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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, Freda 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.

Clr. 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 Valley".

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.

Clr. 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. Garry

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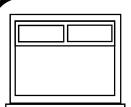
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## Community Notes Contd.

## Council

#### **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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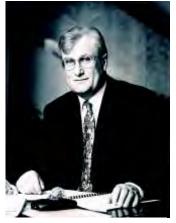
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### ST. PATRICK AT TARA

On the 26th March, Easter Sunday, in 433, the assembly met at Tara. The decree went forth that from the preceeding 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.



# 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-ownersresidents 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 grasscutting, 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.

## Taaffe's Bar Golf Society Straffan Court Hotel, Maynooth, Co. Kildare

The Taaffe's Bar Golf Society held its first AGM in Straffan Court Hotel on 2nd January 2004. The aim of this society is to provide affordable golf on decent golf courses for all levels of golfer. We propose to hold at least 4/5 outings this year on the following courses:

- 27.03.04 Kilcock Golf Course
- 09.05.04 City West Golf Course
- 17.07.04 Millicent Golf Course
- 07.11.04 Carlton House Captain's Day

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## 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:

> Derrinstown Stud Caulfields Bradys The Roost Carton Demesne Limited Airlie Stud

I would also like to thank the following:

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

Elaine Bean, Leo Bean, Melanie Oliver, Matthew Callaghan, Liz Callaghan, 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.
- 2. Something Nice, Flowers & Gifts
- 3. Ua Buachalla

#### John McGinley,

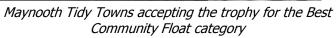
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# St. Patrick's Day Parade













## **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:

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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  $\in$ 50 for adults and  $\in$ 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  ${\in}15$ 

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  $\leq 6.50$  per application.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

#### Question

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#### Answer

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#### 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:

Dail elections (held every 5 years at least) - Irish and British citizens

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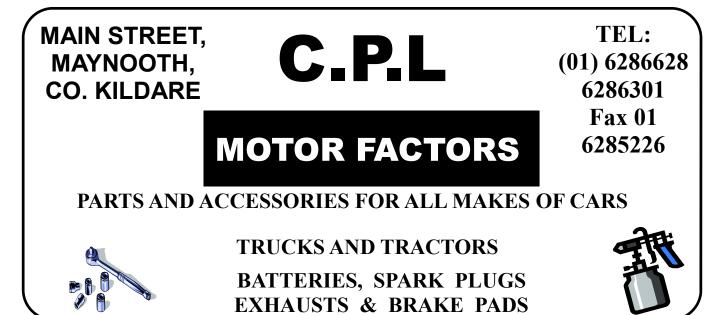




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### నానాన Mary Cassatt: Impressionist Artist and Printmaker సాసాసా

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 eve 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. She 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

*Mary Cassatt: Impressionist at home* by Barbara Stern Shipiro. Catalogue from an exhibition in Boston and Washington.



Self Portrait, 1898 Gouache on wove paper, 23 1/2 x 17 1/2 in. (59.7 x 44.5 cm)













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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.





The Magyar Kingdom was established in the late 9<sup>th</sup> century, and the first king St. Stephan converted the inhabitants to Christianity. From the end of the 14<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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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# St. Patrick's Day Parade



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## **Gardening Tips for April**

**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 everpopular 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.

DAFFODILS. Fair daffodils, we weep to see You haste away so soon; As yet the early-rising sun has not attained its noon Stay, stay, Until the hastening day has run But to the even-song; And, having prayed together, we Will go with you along.

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### **Maynooth Tidy Towns**

## 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.

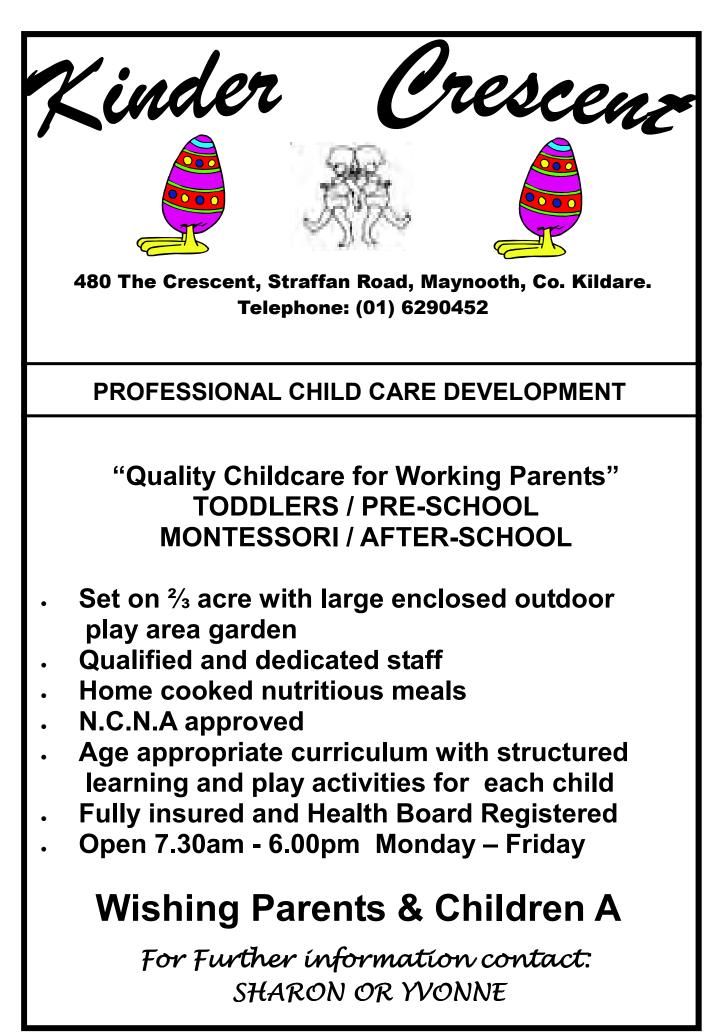
So what does it mean? Well the League concentrates on litter and judging takes place three times a year. The results are published nationally after each judging. The judges select at least ten locations in a town and visit them each time of a judging. There is a scale of marks given and a litter designation 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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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.



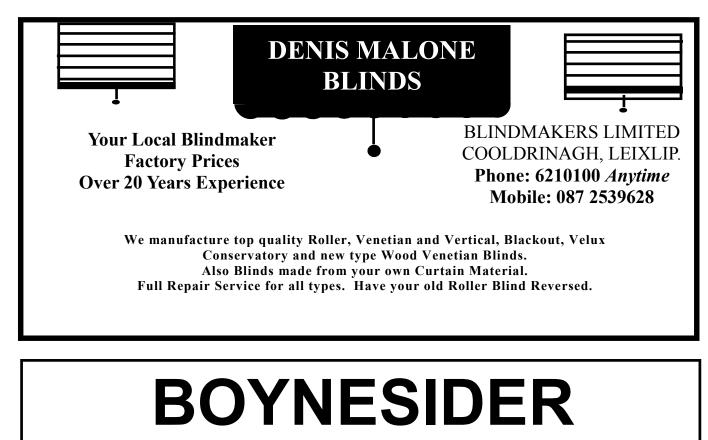
Emmet Stagg T.D., Rita Murray & Rosaline Stewart

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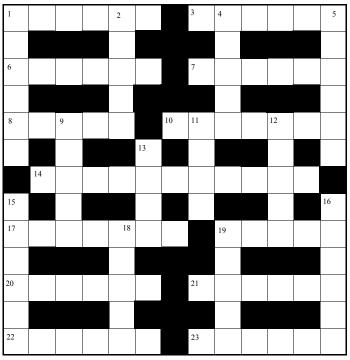


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- 1. Captured (6)
- Unwrapped (6) 3.
- Political party (6) 6.
- Purple-red (6) 7.
- Wrath (5) 8.
- 10. Wider (7)
- 14. Excusable (11)
- Tidal part of a river (7) 17.
- 19. Banish (5)
- Tracey—— comedienne/actress (6) 20.
- 21. Surrender (6)
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- 4 Greek philosopher (5)
- 5. Robert— Raging Bull (2,4)
- 9. Pig nose (5)
- 11 Pour down (4) Capital of India (5)
- 12 13
- Jetty (4)
- Give back (6) 15 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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### Come to Dinner with Andy Mac

### 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 (1/2-inch) intervals, then halve each one lenghwise.
- 2. 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

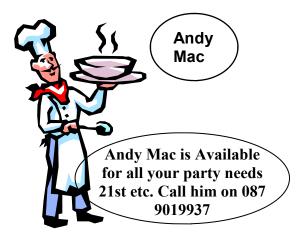
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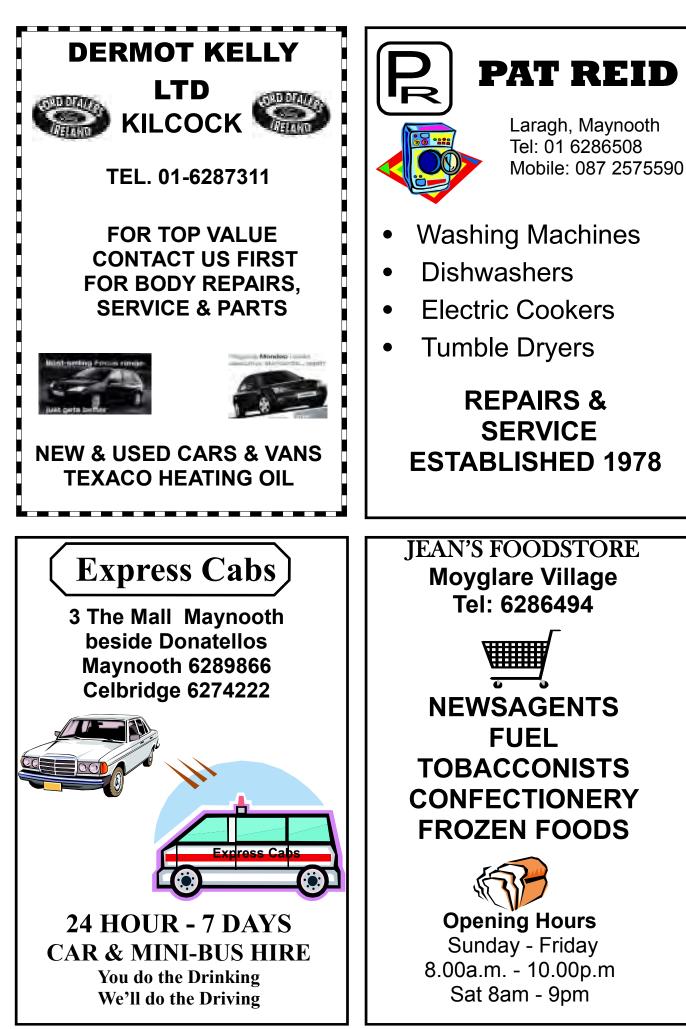
450g (1 lb) green dessert applies 450g (1 lb) floury old potatoes (eg King Edwards) Salt and freshly ground pepper 50g (2 oz) butter 450g (1 lb) pork escalope 15 ml (1tbsp) vegetable oil 1 small onion, skinned and finely chopped 15 ml (1 tbsp) plain flour 300 ml (½ pint) dry cider 30 ml (2 tbsp) capers 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 (2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> pint) shallow ovenproof dish.
- 5. 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.
- 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**

Cider Pork Sauté is ideal for midweek entertaining. Potatoes are included, so all you need is a seasonal

















### Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
04/491	Damien Kehir	Kilmacreddock Lower Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	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	Ρ	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	Ρ	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	Ρ	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	Ρ	08/03/04	house with a communal Puraflo effluent treatment system and associated site works	
04/507	Catherine Kiernan	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	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	Ρ	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	Ρ	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



Uprise winners of the Best Youth Entrant category



Some of the Maynooth Town Football Players

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
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	Ρ	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	Ρ	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	Ρ	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	Ρ	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	Ρ	04/03/04	<ul> <li>(1) dormer bungalow, puraflo treatment</li> <li>system and septic tank</li> <li>and (2) retention of</li> <li>temporary</li> <li>accommodation</li> <li>subject to completion</li> <li>of dormer bungalow,</li> <li>puraflo treatment</li> <li>system and septic tank</li> </ul>	Clonfert South Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/483	Ciaran Gallagher	4 Rockfield Close Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	08/03/04	one and half storey dwelling house with integrated garage, poultry house, glasshouse and biocrete waste water treatment system	Railpark Maynooth



Tully School of Dancing winners of the Best Costumes category





Thortons Recycling winners of the Most Topical Float category







### Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
04/537	Glenkerrin Properties Ltd	Glenroyal Centre Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	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	Р	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	Р	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



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	Ρ	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	Ρ	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	Ρ	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**

E-mail: info@maynoothtownfc.com Website: maynoothtownfc.com



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 <u>www.kildarecountyfc.com</u>

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. Avrifeld 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,









### Sport

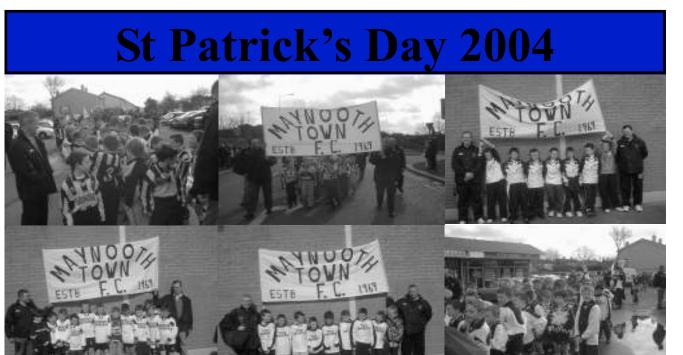
### Maynooth Town F. C. (Cont.)

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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.

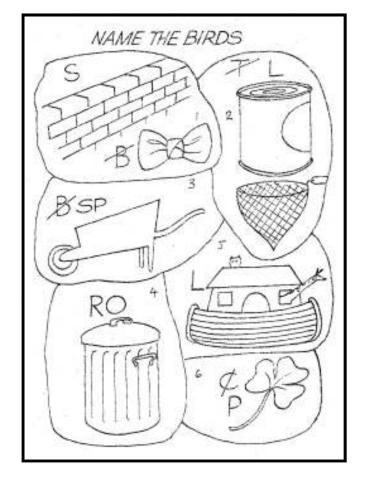


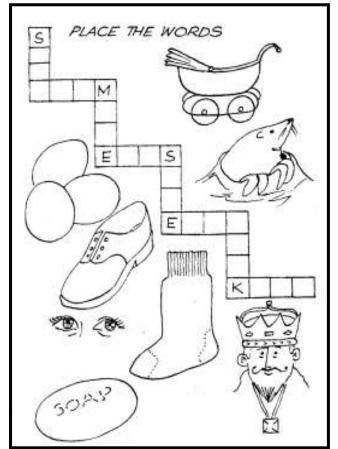
#### Maynooth Town F. C. Weekly Lotto Results Sponsored by Caufields Lounge Maynooth

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	S. 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	M. & L. 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

### **Children's Corner**









to

*Jennifer Kelly 16 Beaufield Green Maynooth* 

Winner of Last Month's Colouring Competition



Emmet Stagg T.D.

#### 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  $\in$ 9m will be available annually for recreation, amenity and community facilities and  $\in$ 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  $\in$ 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:

House Area (Sq. Ft.)	Contribution (Levy)		
0 999	€11,000		
10001,499	€12,000		
15001,999	€14,000		
2000 +	€18,000		

### Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

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  $\in$ 3,500 per residential dwelling and at  $\in$ 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:

#### 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  $\in$ 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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  $17^{\text{th}}$  February last.

There is no immediate proposal to replace the footbridge 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. Cllr. John McGinley can be contacted at:

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### **Useful Hints**

#### Ante

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.

#### Vases

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.

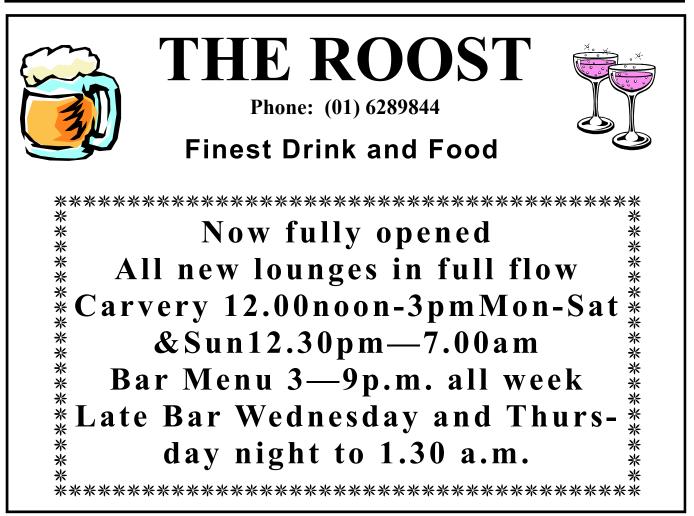


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