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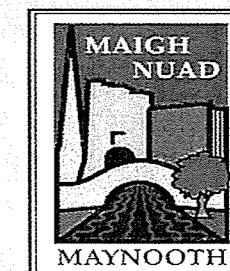
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# MAYNOOTH NEWSLETTER



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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.*

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## 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 80<sup>th</sup> 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  
Unit 5, Newtown Shopping Centre,  
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 its 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 pace 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 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 its 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 its 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

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 environmental 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	P	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	P	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)

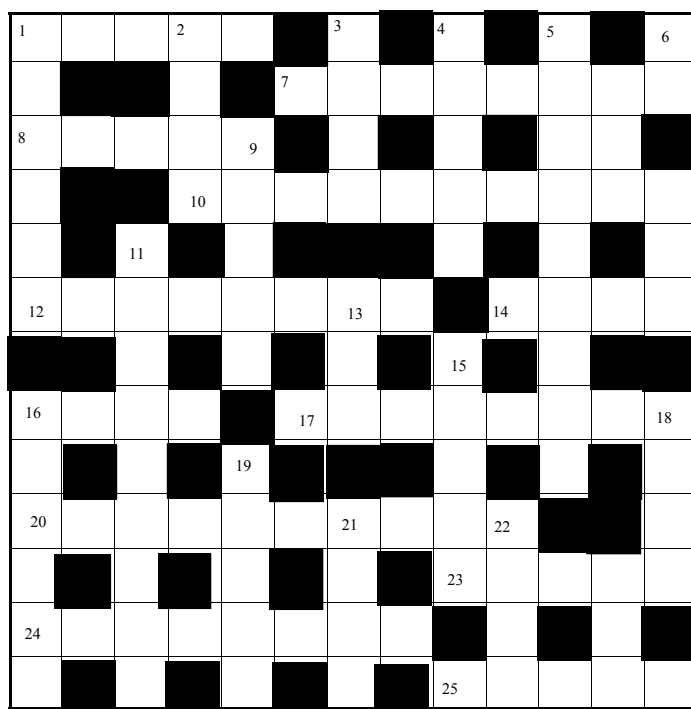
Art works will be displayed in library during the  
Maynooth Festival Week

Prize giving will be on Thursday 22 July at 7pm

**ALL WELCOME**

# Crossword

No: 23



Entries before: 15th June 2004

Name

\_\_\_\_\_

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)

Doodle Box

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**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 endowment (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 \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

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.**

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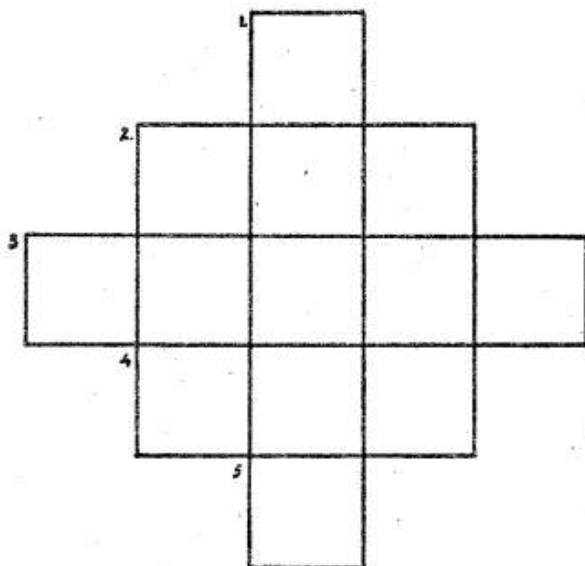
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## Children's Corner

### A WORD DIAMOND

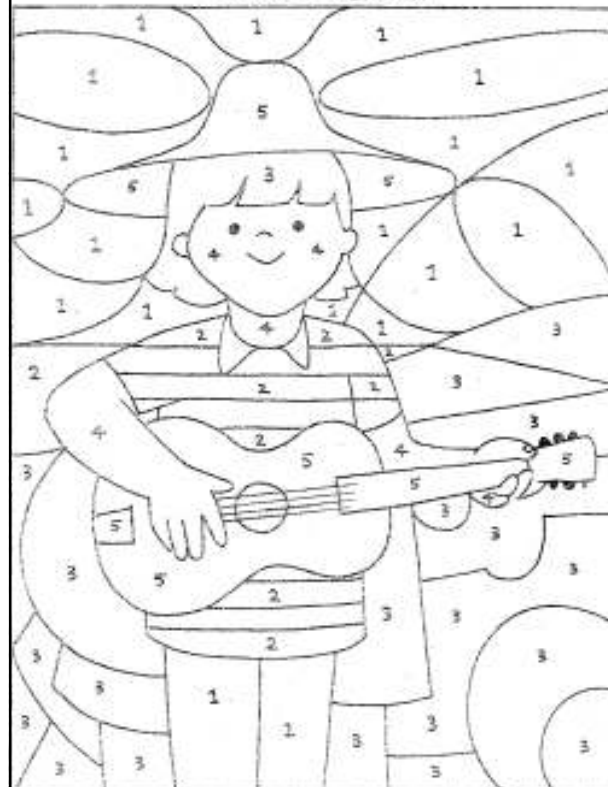
#### CLUES ACROSS

My first is in "crunch", and also in "chew".  
 My second is something of which you have two.  
 My third may be eaten, or even sipped,  
 But sometimes is "clotted" and sometimes is "whipped".  
 My fourth is an adult, or fully grown male,  
 And my fifth is in "moan", but is not in "wall".



1. C. 2. Arm. 3. Cream. 4. Man. 5. M.

COLOUR CODE 1-BLUE 2-GREEN 3-YELLOW  
 4-PINK 5-BROWN



## Colouring Competition Winner!

**Congratulations to last month's winner!**

Eleanor Geraghty

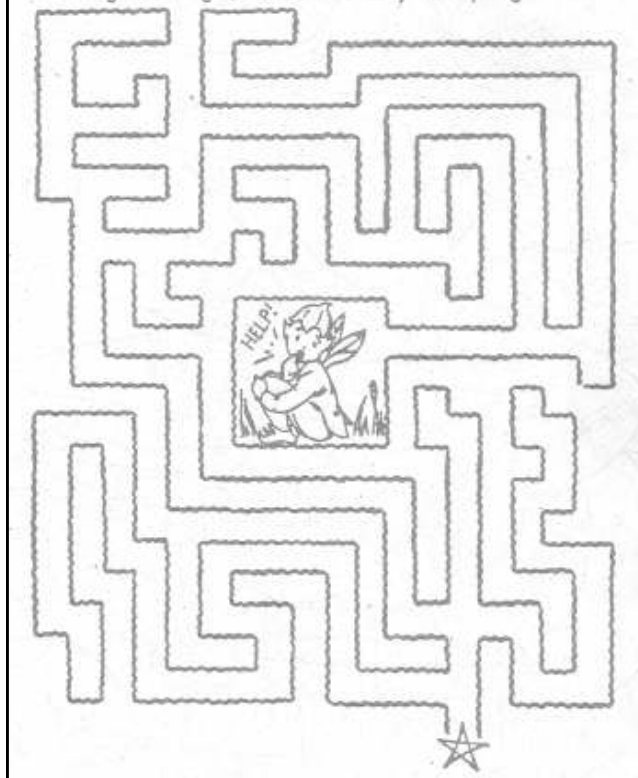
20 Beaufield Grove, Maynooth.

Age: 7

Prize to be collected at the office.

### PETERKIN IN TROUBLE

He got in all right, but now he needs your help to get out.



*Fianna Fáil*

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/¼ 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 cm/½ 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

1. 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-eighth 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 oven 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.



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# 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

01-6289705 or e-mail [teriann@eircom.net](mailto:teriann@eircom.net)

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# Clubs, Organisations and Societies

## **Moyglare Village Residents' Association—An update**

The association held a very well attended Emergency 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 co-operation.

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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### Alzheimer's National Tea Day 2004

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**Betty Farrell**

### A New Born Baby



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Life will be good for you  
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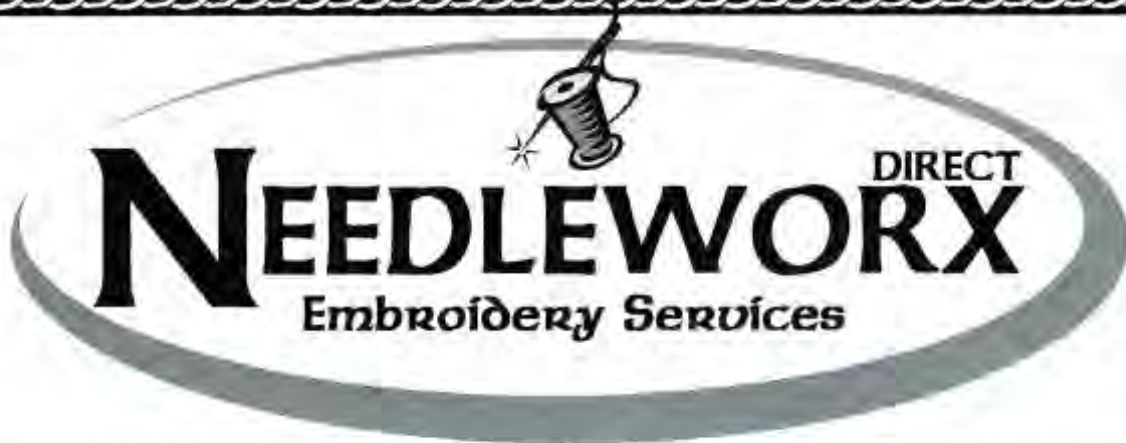
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# Maynooth Community Festival



## 7-A-Side Soccer Tournament 13th - 25th July Rules



- 1 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.
- 7 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
- 14 In the competition studs may be worn but must confirm to F.I.F.A. standards. Shin-guards 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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# Features

## Maynooth FairTrade Campaign

Maynooth's campaign to promote FairTrade and to become a FairTrade town got off to a successful start on April 27<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.fairtrade.ie). If you are interested in becoming involved in the Maynooth campaign e-mail [fairtrade@maynooth.info](mailto: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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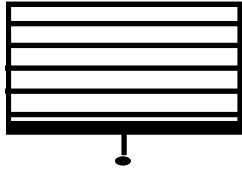
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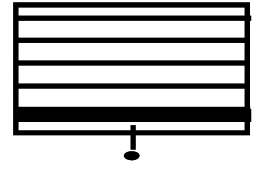


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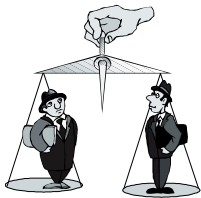
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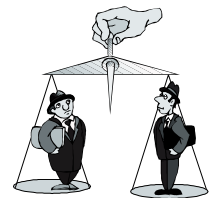
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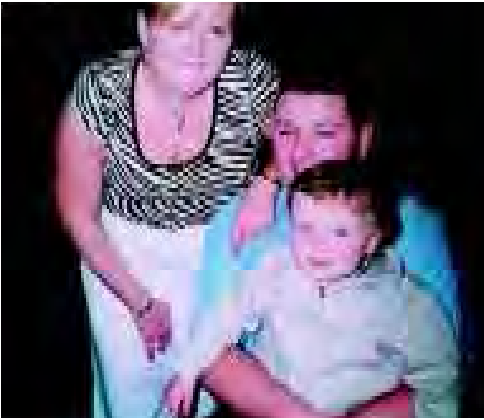


*Carol with brother Joe who also celebrated his birthday on the same day as father Dan*



*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



## First Communions 2004



*James Penny with parents Patricia & Anthony and brothers Mick & Daniel.*



*Ronan Gorey with parents Breda & Eamonn and sister Roisin.*



*Aaron Barry with mum Susan & sister Jessica*

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*Owen Byrne with parents Owen and Siobhan*



*David Mahon with parents Pat & Ann*



*Andrew Jolley, Robert Reilly & David Green*



*Peter Sheeran with parents Peggy & Michael*



*Adam Conlon with family.*



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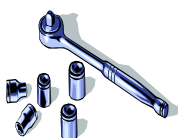
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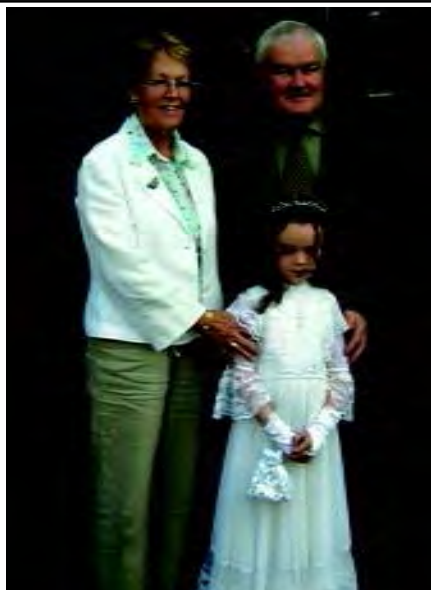
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Rosaleen*



*Pol Meiscill & family*



*Roisin Ni Bheachain with aunt Elaine and  
friend Melanie*



*Roisin Ni Bheachain*



*Denis, Heather & Cal MacGabhna*

# Boys National School Maynooth



**Sean Kelly President of the G.A.A. with pupils of B.N.S**

*Young visitors to Book Fair*

The pupils of Maynooth were honoured with a very special guest on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> until Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> of March.

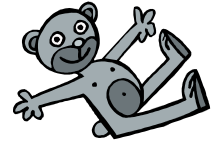
The aims of the Book Fair are to encourage the children to read for enjoyment and the boys have a chance to look at a wide range of books and to purchase any that take their fancy.

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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*Darren Kennedy with parents and family.*

## First Communions 2004



*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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**A. Madden, P.R.O.**

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## First Communions 2004



*Kelly McTigue, with mum Liz, brother Brian and*



*Michael & Noranne Cooke with daughters  
Laura, Katie, Kelly and son Mickey*



*Marsha Brazil with her parents Peter and Angela  
and sisters Hayley and Erica.*



*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 erratic, 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 doesn'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.

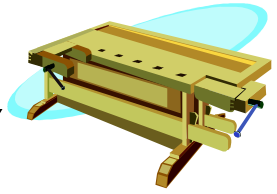
The meadows are yours, - the hedgrow and brook,  
You may bathe in their dewes at morn;

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 wonder-  
Should 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 by-products 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°C/40°-50°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—I support 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

Maynooth Credit Union  
Brady's Public House  
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Needleworx, Main Street  
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Maynooth Veterinary Clinic  
Maynooth Jewellers  
Maynooth Office Supplies  
Maynooth Photo Shop  
Dawson's Men's Shop  
Permanent TSB  
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Bank of Ireland, Main Street  
Barber's Two Guys  
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Stone Haven Restaurant  
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The Castle Inn Rye  
Rebel Pizzas  
Elite Coffee Shop  
Pickwicks  
Maximus Take Away  
Centra, Main Street  
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Upstairs, Downstairs  
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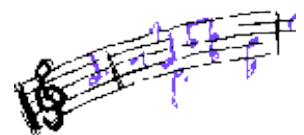
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# Clubs, Organisations and Societies

## **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 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. 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**

## First Communions 2004



*Aibhin Conway and mother*



*Niamh Feeney with mum Angela and sister Aine.*



*Ciara Sweeney, Aoibhin Conway and Anna Flood*



*Katie Milner & Ciara Sweeney*



*Alison Tierney*



*Taylor Corcoran*

## First Communions 2004



*Catrionna McDonagh with mother Winnie, and Aunt, Kathleen*



*Nicola Feeney with mother Bridin.*



*Taylor Corcoran with mum Anita and Dad John.*



*Sarah Curran with sister Katie, brother, Johnny and cousins Conor & Niamh O'Dwyer.*



*Allison O'Dea & Abi McKeever.*



*Claire King with sister Anna and Godparents Stephen and Ann King*

## First Communions 2004



*Jack & Brian Telli and family*



*Julie  
Houghton  
& family.*



*Donnacha Healy and family.*



*Briain O Colmainand family.*



*Ryan & Lara O Maolaigh, Ross O Murchu & Briain O  
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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 than 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 coolly 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 Caulfields Lounge Maynooth					
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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
02-May-04	12,17,25,27	€2,325	TRINA FANNING	DANIELLE POWER	JEAN DONEGAN

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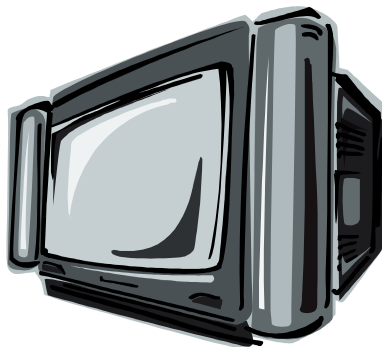
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# Maynooth Citizens Information Centre

## 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 manager 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,  
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If you are still dissatisfied you can complain in writing to the:

FAS Client Services Commissioner,  
P.O. Box 5656, 27-33 Baginbun 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
- You 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.

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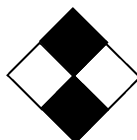


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# Straight Talking

## Lands at Castletown House

It is in the public interest that the current situation regarding the use of lands surrounding Castletown House in Celbridge be resolved. The Owners, Kildare 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.

The availability of land at Castletown provides an 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

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 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 educational 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 will 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 quickly to compete at this level.

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 the capacity to compete in the International Agricultural market. With the Dept. of Agriculture and

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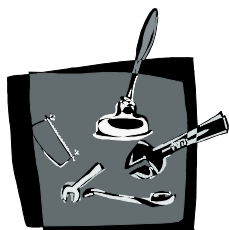
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The State Laboratories already located within the area there is great potential for co-operation in this field.

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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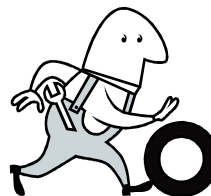
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## Maynooth Labour News



*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 €30,000 to €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, Beafield**

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

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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 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 liaising 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 €8,888 for new public lighting in Maynooth and Leixlip. However, there were requests for lighting totalling €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 €7,000, yet, incredibly the Council advised Cllr. McGinley at the April Area Meeting that all that the Council could afford was €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 €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.

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## 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 repairs to footpaths in Old Greenfield.

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# Features

**“...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 Fiaich, 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  
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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.*

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## 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 much-needed 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 urgency 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

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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. No 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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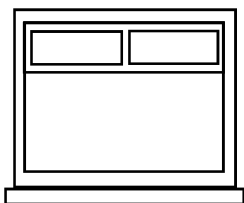
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