16 Breaking waves (4)
- 17. Pomp, splendour (8)
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- 6. Split asunder (6)
- 9. Door fastener (5)
- 11. Playful, lively (9)
- 13. Bitumen (3)
- 15. Ludicrous prank (5)
- 16. Sculptured image (6)
- 18. Proof corrector (6)
- 19. Actress, _ _ _ Suzman (5)
- 21 Writing table (4)
- 22. American car? (4)

Across: No 22

- 1. Still, 7. Baritone, 8. Scrap, 10. Despicable,
- 12. Religion, 14. Edit, 16. Dose,
- 17. Careless, 20. Spoil-sport, 23. Dance, 24 Gargoyle, 25. Beret.

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- 1. Sister, 2. Load, 3. Lamp, 4. Birch, 5. Forbidden, 6. Defect, 9. Peggy, 11. Plus-fours,
- **13.** Ova, **15**. Beard, **16**. Design, **18**. Silent,
- 19. Bloom, 21. Pull, 22. Tame.



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Minestrone Soup

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14 oz of canned chopped tomatoes Bay leaf

1 oz of soup pasta shapes (any pasta will do)

1 lemon

15fl oz of boiling water

Method

Cut all vegetables to one size and wash. Heat some oil in the pan and put your vegetables in, but make sure that you put in the hardest first. Sweat for about 5 mins., then add the tinned tomatoes, pasta and the boiling water. Bring to the boil and then simmer for 14 mins and serve immediately.

Gammon and Leek Pie

Ingredients:

2lbs of potatoes (make sure they are good for mashing)

Salt and pepper

1lb leeks

3 oz of cheddar

4 oz of cherry tomatoes

2 tablespoon of plain flour

1 teasp. of dried mixed herbs

10 fl oz of milk

Method

Cook the potatoes till tender while the potatoes are cooking. Peel and slice the leeks and fry in some of the butter until soft but not brown. Remove. Add the diced gammon for five mins. Grate the cheese and cut the tomatoes in half. Stir the flour and herbs in the gammon and cook for one min. Add the milk and stir till it comes to the boil. Add the cheese and the leeks. Season to taste and reduce heat. Transfer all to an oven proof dish. Mash the potatoes and spoon over the gammon mixture.. Lay the tomatoes on top of the pie and grill on a high heat until golden brown.

Both recipes take 30 mins to do and serves four people. If anybody would like the classic ingredients for minestrone soup, please write to Andy Mac in the Newletter.

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Maynooth Tidy Towns

National Tidy Towns Competition 2004

September is usually an anxious month for people involved in Tidy Towns across the entire country as villages, towns and cities await the results of the National Competition. I expect that we will all know our fate by Monday 13th While Maynooth has done very well in the competition over the last number of years there is no guarantee that this will continue. See table for marks achieved between 1996 and 2003. It would be a pity if our marks were to fall back this year when marks have been increasing every year for the past ten years. Our fate has well been decided by now – so lets hope it is good news again this year.

Best Estates and Shop Front Competitions 2004

Judging has taken place for these competitions and we would like to commend everybody on their efforts. There continues to be huge interest in many estates in particular in winning the prizes and this has been reflected in the efforts. The Best Estates Competitions in particular are aimed at improving the environment and appearance of your estate, but even more than that it gets people out of their houses and helps the social interaction between neighbours working together for their mutual benefit. It helps to foster pride in your area and as a consequence of it happening in so many areas it helps the overall image and condition of Maynooth. Who won – well you will have to wait at least until next month's *Maynooth Newsletter* to find out.

Maynooth in IBAL (Irish Business Against Litter League)

We will shortly get the results of the second judging of Maynooth under the Irish Business Against Litter League. Maynooth has been included for the first time in 2004 in this competition, mainly because of the presence of the National University in the town. In the first judging we came a very respectable 12th out of 30. However, what normally happens is that towns that do very badly get their act together and those in the comfort zone then end up down in the 20s. Much credit must go to the staff of Kildare County Council in Maynooth for their effortshowever, to become litter free demands care of our environment by the entire community. Lets have a go at it.

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Parents of children who travel by car must inform the parent on committee roster that their child is present.

The beginners class is full. There is a waiting list and names are being put on this at present.

Contact

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Castle Keep Art Group

The Castle Keep Art Group has resumed its 'painting sessions'. This year again the Boys' National School is the Venue.

Meeting will be every Monday at 8 p.m., except school holidays.

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Gardening Hints

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- This is a good time to make lawns using seed. The days are shortening, and by the time the seed has germinated and the grass begins to grow we shall be well into the autumn. There will be ample time for good root development before winter sets in, and little risk from sun scorch.

Apples and Pears

 Early varieties of apple and pear can be picked when slightly underripe. Take care not to leave pears for too long, or they will got soft from the middle.

Pot Aplines

 Young alpine plants raised from cuttings in Spring can be potted using a gritty compost. Overwinter in a cold frame prior to planting out next year.

Lift Liliums

Lilium Regale is early-flowering and often builds up into large clumps. These may be lifted and re-set. Plant about 15cm (16in) deep in well-drained soil improved with compost. Drainage can be improved by scattering a little sand in the planting hole.

Sow Poppies

 Poppies do not transplant well, so make a sowing outdoors where they can flower next year. The seedlings are hardy and will only require thinning.

Strawberries

 Strawberry runners for forcing can be moved on into 15cm (16in) pots using J1 No 3 compost or equivalent. Pot reasonably firmly.

Save Seed

 As the seed heads of annuals and perennials ripen, collect weed, remembering to label with care.

Boost Crops

 Autumn green crops will benefit form a light dressing of general fertiliser hoed into the soil around them.

Spring Cabbage

There is still just time to plant spring cabbage, but do the job without delay. Water in well even if the weather is wet.

The Waiting Game With Geraniums

Geraniums always look magnificent in public garden settings. Just single specimens in pots are a joy to behold, but get them en masse and there you have a marvellous sight indeed.

The only trouble is their expense. But for that we could all boast a crowded bed of them. It is not much good, either, to run to seed, so to speak, for you don't get many per rather expensive packet.

The answer is undoubtedly to take cuttings from those you already have - a job which you can set about now. Select non-flowering, sturdy shoots about 7.5cm (3in) long and cut them away from the plant cleanly. Then, remove the lower leaves so there is just a pair on top. Finally, cut again at a point just beneath the point where the lower leaves were removed.

It is at this juncture that you should take a rest. Far too many go straight on to planting the cuttings. Be wise... stop. Prepare the pots or boxes of either compost, or a mix of peat and grit, and water it and leave it to drain.

During this waiting time, leave the cuttings in the open, for, say, an hour or so - in the sun, if possible, to allow the wounds to harden off. This is the key to success, for the hardening -off will assist them in withstanding stem rot, which is the usual cause of failure.

When the cuttings have been set in the compost, cover them with a polythene bag (if in pots) or pop them into a propagator.

Do not overwater; they will do better if left on the dry side. When the cuttings show signs of growth you can pot them up separately.

Another favourite plant from which you can now take cuttings is the Fuchsia. This particularly easy to root. Just take some shoots which have not borne flowers, cutting just below a leaf joint and take off some of the lower leaves. Dip the end of the cuttings into hormone rooting pwder and push into moist No 1 potting compost - or ordinary garden soil. Again, pot up separately when growth starts.



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From Maynooth, to Ontario Maynooth

Maynooth, Ireland has a long history of outreach because of the fact that many young priests who trained in St. Patrick's College went out into the world over the two centuries since the college was founded in the town. On Wednesday September 1st 2004, the Deputy Mayor of the Municipality of Hastings Highlands in Canada made the journey back. Maynooth is the main town in Hastings Highlands which is in the Canadian state of Ontario. The deputy mayor who was on a private visit to Ireland was a guest of Maynooth Community Council and was met by Hugh Gallagher, Paul Croghan and Willie Saults.

The guests were welcomed to Maynooth with an exchange of gifts taking place at Maynooth Castle. This was followed by a tour of the 13th Century castle which was the original the home of the Geraldines in Maynooth. Paul Croghan informed the visitors that it has not yet been decided how the eight hundredth anniversary of Maynooth Castle is to be celebrated. In his opening address, Paul Croghan talked about the background to the visit. He has been in contact in recent years with the people of Maynooth, Ontario through the internet and greetings are usually exchanged at Christmas. The visit came about because the Deputy Mayor, Ms. Marie Maschke was in England for the Connellan Family reunion and she was visiting her cousins in Ennis. In effect she is on a private visit to Ireland, but we were keen to take this opportunity to welcome her to Maynooth, Ireland.

As part of his welcome address, Maynooth Community Council Chairperson, Hugh Gallagher, said that there are not many places in the world called Maynooth and it was highly probable that there is a connection between the two places. It is most likely that the settlement in Maynooth Ontario was started by a priest and that he simply called it after Maynooth. We will be exploring ways how we can maintain a relationship between the two areas, Mr. Gallagher said.

In presenting gifts to Maynooth, Ireland, Ms Maschke, said that two places may seem physically very different but that both areas could exchange experiences and ideas and build a solid relationship. Maynooth Ontario has a small urban centre with a population of about three hundred, but it has a huge hinterland. Maynooth Ireland has a much bigger town centre with a much smaller hinterland. Maynooth Ontario is three hours by highway from Toronto and because of its location has very severe winters. However, the summers are good and Maynooth, Ontario will be holding a Celtic Festival in 2005, so the Irish roots are still alive in her community. You are all very welcome Ms. Maschke said. There is potential

for other connections such as student exchanges as well as regular visits. Among the gifts presented to Maynooth Ireland included the Canadian Flag as well as a book on Canada. Ms. Maschke also presented two letters to Hugh Gallagher one from the Maynooth Business Association in Ontario and a second from Hastings Highlands Council on which Mrs. Maschke has served for twenty four years.

Maynooth Ireland, presented Ms. Maschke with a signed hard - back copy of "Cannonballs and Croziers" a history of Maynooth, Ireland published several years ago by Maynooth Community Council. A framed picture from the Lawrence Collection showing Main Street, Maynooth, Ireland at the beginning of the twentieth century was also presented to the visitors.

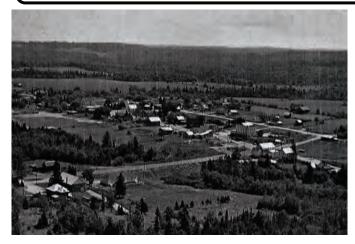
The party then moved into St. Patrick's College, where they were greeted by Mr. Dominic McNamara, Assistant to the President. A tour of the seminary buildings including the magnificent College Chapel was part of their stay there. After light refreshments Mr. McNamara presented Ms. Maschke with a history of St. Patrick's College written for the Bi-Centenary. On behalf of the party Paul Croghan thanked Mr. McNamara stating that even the locals had learned a lot about the history of St. Patrick's on the tour.

The party then moved to Maynooth Library in Main Street, where they viewed the "Book of Maynooth" which is held in trust by the Library for the people of the town. The guests were impressed with the quality of the writings and especially the art work. Paul Croghan explained that is a one copy book that was produced for the Millennium and that it had become a popular attraction for visitors to the town. The book is very well cared for by the library service.

The visitors then moved to Carton House where they were given a guided tour of the house by Stephen Mallaghan. As well as viewing the magnificent house the party were able to see at first hand the impressive restoration work currently under way. It was also an opportunity for us locals to get up to date with the developments in Carton and both Stephen and Conor Mallaghan spent considerable time with us stated Paul Croghan. The Amateur and Professional Irish Opens will take place in Carton in 2005 and this will mean that Maynooth will have a significant number of visitors so it was fitting that our visitors from Maynooth Ontario had the opportunity to see this magnificent house.

Ms. Maschke who is in her early seventies and widowed was accompanied on the trip by her daughter Anne and included in her visit to Maynooth Ireland was her cousin Mr. Bernie Murphy from Ennis.

Maynooth Ontario visits Maynooth Leinster



Aerial view of Maynooth Ontario



Marie Maschke, Deputy Mayor of Maynooth Ontario presenting Paul Croghan & Hugh Gallagher, Maynooth Community Council with the Canadian



Deputy Mayor, Marie Maschke making a presentation to Hugh Gallagher Chairperson of Maynooth Community Council Gallagher

Maynooth

I've heard it said there is no Maynooth in Ireland anymore, That the Irish brought it with them when they landed on our shore.

When they reached good old Ontario with their hilly chunk of land,

They laid it down in Hastings north upon a bed of sand.
Then they got their shovels and they spread the land
around,

And each man was allotted a fair sized hunk of the ground.

They settled down upon this land to make themselves a home.

And so those rambling' Irishmen were never more to roam. They were a rugged bunch of men and seldom ever sick And every dogan man of them was a good old Irish Mick. As long as you behaved yourself, they sure would treat you right

But if trouble you were seeking they'd oblige you with a fight.

Now to refresh your memory with some familiar names, Old timers will remember them, and from the place they came.

Some old Irish characters are included in my list, And my sincere apologies, if any names I've missed. They were the Hickey's and the Coe's, the Rody's and the Flynn's;

The Rouse's and the Netterville's, the Cassidy's and the Green's;

The McApline's and the Dillon's, the McNally's and the Cannon's;

The Fitzgerald's and the Deady's, the Kelly's and the Gannon's;

The Sheradin's and the Golden's, the Lynch's and the Breen's;

And several other faces will never more be seen.
Another group of men I would like to mention,
Names that you'll remember when drawn to your attention.
They worked and lived there side by side, they had their ups and downs,

And though they weren't all Irishmen they helped build this little town.

There were the Weaver's and the Wootten's, the Haryett's and the Smith's;

The Maddock's and the Carswell's were there among the cliffs.

The Goodwin's and the Perry's, the Leveck's and the Scott's,

The Burlanyette's and the Neiman's all had their favourite spots.

A lot of years have come and gone since those old days of yore,

And many smiling faces aren't with us anymore. But younger generation still carry on their names, And somehow or another, things just don't seem the same.

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Community Games 2004

After 25 Years Maynooth Community Games are still going strong despite a small committee and helpers thin on the ground. Maynooth Community Games had a very successful year. We participated in the following events.

Swimming, Gymnastics, Art, Set Dancing, Athletics, Camogie and Table Quiz.

Mosney called Boys and Girls for the following events:

Set Dancers.

Ailbhe Flynn, Karen Feehan, Ellen Stack, Michelle Dolan, Hannah Stack, Emily Milner, Aoife Dunne, Niamh Lennon, Sarah Jennings, Laura Walsh and Orla Canning.

Athletics

Long Puck: Louise Walsh

Swimming

Daragh Murphy, Megan Meade, Sean McKnight, Ailbhe Lenihan, Aoife McKnight and Meabh Walsh.

Well done to all the boys and girls and I hope all who participated enjoyed themselves and look forward to meeting you all next year for the 26th year of the Games in Maynooth.



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Languages

Irish Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced French Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced

Spanish Beginners, Intermediate

German Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced Italian Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced

Dutch Beginners
Portuguese Beginners

EFL Intermediate, Advanced

Arabic Beginners

Formation of Classes

Commencement of classes will depend on a minimum number of enrolments. The Language Centre reserves the right to cancel a course.

A Certificate of Attendance is awarded on request to students with 80% minimun attendance.

Enrolment

Enrolment will take place on:

Course 1 Wednesday, 6th October 2004, 7.00 - 8.30 pm

Thursday, 7th October 2004, 7.00 - 8.30 pm

Course 2 Wednesday, 12th January 2005, 7.00 - 8.30 pm in Room T8, Arts Building

- Enrolment will only take place at the stated times
- For EFL, please contact us directly.

Extra-Mural Terms

Each course lasts for nine weeks, with two hours' tuition each week.

Course dates for this year are:

Course 1 Monday, 11th October 2004 - Friday, 10th December 2004 Course 2 Monday, 17th January 2005 - Friday, 18th March 2005

- No class will be held on public or University holidays. In the event of a class being missed for this reason, an extra class will be added on at the end of the extra-mural term.
- Please note that Course 2 is a continuation of Course 1.

Course Fees

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€ 70.00 Social Welfare recipients (with proof of situation)
 €150.00 English as a Foreign Language (intensive course)
 €300.00 English as a Foreign Language (15-week course)

- Cheques should be made payable to The Language Centre, N.U.I Maynooth.
- Course fees must be paid in full on enrolment; admission to classes is subject to this. Receipts should be retained.
- Fees will be refunded should a class not take place due to insufficient numbers.

Closing dates for refund applications: Course 1 Friday, 5th November 2004
Course 2 Friday, 4th February 2005

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Teresa Brayton Commemorate Stone

In recognition of Heritage Week the Teresa Brayton Heritage Group set as its goal a number of months ago to erect a commemorate stone at the top of the Old Bog Road. The road made famous by Teresa Brayton in her poem of the same name was later set to music by Madeline King O' Farrelly.

The project was only made possible by the donation of an exceptional stone by Brendan Costello of Erin Stone, Kilkenny and the hard work and co-operation of Kildare County Council who landscaped and prepared the site. Also thanks to Harry Fagan of Kilcock who in the eleventh hour made available his machinery and expertise in putting the stone in place.

The group hopes that the stone and site will be a fitting tribute to the physical presence of a road which is arguably known throughout the world. On Sunday 12th September the stone was unveiled by Séamus MacGabhann whose areas of interest include the Irish language and heritage.

The Old Bog Road

By Teresa Brayton

My feet are here on
Broadway
This blessed harvest morn,
But on! the ache that's in my heart
For the spot where I was
Born.
My weary hands are

Blistered
Through work in cold and heat!

And oh! To swing a scythe Once more

Through a field of Irish wheat.

Had I the chance to wander back.

Or own a king's abode.
I'd sooner see the hawthorn

Tree

By the Old Bog Road. When I was young and restless

My mind was ill at ease, Through dreaming of

America, And the gold beyond the seas.

Oh, sorrow rake their

And what's the word to any man

If no one speaks his name. I've had my day and here I am A-building bricks per load A long three thousand miles

Away

From the Old Bog Road.I My mother died last Springtime

When Erin's fields were Green.

The neighbours said her waking Was the finest ever seen. There were snowdrops and

Primroses
Piled high above her bed,
And ferns Church was
Crowded

When her funeral mass was Read.

And here was I on Broadway

A-building bricks per load.

When they carried out her coffi

When they carried out her coffin Down the Old Bog Road.

There was a decent girl at home Who used to walk with me.

Her eyes were soft and sorrowful Like moonlight o'er the sea.

Her name was Mary Dwyer, But that was long ago.

The ways of God are wiser
Than the things that man

Might know, She died t day I left her, A-building bricks per load, I'd best forget the days I've

Spent

On the Old Bog Road. Ah! Life's a dreary puzzle, Past finding out by man, I'll take the day for what it's

Morth

And do the best I can.
Since no one cares a rush
For me

What need is there to Moan,

I'll go my way and draw my Pay

And smoke my pipe alone. Each human heart must Bear its grief

Though bitter be the 'bode So God be with you, Ireland, And the Old Bog Road.

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Maynooth Citizens information Centre News.

Question

I think I may have overpaid tax three years ago. I hear new time limits have been introduced and wondered can I still claim a refund?

Answer

Yes you can.

The Finance Act 2003 provided for a new scheme to deal with claims for repayment of tax for PAYE taxpayers. Under the new scheme there is now a new general statutory right to repayment of tax. The repayment is subject to a claim being made within 4 years from the end of the period to which it relates.

There are transitional arrangements for the existing time limits for repayment, the longest of which is 10 years. Under these arrangements you must make your claim for repayment for any year from 1994/95 to 1999/2000 inclusive on or before 31 December 2004.

Claims made after 31 December 2004 must be made within 4 years of the end of the tax year to which they refer. Therefore, a repayment claim for 2000/01 must be made on or before 5 April 2005 and for 2001 on or before 31 December 2005.

Further information on the time limits and on making claims for repayment of tax is available from you local tax office and from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Question

Is there a special payment someone gets when they reach 100 years of age?

Answer

Yes there is. It is called the Centenarian's Bounty. The Centenarian's Bounty is a national award made by the Irish President which is paid to all nationals and non-nationals resident in Ireland on their 100th birthday. It is usually presented on behalf of the President by a local member of the clergy or friend of the person. The person receives €2,540 and a letter of congratulations signed by the President.

Information about those who are about to reach the age of 100 years and who are getting a pension from the Department of Social and Family Affairs is forwarded automatically to the office of the President in advance of their birthday. The office of the President then makes the award to the person.

Information about those resident in Ireland who are not receiving a social welfare pension should be forwarded to the President's residence at Centenarian's Bounty, Aras and Uachtarain, Phoenix Park, Dublin 7. Tel: (01) 6171000.

When it is verified that the person is eligible for the bounty, the award is made.

Irish citizens living abroad are not eligible for this award. However, a special congratulatory letter signed by the President can be issued to these individuals. Simply forward the name, address and telephone number of the person to Aras an Uachtarain at the address above, well in advance of the person's birthday.

Since 2000, the President has also marked the birthday of each person resident in Ireland over the age of 100 years. On his or her 101st birthday and every subsequent birthday, he/she receives a special commemorative coin in a presentation box, along with a congratulatory letter signed by the President. A new coin is designed for each year.

Question

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

Answer

The National Fuel Scheme, 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 \in 9.00 per week. If you qualify for the basic Fuel Allowance you may also qualify for an extra \in 3.90 per week for smokeless fuel, but only if you live in an area where there is a ban on smoky coal.

€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 your household cannot have more than €50.79 per week in combined income above the appropriate maximum Irish contributory pension/benefit rate or savings/capital of €41,901.36 or more above it. For example, someone without any savings receiving a Widow's or Widower's Contributory Pension of €140.30 per week should qualify if his/her weekly income does not exceed €140.30 plus €50.79 i.e €191.09.

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





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Question

I am receiving Family Income Supplement (FIS) from the Department of Social and Family Affairs and I am due to go on maternity leave in a few months time. Will I still be entitled to FIS when I am receiving Maternity Benefit?

Answer

Whether you will be entitled to FIS while receiving Maternity Benefit will depend on what you will do when payment of Maternity Benefit stops.

FIS is a weekly payment for families, including lone parent families, at work on low pay. To be eligible you must be working 19 or more hours per week (38 hours a fortnight) and the work must be expected to last for at least 3 months. You must have one or more children under age 18, or aged 18 to 22 in full time education, living with you and your average weekly family income must be below the appropriate income limit for your family size.

Under the Maternity Protection Act 1994, a woman who qualifies for Maternity Benefit is entitled to claim FIS provided she returns to employment afterwards. If she fails to return payment of FIS will cease and she may have to repay the FIS payments she received while on maternity leave, depending on her reason(s) for not returning to work.

Employees who qualify for Health & Safety leave or Adoptive Benefit are also entitled to claim FIS provided they return to employment.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre. Tel No. (01) 6285477.



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Joe Stanley, Edel McMahon, Kerrie Faherty, Ruth Gerard and Martina Perry.



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Lia Hewson & Roisin Kearney



Sandra Ward & Ruth Jennings

New Faces at the Boys' National School



Mickey Cooke, Cian Burke, James Murray and Jack Courtney.



Mark Tracey, Luke Hartnett, Scott Mc Miler and Hugh Carson.



Luke Nulty, Daniel Waldron, Davide Page and Patrick Mc Donagh.



Stephen Byrne



Mavincla Lucau, Jason Kellette, Jack Duffy and Sean O Connor.



Aodhan Mc Garry, Daniel Penny, Dong Jin Kim and Cathal Canavan.



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New Faces at St. Mary's National School,



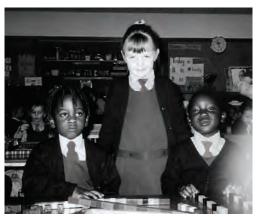
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Dammy Oduwole, Amy Burgess and Juru Tadine.



Iris Kalouki Duarte, Kirsten Kelly and Annelly Musueni.



Bernadette Lawrence, Amy Fahy, Jessica Keely and Monique Weber.

New Faces at Scoil Uí Fhiaich, Maynooth



Sinead De Moireis, Naoise Hallisey, Aisling Treacey and Zorina Mc Coll.



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Jessica Veighy, Alison Ní Lorcain and Lucy Kovznetsova.



Leah Nic Cataigh, Lucy Scully, Shannon Madden and Cormac Mc Kinstry Maher.



Saoirse Ó Sullivan, Rain Ó Doirbhin, Alex Fitzgerald and Claire Gill.

New Faces at Scoil Uí Fhiaich Maynooth



Cian Maxwell, Mathew Carroll, Kealon Hartnett and Caoimhe Nic Aodh.



Dervla Ó Neill Mc Ginn, David Ficheallaigh, Katie Merrick and Holly Shanley.



Oisin Byrne, Sarah Skelton, Domhnall Mc Dara Mooney and Aiobhinn Ní Dhubhain.



Eoghan Farrell, Eoghan Ó Fhaherta, Aisling Ó Donnell and Emily Ó Gartaigh.



Sarah Nic hAodha, Ryan Ó hEarain and Jamie O Reilly.



Meabh Doran, Ailbhe Dunne and Emily Emily Nic Riada.

Geological Exhibition in Maynooth

By Serj Merzliakov

As a part of the heritage week events Maynooth residents could enjoy the unique geological exhibition which took place in Maynooth Library from September 6th to 17th.

What on Earth?

The key topic of the exhibition was geology, the science studying the Earth and the idea behind the exhibition was to show the importance of geology as well as encourage interest among people. One may ask - How relevant is geology to life? Many colourful stands prepared by the Geological Survey of Ireland (GSI) were showing the answer - It's everywhere, all around us.

Paleontologists study the ancient history of the Earth and her inhabitants by the means of analysis of the rocks and stones. Geologists go to any depths and distances in order to discover something new, be it in severe conditions of Antarctica or drilling inside the layers of the Earth. Geological satellites are collecting information about any changes and in the near future will help prevent natural disasters like earthquakes and tornadoes. The information geologists possess today saves lives and contributes to the ecological programmes that help to rationally use the resources of the planet without damaging the environment. Knowledge gained by scientists is utilised in various industries ranging from mining and construction to jewellery and space research.



Maynooth Library hosted the exhibition

Another aim of the GSI was to show that geology is a science open for everybody. Each year expeditions of professional, student and amateur geologists go long miles to discover the many secrets of our planet, the departments of geology are open in colleges in Dublin and Cork, and the genuine interest in science among people of all ages proves its necessity and importance.



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Two local girls from Maynooth, Karen Kavanagh and Pearl Byrne opened the second barbers in Maynooth. Karen has 8 years experience working in the industry, working previously in Celbridge, Lucan, Maynooth and Australia. Pearl has 6 years experience working previously in Maynooth and Naas.

Both girls have completed courses with the Merchant Barbers Dublin and the Gratton Street Barbers.

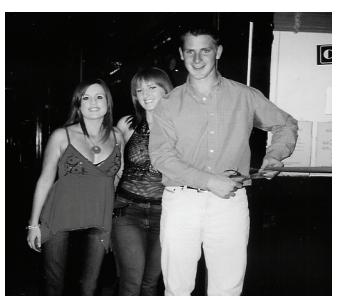
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Karen Kavanagh, Pearl Byrne & Karl Ennis at the official opening of Redz Barberz

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Maynooth GAA - Ladies Football



Maynooth GAA Club created history on the 11th September when their girls under 11 team played their first ever game. The new team is in a league comprising of six teams. All girls born in 1993 or younger are eligible to play and the trainers will try to ensure that as many girls as possible can play in the games. Priority will be given to the older girls (9-11 year olds) as the younger girls will get their chance in time.

It would be good to see the kids well kitted out for games. The club colours are black and white and it would be great if everyone had white shorts and black socks with white hoops at the top. This is not essential but it does boost the children when they look the part. The trainers encourage the parents to attend the games. All girls must be registered with the club. Presently as there are three men looking after the group we could do with more help. In particular, we would like to have a mother present for each training session and game. It would be in everybodys interest to have a lady present.

The girls first game was in Ballykelly, Monasterevin. The home team had a good victory, but the 26 Maynooth players certainly enjoyed themselves. The final score was Ballykelly 6-8 Maynooth 1-1, so it is very much a case of back to the drawing board for the trainers.

Training continues on Saturday mornings at 11.30 a.m. at the GAA Club. If the team are not playing in their league new players are always welcome.

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4th	Mick Fahy	(25)	33 Pts
5th	Don O'Sullivan	(10)	31 - (B.9)
6th	Niall Byrne	(16)	31 Pts
7th	Barry Desmond	(11)	28 - (B.9)
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(Short Story)

Yes life was a bitch. The rain teemed down in sheets of body soaking misery that was typical of the miserable surroundings. In many ways the tall skyscrapers could be a fairyland at night but at this particular moment looked like grotesque stalks as they reached for the darkened skyline. Joe Whitton buried his hands deeper into his coat pockets to protect them from the icy winds that curled through the city streets of Chicago. The knocking and clattering rumble of the city's rail transit system only inspired loathing as it carried its bag of human misery who eked out a living in the shoddy service bars and eating dives that dotted the city poorer districts. Joe was never a man for self-pity and never wallowed in the "what might have been" He was never at home here and never would be. "Where you going buddy" a brutally aggressive voice shattered his sensibilities as Joe crashed into an obese object that considered itself a citizen of Chicago. "Sorry" he mumbled as he walked briskly by hoping that his slight frame would defuse the irate garbage bin. Water was beginning to build up along the sidewalk, as ass hole drivers paid absolutely no attention as they sprayed the pools of water onto the passing sidewalkers. Joe turned and walked into a nearby bar. Not wanting a drink he ordered a coke and hoped that the prissy bartender was not expecting a tip. He smiled for a brief moment as he remembered his old haunts, the Phantom Horse at the edge of the Curragh and the Floating Barge on the Curragh side of Newbridge. He was young then and going places. A ten pound claiming apprentice with Curragh trainer, John Girvan, he had headed the rider's list in his second year on the track. He rapidly lost his riding allowances as the winners piled up. He was just twenty-one years of age when asked to ride against the senior jockeys at level weights. He stopped learning at that point and began to use his mouth more as the winners and his riding opportunities began to dry up. Always neat and tidy his body began to loose shape as he spent more time in the bars. Not in anger or despair but in resigned acceptance he remembered the day Girvan gave him his walking papers. He was riding a two-yearold filly, Carragh Rose, in a maiden at Naas. Girvans instructions had been precise," win if you can and she will go close. But on no account hit the filly with the whip. All was going well to the final furlong but in a tight finish the frustration of not having ridden a winner in the previous month got to him. Joe drew his whip and hit his mount in rapid succession, drawing blood from the filly's flanks. He shaded the

verdict but Girvan. was furious. Joe was never to ride a horse for that trainer again. To be fair the trainer's hands were tied. The owners were not happy and wanted a high profiled rider for the stable. Joe's handling of the two-year-old was all the excuse they required to have him fired. Girvan owed Whitton for the run of success the stable enjoyed when the rider was claiming an allowance and honourable man he was tried hard to stop the young rider from going off the rails. Joe lifted the coke and sipped, reflecting on his meeting with Girvan. "Joe I am letting you go, you give me no choice and by your behaviour have done nothing to help me with the owners". Joe shugged, he knew the story and did not at that time appreciate how much he was going to loose. Girvan continued " You will not get another retainer in this Country and you know that ". The trainer was deeply uncomfortable, he was genuinely sorry that the situation had developed to this point. A man who did not like confrontation he was now going to suggest a way out for young Whitton. Girvan continued" Joe, I have phoned Bobby Gill, one of the top trainers in the States. He has training barns in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles. He is willing to give you a job as a specialist work rider and if you progress, who knows? I believe his code of discipline is what you need to kick-start your career and I believe it's whats best for you".

The bar was beginning to fill up and Joe was not supprised to find the seat beside him occupied by a fellow customer. He was about six foot four or five in height and well built. He was immaculately dressed and carried an easygoing air of confidence. He turned to Joe and said "hello". It was this greeting that interested Joe as he realised he was not the usual loudmouth that managed to give you a pain in the head. Joe returned his greeting. " My name is Gerry Galvin and I am over here for the last twenty years" A mutual discovery that they were both Kildare men broke the ice. He told Joe he had built up his own construction company and was doing ok. Soon the two Irishmen were talking comfortably. In a way it was a conversation between two professionals even though one of them was still trying to find his way. Joe told his story, in a matter of fact, kind of way. Gerry noted" you don't take a drink" Joe said no, He was trying to get his career back on track and was a regular visitor to the gym. Gerry looked at Joe and noted the jockey was in good physical shape and his eyes showed the alertness of a committed athlete. They parted wishing each other the best of luck and without the usual bullshit of saying we must meet again.

Joe could never take to Gill. The trainer was not a true horseman. He was good at

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promoting himself and had some of the best racehorses in America in his stables. He paid more attention to developing his relationship with wealthy owners rather than developing a true horseman's relationship with his horses. His first interview with Gill did not go well. Joe sensed the trainer felt he was dealing with a failure. On the dirt track of Arlington Park Chicago Joe began to learn again. He began to model himself on the great Bill Shoemaker, sitting quietly in the saddle and using his whip sparingly. Not a socialiser he studied the videos of all the best riders and went over and over again the recording of his increasing number of rides. He began to learn about pace in the land where the stopwatch is king. He was also learning where to place your horse during a race and when to kick for home in the finishing stretch. Gill could see that Joe was a true horseman and was developing into a good jockey but his own lack of understanding of the horse meant that he gave little encouragement to the young Irish

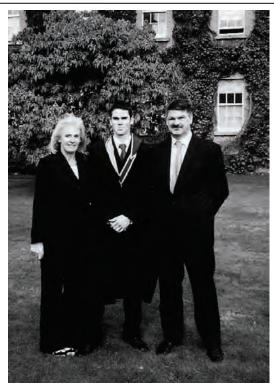
"Joe" he yelled. Gill was in a rage. He strode down the barn kicking sand and straw aside as he made his way towards the young jockey. "I am upset and my number one jockey, Jose Marco is sure as hell upset" He continued "that asshole Irishman Galvin phoned me this morning. He wants his mare Liberty Bell to run in the Breeders Cup Filly and Mare Turf Classic at Belmont Park New York, and he wants you to ride it." There are two things god damned wrong about this situation, first Liberty Belle is not good enough" and two, you, are certainly not good enough. His face now beetroot red with anger he continued" I am giving way on this as Galvin has indicated he is going to place some expensive yearlings with me next season. All Galvin wants is his big day out for his family and friends. This is going to be a bad day for the prestige of my stable. A temperamental mare and rookie jockey bound to finish last in one of the biggest races of the year.

Liberty Belle was stabled at Santa Anita in California and Joe flew out the next morning to spend a week at the track. Dick Burton who looked after Gill's horses in Santa Anita spoke quietly to Joe. " She is a lovely mare but has a head problem. She has won two claiming races but under great stress. She is holding back all the time, gets upset easily and seems to be running shy of the jockey's whip hand. It is very difficult to get her running straight and she continually hangs to the left in the finishing straight. She worries a lot and I do not seem to be able to get to her". Joe took an immediate liking to Burton who, unlike Gill, talked the language of a horseman. The following morning Joe made his first visit to the stable. Burton asked the

grooms to saddle up Liberty Belle so that Joe could do a five-furlong breeze with his Breeders Cup mount. Joe watched as her groom got the saddle on. The mare was sweating profusely and was decidedly edgy as the jockey approached. Joe started to talk quietly, whispered in a voice that was bedded in generations of Irishmen who have looked after the horse and developed the breed since the beginning of racing history. Liberty Belle completed the canter and Joe never ceased to talk to her. The jockey dismounted and said little to Dick Burton. He walked away from the barn quickly looking preoccupied and worried. He phoned Gerry Galvin out of courtesy to thank him for giving him the mount with a promise to do the best he could. Joe did several more morning canters with liberty bell before returning to Arlington Park in Chicago. The mare was now a little more responsive to him but the real test on the racetrack had to be met. The big race was only two weeks

Joe watched the race again. The video showed Bill Shoemaker sitting tight and the reins loose on his mount's neck in the final agonising strides of the 1987 Breeders Cup Classic. His mount, Ferdinand was a quirky sort. He did not like being in front to long and did not like being hit. Bill being the supreme horseman decided to let the horse do it for himself. With Alysheba, ridden by Chris McCarron rapidly closing on his outside, Bill held on in a dramatic finish to win the Classic. Joe was in awe and in his mind had now developed a plan on how he was going to ride Liberty Belle. His mobile phone interrupted his thoughts. Whitton" " yes, who who is that" " shut up and listen". "We don't know why Gill is running Liberty Belle. We do know that she must have a chance if Gill has entered him. We represent betting interests and we do not want your ride to finish in the first four". Joe interjected" but she has no chance, and even if she had the stewards would smell a rat if I pulled the horse, you know your payouts would be stalled". The caller snarled: "listen we know all that, all we want you to do is drop your whip after the start of the race. Your mare will go backwards without the whip". Joe knew that at that moment whatever the result of the race he was going home to Ireland. He could not continue to live in the States and wanted to return to an environment that valued the horseman. Joe was shocked and needed a little time to collect himself. He decided he was not going to phone Bobby Gill as the trainer might use the phone call as an excuse to take him off the horse. He phoned Gerry. Galvin listened as Joe told him of the threat. Gerry said" Joe, do you still want to ride Liberty Belle" Joe replied" more than anything I ever

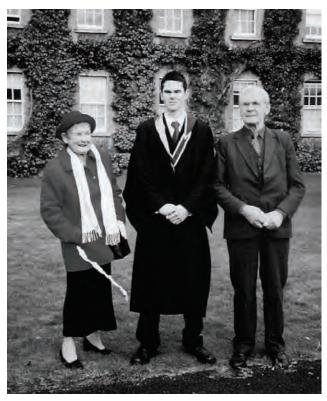
Graduation Day, National University of Ireland, Maynooth 2004



Thomas Farrell who graduated with a First Class Honours Degree in Science pictured here with his proud parents Ellen and Tom



Sharon Cummins and Ciara O' Neil who graduated with a Double honours Degree in Science and Maths Applied Statistics pictured here with the Registrar Dr. David Redmond



Thomas Farrell with his grandparents Brid Farrell and Tom Simons



Nicola Doyle, Maynooth who graduated with a BA in Arts

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wanted". Joe told Gerry he was going home to Ireland after the race. He planned to buy a small stable and start to train with maybe 15 to 20 horses. Gerry thought for a moment. "Joe in a way I am glad that you are going home. I will place a couple of horses with you and try to get some of my friends to do the same". I will book your flight, which will take off immediately after the last race at Belmont Park. I will have my people look after you until take off time". Do as the caller requested and loose your whip as you come out of the gates. "They would not dare intimidate the senior riders but may make an example of you if you do not do as you were told". Gerry Galvin continued " Joe, try not to worry. I know that you will give it your best shot and that will be good enough for me". He continued "I spoke to Dick Burton yesterday and he was really impressed with the progress you are making with liberty Belle"

The evening was mild as 110,000 fans packed into Belmont Park. The biggest day of the Year and racing fans came out in their droves. Joe watched the earlier races and then began to prepare for the fillies and mares classic on Belmont historic racetrack. Walking to the saddle up enclosure Joe met Fergal Moore. A brilliant but enigmatic rider who was already Seven-Time Champion jockey in England. A fellow Irishman from Limerick, Fergal greeted Joe warmly" going up in the world Joe" Joe replied" I'm doing ok Fergal" Fergal was riding Ballet Supreme a three year old filly who Joe knew would stay every yard of the trip. Fergal continued " I am worried about those Panamanians" Joe agreed with Fergal. The three Panamanians, Romero, Cruz and Marco were the best three jockeys in America and would present a formidable challenge to the two Irishmen. Joe walked towards the saddle up enclosure where Gill and Galvin were deep in conversation. Galvin's family were also there and Joe was warmly greeted by the owner's wife and two girls, Galvin had been firm with Gill. He told him to make the best of it and show respect to his jockey. Gill spoke" Joe I have no doubt that Liberty Belle will stay the mile and quarter. "Make sure it is a true run race as three or four of these have a hell of a finishing kick". The jockeys mounted and amid a trumpet fanfare were led to the start by outriders. Joe felt exhilarated he knew that no matter what else happened in his life, this was going to be a day he would never forget. The New York racing fans were in full voice and the atmosphere became electric, as the horses were loaded into the stalls. Joe looked at his main rivals. Platinum, ridden by Romero, Utah ridden by Cruz and Ocean Wave with Gill's number one jockey. Marco up. He also had quick word and wished good luck to Fergal Moore whose easygoing demeanour was now showing a steely resolve. The

opened" away they go" the course gates commentator was now caught up in the excitement. Joe went between Cruz and Romero, caught in a sandwich he lost his whip. Gill looking from a private box, owned by a Hollywood superstar, swore. The three Panamanians went to the front at the first turn. Joe lay in fourth place with Moore riding fifth. The remainder of the small field followed. Racing to the second quarter mile, Moore yelled at Joe. " We are being stitched up, the pace is to slow" Joe agreed his inbuilt stopwatch told him that the pace for the first half mile was not fast enough. The three boys in front were holding up the field for a sprint finish. Joe shouted at Fergal " lets go together and race when we reach the finishing stretch". The two Irishmen surged forward working there way through to lead with six furlongs to go. Gill was impressed as Whitton and Moore set a searching gallop. Liberty Belle was running well and the trainer noted that she was running straight and free and holding nothing back. Joe was elated but knew that the serious business would only begin when they reached the finishing stretch. Liberty Belle and Ballet Supreme matched strides as they rounded the final turn. Joe now riding like his idol, Bill Shoemaker, made his hands do the work. Sitting quietly and continually changing his hands on the reins as a gentle reminder to Liberty Belle. She hit the front as the field entered the winning stretch. The course commentator captured the mood" its LiberTEEEE BeLLLLL". Gill was gob smacked as Joe was giving the mare as good a ride as he had ever seen. Galvin was in tears, roaring his head off as he jumped up and down on the steps of the Grandstand. Joe Whitton hugged the rails as Moore made one last desperate attempt to stay with him, but Ballet Supreme had run her race. Meanwhile Marco was beaten but Cruz and Romero began to wind up Platinum and Utah for the run to the wire. As only the great American jockeys can, they had the distance to the finishing post measured. Riding with that relaxed and polished whip action they closed on Liberty Belle. The crowd went mental and the noise reverberated around Belmont. Joe, his body crouched low over his mount's neck, asked and prayed for one final effort from the heroic Liberty Belle. Romero was now level and Cruz was finishing fast on the wide outside. Joe let out one anguished cry " go Liberty, do it for me" She did not fail him. With Platinum and Utah now running level, Liberty put her head down like an Olympic Sprinter going for gold and three strides before the wire, she regained the lead. She was home. Joe Whitton was in state of shock. The remainder of the evening would always live in his memory. Gerry Galvin and his family hugged him. Gill apologised and offered him a contract, which Joe declined. The Belmont fans who know their horses and jockeys gave him a great

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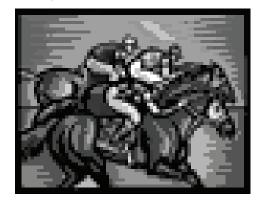


Aidan Kearn, , Mark O' Murchu, John McDonagh and Kojak.

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reception. Gerry took Joe aside and handed him a cheque for one million dollars, which was half the prize money. Joe was stunned but Gerry told him that Liberty Belle was now a very valuable brood mare and in the context of winning the Breeders Cup, the prize money was only a secondary consideration. As promised Gerry's people looked after Joe until he safely boarded for his flight home to Ireland.

Joe looked again at the photograph in the New York Times as he relaxed in his first class seat. It showed the gallant grey Liberty Belle and her jockey in the winners enclosure at Belmont Park. Suddenly, it all became too much and tears formed in his eyes. He was no longer able to focus on the photograph. His mind went back to that awful day at Naas. He remembered dismounting from Carragh Rose in the winners enclosure and removing his saddle from her back. Her flanks were heaving and showing ugly bruises from the beating he had given her. Her neck was covered in sweat as she backed away from the crowd. Her proud head still defiant but her eyes showing the hurt and the anger for the treatment he had handed out to her. He literally ran to the "weigh in" room in shame. Unable to speak he waved away a hostess who expressed concern at his distress. He remembered that day in Santa Anita when he was reunited with Carrragh Rose, now named Liberty Belle. Gerry Galvin who had bought the horse in Ireland knew the story when he spoke to Joe in that downtown bar in Chicago. He gave Joe a second chance. As Joe hit the wire at Belmont he knew that Liberty Belle would never forget the beating that he had given her but in his heart, and at that moment, he knew she had forgiven him.



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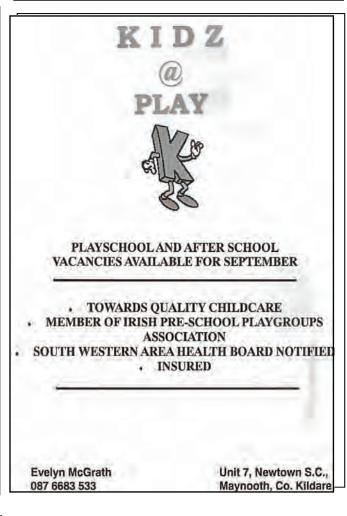
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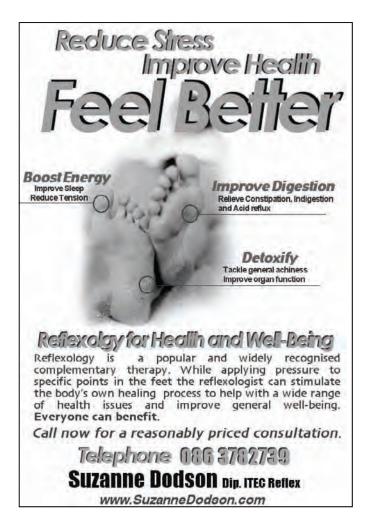
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An Bord Pleanala's Decision is a Black Day for Proper Planning:

The appalling decision by An Bord Pleanala, on 17 August, to grant planning permission for 526 dwellings on the Moyglare Road, without the necessary Relief Road, is a black day for proper planning.

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The lands in question were zoned on the basis that the Relief Road would be completed in full in order to allow traffic from the development to access the M4 via the Dunboyne Road and Leixlip Road to the Interchange at INTEL.

The decision by An Bord Pleanala means that upwards of an additional 1,000 cars will now have to use the Moyglare Road, where there are two schools with 1,300 pupils, to get to the M4. These additional cars then have to navigate through the already heavily congested Town Centre before getting to the M4.

An Bord Pleanala's decision is in direct contravention of the Maynooth Development Plan and it calls into question the value of such Plans.

Indeed it would appear as if they gave little if any consideration to Cllr. McGinley's or Residents' Associations appeals as they have lifted the wording in the Conditions of the Grant of Permission directly from Kildare County Council's document.

However, the battle is still not over and in an effort to get the Relief Road completed Cllr. McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

"Given the decision by An Bord Pleanala to grant planning permission to Mycete Construction Limited (PL 09.206437) at Mariavilla, Maynooth, without a condition requiring the completion of the Northern Relief Road to the existing road in Co. Meath, that the Council now commence negotiations with Meath Co. Council for the Compulsory Purchase of Land necessary to provide the road between the Co. Boundary and the existing road in Co. Meath at Moygaddy; and that it be agreed that funds derived under condition 21 of An Bord Pleanala's decision specifically for roads infrastructure be ringfenced for the completion of the Northern Relief Road to the existing road at Moygaddy, Co. Meath."

If this motion is agreed it means that €1.8m will be available for the completion of the Relief Road. Indeed it would be extraordinary if the Council Management opposed the motion as in their observations to An Bord Pleanala Kildare County Council state:

"The Roads Department would agree that the proposed development is premature pending the availability of the necessary funding to complete the road."

Incredibly, the Council in their observations have agreed with Cllr. McGinley's submission that the road must be completed, yet they granted Planning Permission themselves without the need for completion of the road.

Draft County Development Plan 2005 - 2011

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The Draft County Development Plan has been on public display since 16 August on the Council's Web Site and in St. Mary's, Naas and the public have until 26 October to make their views known. This is a very important document as it lays down policy for the future development of every town in the county. The last County Development Plan was agreed by the Council in 1999 and it specified that 150 acres of land had to be rezoned for housing in Maynooth. Cllr. McGinley voted against the 1999 Plan as he considered that rezoning a further 150 acres for housing in Maynooth was far too much.

(Labour News Cont'd.)

New Housing

The Development Plan must comply with the policies of the Regional Planning Guidelines for the Greater Dublion Area (RPG's). The RPG's have allocated 16,950 new housing units to County Kildare for the period 2003-2010. The Draft County Development Plan (CDP) in turn has a target of 22,600 new houses for the County for the period 2002-2011 and 1,450 of these have been allocated to Maynooth.

No Need for any More Land to be Rezoned

According to Kildare County Council there are 2,700 acres of residentially zoned land in the county. With the average density of houses under construction at present at 12 per acre, this means that there is enough land already zoned residential in the County to accommodate 32,400 new houses, which is nearly twice the amount allocated to the County in the RPG's. Cllr. John McGinley proposed the following:

"That no further land be rezoned for housing for the duration of the County Development Plan in order to comply with the Regional Planning Guidelines."

After prolonged discussion the following amendment was agreed unanimously:

"Given the level of land currently zoned for housing (1093ha/2700 acres) it is not anticipated that further such zoning will be necessary during the period of this plan. This however does not preclude additional such zoning in specific locations where the council is satisfied that a clearly established need for such zoning is evident."

Cllr. McGinley believes that the adoption of this motion is a major step forward in the battle to have proper planning and development in the county. It is to be hoped that this motion will still be part of the approved plan and that Councillors will not give in to the minority who want to make their fortune through rezoning of their lands.

Maynooth Harbour Action Area Plan

A special meeting of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council is scheduled for 12 o'clock on 17 September to discuss the Maynooth Harbour action Area Plan.

In last April's Maynooth Labour News Cllr. John McGinley expressed his concerns on vehicle entry/exit to this location. The Council's consultants talked about a new road exiting at Parson Street, which would mean knocking down some of the existing historical houses on the row. Another option proposed is to build a new road along the very bottom of the Harbour Field to exit at the Glenroyal Complex on the Straffan Road. Cllr. McGinley would welcome your views and comments (6285293h; 7026536w).

Signs Directing HGV's to the M4

As a result of a motion from Cllr. John McGinley to have Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV's) banned from Maynooth's Main Street and directed to the M4 instead, proposals were put to the Area Committee in a Progress report dated 23 April 2004.

The key elements include:

- a total of 12 signs located at various stages over the six mile route
- the possibility of augmenting the above through the use of "gateway" type and duplicate signs giving a total of 26 in all.

Readers will be aware that the only sign erected so far is the one at Blacklion. When Cllr. McGinley asked when the others would be erected he was advised on 20 August that the Area Engineer had them on order and that they would be erected by a contractor as soon as possible.

Badly Littered Maynooth Train Station

When Cllr. McGinley raised this issue with the Chairman of CIE he got the following reply form Joe Meagher, Managing Director, Iarnrod Eireann:

"Thank you for your letter dated 11th May to our Chairman, which has been passed to me for attention. On receipt of your letter, the Station Manager based at Maynooth was contacted about the situation with regard to litter bins at Maynooth Station. Currently there are 6 bins on the platforms in Maynooth, four of which are on the main platform and two of which are on the loop platform. There is also one in the booking hall and one outside the gate. However, I have asked the Station Manager to monitor the situation and take any remedial actions necessary to have the station kept clean and tidy.

Again thank you for bringing this matter to our attention."

Following, the recent Irish Business Against Litter League report that has classified Maynooth Station as

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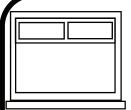


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being "badly littered" Cllr. McGinley wrote to the MD of CIE on 9 September asking him to take immediate remedial action in order to help eliminate this very serious problem.

Directional Signage to Maynooth Train Station

Cllr. McGinley was advised by the Chairman of CIE on 28 May that directional signage to the station would "be erected in the next couple of weeks".

As no action has been taken by CIE since then Cllr. (Labour News Cont'd.)

McGinley has again written to the Chairman asking that the sign be erected without any further delay in order to remove this safety hazard.

Sherwood Homes 241 Dwellings at Newtown, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley and his Labour Party colleagues have made observations to An Bord Pleanala supporting the Residents' Associations in their objections to the granting by Kildare County Council of planning permission for this development.

The main reasons for objecting are:

- Non compliance with the Maynooth Development Plan:
- 1. Flood alleviation measures not in place.
- 2. Bond Bridge project is not completed.
- 3. Three storey apartment blocks in conflict with adjoining properties
- Non compliance with the residential density guidelines
- Pedestrian/cycle link with Parsons Hall will lead to anti-social problems
- In conflict with Draft County Development Plan as the three-storey apartment blocks are not in harmony with surrounding developments.

Tree Preservation Order Called for Lime Trees

During discussions on the Draft County Development Plan it was disclosed that the trees on the trees on Main Street, Maynooth did not have a deservation Order. In order to correct this Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Councils.

of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council, "That a Tree Preservation Order be made on the trees from the bottom of Carton Lime Walk Avenue to St. Patrick's College gates, Maynooth, in order to protect these high value trees."

Cllr. John McGinley can be contacted at:

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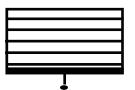


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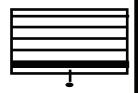


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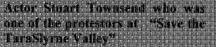
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Editorial

We will be celebrating 30 years of the Newsletter with the publication of a special anniversary issue next month. We will be drawing material from all the publications down the years and will be mainly pictorial in content. This publication would make an ideal Christmas gift especially for those who have left the area or who are living abroad. We hope to have it out before the Christmas post days for US and Australia. So, remember to put it on your Christmas shopping list!

This month's Newsletter features an update on the Save the Tara Skryne campaign. The group has obviously been working tirelessly to prevent the construction of the M3 motorway that will divide the valley. The fact that planning permission has been granted for its construction is hard understand when this valley holds such an important place culturally archaeological both nationally internationally. A letter to the editor of Irish Times from archaeologists and historians (23.2.04) sets out the case for the importance of the site as "The Hill of Tara constitutes our ceremonial and mythical capital...recognisable world wide... many monuments predate the Egyptian pyramids...holds a special key to understanding the continuous progression of European civilisation. The Hill of Skryne...a national monument and early religious and ritual centre...cannot be separated from the River Boyne, or from each other. Every effort should be made to preserve national monuments in situ according to stated Government policy as well as the Councils of Europe's Valetta Convention

(The European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage) to which Ireland is a signatory... Tara warrants UNESCO protection, if ever an Irish site did". For more information on the issue see http://www.taraskryne.org.

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

The October meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on 11th October in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Draft County Development Plan 2005 - 2011

The Plan can be viewed on the Council's Web-site in the Library and St Mary's Naas until the 26th October. However if was generally felt that the time should be extended. Cllr. Senan Griffin agreed with this also Cllr. John McGinley and that it should be also viewed in its full text. It was noted that a meeting had being called to meet with planners. People didn't know about it. John O'Connor felt that Residence Associations and Maynooth Community Council should have been notified.

Draft Maynooth Harbour Action Area Plan

Chairperson Hugh Gallagher gave a brief outline of the plan.

Both Cllr's Griffin and McGinley felt that the plan was good but both had some reservations.

Cllr. McGinley gave a presentation of the plan.

It was noted that there are two Action Area Plans for Maynooth. This allowed the people to put in submissions to the plans. Maynooth Community Council put in submissions on both the Harbour and Carton plans a new road is proposed at the end of the Harbour Field exit at Straffan Rd. It will also exit at Parson Street. However with the opening of the Meadowbrook link road a huge amount of traffic will be brought directly to the Straffan Road. 125 metres of new road will be underground. Two new streets are proposed. A new pedestrian street from Harbour Field to Leinster Street. It is still work in progress and a draft plan has not yet been agreed.

Canal - Waterways Ireland

It is proposed that a floating marina will be put in place with a secure gangway. However it will mean the removal of the island in the centre of the harbour. It is proposed that the relocated island would be built first. This work would be in consultation with the National Parks and Wildlife Services. The facilities here would include sewage pump-out facility for boats and a service block, which would include showers, chemical toilet disposal and laundry facility.

New Civic Building

New buildings to be incorporated here include-

- ♦ Kildare County Council Area Offices
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- ♦ Library
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- Coffee Shop

The new development will mean that the Fire Station and Council yard will be relocated.

Harbour Field

The Harbour Field is now in ownership of Kildare County Council. The plan here would mean that the open space would become a Town Park. i.e.

- A mixed playground to cater for different age groups: U/6, U/12 and teenagers.
- ♦ Tennis courts
- Basketball courts
- Mini-sports
- ♦ In addition to the existing football pitch

Other improvements would include:

- Pedestrian and cycle access
- New street furniture, lighting and seats.
- New planting

Cllr. Griffin said this will bring a whole new change to the streetscape of Maynooth. He said the only negative are here was the tunnel. It would have to be policed. He also said Waterways Ireland and Iarnróid Eireann are working with Kildare County Council and the proposed marina will bring the life of the canal into the town more.

Mary Clougher said Parson Street is a very old part of Maynooth, but it was stated that a developer owns a number of houses here.

Tony Bean raised concerns about work to be done in the Harbour Field also that management plan should be put in place for the Harbour Field.

Paul Croghan said it was a fully comprehensive plan. It was also noted that the next Leixlip Area Meeting will be 21st October 2004. The next full Council meeting end November. It will be January - February for final decision.

It was also noted that the H.G.V. signs seem to be working. Paul Croghan raised the worrying traffic situation with all the development going on

Lord Mayor Document

Put back for full discussion at next meeting.

Residential Tenancies Act 2004

Put back for full discussion at next meeting.

St Patrick's Day Parade

John McGinley stated that the parade would have to get a face lift in order to get increased participation. It was agreed to approve €500 to enable artists to come up with a spectacular float. Arts Council funding and sponsorship from local major employers will be sought.

Christmas Lights

Cllr. McGinley asked that a letter be sent to the Maynooth Traders Associations asking what they were doing about the Christmas Lights on the Main Street.

Maynooth Community Council Notes (cont.)

Sympathy

A vote of sympathy was extended to the family of Ciaran Dockery, former vice-principal of Maynooth Post Primary School.

Register of Electors

Councillor Senan Griffin noted that time is running out for people to register.

Next Community Council meeting is on the 8th November, in the Glenroyal Hotel.

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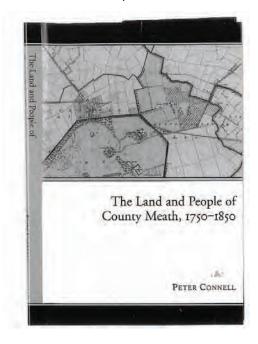
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FILE NUMBER	APPLICANT NAME	APPLICANT ADDRESS	APPLICATION TYPE	APPLICATION RECEIVED	DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION	DEVELOPMENT LOCATION
04/2258	Ciaran Gallagher	4 Rockfield Close, Railpark, Maynooth Co. Kildare	p	17/09/04	One and half storey dwelling house with integrated garage/poultry house and glasshouse	Railpark Maynooth, Co. Kildare.
04/2316	Jim Kelly	16 Beaufield Green, Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	24/09/04	A two storey extension to the rear, a small single storey extension to the front incorporating a new window and the conversion of the existing garage to a habitable room	16 Beaufield Green Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/2137	Dowdstown Developments Ltd	Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	24/09/04	For modification to previous permitted development plan ref. no. 01/1091 by the omission of 32 no. apartments at blocks A and B and the erection of 10 no. 2 storey 3 bed townhouses in 2 no. blocks of 8, 6 & 5 dwelling units, etc	Enoville House Sallins Co. Kildare
04/2345	Colm & Siobhan Brett	Laragh Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	29/09/04	For conversion of existing double garage to domestic use, construction of a single storey extension to the rear, enlarging existing bow window to front elevations and constructing detached garage and store to the left hand rear of existing house	Laragh Demense Maynooth, Co. Kildare
04/2366	Theresa Ludden	Parklands Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	30/09/04	For development consisting of construction of a dormer bungalow, detached garage and ancillary site works	Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1614	Derrinstown Stud Ltd	29 Earlsfort Terrace Dublin 2	Р	04/10/04	Staff accommodation comprising three two-storey dormer buildings, each having one 4-bed unit and 2-bed units together with ancillary garages, access road, modifications to existing road entrance and advanced waste water treatment plant	Graiguelin Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/247	Patrick & Ann McEvoy	"Fuinseog" Balraheen Maynooth Co. Kildare	p	06/10/04	A dormer bungalow, detached garage, biodisc treatment system and ancillary site works	Balraheen, Baltreacy Maynooth
04/783	Eamon Travers	Johnstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	06/10/04	Construction of a one and half storey house, detached garage, Bison treatment system and ancillary site works	Clonaugh Lane Johnstown Maynooth
03/1639	Noel Forster	Barberstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	08/10/04	A bungalow, small wastewater treatment unit and percolation area	Barberstown Upper Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/2461	Carmel Sweeney	14 Parklands Grove	Р	11/10/04	Extension to side at first floor level and two storey extension at rear	14 Parklands Grove Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/2510	Hutchison 3G Ireland Ltd.	Kildress House Pembroke Row Lr Baggot St. Dublin, 2	Р	18/10/04	To erect a 15m monopole containing 3 no. antennae and 2 no. dishes, associated equipment, outdoor cabinets and fencing for a new 3G broadband network	Moyglare Rd. Maynooth Co. Kildare

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04/2519	Mark & John Travers	Graiguesallagh Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	19/10/04	Continue the commercial use of selling goods associated with the equine and agriculture industry from the farmyard and two farm outbuildings	Graiguesallagh Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/2524	Simon & Maria Black	2 Parklands Grove Maynooth Co. Kildare	p	20/10/04	A proposed first floor level extension (Bedroom and Bathroom Extension) at the side of the house over existing study and utility room	2 Parklands Grove Maynooth Co. Kildare.

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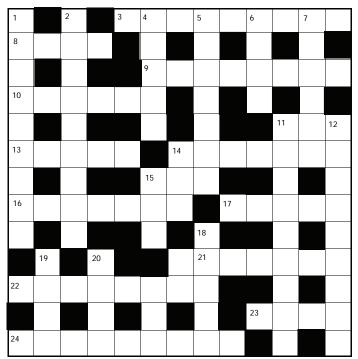


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- 3. Start (9)
- 8. Genuine (4)
- 9. Encroachment (8)
- 10 Heart-rending (16)
- 13. Country bordering Portugal (5)
- 14. Rotate (7)
- 15. US comedian, _ _ _ Caesar (3)
- 16. Element, symbol (7)
- 17. Cursed (5)
- 21. Egyptian President in 1956 (6)
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- 6. Tree-home (4)
- 7. Midday (4)
- 11. Carnage (9)
- 12. Practice session (9)
- 14. Edge (3)
- 15. Seedless raisin (7)
- 18. Kow-tow (5)
- 19. Sit for (4)
- 20. Wife of Jupiter (4)

Across: No 22

- 1. Crook, 7. Parallel, 8. Easel, 10. Candelabra,
- 12. Tenacity, 14. Isle, 16. Surf,
- **17**. Grandeur, **20**. Alexandria, **23**. Cupid, **24** Universe, **25**. Cower.

<u>Down:</u>

1. Credit, 2. O.P.E.C., 3. Bard, 4. Ladle, 5. Alabaster, 6. Cleave, 9. Latch, 11. Energetic, 13.Tar, 15. Antic, 16. Statue, 18. Reader, 19. Janet, 21. Desk, 22. Auto.



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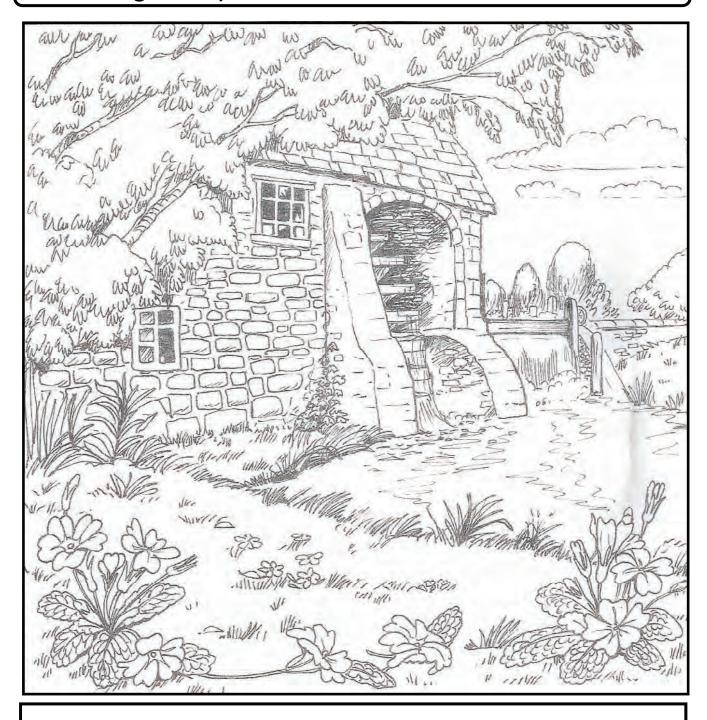
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Influenza

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- ◆ Drink at least 8fl oz/225ml of fluids every 2 hours to prevent dehydration from fever. Dilute apple juice or flat ginger ale with water. Avoid citrus fruit juices if you feel nauseous and milk if your are vomiting or have diarrhoea. Don't starve a fever. Eat small, bland meals cottage cheese, yogurt, bananas, dry toast, baked or boiled potatoes. Don't worry if you're hungry for 3 or 4 days, but when your appetite returns, get back onto a balanced diet as soon as you can.
- If you have a sore throat gargle with salt water of suck lozenges.
- For a runny nose, sip hot tea sweetened with a bit of honey and take a decongestant if you wish.
- For a dry cough, use a humidifier and such cough drops.
- Stay in bed or at the very least reduce physical activity - as long as you can (at least until your temperature returns to normal): resuming your regular activities too soon will encourage a relapse.
- ♦ Don't drive: flu impairs reaction time almost six times as much as moderate alcohol intake.
- Make sure that you see a doctor if you're over 65: if you have a chronic disease: if you feel especially ill or the fever lasts more than 4 days: of if your fever is accompanied by a stiff neck, severe headaches, irritability and confusion.

Icy Paths

- Use sand, sifted ashes or cat litter to improve a slippery surface.
- Spread rock salt before snow or sleet falls: this helps to keep ice from bonding to a concrete surface.
- Keep a path relatively dry and ice free by digging shallow trenches along both sides. They'll trap rainwater and melting snow.
- On an icy walk, tilt your body slightly forward and set your feet down flat. Short steps also improve stability. If you fall, don't tense up: go limp and try to roll as you land.

Ring stuck on your finger

 Don't try more than a couple of times to pull the ring off your finger. If you inflame the knuckle it will swell and make the ring more difficult to remove. Simply moistening your finger in your mouth should do the trick

- Drip some olive oil around the ring, massage some petroleum jelly into your skin, or rub soap around the ring and wet it slightly. Then try to ease it off.
- If your finger or knuckle has swollen, soak it in iced water to reduce the swelling, or put an icepack around it.

Wrinkles

- Premature lines are undoubtedly caused by sun damage. If you look at the skin on parts of your body that are never exposed to sunlight, you will see the difference.
- Always use a sunscreen to protect you skin in the sun, even if you never burn, in hotter climes. Apply a sunscreen whenever you go out: put sunscreen on children, too.
- ◆ Don't avoid sunscreens because you tan. It is possible to get a light tan if you use a high protection sunscreen.
- Apply sunscreen to your hands and neck as well as your face - these areas tend to show signs of ageing first.
- Use a moisturiser both morning and evening, every day, especially if your skin tends to be fine and dry.
- Protect your skin from harsh winds, intense cold and biting salt sprays with a moisturiser or skin cream.
- Make short-term anti wrinkle mask: apply a beaten egg white to your face for 10 minutes, then rinse off. Your face should look smoother for a few hours afterwards.
- Apply a cloth soaked in witch hazel to frown lines for 5 minutes at a time.
- Rub a light eye cream on outer-eye lines.
 Then open your eyes wide, press the heels of your hands against the areas, and hold for a minute: repeat daily.

Toasters

- If you can't reach a broken piece of toast in the toaster, use dry wooden chopsticks.
 Never use a knife, and always unplug the toaster first.
- If your toaster's broken, use the grill on your cooker or hold the bread with tongs over an electric hotplate or heating element.



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Gardening Hints

Frost Protection

Plants, even hardy ones, can be killed by frost, so it is advisable to have some form of frost protection easily to hand. Mid and late spring frosts, and early autumn ones, often do the most damage, because they are unexpected. Night is the time when the temperature drops most, so a useful form of indirect protection is a maximum and minimum thermometer. The night readings will put you on the alert in good time

Protection from varying degrees of frost can consist of: 15cm (6in) deep mulches over the crowns of plants, held down with bent bamboo canes or wires; cloches, polythene tunnels or frames; sacking or newspaper on top of frames; fibre-glass, straw, or sacking lagging round the outside of containers; polythene sheet lining to greenhouses; artificial heating for frames and greenhouse; straw, paper or sacking over plants or bushes.

It is wise, when planning your garden, to take careful note of the parts of the site which are most and least affected by frost— and plant accordingly. Never place susceptible plants at the lowest part of the garden; cold air is heavier than warm and will collect at the bottom of slopes.

Wind Protection

Newly planted shrubs and trees, especially conifers, are particularly vulnerable to wind, but even established ones, and of course the slightly tender kinds, will all appreciate something between them and a north-east draught.

Permanent wind protection can be provided by hedges or screens of deciduous and evergreen trees or shrubs— Holly, yew, beech, thorn, cypresses and privet are all good. If they cannot be provided all round a site, they should protect it at least from the north and east.

Temporary forms of protection can consist of: sheets of plastic, sacking or 1.2cm(½in) mesh windbreak netting attached to poles placesd round plants, wire netting folded double with bracken or straw between sheets, or 6mm(¼in) Rokelene plastic windbreak netting used as a tent or blanket.

On open, windy sites, many plants which do not normally require support may need staking. This applies particularly to the taller growing vegetables and border plants— anything, in fact, which grows to 60cm (2ft) or more. Bamboo canes, or posts and wires, will suffice for most plants.

The Time For Roses

A lot of people believe that, when the nights are drawing in, there's precious little to be done in the garden. Those folks that like to raise some produce

of their own for the table will be only too aware that October and November are indeed pretty busy months.

For instance, there are cuttings to be taken of currants and gooseberries; there's winter pruning of established bushes and fruit trees, and there's an awful lot of digging to be done, to ensure that the frost can get in and raise it to the condition required for planting in the spring.

But for those who either have not the land or who prefer to concentrate on flowering plants, there could not be a better time to plant roses.

Set about selecting those that you would really like to have in the garden. If you increase the number of varieties, this should lead to a longer flowering season

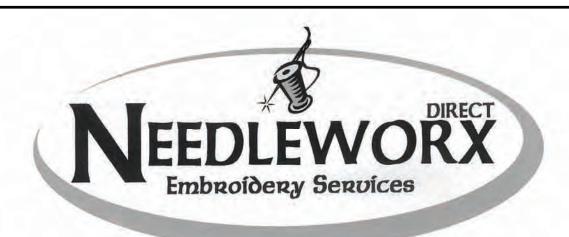
Other than doing some careful pruning and keeping a watch for bugs such as greenfly, roses really do a good job in the garden. Give them a good start, however, and they'll do you proud.

Having made your choice and obtained your planx, make sure that they have not dried out. If so, immerse the roots in water for a day or two. Then check them out. Using sharp secateurs, cut out all the dead wood, weak or damaged shoots, cutting back to an outward facing bud.

Check the root system, too, cutting back any that are long and straggly, so as to leave nothing more than, say, 8 to 10 inches long. Any roots that are damaged should be cut back to just above the damage, and the thin, wispy, fibrous roots should be retained.

When it comes to planting, make sure that you do not do so too deeply. Make a hole the shape of the root system, and to a depth, so that the old soil level on the rootstock will be at the same height as a cane laid across the hole. When you have turned the soil back in, tread firmly with the toe of the shoe, from the outside, working in towards the plant.





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Residential tenancies Act 2004

Residential Tenancies Act was signed into law on the 19th July, 2004, and provides for the implementation of reforms of the private rented sector as recommended by the Commission on the Private Rented Residential Sector. Below is a summary of the Explanatory Memorandum that accompanies the Act and further detail can be view at http://www. Orieachtas.ie/documents/bills28/acts/2004/a2704.pdf.

It introduces a measure of security of tenure for tenants, specifying the minimum obligations applying to landlords and tenants and provides for the establishment of a Private Residential Tenancies Board to resolve disputes arising in the sector.

It does not apply to formerly rent controlled and long occupation lease tenancies and to holiday, employment related or business lettings. It also does not apply to owner-occupied or social housing. But it does apply to rented dwellings where the landlord's spouse, child or parent is a resident if a lease or written tenancy agreement has been entered into.

In relation to the maintenance of rented dwellings, it imposes an explicit requirement on landlords to maintain the structure of the building and to maintain the interior to the standard that applied at the commencement of the letting.

There is a corresponding responsibility on the tenant as well as obligations prohibiting anti-social behaviour, defined as behaviour within the dwelling that constitutes the commission of an offence, causes danger, injury, damage or loss, or includes violence, intimidation, coercion, harassment, obstruction or threats. It also includes persistent behaviour that prevents or interferes with peaceful occupation of their dwellings by others in the building or its vicinity, - their neighbours.

There is an explicit onus on landlords to enforce tenant obligations. Failure to do so will enable another party, *such as a neighbour*, who can show that he or she is adversely affected by a tenant's noncompliance with tenancy obligations, to refer a complaint to the Private Residential Tenancies Board (the Board) concerning the landlord's failure to enforce.

The principal function assigned to the Board is the resolution of all disputes arising between landlords and tenants of dwellings to which this Bill applies. The process consists of two stages; stone one is either mediation or adjudication and is confidential,

and stage two is a public hearing by a Tenancy Tribunal, drawn from the Board's Dispute Resolution Committee.

Landlords will be required to register details of all tenancies with the Private Residential Tenancies Board. The registration fee which is doubled where a tenancy is not registered within the specified time limit, is paid to the Board, with the local authorities continuing to be responsible for the enforcement of the Rent Books and Standards Regulations from $\in 1,270$ to $\in 3,000$ in the maximum fine on conviction and/or a term of imprisonment of up to 6 months and an increase from $\in 127$ to $\in 250$ in the maximum daily fine applying to convictions for continuing offences.

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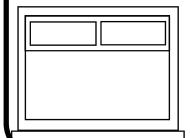
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Girls National School, Maynooth are victors in the Under 11 Camogie at Newbridge

History was made in O"Moore Park, Newbridge yesterday Wednesday October 20th when Ciara Farrell Captain of Maynooth GNS Under 11 camogie team was presented with the Cumann na mBunscol Division 3 Trophy on the school's first year of entry in this competition.

Scoil Coca Kilcock and Maynooth GNS were the finalists. Having met and drawn in the 1st match of the competition this promised to be a close encounter and so it was. From the throw in it was end to end stuff with neither team giving anything away. Maynooth girls chased and harried every ball but every attack was ably repelled by Scoil Chill Coca and by half time the score board was still blank.

Maynooth started the 2nd half with great commitment following a half time pep talk from their canny coach and trainer Mr. Carey. Ten minutes into the 2nd half Kilcock defence was finally breached by a deadly accurate shot from the ever vigilant Emer Synnott. This was followed some minutes later by another goal from centre field Elaine Kelly following a goalmouth scramble. Kilcock put tremendous pressure on the Maynooth goal in the last five minutes but the defence, ably led by Ciara Heneghan withstood every attack.

While the whole team played their part in this wonderful victory the displays of Ciara Heneghan, Ruth O'Hurley and particularly Grainne Hoban cannot go unmentioned. What can be said about our supporters? Newbridge resounded with their cheers right through the match and they made this a truly memorable afternoon for all concerned.

A special thanks to Maynooth GAA for the use of their jerseys on the day and also to the parents and mentors who have given their time and expertise so willingly right through this competition.

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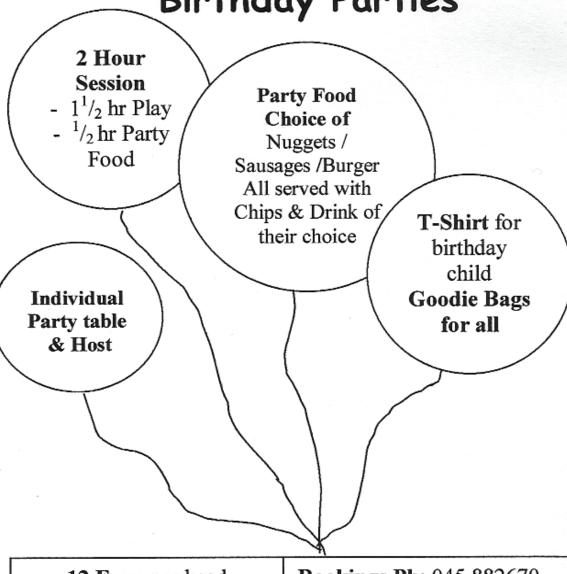
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The following public events will be held at NUI Maynooth during Science Week. All events are free. For locations on the campus and for final confirmation of the dates and times of the events, the University recommends that people refer to its website:

http://www.may.ie

On-line mathematics contest

School teams can compete in the solution of a set of mathematics problems. Teams should register before noon on Thursday 4th November and submit their solutions before noon on Friday 12th November.

All information is at http://www.maths.may.ie

Astronomical observations

Look through telescopes at the moon, planets, stars, and galaxies. Only for limited numbers of people and only if the sky is clear.

Monday 8th November and Friday 12th November, Science Building, 8pm—10pm.

Opportunities for science graduates in industry

Three speakers from industry and from NUI Maynooth give a perspective on careers opportunities for science graduates in Irish industry. In collaboration with Pharmachemical Ireland.

Tuesday 9th November, Hume Building, 7pm—8:30pm

STEM CELLS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Public discussion on stem cell research. Panelists from the Biology Department at NUI Maynooth and from the Alzheimer Society of Ireland discuss the issues and answer questions from the public.

Wednesday 10 November, Hume Building, 7pm—8:30pm

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Public lecture by Martin Curley, Director of IT Innovation at Intel Ireland.

Thursday 11th November, Hume Building, 7pm—8:30pm

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Pasta Shells With Roasted Vegetables (France)

Ingredients (Serves 4)

♦ 400g/14oz pasta shells

For the sauce

- ♦ 1 Aubergine
- ♦ 1 courgette
- ◆ 1 red, 1 yellow and 1 green pepper
- 4 shallots
- 6 large tomatoes
- 3 garlic cloves
- ♦ 6 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tsp dried herbes de Provence
- ground black pepper
- ♦ Salt
- Grated Parmesan or Gruyère cheese, to serve

Tip

Other short pasta shapes can be substituted for the shells such as farfalle, or bow ties. Tossing the cooked pasta with olive oil keeps the pieces separate and adds flavour.

Preheat the oven to 200°C/400°/Gas 6. Trim the

Method

stalk from the auburgine and the courgette and cut into small chunks. Halve the peppers, remove the seeds and white pith and cut into pieces about the same size as the aubergine and courgette chunks. Peel the shallots and cut into guarters. Cut the tomatoes into wedges and peel and slice the garlic. Spread the vegetables I a very large, shallow roasting tin. Drizzle the vegetables with 4 tbsp of olive oil and sprinkle with the herbs and pepper. Roast the vegetables for 30 minutes, turning them once or twice during cooking. When the vegetables have been cooking for about 20 minutes, cook the pasta in a large pan of boiling, salted water until al dente (follow packet instructions). Drain the pasta, toss with the remaining olive oil and serve with the vegetables, spooning over any juices from the roasting tin. Serve with grated Parmesan or Gruyère cheese sprinkled on top.

Preparation: 20 Min. Cooking: 30 Min

Tagliatelle in Salmon Sauce (Italy)

Ingredients (Serves 4)

- ♦ 400g/14oz tagliatelle
- sal¹
- a few fresh basil leaves, to garnish

For the sauce

- ♦ 1 onion
- ♦ 40g/1½oz cold butter
- ♦ 125ml/4fl oz white wine
- ♦ 284ml/10fl oz double cream
- ♦ 350g/12oz fresh skinned salmon fillets
- salt and black pepper
- Juice of ½ lime

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Instead of fresh salmon you can use smoked salmon or salmon trout fillets. For a vegetarian dish, add 200g/7oz frozen peas to the cream sauce instead of the salmon.

Method

Peel and finely chop the onion. Melt 15q/1/20z butter in a pan. Add the onion and cook until softened but not browned. Add the wine and boil over a high heat for 2-3 minutes to reduce the liquid a little. Lower the heat, add the double cream and simmer until the sauce is reduced by half. Meanwhile, cook the tagliatelle in a large saucepan of salted, boiling water until al dente (see packet instructions). Cut the salmon fillets into 1 cm/1/2 inch cubes. Using an electric hand blender, purée the sauce in the saucepan. Add the remaining butter, stir well and season with salt, pepper and lime juice. Add the salmon cubes to the sauce, cook for 5 minutes and remove from the heat. Drain the tagliatelle well and arrange on warmed serving plates. Wash and dry the basil. Spoon the sauce over the pasta and sprinkle with basil leaves. Serve immediately.

Preparation: 10 Min. Cooking: 15 Min

Andalusian Pasta Soup (Spain)

Ingredients

- ♦ 1 large Spanish onion
- ♦ 2 cloves garlic
- ♦ 1 red pepper
- ♦ 2 celery sticks
- 225g/8oz chorizo sausages
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- ♦ 600ml/1 pint vegetable stock
- ♦ 300ml/½ pint tomato pasta sauce
- ♦ 400g/14oz can flageolet beans
- ♦ 100g/4oz soup pasta
- salt and black pepper

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To garnish

- Flat leaved parsley
- Grated Parmesan cheese

Method

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Preparation: 20 Min. Cooking: 25 Min



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3rd	Terry Moore	61 pts
4th	Michael Flynn (Jnr)	59 pts (B18)
5th	Mick Flynn (Snr)	59 pts (B 9)
6th	Gerry McTernan	59 pts
7th	Albert Harrigan	58 pts
Front 18	John Tiernan	31 pts
Back 18	Eamon Murphy	36 pts

Nearest The Pin Enniscrone - John Carroll
Nearest The Pin Ballina - Gerry McTernan

Two's Club - Emmett Savage Visitor's Prize - Cha Farrelly

Next outing President John Tiernans Prize at the K Club on Sunday 17th October



Emmett Savage overall winner being presented with the Christy Kenny Memorial Cup by Tess Kenny



Albert Harrigan, Tom O'Haire, Michael Flynn (Jnr) & Cha Farrelly some of the many golfers who took part



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All the team were delighted to see Síobhan O' Shea play for Kildare in Croke Park at the recent All- Ireland Finals. Síobhan always plays her heart out for the team, and sets a great example to the younger girls. She also a fine camogie player. Also congrats to Simone Gilabert and Antoinette Mooney for playing on the Kildare team that achieved All Ireland success.







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Nikola Brady and Sean O' Brien pictured here with a Pike weighing 21lb 7oz which Nikola caught on the 8th October in a river in County Westmeath



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Save the TaraSkryne Valley - activities

As many readers will know by now, the National Roads Authority (NRA) and Meath County Council have authorised the construction of a tolled Motorway that will pass through the archaeologically rich TaraSkryne Valley in County Meath. The planned Motorway will come within 1 km of the centre of the Hill of Tara and will irrevocably destroy the intact, integrated landscape of the Tara demesne. According to Conor Newman, the world wide expert on Tara, the NRA's estimated 38 sites on the route is an underestimation. There may be close to 50 sites on the route and one of these is the size of 4 football pitches. The NRA hopes to excavate all these sites within a year. We have seen how long it took to excavate one site at Carrickmines Castle – this will be 1,000 times worse and the NRA's estimated cost for the archaeology is now €30 million!

Many readers will also know that I became heavily involved in the campaign with the Save the TaraSkryne Valley group (STSV) to stop this Motorway and people have been asking what exactly has happened over the past number of months.

I have also included information on the proposed hotel in Trim, 50 yards away from the castle and also on Woodstown, the Norse town that was discovered on the route of the Waterford bypass. Work on this road has been suspended at present.

Activities over the past 9 months

Meeting with Eamonn Gilmore T.D. (28th January) Edel Bhreatnach, Conor Newman, Joe Fenwick (the three experts on Tara who worked with the Discovery Programme for 12 years and produced many books on the topic) and myself met Eamonn Gilmore T.D. (Environment spokesman Labour Party). He listened for 2 hours with great interest and arranged a meeting with the Oireachtas joint committee on the Environment; the Labour Party issued a statement from him against the road immediately.

Meeting with John Bruton T.D. for Meath and ex-Taoiseach

Shortly afterwards, Edel Bhreatnach, Conor Newman, Joe Fenwick met John Bruton who is a local T.D. for the area. He showed great interest and eventually wrote some very important letters and made some important statements in support of moving the road from that area. In one letter he said:

'My concern as a local public representative is that a new road be provided at the earliest possible time. My worry is that going ahead with this route may not, in fact, prove to be the quickest way of getting the road but in fact the slowest and most expensive because of all the delays that will be necessitated by the archaeological discoveries that will emerge.'

(He has since reiterated this statement in the Meath Chronicle of Saturday 23rd October saying that the M3 could be 30 worse than the case of Carrickmines.)

Meeting with UNESCO (18th February) A variety of groups met UNESCO representatives about the proposed incinerator beside Newgrange. They agreed to meet the Save the TaraSkryne Valley Group (STSV) as part of the delegation. We made a presentation to them and also made a written submission to their enquiries. But when it came to the UNESCO meeting in June/July it was felt by them that the issue of Tara was not relevant to the incinerator case.

Symposium in Dalgan Park (13th March) Speakers were Alfred Smyth, Conor Newman, Joe Fenwick and Edel Bhreatnach and Mary Deevey (archaeologist for Meath County Council). Chairpersons included myself and Vincent Comerford, professor of History, NUIM. This was an extraordinary event at which people became quite animated and angry about the issue. Conor, Joe and Edel produced an agreed document with a definitive statement on the importance of Tara and the faults in the original Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

(17th March – protest held in Trim about the proposed hotel to be built within 50 yards of Trim Castle that will be higher than the castle itself.)

Meeting between members of Meath County Council, the National Roads Authority and members of the Save the Tara Skryne Valley Group (5th April) There was a presentation by Edel, Conor and Joe with points made by various members of the STSV group. The crucial question pursued by us was 'why this route?' After asking the question over and over again we got the response that 'a preferred route emerges' but eventually the NRA admitted that the route was chosen on the basis of cost benefit analysis. The routes are assessed on three criteria: engineering, economics and the environment (archaeology is a subsection here). The major points made were that the NRA were aware of the fact that there were dozens of monuments in the area, they had not listened to the experts (at the oral hearing with An Bord Pleanála), the EIS was 'fundamentally flawed', inadvisability of the use of test trenching instead of geophysical methods for the initial exploratory investigation.

Towards the end of April a fully dressed Viking was discovered in Woodstown, Waterford and over the next 4 weeks it was discovered that the 350 finds admitted to were in fact 3,500 with more silver than had been found in Woodquay. This is recognised as Norse town a full hundred years older than Waterford itself.)

Stuart Townsend adds his voice to "Save Tara"



Conor Newman addresses the crowd at Tara, 10th October 2004.



Conor Newman (archaeologist Galway). Adge (Druid). Stuart Townsend (Actor). Vincent Salafia (PRO, save Tara Skyne Group). Percy Jordan (Chairman, Save Tara Skyne Group). Muireann Ni Bhrolchain (Spokesperson, save Tara Skyne Group). Niall Brosnan (Communications Officer, Save Tara Skyne Group).

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Save the TaraSkryne Valley - activities (contd)

Test trenching began in April and was completed in August. For those of you who do not know, this entails stripping the land in herring bone shaped trenches with a mechanical digger that takes 2 feet of the top soil away. Many new sites were discovered.

The complete report sent on CD-ROM to Conor, Joe and myself at the end of September. The number of sites admitted to by NRA originally were 6. The total is now approximately 38 and the estimated price for excavation was estimated at €10 million in April, by October it had risen to €30 million.

Meeting with the Oireachtas Joint Committee on the Environment (28th April) Edel Bhreatnach, Conor Newman and Joe Fenwick made an expert presentation to the committee. (This comprises TDs and Senators from the Government parties and the opposition parties.) Presentations were also made by members of STSV group and MAHS. (Full transcripts of these meetings available.) Vincent Salafia made a presentation on the legal aspect of the case

(Weekend 14th – 16th May EU Ministers for the Environment visit Waterford. Some academics and activists were there to highlight the Woodstown site to the media.)

Public Meeting in Navan of farmers and landowners affected by the Compulsory Purchase Orders (31st May) STSV organised a meeting for farmers and landowners who were affected by the CPOs that were being issued by Meath County Council at the time. There was great anger expressed by certain farmers about the way in which their farms were being dissected by the various roads going through the county. Other landowners expressed anger at the fact that there was no compensation for the future loss of earning. Speakers included Seamus Magee of the IFA (local branch) and Tom Carney of the Law Dept. Trinity College, Dublin who also had personal experience of CPOs. The speed with which the motorway was being pushed through was criticised. Tom Carney said that the compulsory purchase of private property for the use of a private company may be unconstitutional as land should only be taken for the common good.

National Roads Authority (NRA) called in by Oireachtas Joint Committee on the Environment (1st June) The NRA representatives and their chief archaeologist appear in front of the Joint Committee. They say that only 2 sites appeared in the initial geophysical survey, the National Monuments legislation is outdated and not geared for today's infrastructure. The present route was selected because it was the best on most of the 18 criteria used. Any route around TaraSkryne would mean longer link roads, longer time for people driving. They maintained that the present route avoids many sites. There was vigorous questioning from the opposition politicians, especially from the Green Party.

(Beginning of June – comprehensive submission made to UNESCO in the context of their February visit).

Amendment to the National Monuments Bill (brought by Martin Cullen, minister for the Environment (16th June) The Dáil begins to debate the National Monuments Bill, a protest held by various groups outside the Dáil. Members of the opposition parties and MEPs came out to meet the protesters. There was a very robust debate in the Dáil and many opposition speakers castigated the minister for the speed and the content of the bill.

Press Conference on National Monuments Bill (21st June) One of the principal speakers was barrister Frank Callannan who had severe criticisms to make of the bill. He called the bill: 'reprehensible if not sinister' and said the legislation could 'be characterised as an act of vandalism'.

Protest held outside the Dáil against the new Bill (22nd June) The group and others heritage protesters were outside the Dáil and attended the debate on the Bill. Again the opposition parties were very supportive of our cause. All these debates are available on the Dáil website.

Oireachtas Joint Committee for the Environment debate the new Bill (23rd June) The opposition parties pressed the Minister very strongly on the new bill and laid down numerous amendments that were refused by Martin Cullen. The Bill was passed despite all the protestations of the opposition parties particularly the Green Party, Sinn Féin and the Labour Party.

(We lobbied politicians in both the Dáil and the Seanad – giving them the information and ammunition for the debates. In one debate, the Taoiseach even agreed with Pat Rabbitte that it was not a good idea to build a motorway through Tara!)

Press Conference exposing Minister Cullen as misleading the Oireachtas Joint Committee June 23rd (7th July) Speakers included Philip Cantwell (Save Trim Castle) and myself speaking on Waterford and Vincent Salafia on Tara. Minister Cullen was accused of misleading the *Prime Time* programme and also the sub-committee debate on the new National Monuments Act.

As a result of this speech TG4 did a long interview with me and broadcast the fact that the Minister had misled the committee. The *Sunday Tribune* was the only newspaper to report on this.

August-September – The Carrickmines case went to the High Court, Judge Laffoy made a long judgement against the plaintiff but she also said:

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'It is not inconceivable that in a hypothetical case, a person in the position of the plaintiff, a concerned private citizen, could successfully challenge a statutory measure on the basis that it purported to permit a clear-cut breach of the State's duty to protect the national heritage.'

September – the actor Stuart Townsend backs the TaraSkryne Valley campaign. He also pledges the support of his girlfriend Charlize Theron. Jim Fitzpatrick agrees to paint Charlize as a fundraiser for the campaign.

Stuart Townsend appears on the Late Show (8th October) Pat Kenny interviews him about his involvement with the campaign. I think that the public were very impressed with his passion and grasp of the details of the subject.

Stuart Townsend appears in Skryne and Tara accompanied by Conor Newman, the world expert on Tara (10th October) There was a large crowd in Tara to hear speeches from myself, Phil Cantwell (local Meath independent councillor), Stuart Townsend and Conor Newman. Conor then brought us on a guided tour of Tara explaining the archaeological and spiritual significance of the area. It was a very special occasion for all who were present.

The Sunday Tribune announces on 10th October that it starting a campaign against the proposed route of the M3 and publishes two pages on the issue. This is followed up on the 17th October by full page coverage on heritage destruction in Ireland.

By now the newspapers and the media in general are giving extensive coverage to the issue, even

the tabloids are getting involved. Letters begin to appear in the papers again with arguments on both sides.

Over this period of time, the American Institute of Archaeology with 4.000 members, the European Institute of Archaeologists, the British archaeologists and the Celtic, historical and Irish archaeologists have all written letters to the papers and to the Taoiseach expressing their horror at the route the motorway is taking. Many eminent people have signed our petition and have written to the Taoiseach including the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

The members of the Save the TaraSkryne Valley Campaign committee are as follows:

(Full information and contact for committee members on the Website www.taraskryne.org)

Chairman: Percy Jordan

PRO: Vincent Salafia <u>salafiam@tcd.ie/</u>087-1323365 Spokesperson: Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin <u>Muireann.NiBhrolchain@may.ie/</u>087-9249510

Spokesperson: Stuart Townsend Communications Officer: Niall Brosnan

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HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Please help by signing the petition on the web site, write to the Taoiseach and the new Minister for the Environment, Dick Roche and write to the local papers objecting to this motorway. You can also make a submission to the new minister by writing to Minister Dick Roche, Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government,

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- ♦ The relevant fee

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Question

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Answer

Yes there is. You should contact the European Consumer Centre Dublin (ECC). The ECC will tell you what you are entitled to and it will try to resolve

you complaint through direct contact with the shop. If your complaint is still unresolved the ECC can refer your complaint to the European Extra-Judicial Network (EEJ-Net) which facilitates the wolution of cross-border consumer disputes and co-ordinates out-of-court settlement procedures for consumers. The network consists of a contact point of "Clearing House" throughout the EEA (EU plus Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein). The Clearing House can forward consumers unresolved cross-border disputes to an approved Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) body

The network deals with any dispute between a consumer and a business over goods and services, such as problems over deliveries, defective products, or products or services that do not fit their description. The Clearing House will let you know if there is an ADR body in the other country to deal with your complaint, and provide you with other information, such as the cost of the procedure (if any), and whether the decision of the ADR body is binding or not. If you decide to proceed with your complaint they will keep you informed of how your case is progressing.

The Clearing House for Ireland is part of the,

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Information on this and other complaint and appeal mechanisms available to consumers, clients of professional people and other members of the general public available in the latest edition of Comhairle's publication "Where to Complain" which is available along with other information from the Citizens Information Centre.

Question

A friend of mine moved to Ireland about three years ago. How long must he be living here before he can apply for Irish citizenship?

Answer

Becoming an Irish citizen based on your residence in Ireland is known as naturalisation. The conditions are as follows:

- You must be at least 18 years of age (or married if younger than 18)
- You must be of good character
- You must have been continuously resident in the State for a year immediately before the date of application and, in the 8 years previous to that, have been in residence for a total of 4 years
- You must intend to continue to reside in the State after naturalisation
- You must make a declaration of fidelity to the nation and loyalty to the State.

(Maynooth Citizens Information cont'd)

If you are married to an Irish citizen and living on the island of Ireland you may meet special conditions for naturalisation, based on your marriage. They are:

- You must be at least 18 years of age and you must be of good character
- You must be married for at least 3 years to your Irish spouse
- Your marriage must be recognised by the State
- You must be living together as husband and wife and your Irish spouse must make an affidavit to that effect
- You must have been continuously resident on the island of Ireland for a year immediately before the date of application and, in the 4 years previous to that, have been in residence for a total of 2 years
- You must intend to continue to reside on the island of Ireland after naturalisation
- You must make a declaration of fidelity to the nation and loyalty to the State.

Those married before 30 November 2002 nay be entitled to become an Irish citizen by making a declaration of post-nuptial citizenship.

When calculating periods of residence certain periods may be excluded, such as those where your presence was not properly documented, where the permission to remain was for study purposed or while having a claim for asylum examined.

Further information is available from the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform, 13/14 Burgh Quay,

Dublin 2

Tel: (01) 616 7700 LoCall 1890 551 500

And from the Citizens Information Centre.

Question

How do you get a National Age Card?

Answer

I presume you are referring to the voluntary National Age Card Scheme which was launched in 1999. Age Cards can be used by anyone aged 18 or over to show that they have reached the legal age for purchasing alcohol.

To apply for a card you must have reached the age of 18 and you must be living in Ireland. Application forms are available from your local Garda Station and should be returned to the Garda Station for the area in which you live.

With your application you must include:

- Your Birth Certificate
- At least one other document confirming your identity

- ♦ 2 Passport size photographs
- A fee of €6.

Your application will be processed by the Garda Community Relations Section and the Age Card will be issued directly to you. It can take up to 7 weeks to process your application.

If you lose your Age Card it is possible to obtain a replacement free of charge. You must submit an application form with the accompanying documentation and photographs, as described above, to your local Garda Station. You should tell the Garda on duty that you have lost your age card and you are applying for a new one.

Further information is available from The National Age Card Office, An Garda Síochána, Community Relations, Harcourt Square, Dublin 2

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Maynooth Tidy Towns

Maynooth up four points in the National Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Maynooth continued to increase the marks scored in the National Tidy Towns Competition in 2004 by increasing our score from 214 to 218 marks. The continuing upward trend is very welcome and full credit to everybody in the town for helping to gain the extra marks. Much effort is made by the committee and the many volunteers around the town, working in their own areas. The marks were gained this year in three categories—Overall Development Approach which is mainly the application form up one point. Landscaping also gained us an additional mark while Litter Control was up two marks. Much appreciation is due to the efforts of the staff of Kildare County Council for their constant and dedicated work in trying to keep the centre of Maynooth litter free. Tidy Towns is about partnership and working together to achieve a common goal. The IBAL Competition in which

Maynooth is also competing in 2004, rated Maynooth as the sixth dirtiest town in Ireland. As a community we must ensure that we do not slip further and risk the title of Ireland's Dirtiest Town. Maynooth Tidy Towns will play our part—Lets all get together to ensure that we show a big improvement for the next judging which will take place in October.

As in previous years we are publishing the National Tidy Towns Competition Report 2004. This is the report produced by the judge that came to Maynooth to judge us on the 29th June last.

Paul Croghan Secretary Maynooth Tidy Towns

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre	Maynooth	Ref:	173
County	Kildare	Mark:	218
Category	F	Date	29/06/2004

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	42	41
The Built Environment	40	31	31
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	23	23
Litter Control	40	23	21
Tidiness	20	15	15
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General Impression	10	08	08
Total Mark	300	218	214



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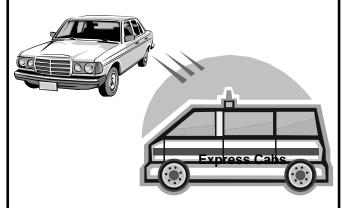




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29—Aug	4,5,13,16	€3,600	J. Sutton	K. McGovern	S. O'Donaghue
5— Sept	11,14,16,19	€3,675	K. McGovern	R. Dunning	V. Strickland
12—Sept	2,13,21,24	€3,750	Red Devils	Matty Carroll	R. Coyne
19—Sept	5,6,13,23	€3,825	Maurice Byrne	Matt Lacey	A. Howlett
26—Sept	7,10,13,23	€3,900	Eithne Blair	C. Kavanagh	D. Rooney
3—Oct	7,17,21,22	€3,975	Maura Mac	S. Moran	Willie Saults
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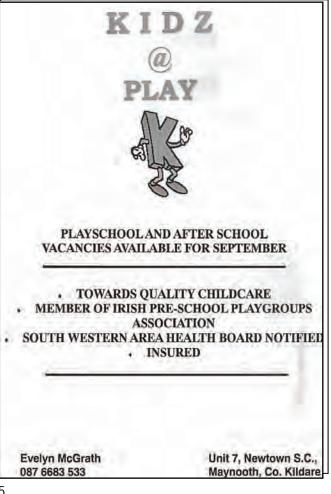
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Features

Vintage Rally

By Serj Merzliakov

Recently St Patrick's College in Maynooth witnessed an unusual site as if coming up from the early 20th century – some 80 vintage cars with funny lights, horns, carriage-looking pieces were parked all around the college grounds. Immediately I decided to it check out.

"What you can see today are the cars from Blessington Vintage Car and Motorcycle Club", says Brian Dempsey, one of the members of the club. "Our club runs two rallies a year and this autumn we are glad to have a company of 85 participants." Next thing I see is what Brian himself called the pride of the club, the genuine relic – 1926 Vauxhall. The old age is never in the way and the rally participants are used to all situations which may happen on the road. As I learn from Nuall Hughes, the owner of Vauxhall, his old car is ready to run miles and doesn't feel like a pensioner at all.



Brian Dempsey (Blessington Club), Gerard McMahon (Callan's Museum) and Nuall Hughes in front of 1926 Vauxhall

"We are a group of enthusiasts who really enjoy motorsport, old cars and all the social aspects attached to that. Our rally runs from Blessington, Co. Carlow and finishes at Curragh in Co. Kildare. Every participant receives a competitor's prize", adds Brian. He brings me over to different cars and explains how unique their rally is as it managed to collect cars from USA and Europe, and features vintage cars from the UK, France, the makes which no longer exist.

My final question was, "What brought all of you to Maynooth?" and the reply was as interesting as the cars I've just seen.



1940s or 1950s?

"As you fairly noticed our stop is not accidental. We are delighted to be here as we have a chance to visit the National Science Museum in Maynooth. The real reason is to commemorate the great scientist of his time Dr. Nicolas Callan [1799-1864], the inventor of the induction coil. And we would like to thank the Maynooth Museum for this chance." Gerard McMahon, carer of the National Science Museum adds that "the coil became the basis of modern transformer. With the coil it made possible to create all the electric devices we use today, such as the radio, telephone and, eventually, the car."



Coils and electric magnet invented by Dr. Callan

Surprisingly enough, Dr. Callan's invention was not attributed to him until 1910 when Encyclopaedia Britannica gave him the full credit for the invention of this device. Very few people know that Callan also constructed an electric car and tested it in College. Among many exhibits the Callan's Museum in Maynooth can also boast an extensive amount of coils, batteries, instruments, tubes and a legendary horseshoe magnet (made in 1834) with an estimated lifting power of 19 tons.

The vintage cars kept attracting people from all over the town and the museum was open for all the visitors who wished to pay tribute to the prolific inventor and view the results of the experiments and his amazing paraphernalia. Dr. Línda M. Fínlay-McKenna and Dr. John Conway-Campbell



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Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Signs Banning Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV's) from Maynooth now in Place

Cllr. John McGinley's motion banning HGV's from Main Street, Maynooth has now been implemented with the erection of all the necessary signs by Kildare County Council.

It would appear as if most of the HGV drivers have recognised the merits of the alternative Celbridge Interchange/ M4 route as compliance so far has been very good.

The benefits for the Maynooth community will be enormous i.e.

- It will significantly improve traffic flows in the Main Street
- It will improve safety for pedestrians
- It will improve the air quality in the town centre
- It will lead to an improved ambience in the town

Draft Maynooth Harbour Action Area Plan

The first Draft of the Harbour Action Area Plan was presented to the Councillors at the Leixlip Area Meeting on 17 September.

The Draft Plan is a follow on from the public consultation process which resulted in numerous submissions from the community and interested bodies.

The Draft States:

"A key issue in preparing the Action Area Plan is access to the study area as the Council site and two of the other sites are land locked. Previous proposals had suggested providing access through Parsons Lodge housing estate or through Leinster Street. However it was considered that neither of these routes are capable of dealing with the volume of traffic that would be generated by development in this area.

The movement strategy of this Action Area Plan is designed around the development of two new streets. The development of these key routes will improve movement and accessibility for all street users within and through the area.

Firstly, a new pedestrian street is proposed from the Harbour to Leinster Street, terminating in front of the new civic building (where the Council Offices/yard is at present) to form an urban space. This street shall provide a new pedestrian friendly focal point for the local community. The existing footbridge shall be upgraded to a high architectural standard and shall be built to the requirements of all relevant statutory bodies. It is proposed that a landmark structure/building will be incorporated into the construction of the bridge.

Secondly, a new vehicular route is proposed from Straffan Road to Parson Street to facilitate accessibility and efficient traffic flow through this area. This street will be six metres wide with a two metre footpath on either side.

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The central spine approximately 125 metres of this route will be underground in order to create a pedestrian free urban space in front of the civic buildings. Access points will lead off the route to serve underground parking. Pedestrian and cycle routes will remain at surface level. There will be a need for some embankment on either side of the road as indicated by the trees.

Waterways Ireland:

To encourage greater usage of the canal by boat users a floating mooring arrangement with a secure gangway is proposed. In order to facilitate such an arrangement the island in the centre of the channel, which has developed into a mini "wildlife reserve," would have to be relocated. It is proposed that the relocated island would be built first prior to excavation of the existing island. The design and programming of these works would be determined in consultation with the National Parks and Wildlife Service of the DoEHLG. Waterways Ireland envisages facilities for boat users being provided as amenity and leisure use increases on the canal. These facilities would include sewage pump-out facility for boats and a service-block, which would typically include showers, chemical toilet disposal, and laundry facility. A combined facility providing services to boat users and changing facilities and community facilities for the Harbour Field to the east of the harbour is proposed.

Corporate Affairs/Civic Building:

The "Better Government Building" will accommodate:

- Kildare County Council Area Offices
- Courthouse
- Garda District HQ
- Library
- FAS
- Coffee Shop

The preliminary size of this building will be approximately 5,760 Sq. m. This re-development of the Council owned land would require the relocation of the fire station and also the Council maintenance yard. Locations adjacent to the primary motorway/road network are more appropriate to these uses as the traffic in the town centre hampers an efficient service by the fire service.

Harbour Field:

The Harbour Field has been transferred to the ownership of the Local Authority and has potential for

greater usage. This public open space will become a Town Park, which is easily accessible to the residents of the town. This field comprises 1.84 hectares. It is proposed that the park be arranged for greater accessibility and use. It should focus towards active play while minimising shelter for anti-social behaviour.

Indicative uses would include:

- A mixed playground to cater for different age groups, such as under 6, under 12 and teenagers.
- ♦ Tennis courts
- Basketball courts
- ♦ Mini-sports

This active play area will be set within a park context.

Improvements to the park would also include:

- Pedestrian and cycle access
- New street furniture including lighting, seats and bins
- New planting

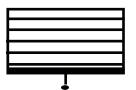
These uses are in keeping with the uses identified by the community in the numerous submissions received. It is considered the intensive use and practical management of the park will compensate for any perceived loss of amenity due to the road traversing the edge of the field. Furthermore it is considered that a "live edge" presented by the new street to the north of the Harbour Field will ensure surveillance of uses of the park"

Suggested Amendments to the Harbour Action Area Plan

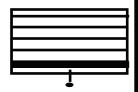
Cllr. John McGinley and the other Councillors have asked for a number of changes to be considered e.g.:

- 1. Moving the new road as close to Manor Court as possible so as to minimise the land loss and to facilitate a roundabout for the new road and the Glenroyal Complex on the Straffan Road.
- 2. Have a vehicular access to the train station from Bond Bridge
- 3. That new accommodation be provided for the ICA with the removal of their existing premises.
- 4. That a playing pitch be retained as part of the Harbour Field
- 5. That very high quality housing be specified for the area zoned residential.

It is expected that the Area Committee will agree the Draft Plan in time to enable it to go before the full Council on 29 November for approval for going on public display.



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Pedestrian Lights Erected at Maynooth Train Station

As a result of a motion from Cllr. John McGinley pedestrian lights have been erected on the Straffan Road at Maynooth Train Station. This should make life that much easier and safer for both pedestrians and motorists. A direction sign has also been put in place at the request of Cllr. McGinley.

Badly Littered Maynooth Train Station

Cllr. John McGinley got the following letter from The Managing Director, Iarnrod Eireann on 17 September:

"Thank you for your letter of 9 September bringing my attention the litter problem at Maynooth station. The station in Maynooth is cleaned on a daily basis by the staff on duty. Building maintenance have been requested to install additional bins on the platform in Maynooth. These bins should be installed early next week.

Unfortunately, due to the openness of the Station, an area which has had a full clean has the potential to become badly littered again after only 20 minutes. Station staff try to ensure that a build up of litter does not occur, and the newly installed bins will mitigate litter accumulation.

Please be assured that we are doing everything possible to keep the Station free of litter"

Cllr. McGinley has written back to the MD asking that litter bins be installed in the car parks as this is where the worst littering occurs.

Cllr. McGinley Allocates Funding for Traffic Calming at Beaufield Road

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply when he asked for a progress report on his motion to have traffic calming installed on Beaufield Road before the Meadowbrook Link Road opens:

"As requested, some road markings have been put in place and it is also proposed to erect further signage. In addition, when the Meadowbrook Link road is open, a full traffic analysis study will be carried out with a view to ascertaining whether further measures are necessary."

Needless to say Cllr. McGinley dismissed this ridiculous reply and instead allocated €10,000 from his Discretionary Grants funding for this essential traffic calming.

Bond Bridge Update

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following Progress Report on Bond Bridge at the Leixlip Area Meeting on 17 September.

"As advised in the course of recent Council meetings, the only main item outstanding in relation to this project is the procurement of the necessary consents from Iarnród Eireann. Regrettably, this has proved to be quite protracted. A copy of larnrod Eireann's technical approval for the detailed design stage was forwarded to the Council on the 20th August 2004. A number of conditions were attached. It will now be necessary to proceed to the next stage of this process and this involves the approval of the Railway Inspecting Office and Interim Rail Safety Commission. In this regard, all the necessary information was forwarded by the Council before the end of August. It is expected that the Railway Inspecting Office will require approximately one month to review the submission.

While this is ongoing, it will also be necessary to proceed with the bridge agreement (wayleave agreements for the culvert and sewer drain will also be required). It is unclear as to how long this process will take. Presumably, the necessary consents cannot issue before the approval by the Railway Inspecting Office's review since his observations may require amendments to the agreements. Therefore, it would appear that the final agreement with Iarnrod Eireann will not be forthcoming for a further number of weeks.

It would be unwise to commence work so late in the year because there would be insufficient time available in advance of the canal closure period (beginning 1st November 2004, ending on the 28th February 2005) to enable the contractor to establish on site and do the necessary works in order to enable the following elements to be completed within the first canal close period

- Culvert
- Sewer
- Half of the canal bridge

In these circumstances, while the Council continues to press larnrod Eireann for a conclusion of the matter, the likelihood at this stage is that it will not be possible to commence the contract until May 2005. Members will be kept appraised of progress."

Cllr. McGinley expressed his amazement that there was still outstanding approvals required from larnrod Eireann and he demand a monthly update from now. When John asked if "commence the contract until

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May 2005" meant signing the contract then, he was told by Council Officials that this meant construction beginning on site then.

Abandoned Car at Kingsbry

Following requests from residents Cllr. McGinley arranged for the Council to remove the burnt out abandoned car at the bottom of Kingsbry. The ESB also repaired the public light at John's request.

Removal of Dead Trees at Maynooth Park

Following requests from residents Cllr. McGinley has arranged for the Council's Tree Surgeon to examine these trees to see if their removal is warranted.

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Mary McGinley, Willie Saults, & Deputy Emmet Stagg with his dog Oscar at the Walk for the Senior Citizens Fuel Fund

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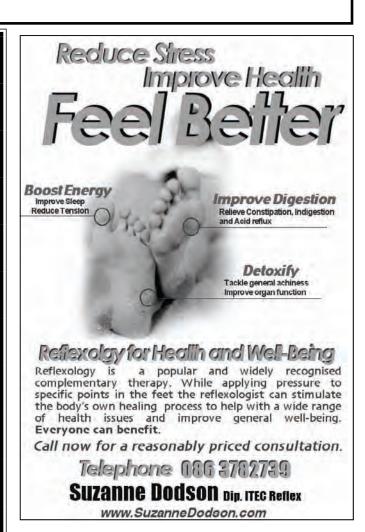
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Cllr. Catherine Murphy Indempendent

Celbridge Road Pedestrian Lights - Gaelscoil

Following a pedestrian count conducted by the Council on the 9th September Officials have provided the area committee with a price for installing the lights €22,670 and a location/design. I very much welcome the commitment given to provide these much needed lights. I sought at our October meeting to have these lights paid for from the Development Levy fund the committee agreed with this proposal. there is a significant new housing development close to the school there should be sufficient levies to pay I am not hugely concerned what for this project. Council budget funds the lights I simply want those lights installed at the earliest possible opportunity. will continue to follow this matter until it is resolved.

Harbour Field Action Area Plan

A final meeting to conclude the draft Harbour Action Area Plan will be held within the next few weeks. Kildare County Council are to meet with the Health Broad to finalise matters to their satisfaction. Plan will go on public display mid to late November This is a very comprehensive proposal it includes a new pedestrian street, shops/offices a through road between Straffan Road and Parsons Street, density housing and under ground car parking to cater for the development on this site. The development will impact significantly on Maynooth, I would encourage anyone who has a view to put their views in writing to the Council. I remain unhappy that all of the discussion on this and other action area plans has been done behind closed doors. I believe the public benefit from seeing the process and the dialogue between the Councillors and Planners. The final meeting is to be in public session, I am seeking in addition to the local public display a public briefing session by the planningdepartment locally Maynooth.

Taking those estates in Charge

The Council have provided the following report in October to the Area Committee it relates to unfinished housing estates in Maynooth.

Since the report was issued to the committee North City Builders employed a subcontractor to complete the outstanding works, some work has commenced within the past couple of weeks. The Council will

pursue the matter through the legal process in the absence of being fully satisfied all issues are addressed.

North City Builders - Silken Vale, Pebble Hill and Moyglare Meadows.

All three cases have now been referred to our solicitors for legal action for non-compliance with the planning conditions and the Enforcement Notices.

Lark Developments - Brookfield Avenue and Crescent, Brookview and Meadowbrook.

A reminder was issued this week to Lark Developments to carry out work in accordance with our requirements and commitments given by them earlier this year. They stated that they would carry out this work in the next couple of weeks and we have now sought written confirmation of this along with a timeframe for the works.

Crewhill Properties - Moyglare Village.

We have recently received correspondence from Crewhill Properties which confirms that they are still operating from an address in Dublin. We will prepare an updated report on outstanding works required with a view to serving an Enforcement Notice.

Development Levies report before Christmas

Levies are payable to the Council on every new development (housing, new shopping industries). On my insistence when we were adopting the new scheme last March that the community facilities component is spent in the area the money was collected from. I believe it is essential that we know how much is in the levy fund and that there is some certainty as to how it is spent. I sought a prioritisation programme linked to development a good example is the link road from Moyglare Road to Blacklion critically important now that development has commenced.

At a recent Council meeting I was given an assurance Councillors would get a comprehensive report before Christmas. This is an issue I am no stranger to having spent years under the old levy scheme in the 1990's demanding and eventually getting the Council to agree to employing a team of people to administer this fund. I am determined this fund will be collected efficiently and spent in an equally efficient manner otherwise we have no hope of balancing housing development with essential infrastructure and services.

Cllr Murphy seeks significant changes to the draft County Plan

The purpose of planning is not just to predict the number of houses likely to be built, it is about planning the delivery of successful communities both

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(Cllr. Murphy's News Cont'd.)

physically and socially. The County Development Plan is central to setting out such policy. Cllr Catherine Murphy has tabled in excess of 25 Amendments to the draft which has been on display for the past couple of months.

In seeking two additional chapters, she had argued during debate on the draft in July that the plan needed a stronger Urban focus. She has now sought Urban design Guidelines which would improve the quality of housing design also a chapter on Urban Kildare. This chapter should address such issues, as car parking, playgrounds, designated HGV routes, civilising our streets by way of traffic management/calming and many more.

She has proposed ten amendments to the chapter dealing with transportation an issue she has had a long term involvement with. If we are to genuinely encourage people to use their cars less and more to more environmentally friendly means of transport we have to make it attractive. Significant improvements are needed on both Hueston - Kildare and Maynooth - Connolly train lines. The concept of safe routes to school must be accepted, good park and ride facilities are needed and a quality taxi service has to be seen as part of the public transport system. These are among the proposals she has tabled.

The chapter on Tourism and Recreation needs major changes according to Cllr Murphy, most of the chapter deals with tourism yet good recreational facilities are central to the quality of all our lives. She suggests outlining proposals for swimming pools, parks and playing pitches, the use of waterways and the provision of arts facilities.

Seeking a better balance between housing and community development Cllr Murphy successfully argued for the inclusion of a community impact statement, this will be used when assessing planning applications. Work on the impact statement is to be carried out by the County Development Bord, she has further tabled an amendment seeking for this to be in place within the next 12 months.

Her greatest fear for future development of Kildare is that more and more housing development will take place and Kildare will be denied desperately needed services to accompany those houses. "If the wrong settlement assumptions are made, how can it be possible to plan for servicing those communities? Many of the tables in the plan simply don't reflect the reality which leads to an air of unreality which causes her serious concern". Everything from transport

planning to educational provision is predicated on predicting the number of people who will require those services. These settlement patterns are being dictated by the National Spatial Strategy and the Dublin/Mid East Regional Plan. Assurances must be sought from Government Departments that Kildare will not be denied vital services.

While she believes there are many weaknesses in the plan it also has its strengths the purpose of highlighting its shortcomings is to make improvements and that is the purpose of my submission Cllr Murphy concludes.

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