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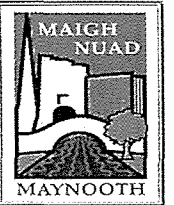
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Sandra Byron, Elizabeth O'Hare and Martin Loftus not in photo*



Young visitors to the exhibition on opening night



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Editorial

Three events in the next two months will have a significant impact at local, national and international level. Boys and girls from the local primary schools will celebrate their First Holy Communion. This is a great day for children and parents alike. We wish everyone the best on their big day. Watch the next Newsletter for the best pictures of First Holy Communion 2004 in Maynooth!

On the first of May ten new countries will join the E.U. This is the single biggest expansion of the Union and is truly a milestone in history. The Newsletter has been marking this momentous event, with a series of articles over the past three months providing a potted history of each accession country.

The 11th June will hopefully see the community out in force to vote for their choice of local councillors. It has been five years since the last local elections and in the intervening time, local councillors, Senan Griffin and John McGinley, have served the community with great energy and dedication. The population of Maynooth has changed in that time, and continues to change, with many new young people now eligible to vote, so it is important for all to ensure that they are registered to cast their vote.

Finally, the Editorial Board of the Newsletter has recently been reduced in size, due to some of the members having other commitments. We urgently require new people to come on to the Board, so if you are interested in this aspect of working with the Newsletter, or if you feel you would like to contribute in any other way, please contact the office at 6285922.

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 10th
May, or you can Email us at
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Community Council A.G.M. News

The AGM of Maynooth Community Council took place on the 19th April in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Chairperson, Hugh Gallagher requested a minute silence in memory of student, Jennifer McQuinn, who was tragically killed in Maynooth last month. Hugh extended sympathy to Jennifer's family and friends.

Playground Harbour Field

The question of a childrens playground in Maynooth was raised. It was stated by Cllr. John McGinley that a playground will be put in the Harbour Field. He also said that funding was in place for this project as well as other playgrounds throughout the county. He also said this is in the Action Area Plan for Maynooth Harbour Field. John also said he attended a meeting "Children at Play Policy" along with playground action groups countrywide, including Maynooth.

Cllr. Senan Griffin stated that he was not informed about this meeting.

Chairperson's Report

Hugh Gallagher welcomed all to the meeting. He thanked all the staff in the Community Council office. He also thanked all the councillors and the executive for their support during the year. Hugh then highlighted the work done by Maynooth Community council. He said submission had been made on the Action Area Plan for the Harbour Field. He thanked all involved in raising funds, Flag Day, Festival, St. Patrick's Day Parade. He said a huge amount of work goes into these events and thanked all. Hugh then noted all the development that is taking place in Maynooth. He said all development should be of a high standard and also that if any person has any concerns please contact Maynooth Community Council. Hugh again thanked all the staff in the office and all who helped during the year.

Secretary's Report

Muireann Ni Bhrolchain stated that meetings had been held every month. She remembered with sadness Ann Marie McGee, Sandy Nolan, and Kathleen Gilton. She outlined the issues that had taken place during the year. Bond Bridge Action Group, Moyglare Action Group and no Christmas lights issue. She also noted the wonderful feeling in the town during the Special Olympics. She noted the new developments, Tesco, Aldi and the development at Kavanaghs Mill. Muireann also noted our input into the Action Area Plans (1) and (2). We will also be reviving the Lord Mayor Campaign and we will be looking at ways of which to run it. Muireann thanked all involved with sub-committees and affiliates. She noted the hard work done in the office and thank supervisor, Christina Sauls. She noted that the Newsletter is doing very well but at present we have no editor. She also stated that one need not be a

member of Maynooth Community Council to be on the Editorial Board. She noted the work done by the other committees, Festival, Tidy Towns, Community Games, M CCP, also the new group "Fair Trade Town." Muireann thanked all involved.

Treasurer's Report

Willie Sauls gave a very detailed report. He said the figures speak for themselves. Willie said he would like to see a time when Maynooth Community Council would have funds enough to support events like the St. Patrick's Day Parade and give something back. He thank all involved in fundraising, also the Festival and the Flag Weekend.

Election of Officers

Chairperson	Hugh Gallagher
Vice Chairperson	Tom McMullon
Secretary	Muireann Ni Bhrolchain
Treasurer	Willie Sauls
P.R.O.	Marie Gleeson
P.D.O.	Paul Croghan

Lord Mayor Campaign

Chairperson, Hugh Gallagher said he wanted a working group to put together guidelines for this project. This was considered to be a short term committee to come up with a plan for the Lord Mayor Campaign. A committee was then formed. Tony Bean, Andrew McMullon, Cyril McAree, Willie Sauls and Paul Groghan.

Bond Bridge

It was suggested that there are mixed messages coming from Kildare County Council on Bond Bridge. Cllr. John McGinley said that at a meeting Cllr. Paul Kelly proposed and he seconded that funding be brought forward to facilitate the building of the new bridge, this is the official position at the moment. Des Matthews raised the issue that safety measures should be put in place in Beaufield, also that when the bridge is in place that the Beaufield end should be a cul de sac. He is also worried that this may not happen. It was agreed to write to Kildare County Council.

O'Neill Park

Mary Clougher said that with the plans to put petrol pumps at Tesco's the road will have to be improved for residents of O'Neill Park. It was stated that it is a condition of planning to improve this area. A roundabout will be put in place at the boreen before the petrol pumps open.

Carton Court

Cyril McAree stated that dumping is taking place in the field behind Carton Court and that he is concerned about this. Cyril wants Maynooth Community Council to look at any unapproved developments.

Community Council A.G.M. News Cont'd.

Carton Avenue

Tony Bean stated that he would be very worried about amenity land at Carton Avenue. It was stated that the land has yet to be handed over by Kildare County Council. Cllr. John McGinley said that this process is in place. The land has to be developed and maintained for five years by the developer. John also said regarding the Action Area Plan for the Wonderful Barn that the land has yet to be taken over by Kildare County Council. If this does not happen the plan won't be approved.

Leinster Park Residents

Tom McMullon raised the concerns of some residents regarding further development in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Maynooth Community Council

Tony Bean said that there are many groups not represented on Maynooth Community Council. It was suggested that the Newsletter promote a local business every month. Cllr. Senan Griffin also suggested that we should highlight a shop front and promote this business. A strong plea was made to residents Associations to get involved in Maynooth Community Council. We need people to bring things to the notice of Maynooth Community Council.

Maynooth Action Strategy

Peter O'Connell said that out of the 3,000 questionnaires that were sent to households, 600 were returned. He said this was a big response. The results of the survey will be ready soon and we should then be more aware of what people needs are in Maynooth.

Tidy Towns

Sean Cushen stated that they are doing work at the Geraldine Hall, that they had not got the go ahead from Kildare County Council. He also stated that they have now being told that they need to have insurance cover here and they need to meet this expense. Sean also said that they will be planting creepers in the Square. He also said that the new site that they have taken on is going ahead on the Kilcock Road but it won't now be a picnic area.

Nest meeting 10th May in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Marie Gleeson , P.R.O.
P.R.O.

Maynooth Tidy Towns

Maynooth Tidy Towns Secretary looking at this machine for removing chewing gum being demonstrated in Maynooth. The machine dissolves the gum without damaging the footpath.

Paul Croghan
Maynooth Tidy Towns



Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
04/646	Michael Acton	Newtownlaragh Maynooth Co. Kildare	R	25/03/04	Conversion of dormer to existing bungalow, retention of domestic garage, retention of existing bungalow as constructed and associated site works	Newtownlaragh Maynooth
04/648	A & M Millett	20 Parklands Rise Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	25/03/04	Construction of first floor extension over existing single storey garage to side of existing two storey house, and associated site works	20 Parklands Rise Maynooth Co. Kildare.
04/652	Siobhan Cryan	37 College Green Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	26/03/04	Changes to existing front elevation with new front porch and a two storey side and rear extension to existing house with Velux windows	37 College Green Maynooth
04/658	Conor O'Doherty	14 Parklands Place Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	26/03/04	A ground floor extension to the rear, a first floor extension to the side of existing house and a new entrance porch	14 Parklands Place Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/693	National University of Ireland	c/o Dr. W. J. Smyth NUI Maynooth Maynooth Co. Kildare	R	01/04/04	Construction of one artificially surfaced all weather playing pitch with perimeter fenced enclosure, three grass playing pitches and a length of palisade fencing to the northern boundary of the site. Permission for a new vehicular etc.	Maynooth Campus Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/698	Pat Kelly	4 Parklands Square Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	02/04/04	(a) first floor extension to the side of existing dwelling (b) single storey porch to the front of existing dwelling and © widen existing entrance from 3.05 metres wide to 4.4 metres wide to the front of existing dwelling	4 Parklands Square Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/717	Intel Ireland Ltd	Collinstown Industrial Park Collinstown Leixlip Co. Kildare	P	02/04/04	An additional new stack (approx. 11 metres high over roof level) and associated equipment to the rear of the previously permitted FAB 24 Extension (Ref. 00/392), etc	Collinstown, Leixlip, kBlakestown & Kellystown Leixlip

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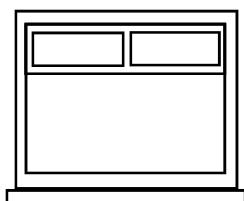
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04/747	Paul Maycock	Nephin House Baltracey Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	06/04/04	Modify Condition 15 (b) of previous permission reg. ref no. 03/1027 to incorporate "natural stone finish" and "dry dashing finish" at locations shown on submitted house plans and elevations	Baltracey Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/767	S. Porter Siteworks Ltd	Oakley Park Kells Co. Meath	P	07/04/04	The demolition of dwelling house, domestic outhouses and industrial warehouse/workshop buildings. The carrying out of site development works/services, site access at Mill Street, outfall foul and surface water drains etc	Mill Street Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/783	Eamon Travers	Johnstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	08/04/04	Construction of a one and half storey house, detached garage, Bison treatment system and ancillary site works	Clonaugh Lane Johnstown Maynooth
04/789	Justin & Grainne Dunne	Dowdstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	08/04/04	a 2 storey dwelling house and domestic double garage, new waste water treatment plant, site development works, landscaping, entrance gates and piers	Crinstown Maynooth
04/793	Martin & Claire Wright	3 Rockfield Rise Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	08/04/04	A first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion with kitchen extended below and a single storey extension to rear of dwelling house	3 Rockfield Rise Railpark Maynooth
04/839	Joe Buckley	Main Street Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	15/04/04	Demolition of existing commercial structure and replace with the construction of a two storey two bedroom residential dwelling incorporation new mains services connections	Buckley's Lane (Double Lane) Maynooth
04/844	Maeve & Laurence Ffrench	4 Parklands Court Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	16/04/04	Extension to existing ground floor kitchen, a first floor extension over existing single storey family room and utility, to provide a bedroom and extended bathroom at first floor level and conversion of existing attic to study room, etc.	4 Parklands Court Maynooth Co. Kildare

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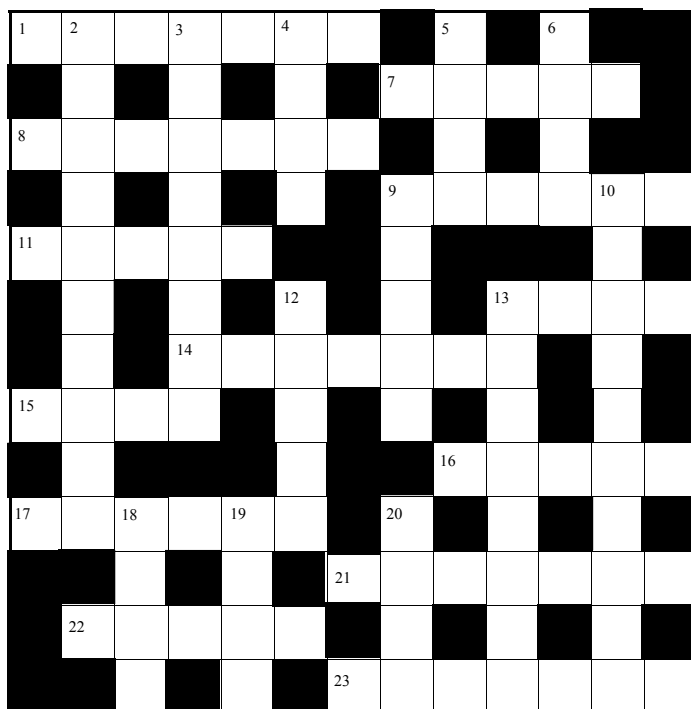
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04/845	Stephen Nevin	524 Newtown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	16/04/04	A 4 bedroom single storey dwelling and a puraflo waste water treatment system and associated works	Barrogstown Maynooth
04/859	Bernard Bonfill	2 Glenarriff Navan Road Dublin 7	P	16/04/04	Demolition of existing dwelling house, construction of two storey 6 no. two bedroom apartments, parking area and associated site works, also to upgrade existing connection to public services, existing site entrance and renovate existing shed	Leinster Park Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/860	Carol Moran	Barrogstown East Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	19/04/04	A dormer type dwelling house, garage, septic tank with Klargestar effluent treatment system, roadside entrance and all associated site works	Barrogstown East Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/862	Frances Carrigan	9 Parklands Rise Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	19/04/04	Two storey extension over existing garage comprising of bedroom. Ground Floor extension to playroom and storm porch with ramped access to front. Also internal changes to disabled specifications	9 Parklands Rise Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/880	B & T Tintean Developments	68 Meadow Drive Hartstown Clonsilla Dublin 15	P	20/04/04	Demolition of existing boiler house, partial demolition of existing house and construction single/two storey extension to side/rear of existing house, 10 no. apartments in two storey building of 720 sq. m with 15 parking spaces and associated etc	"The Plant Place" Dublin Road Maynooth

Crossword

No: 22



Entries before: 15th May 2004

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Across:

1. Amaze (7)
7. Objet d'art (5)
8. Sinister (7)
9. Rectify (6)
11. Sleeveless garment (5)
13. Church recess (4)
14. Anarchic (7)
15. Song—Come the Night (4)
16. Female Donkey (5)
17. Floating aimlessly (6)
21. Dial R.A.C. (agag) (7)
22. Glossy fabric (5)
23. Type of salmon (7)

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Down:

2. Plant blown about by the wind (10)
3. Summit (8)
4. Vendetta (4)
5. Actress — Whitfield (4)
6. Spouse (4)
9. James Dean film - -Without a Cause (5)
10. Pharmacy (10)
12. Sugary (5)
13. Star— shaped figure
18. Horse colouring (4)
19. Somersault (4)
20. Mafia boss (4)

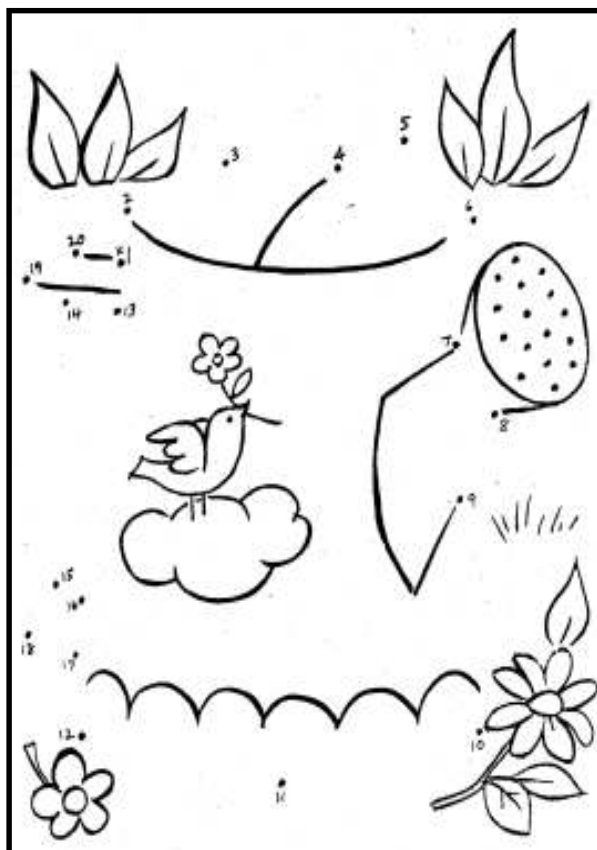
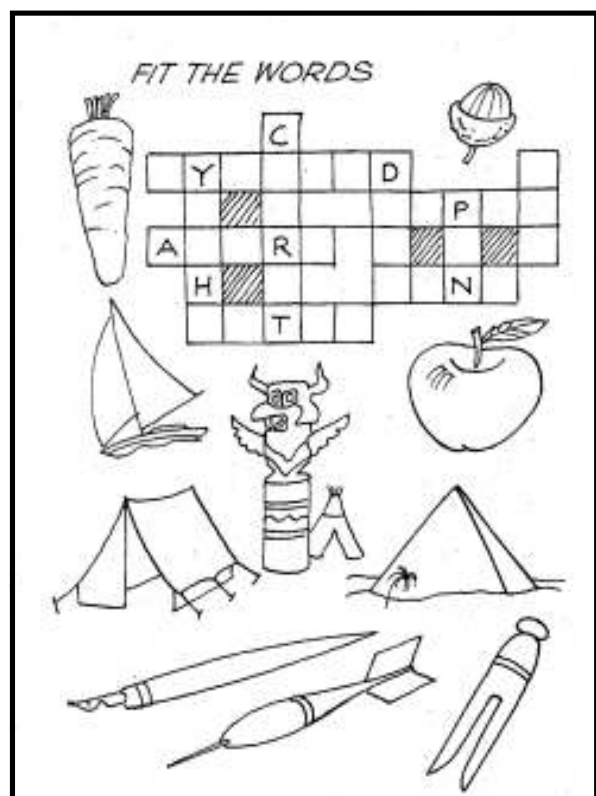
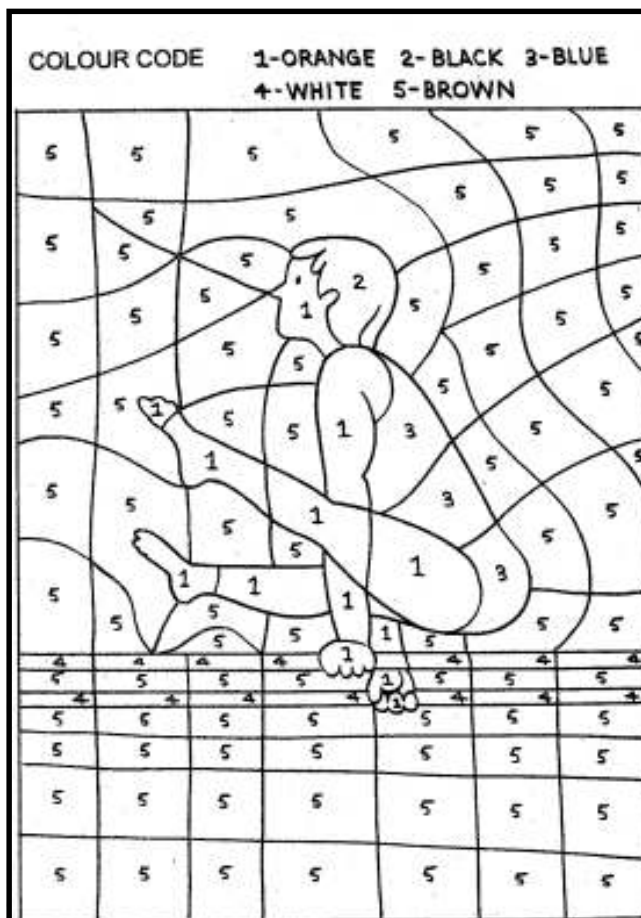
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Down:

1. Collar, 2. Hauer, 3. Attorney, 4. Plato, 5. De Niro, 9. Grunt, 11. Rain 12. Delhi, 13. Pier, 15. Return, 16. Dental, 18. Adams, 19. Erupt

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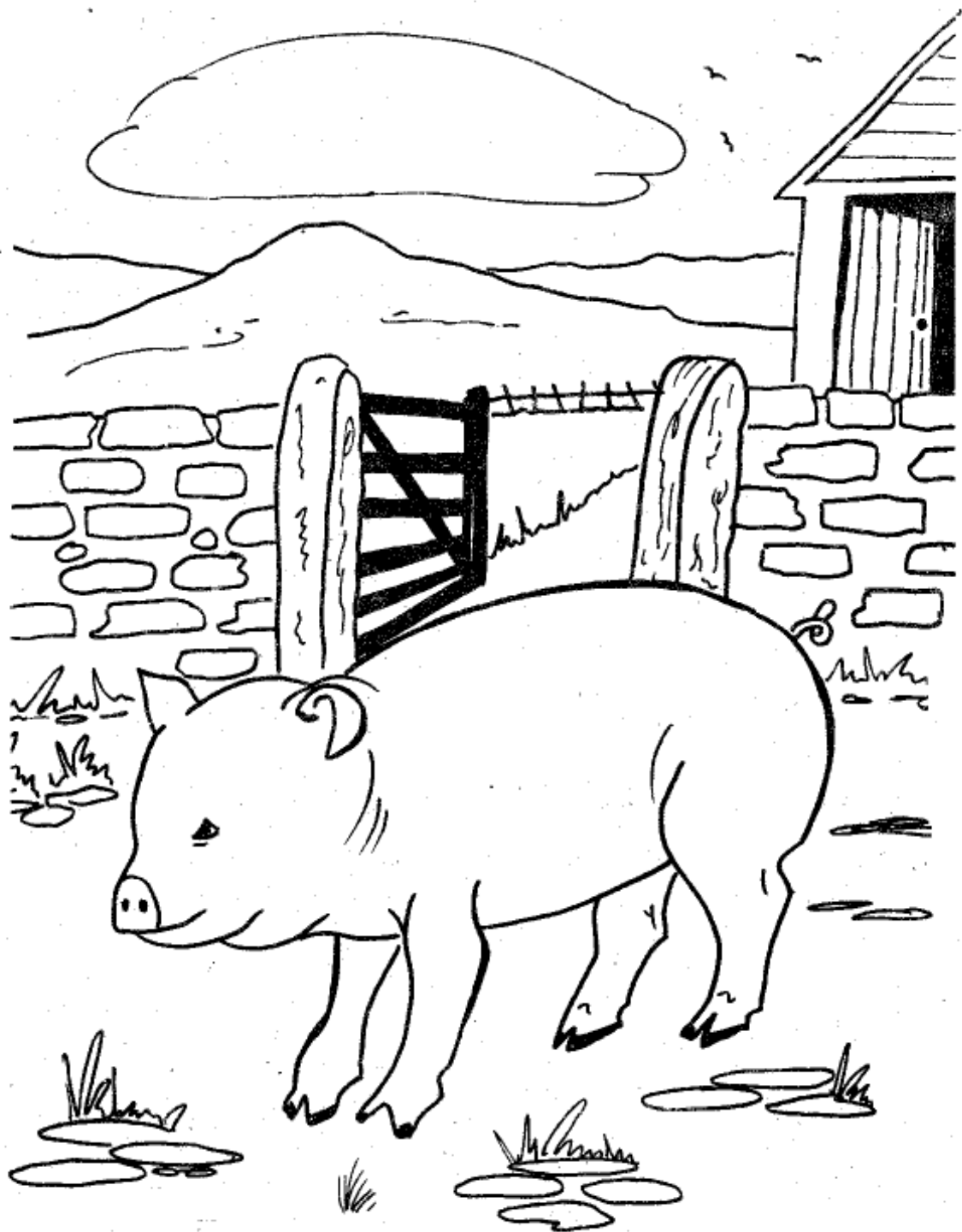
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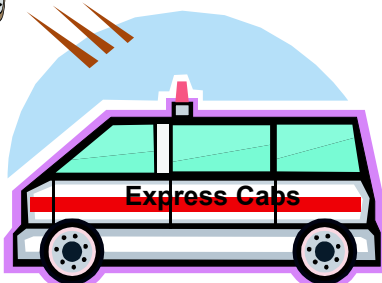
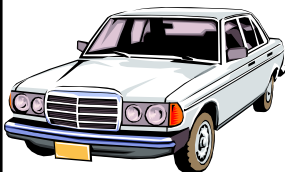
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Ingredients

1 lemon grass stalk
225 g/8 Oz peeled cooked prawns
1 tsp finely grated lime zest
1 red bird's –eye chilli, deseeded and finely chopped
2.5 cm/1 inch piece fresh root ginger, peeled and grated
2 Little Gem lettuces, divided into leaves
25 g/1 oz roasted peanuts, chopped.
2 spring onions, trimmed and diagonally sliced
Spring of fresh coriander, to garnish

For the Coconut Sauce

2 tbsp freshly grated or unsweetened shredded coconut
1 tbsp hoisin sauce
1 tbsp light soy sauce
1 tbsp Thai fish sauce
1 tbsp palm sugar or soft light brown sugar

Method

1. Remove 3 or 4 of the tougher outer leaves of the lemon grass and reserve for another dish. Finely chop the remaining softer centre. Place 2 teaspoons of the chopped lemon grass in a bowl with the prawns, grated lime zest, chilli and ginger. Mix together to coat the prawns. Cover and place in the refrigerator to marinate while you make the coconut sauce.
2. For the sauce, place the grated coconut in a wok or non-stick frying pan and dry-fry for 2-3 minutes or until golden. Remove from the pan and reserve. Add the hoisin, soy and fish sauces to the pan with the sugar and 4 tablespoons of water. Simmer for 2-3 minutes, then remove from the heat. Leave to cool.
3. Pour the sauce over the prawns, add the toasted coconut and toss to mix together. Divide the prawn and coconut sauce mixture between the lettuce leaves and arrange on a platter.
4. Sprinkle over the chopped roasted peanuts and spring onions and garnish with a sprig of fresh coriander. Serve immediately.

Helpful Hint

Instead of lettuce leaves you can use radicchio, chicory or flatter, *miang* leaves, available from Thai grocery stores.

Lamb Meatballs with Savoy Cabbage (Serves 4)

Ingredients

450 g/1 lb fresh lamb mince
1 tbsp freshly chopped parsley
1 tbsp freshly grated root ginger
1 tbsp light soy sauce
1 medium egg yolk
4 tbsp dark soy sauce
2 tbsp dry sherry
1 tbsp cornflour
3 tbsp vegetable oil
2 garlic cloves, peeled and chopped
1 bunch spring onions, trimmed and shredded
½ Savoy cabbage, trimmed and shredded
½ head Chinese leaves, trimmed and shredded
Freshly chopped red chilli, to garnish.

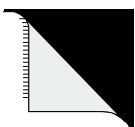
Method

1. Place the lamb mince in a large bowl with the parsley, ginger, light soy sauce and egg yolk and mix together. Divide the mixture into walnut-sized pieces and using your hands roll into balls. Place on a baking sheet, cover with clingfilm and chill in the refrigerator for at least 30 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, blend together the dark soy sauce, sherry and cornflour with 2 tablespoons of water in a small bowl until smooth. Reserve.
3. Heat a wok, add the oil and when hot, add the meatballs and cook for 5-8 minutes, or until browned all over, turning occasionally. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the meatballs to a large plate and keep warm.
4. Add the garlic, spring onions, Savoy cabbage and the Chinese leaves to the wok and stir-fry for 3 minutes. Pour over the reserved soy sauce mixture, bring to the boil, then simmer for 30 seconds or until thickened. Return the meatballs to the wok and mix in. Garnish with chopped red chilli and serve immediately.

Tasty Tip

This dish is made with simple, basic ingredients, but you can substitute more Chinese ingredients if you prefer, such as rice wine vinegar instead of sherry and pak choi leaves instead of Savoy cabbage. As the meatballs contain raw egg, make sure that they are cooked thoroughly.

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Ingredients

25 g/1 oz butter
4 medium eggs, beaten
4 tbsp vegetable oil
1 bunch spring onions, trimmed and shredded
225 g/8 oz cooked ham, diced
125 g/4 oz large cooked prawns with tails left on
75 g/3 oz peas, thawed if frozen
200 g can water chestnuts, drained and roughly chopped
450 g/1 lb cooked long-grain rice
3 tbsp dark soy sauce
1 tbsp dry sherry
2 tbsp freshly chopped coriander
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Method

1. Melt the butter in a wok or large frying pan and pour in half the beaten egg. Cook for 4 minutes drawing the edges of the omelette in to allow the uncooked egg to set into a round shape. Using a fish slice, lift the omelette from the wok and roll into a sausage shape. Leave to cool completely then using a sharp knife slice the omelette into rings.
2. Wipe the wok with absorbent kitchen paper and return to the heat. Add the oil and when hot, add the spring onions, ham, prawns, peas and chopped water chestnuts and stir-fry for 2 minutes. Add the rice and stir-fry for a further 3 minutes.
3. Add the remaining beaten eggs and stir-fry for 3 minutes, or until the egg has scrambled and set. Stir in the soy sauce, sherry and chopped coriander. Season to taste with salt and pepper and heat through thoroughly. Add the omelette rings and gently stir without breaking up the egg too much. Serve immediately.

Helpful Hint

In Chinese cuisine, rice is always cooked by the absorption method, rather than in large quantities of boiling water, so that all the flavour and nutrients are retained. Long-grain rice is popular, but Thai fragrant rice is served on special occasions. Medium and short-grain rices are also used in savoury dishes. Long-grain rice absorbs 1½ to 3 times its volume in water, so you will need to start with about 175 g/6 oz uncooked rice for this dish.

Coconut Sorbet with Mango Sauce (Serves 4)

Ingredients

2 sheets gelatine
250 g/9 oz caster sugar
600 ml/1 pint coconut milk
2 mangos, peeled, pitted and sliced
2 tbsp icing sugar
Zest and juice of 1 lime

Method

1. Set the freezer to rapid freeze, 2 hours before freezing the sorbet. Place the sheets of gelatine in a shallow dish, pour over cold water to cover and leave for 15 minutes. Squeeze out excess moisture before use.
2. Meanwhile, place the caster sugar and 300 ml/½ pint of the coconut milk in a heavy-based saucepan and heat gently, stirring occasionally, until the sugar has dissolved. Remove from the heat.
3. Add the soaked gelatine to the saucepan and stir gently until dissolved. Stir in the remaining coconut milk. Leave until cold.
4. Pour the gelatine and coconut mixture into a freezable container and place in the freezer. Leave for at least 1 hour, or until the mixture has started to form ice crystals. Remove and beat with a spoon, then return to the freezer and continue to freeze until the mixture is frozen, beating at least twice more during this time.
5. Meanwhile, make the sauce. Place the sliced mango, icing sugar and the lime zest and juice in a food processor and blend until smooth. Spoon into a small jug.
6. Leave the sorbets to soften in the refrigerator for at least 30 minutes before serving. Serve scoops of sorbet on individual plates with a little of the mango sauce poured over. Remember to turn the freezer to normal setting.

Helpful Hint

The Gelatine in this cooling sorbet helps prevent large gritty ice crystals from forming as it freezes, giving fit a smoother creamy texture. You can use powdered gelatine if you prefer. Sprinkle 2 level teaspoons over 2 tablespoons of cold water, leave for 5 minutes, then stir into the hot coconut milk at the beginning of step 3.

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Maynooth Community Games 2004

Maynooth Community Games are swinging into action once again. Maynooth East and West combined efforts and held the Art and Modelling Competition on Friday 26th March in the Boys' National School.

Results are as follows:

Art			
Girls	Position	East	West
Under 8	1st		Aimee Walsh
Under 10	1st	Sarah Jennings	Maeve Donaldson
	2nd	Niamh Feeney	Laura Donaldson Ciara Brennan
	3rd	Sarah Curran	Emer Sinnott
Under 12	1st	Katie Curran	Niamh Donaldson
	2nd		Karen Feehan
	3rd		Muireann O'Carroll
Under 14	-	-	-
Under 16	1st	Sinead Kearney	Jenny Feehan
Boys			
Under 8	1st	Thomas Feeney Conor O'Reilly	

Well done to all the boys and girls and good luck to all in the Curragh on the 19th April in the County Final

Lots of boys and girls packed their bags and joined organiser Jim Fleming in the college pool on Sunday 28th March in the Maynooth East and West Swimming Competition.

Results are as follows:

Swimming			
Boys	Position	East	West
Under 8 Freestyle	1st	Darragh Murphy	Michael Hogan
	2nd	Ronan O'Dea	Oisin O'Sullivan
Under 10 Freestyle	1st	Shane Monaghan	Owen Byrne
	2nd	Jack Ffrench	Tadhg Forde
	3rd	Eoin McCormack	Sean Kearney Cian Walsh
Under 10 Backstroke	1st	Shane Monaghan	Cian Walsh
	2nd	Eoin McCormack	Sean Kearney
	3rd	Jack Ffrench	Owen Byrne
Under 12 Freestyle	1st	Sean McKnight	Cian Forde
	2nd	Kevin Cowhey	Luke Essex
Under 12 Backstroke	1st	Kevin Cowhey	Cian Forde
	2nd		Luke Essex



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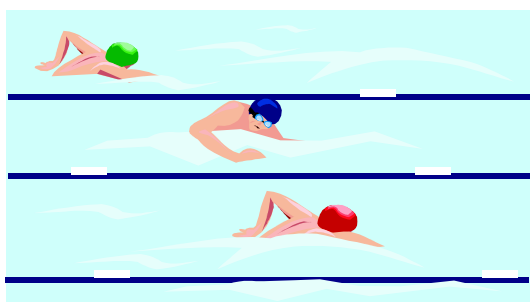
Maynooth Community Games Cont'd.

Swimming			
Girls	Position	East	West
Under 8 Freestyle	1st	Donna Ffrench	-
Under 10 Freestyle	1st	Niamh Feeney	Molly Meade
	2nd	Shannon Miller	Sophie Courtney
	3rd	Allison O'Dea	Maebh Walsh
Under 10 Backstroke	1st	Allison O'Dea	Sophie Courtney
	2nd	Shannon Miller	Maebh Walsh
	3rd	Niamh Feeney	-
Under 12 Freestyle	1st	Heather Collins	Meggan Meade
	2nd		Niamh Kearney
	3rd		Karen Feehan
Under 12 Breaststroke	1st	Heather Collins	Meggan Meade
	2nd		Karen Feehan
	3rd		Niamh Kearney
Under 13 Freestyle	1st	Laura Pedley	-
	2nd	Gillian Behan	-
	3rd	Aoife McKnight	-
Under 14 Backstroke	1st	Aoife McKnight	-
	2nd	Gillian Behan	-
	3rd	Ailbhe Lenihan	-
Under 14 Breaststroke	1st	Ailbhe Lenihan	-
	2nd	Gillian Behan	-
	3rd	Michelle Dolan	-
Under Age Freestyle		Labhoise Mioler	Saoirse O'Sullivan

Well done to all and good luck in the County final in Athy on Saturday 5th June! Practice sessions continue in the college pool at 3 o'clock on Sundays.

Many thanks to all who supported our collection outside Tesco Supermarket on weekend 8th/9th & 10th April. All monies raised help run events for the local children.

Important Date: Athletics in GAA field on Friday 21st May at 6 o'clock



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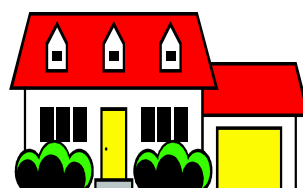
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Straight Talking

Homeland Security

There must now be serious security concerns regarding our responsibility to host a number of top level EEC meetings before the end of June. The bombs in Madrid, preceded by the bombs in Turkey and Bali, indicate the terrorist preference for soft targets. The rising death toll in Iraq is now a major concern. The sight of helicopter gun ships and tanks firing on Iraqis in their towns and villages leaves a bad taste in the mouth. This will inflame moderate Moslem opinion and swell the ranks of the extremists. The security situation is now more serious and more dangerous than at any time in the past. We have to be realistic and accept that neither the Gardai or the Army Intelligence Unit have the finance, the manpower or the experience to deal with the security implications for these high level meetings. There must be concerns regarding a recent Government Minister's bombastic and rather naive reply to these issues being raised at a recent Press Conference. We hope that we are not in for a repeat of the security lapse that was witnessed at Lansdowne Road for the Ireland versus England match a number of years back. Few will ever forget our failure to isolate the English thugs before they reached the ground. We will also not forget the failure to handle the situation as it developed because of our lack of experience in dealing with football violence. The main lesson learned at that time was that we should never, ever turn down the offer of help from those Police Forces who have experience in dealing with the particular security problem. At the time of the Lansdowne incident there was wide spread co-operation between British and Continental police forces in controlling soccer violence on the European mainland. The authorities here declined the offer of assistance from the British police to become involved in the security set up for the International football game. We saw the consequences of that decision. In the current situation there is no excuse for lack of co-operation with outside security agencies. We are playing with people's lives and a security lapse would be unforgivable if it was avoidable. There is no reason why Dublin should not be hosting representatives from the CIA, MI5 and our European allies in setting up a security framework to handle our current responsibilities. The thought of bombs ripping through the Spanish manufactured Maynooth to Dublin rail cars is a nightmare we do not wish to experience. This is not a criticism of our security people. The dog in the street knows that the Gardai and the Defence Forces are under funded and lack the essential manpower and equipment, which is necessary to provide the security cover required. Make no mistake these terrorists make no distinction, every man woman and child in the western world is a target. The fact that Ireland has consistently sought justice for the Palestinians will count for nothing. The fact that for

years Irish UN troops protected the oppressed people in the Lebanon from Israeli aggression will not matter one iota to these fanatics who place no value on human life. There is a responsibility on our Government to accept all the offers of security assistance it can get. It may suffer the indignity of playing second fiddle in their own backyard but it would be a small price to pay if we get through the coming months unscathed. This is not a time for the loud-mouthed politicians spouting utter rubbish about our ability to handle our own security. The situation is now serious and Dublin does present a soft target to the terrorist. With the assassination of the Hamas spiritual leader the danger is now far more potent. The fact that British police have arrested a potential terror gang brings the reality of the situation much closer to home. We hope that the Government will make the right decision and request the appropriate security assistance from its fellow EEC members. The safety and security of the people of Dublin and the rest of the country demands that they do.

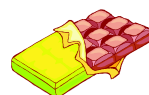
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Straight Talking

Croke Park

The debate got rather heated in the television studio after Ireland's Triple Crown win over Scotland. Tom McGurk who must be one of the finest sports broadcasters in the Country, if not in these Islands, got rather irate with the GAA's closed shop at Croke park. The fact that Ireland could be challenging for another Triple Crown or Championship and playing the "home" game outside Ireland seems too much for him to take. His argument found support from that great Irishman Ciaran Fitzgerald who was up to that point, the last player to captain Ireland to a Triple Crown win in 1985. The one thing the Country does not need now is another collective rush of blood through the head that followed the Roy Keane debacle before the last World Cup. It is important for all parties to remember that what we are talking about here is a temporary arrangement to facilitate the IRFU and the FAI until Lansdowne Road is rebuilt. It is important that the traditional "red rags" be discarded in this debate and that the parties involved and all others who wish to discuss the situation actually listen to what the other side is saying. It is not hard to understand the current position of the GAA. No matter what way you look at the situation, its elected Officers are in some way a hostage to history. The post of President of the GAA and all the related positions attached to that office place a responsibility on the holders to continue the mission of the founding Fathers of the organisation. That was to promote and foster the games, the language and culture. They were and are still competing to achieve that objective in an environment which is probably more difficult than it ever has been. There are historical, social and sporting reasons why it would be difficult for the GAA to sanction "foreign games" at Croke Park. Whether these reasons are still valid in 2004 and eighty years after the foundation of the state is open to question. There is no doubt that the GAA have made a massive contribution to the development of the modern Irish State. It is accepted that the sporting and social infrastructure set by the GAA since its inception has made an immense contribution to the development of Irish society, especially in rural Ireland. If we look at the situation in Ireland before the emergence of the GAA as a national organisation we can see a race of people facing cultural and political extinction. The use of the Irish language was considered a social impediment and the promotion of Irish culture in music and literature was not encouraged in the education system. It is a cause of regret that the one organisation that could have lifted the Irish people out of its misery failed to do so. The Catholic Church in Ireland had the resources, the education and the leadership to seek justice and political independence for its people but it failed to do so. In fact the Church supported an elitist form of education for the Irish with money, Belvedere,

Blackrock and Clogowes Woods amongst many others. The students were trained for service with the British Administration and played the "right games" of soccer, rugby and cricket to complete their integration with the Colonial Power. Up to the 1980 the situation remained unchanged on the playing fields. The Colleges in question did little or nothing to promote Gaelic games. Many GAA officials with long memories still find it hard to forget the derision and negative press the Organisation suffered from the "West British" elements of our society and their supporters. It is a legacy that rankles to this day. The GAA has blossomed in the past two decades. Hundreds of new clubhouses have been built across the country providing a valuable amenity to local communities. Croke Park is an outstanding testament to the drive and energy of the people who run the organisation.

In sharp contrast the record of the Football Association of Ireland has been a disgrace. Nearly fifty thousand people filled Dalymount park in 1957 to watch the epic World Cup game against England. At that time the ground was overcrowded, dangerous and already outdated. In fifty years nothing changed. In fact the organisation went backwards. They ended up with not having a stadium of their own after Dalymount failed to meet International Football Standards. The officials of the FAI failed to take advantage of the commercial support for the Organisation during the Jack Charlton era. FAI Officials shot themselves in the foot when they vetoed the Eircom Park project and shamefully shafted the one official with vision. They deserve little sympathy or assistance in seeking alternative venues for the upcoming world cup fixtures.

The IRFU, to be fair, have always provided facilities that were relatively modern and conducive to spectator comfort. They are an all Ireland organisation that have coped with the stresses and strains of the complex political situation on the island. There is no doubting their patriotism and the fact that the team remains unified after thirty years of civil unrest in the Six Counties speaks volumes for the administrators of the game. Eamon de Valera on many occasions complimented the IRFU on the way it maintained the unity of the team and regretted that the lessons learned were not passed on in the political sphere. It could be argued, on the basis that they are a thirty-two county team, that they have a compelling case to use Croke Park on a temporary basis. However in the coming months while these issues are being debated we should not forget the lessons of our history. Ireland was colonised by its neighbour for over 800 years in some form or other. This is certainly a European record and may well be a world record. The question to be asked is how did a Nation of eight million people remain in subjection for such a long



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period of time. The untold misery heaped upon the Irish Race by the armies of Elizabeth the First, Oliver Cromwell and the dreaded Red Coats can only be imagined. They stalked the land burning our towns and villages, killing our women and children and hanging our men folk as examples for the future. As successive generations sunk deeper and deeper into the bogs of Ireland they were finally written off by the brutal crime of the Great Famine. One of the main reasons why we suffered this appalling misery was that the Irish could never unify to remove the yolk off our back. Different groups of Irishmen always had different agendas from others and if it meant working with the British to hammer their own, they had no problem with that. We only have to remember how Parnell was shafted by the Bishops when he was on the verge of delivering Home Rule to the Irish people. Have we as a people learned nothing? Seemly so. What does it matter who plays at Croke Park, are we not all Irish? Is it not a fact that on any given day the Country will stand four square behind an Irish team whether it plays soccer, rugby or compromised rules. It really is time for the GAA Authorities to show some vision. It is in their hands whether some of their fellow Irishmen will have to play "home" games in a foreign country. It is to be hoped that they have learned the lessons of history. To allow International Rugby and Soccer games to be played at Croke Park would be a gesture that would warm the Nation and finally nail the legend of the feckless and disunited Irish. To do otherwise would perpetuate this National sickness that afflicted the Irish people for over 800 years. Is it "Priceless" to be Irish? It will be a "Priceless joke" to be Irish if our teams have to go to England or Wales to play our "home" International Matches.

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Maynooth G.A.A. News

Maynooth Under 10 Ladies Gaelic Footballers

Training has restarted for all girls between the ages of 7 years and 10 at Maynooth Gaelic Football Pitch on Saturday mornings at 11.30 a.m. Training is for one hour and the skills are taught plus a small match. The trainers are hoping to play some competitive games in the not too distant future. The trainers at the moment are Gerry Egan, Martin O'Sullivan and Kieran Finnegan. They would be delighted to have some ladies join in, especially some of the parents. All children training should be members of the club.

Maynooth Under 14 Gaelic Footballers

Maynooth Under 14 Footballers have thoroughly enjoyed their season so far. The team are entered in Bord Na Og Feile B (5) League and are trained by county man Karl Ennis. Great work is also being done by Donal McAvinue, Kieran Finnegan, Sean Lennon, Sean Donovan, Peter Fennin and Joe Brennan. As you can see a great number of hands are required to successfully put out a team now. Also the mentors are very appreciative to the parents who continually turn out to bring the children to the different matches. You can never have enough support though, so more are always welcome.

So far this year the team have played friendly games against Rathoath, Blackhall Gaels, Sarsfields of Newbridge, Celbridge and Lucan Sarsfields. This has been followed by victories over Ballyteague (played under floodlights), Celbridge, Balyna and Carbury in the Feile League. There are two remaining matches against Balyna and Carbury. New players are always welcomed. Training continues on Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. sharp at the Maynooth GAA grounds.

All players send their best luck wishes to Karl Ennis and Paul Flood in the closing stages of the League and the forthcoming Leinster Championship.

Results Feile B League

Ballyteague	2 - 10	Maynooth	4 - 8
Celbridge 'B'	0 - 8	Maynooth	4 - 10
Maynooth	5 - 6	Balyna	4 - 8
Maynooth	5 - 8	Carbury	1 - 3

Challenge Games

Maynooth	2 - 6	Rathoath	4 - 8
Maynooth	1 - 8	Blackhall Gaels	2 - 10
Maynooth	2 - 6	Sarsfields Newbridge	4 - 8
Maynooth	0 - 4	Celbridge 'A'	4 - 10
Maynooth	2 - 4	Lucan Sarsfields	4 - 10

Maynooth Panel:

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Maynooth Community Centre Partnership

A brief description of the M CCP and our Goals

We are a voluntary organization formed with the objective of obtaining a

Community Centre and facilities for Maynooth.

Our initial task has been to initiate a feasibility study which is due to be

completed soon. Maynooth's population has soared in the last ten years

The recent census gave the following population breakdown for Maynooth.

Maynooth total population: 10,151

Age range: 0 to 14years 2,095

Age range: 15 to 24years 2,638

Age range: 25 to 44years 3,579

Age range: 45 to 64years 1,425

Age range: 64 and over 414

These figures give an insight into the makeup of the community of Maynooth

and to the possible problems we will face as even greater numbers of young teenagers look to their community for resources and find that no one has provided for them.

We believe that a Community Centre would help make Maynooth a better place to live and that all age groups would benefit from such a resource in the town. We made a submission to Kildare County Council for a site to be allocated in the Carton Area Action plan on the 50 acres of land zoned amenity (across the road from Tesco near the old soccer pitches)

At present a site has been allocated in the Draft Carton Avenue Action plan although no details have been finalized yet.

I would love to be able to say that we are ready to build the new Community Centre but nothing is finalized as yet. With Local elections coming up in June

your local councilors will be knocking on your door. We are asking you to highlight the need for community facilities in Maynooth when your local candidates call to your door.

If you would like to be involved in this project or can be of any assistance

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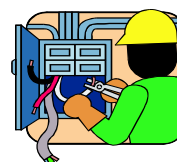
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Maynooth Swimming Club

Junior Gala

Was held on Saturday March 27th. Congratulations to all the medal winners. We hope you all enjoyed the sweets on the bus home! Many thanks to teacher Cathy Carr who presented the medals.

Senior Gala

Held on Saturday March 27th. Following fast and competitive racing medals were presented by Olympic Track runner David McCarthy. Again many thanks to all the parents who assisted with the Gala's.

New term starts on 1st May, please ensure prompt payment of fees.

If your child arrives by car please inform the Duty Parents for the attendance records.

Siobhan Byrne,
Tel. No. (01) 6012974.

Below the children who took part in the swimming gala



Features

Castle Keep Art Group Maynooth 6th Annual Art Exhibition 2004

The Castle Keep Art Group held its 6th Annual Art Exhibition in the Post Primary School on 17-18 April. There were 90 paintings on display in various media which was a great output by 14 local artists. A diverse range of subjects was represented – landscapes, seascapes, still life, as well as flower figure and equine subjects. Over the weekend there was a steady stream of visitors. Half of the works on display were sold and many commissions were requested.

Hugh Gallagher Chairman of *Maynooth Community Council* opened the exhibition. A large number of invited guests attended and it proved to be a very enjoyable night for everyone.

Carton Golf Club and the Glenroyal Hotel sponsored the event and Kildare County Council provided grant aid. This support was very much appreciated.

Our thanks to the VEC and Senan Griffin for the use the Maynooth Post Primary School. To Brian, Caroline and Sheila for their help with the arrangements in the school. The continued support of the Post Primary School has played a large part in the group's survival.

We are very thankful for all those who visited and supported the exhibition and we are looking forward to next year.

Members of the group meet on a weekly basis for a 'meet and paint' session. When possible some tuition is organised throughout the year. Contact Susan at 6289349.



Hugh Gallagher, Chairman of Community Council opening the exhibition



Set up and ready to go—Exhibitors Betty O'Hare, Deaglan O'Ceallaigh, Trees Oomkens-Govers and Natalie Kelly



Maeve Mulryan Moloney and Tina Williams enjoying the exhibition



Gardening Tips for April

GARDEN TIPS FOR MAY

Herbaceous Cuttings Many herbaceous can be propagated by making cuttings of new shoots appearing now. With those such as delphiniums which might benefit from a little thinning the shoots can be inserted in frames or pots. Keep covered for a week or two, they should root readily.

Propagate Hydranges.

Given a warm frame, stocks of Hydrangea Hortensia can be increased by inserting cuttings, singly, into 3 inch pots and plunging them in the frame. When the cutting is rooted and a few inches high, it may be stopped to encourage the production of side shoots, which can give up to six flowering heads for next season.

Plant Hyacinths

Galtoniacandicans, the Cape Hyacinth, can be planted now. Put in at 15cm [6in] deep and 30cm [1ft] apart, they will grow to over 90cm [3ft] and look well in a border among low growing shrubs.

Celery sown in heat will be ready to plant out at the end of this month or early June. Take all opportunities to harden-off, so minimising the risk of shock at planting time.

Scarlet runner beans and dwarf kidney beans can be sown direct into the garden. They are tender to frost, but should be safe in frost areas now. Plants raised under glass should not be set out until the end of the month or early June, although runner beans should be given plenty of room to prevent them becoming entangled.

Swedes and turnips continue to make succession sowings through to July. These will produce crops from August to October. Use the globe turnip SNOWBALL, or the cylindrical JERSEY NAVET, and the swede WESTERN PERFECTION.

Increase stocks of clematis by taking soft-wood cuttings from now until mid June.

Don't allow Gladioli to grow too tall before staking them. By the time they have reached [30cm] a foot, a long stake should be in and the first tie made.

Climbers and wall plants are starting to grow away with vigour. Keep on top of them by tying the stems before they become entangled and are difficult to manage.

SOW WALLFLOWERS.

Although coming to flower late, my wallflowers produced another good display. Sowing for next year can be made in late May or early June

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Here I come creeping, everywhere;
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On the sunny hillside,
Close by the noisy brook,
In every shady nook,
I come creeping everywhere.

Here I come creeping, smiling everywhere;
All around the open door,
Where sit the aged poor;
Here where the children play,
In the bright merry May,
I come creeping, creeping everywhere.

Here I come creeping, creeping everywhere;
In the noisy city street
My pleasant face you'll meet,
Cheering the sick at heart
Toiling his busy part —
Silently creeping everywhere.

Here I come creeping, creeping every where;
You cannot see me coming,
Nor hear my low sweet humming;
For in the starry night,
And the glad morning light,
I come quietly creeping everywhere.

Here I come creeping, creeping everywhere;
More welcome than the flowers
In the summer's pleasant hours;
The gentle cow is glad,
And the merry bird not sad,
To see me creeping, creeping everywhere.

Here I come creeping, creeping everywhere;
when you're numbered with the dead
In your still and narrow bed,
In the happy spring I'll come
And deck your silent home—
creeping, silently creeping everywhere.

Here I come creeping, creeping everywhere;
My humble song of praise
Most joyfully I raise
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Aspirin relieves pain and reduces inflammation. It also lowers high temperatures and fever. It is therefore useful to take aspirin if, for example, you have a cold, sore throat or inflamed joints. Aspirin also make blood less likely clot, thereby reducing the risk of a repeated heart attack or stroke. However, aspirin can irritate the stomach and cause ulcers and internal bleeding, so sufferers from ulcers and indigestion should avoid it. Paracetamol is less likely to cause an upset stomach but does not help to prevent heart attacks and strokes.

Caution Children under 12 should not be given aspirin to take when they have a virus because of the danger of Reye's syndrome, a rare but often fatal disease which has been linked to viral infections and aspirin. Paracetamol is considered a safe alternative if taken with care.

Batteries

- Remove batteries from items you seldom use. Bundle them together with a rubber band and store them in a plastic sandwich bag to keep moisture out. Don't allow them to touch metal objects during storage or they may lose their power. Keep them away from warm places - best of all, store them in the refrigerator. Let them warm to room temperature before using them.
- When using battery-operated equipment in freezing weather keep the batteries warm in your pocket until you need to use them.
- If you can avoid it, don't store or use old batteries with new ones. New batteries can put stress on old ones and cause them to leak acid.
- Do not top up a rechargeable battery after every use. Let it run right down first or will not recharge fully, because the battery 'remembers' how much it was recharged and will work for only that amount of time.

Car security

- Etch your car's registration number, or some other number personal to you, onto the window tops (so that it can be seen if the door windows are lowered), wing mirrors and lights. Etching kits are available from motor accessory shops, or ask your local garage.
- Don't leave valuables visible in the car.
- Sharply turn the front wheels of the car to lock the steering wheel. Make sure the steering wheel is turned to the fully locked position. Set the gear lever in Park on an automatic-transmission car; on a manual, leave the car in gear. Engage the handbrake.
- Close all windows tightly, including the sunroof. Lock the car and pocket the key, even if you're

only steps away for a few minutes or you're parked in your own driveway.

- Vary your routines - don't park in the same place every day, for the same length of time. And park your car between others so that it will be more difficult for a thief to tow away.
- Avoid parking in a low-traffic, dimly lit area, such as the remote sections of a shopping centre, where a thief can work undetected.
- Always take valuables inside at night.
- Special locks, alarms and assorted disabling devices are among the many anti-theft devices available for cars today. Fit an alarm or ignition immobiliser, and always use it. Fit a lockable fuel cap and lockable wheel nuts.

Corkscrew

- Have you lost your corkscrew? Use a large screw hook or eye instead, and use a mixing spoon or sturdy stick to pull a cork out. Or drive a plain screw into the cork and grip the head of the screw firmly with a pair of pliers. (This technique is not advisable with a good, rare wine, however).
- To ease out a stubborn cork, dip a cloth in very hot water and wrap it around the neck of the bottle; it will expand the glass and free the cork.

Flowerpots

- Look around the house for containers that would make good flowerpots. Pretty coffee mugs fit on a windowsill and make the perfect holder for herbs or small plants. Drill a drainage hole in the bottom with a carbon-tipped glass or masonry bit, or place an inch of gravel and some charcoal in the bottom of the container to keep the roots from becoming waterlogged.
- Larger kitchen containers, such as ceramic milk jug and the baking dish that sits abandoned at the back of the cupboard, are good choices, too.
- Cleaning a plastic flowerpot requires nothing more than a stiff brush and hot soapy water, but the stains and ingrained dirt on an old clay pot may prove more stubborn. Soak the pot in a solution of 4 fl oz/115ml bleach per gallon/4.5 litres of hot water for 5 minutes, then remove, rinse and scrub; repeat as necessary.
- If a pot has housed a diseased plant, sterilise it before you fill it up with a new plant. Soak it in boiling water or run it through a complete cycle in the dishwasher after first rinsing off any grit.

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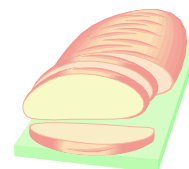
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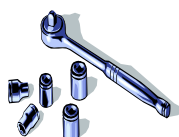
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Maynooth Golf Society

The following are the results of our outing to Millicent sponsored by East Coast Building Co. Ltd.

1st Overall	Liam Farrelly	38 pts
2nd	Steve Greenwood	35 pts B9
3rd	Dave Kinlon	35 pts B9
4th	Barry Desmond	35 pts B2
5th	Emmett Savage	35 pts
6th	Gerry Reilly	31 pts B9
7th	Kevin Loftus	31 pts
Front 9	Jim O'Keeffe	
Back 9	Tom Flatley	
Nearest the Pin	Mick O'Rourke	
Two's Club	Mick O'Rourke, Steve Greenwood, John Byrne	



Liam Farrelly Overall Winner on right with Emmett Savage



Gerry McTernan Overall Winner & Cam Dunne sponsor

Our next outing took place on Saturday 17th April to The Heath Golf Club and it was sponsored by Maynooth Paving and Patios Ltd. (Cam Dunne).

Results as follows:

1st Overall	Gerry McTernan	39 pts (B.9)
2nd	Derek Murray	38 pts
3rd	Tom Flatley	38 pts (B.9)
4th	Colm Loftus	38 pts
5th	Dave Sullivan	34 pts
6th	Gerry Reilly	32 pts
7th	John Carroll	31 pts
Front 9	Pa Conway	22 pts
Back 9	Alan Kelly	18 pts
Two's Club	Steve Greenwood & Eamon Murphy	

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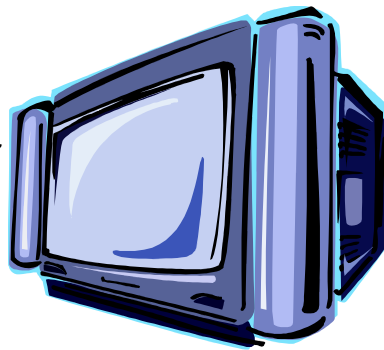
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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre

Question

Can you please give the new rates of payment for Child Benefit?

Answer

Child Benefit is paid monthly by the Department of Social and Family Affairs for each qualified child normally living with you and being supported by you. The rate of Child Benefit increases each year from April. To qualify a child must be dependant on you and must also be:

Under age 16 or

Aged 16, 17, or 18 and attending full-time education or a FAS Youthreach course or have a physical or mental disability.

The payment is generally made to the mother of the child. Where the parents are living separately it is paid to the parent with whom the child lives the majority of the time. If the child is not living with or being maintained by the parents, then it may be paid to the person who is caring for the child. From April 2004 the Child Benefit rates are as follow:

Number of children	Monthly rate
	€
1 child	131.60
2 children	263.20
3 children	428.50
4 children	593.80
5 children	759.10
6 children	924.40
7 children	1,089.70
8 children	1,255.00

Child Benefit claimants paid by electronic methods receive the increased rate in full from April 2004. Those on book payments will receive the increased rate through a special payment in May, backdated to April.

When a birth is registered, if it is a first child, the Department sends a partially completed application form to the mother requesting payment details. If it is a second or subsequent child the Child Benefit payment is automatically increased and the mother notified. In other cases, application for Child Benefit should be made on Form CB1 for children under 16 years of age and on Form CB2 for a child aged 16 or over. Claim forms are available from your local Social Welfare Office, Post Office or from the Child Benefit Section, Social Welfare Services Office, Tel: LoCall: 1890 400 400.

Question

I believe you can get assistance towards the cost of having a telephone. Can you please give details?

Answer

Assistance may be available under the Household Benefits Package: Free Television Licence, Electricity/Gas Allowance and Telephone Allowance. The Telephone Allowance scheme provides a payment towards your telephone bill from Eircom. The value of the allowance is €20.41 (€24.70 including VAT) if you are billed monthly and € 40.82 (€ 49.40 including VAT) if you are billed two-monthly. It will not, however, cover the full cost of your telephone bill. The cost of Eircom's Social Benefit Scheme is €25.17 (including VAT) per month or €0.47 more than the Telephone Allowance. This covers line/telephone rental and up to

€1.46 (including VAT) of call credit per month. The Allowance also does not cover the initial installation charge for the telephone.

Those aged 70 or over are eligible for the Household Benefits Package no matter what their means or who lives with them. Also eligible are:

- Those aged between 66 and 69 in receipt of a qualifying payment, such as Old Age Pension, Widow(er)'s Pension or One Parent Family Payment, and living alone or with certain excepted persons.
- Those aged between 66 and 69 who satisfy a means test and are living alone or only with certain excepted persons.
- Those under age 66 in receipt of a qualifying payment such as, Invalidity Pension or Disability Allowance, and living alone or with certain excepted persons.
- Those in receipt of a Carer's Allowance.

To be eligible for the Allowance you have to be the registered account holder. You cannot be living in a Nursing/Retirement Home where the accommodation is not fully self-contained. However, those aged 70 or over living in a Nursing Home are eligible for the Telephone Allowance, even though the accommodation is not self-contained, providing the telephone account is in their name.

Question

A friend of mine who is ill has not yet claimed Disability Benefit. If he claims now will it be backdated?

Answer

If you want to claim Disability Benefit from the Department of Social and Family Affairs you must apply for it within 7 days of the start of you illness. It

Maynooth Citizens Information Cont'd.

is payable after the first 3 days of illness. If you are late claiming you may lose a days payment for each day you delay. However, payment may be backdated where you have a good reason for the delay.

Normally, payment will only be backdated up to 6 months but it may be backdated further in certain special cases where you did not apply for reasons such as the following:

- Because of information supplied to you or someone acting for you by the Department.
- Because you were so ill that you could not apply or get someone to apply for you.
- Because you suffered a 'force majeure' - an overwhelming event such as a natural disaster.

You will be required to provide evidence that will backup your reason for the delay in claiming.

Payment may also be backdated beyond six months where you need payment to prevent or relieve current 'financial hardship'. In this case you must be in debt. You must be able to show that your current income, including any social welfare payments, is not enough to meet ongoing expenses and that you are unable to reduce or pay off your debts by using savings or other disposable assets that you could sell.

The following may be considered good reasons to backdate payment up to 6 months, however, they are not acceptable as reasons for further backdating:

- Because of a lack of knowledge about your entitlement by you, by someone acting for you or by third parties.
- Because of information or advice supplied by an agency other than the Department.
- Because of a failure to act by an individual or an agency than the Department.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Question

I understand that there has been a change in the type of work you are allowed to do if you avail of the Scheme of Early Retirement from Farming. What can you do?

Answer

Under a recently announced change it is now possible for someone who has retired from farming under the scheme to return to certain farming activities.

The Farm Retirement Scheme operated by the Department of Agriculture and Food encourages farmers aged between 55 and 66 to retire from farming and transfer their lands to a younger farmer. Farmers who retire and meet the conditions of the scheme qualify for a Farm Retirement Pension. The Farm Retirement Pension is reduced by certain social

welfare pensions which may be in payment, including qualified adult, child dependent and living alone allowances.

Up until recently those retiring under the scheme had to retire from commercial farming forever. They could only take up work outside of farming or pursue social or recreational activities.

They may now take up insurable employment in farming-related business. Examples of such businesses are co-ops and private companies that provide services to farmers on a contract basis, such as relief milking, silage making and hedge cutting. They may not, however, work on the farm from which they have retired or work directly for another farmer.

Further information is available from Department's Early Retirement Section, Johnstown Castle Estate, Wexford, Tel: LoCall 1890 200 509 and the Citizens Information Centre at 01-6285477

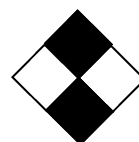


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Features

Congratulations to christelle Quinn and Baby Maya of Rockfield (pictured above) on winning our Easter bunny prize. A big thank you to all who bought tickets for our Easter Raffle in aid of Debra Ireland.

Debra Ireland was set up to help people mainly children with Epidermolysis Bullosa -EB- is a distressing and painful genetic skin disorder causing skin layers and body linings to separate and blister at the slightest touch. Children born with EB have skin that is as fragile as the wings of a butterfly - and as easily damaged.

Anybody wishing to support this charity can participate in the upcoming Women's Mini Marathon and for all those that can't make it on the 7th June can offer sponsorship to Frances Lennon 086 8740242 or contact Aisling at Debra Ireland for sponsorship cards at the following address.

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The longer evenings signal not only the arrival of spring but the start of the evening fixtures. Managers are reminder to check the fixturing listing before arranging training venues. Official fixtures take preference in ALL cases. It is worth a phone call to all opposition, for both home and away games to avoid unnecessary travelling and disappointment. The referee should also be contacted for all home games. The club has started running our pilot coaching academy with qualified FAI coach James Call. The intension is that every team get one session before the end of this season. A decision will then be made on how best to progress this important initiative. The hope is (finances permitting) to put a coaching package together for each schoolboy team for the start of pre-season training next year. Any manager wishing to arrange there session for this season should contact John Doogan or Gerry Folan.

As per the discussion at our last AGM the club's financial year will close on th 31st of May. The accounts will then be sent for audit with this years AGM pencilled in for June/July. The date will be confirmed on the Maynooth Town F.C. website and other usual notice boards.

Maynooth Town 7 v Broadford Rovers 3

D.D.S.L. Under 8 C1

This home tie for Maynooth in the Harbour Field provided proof positive why one should leave their beds early on a Sunday morning. Both sides displayed a passion for fast, open, attacking football and served up ten goals for the fans.

From the kick-off Maynooth took the initiative. After some fine passing Conor Davin found himself in space and his through ball to Gary Daly was neatly tucked away inside the opening three minutes. Not to be outdone Broadford put together a swift counter attack to grab the equaliser.

It was not long before the Town struck again. Having started the move in the centre of the park mid-field power house Declan Burke was on hand to fire a fine shot into the net giving the visiting keeper no chance. With the game poised at 2-1 Maynooth conceded a penalty but home keeper Bankole Agunsoye pulled off a fine save to keep his side in front. The Town stretched there lead to 3-1 before the break as Conor Davin show tigerish determination to score.

Both sides resumed with vigour and determination. Following some fine tackling in mid-field Jack Connolly found space to supply a fine cross from which Gary Daly netted his second.

Despite the best efforts of the Maynooth's defenders Daniel French and James Penny Broadford added a second. The Town's mid-field of Burke and Connolly then switched to overdrive and Burke added another for his side. Substitutes Conor Gorman and Jonathan Flattery brought a fresh threat to the Broadford defensive line and it was not long before Daly added his third to make it 6-2 in Maynooth's favour. However Broadford were not finished and added their third before Daly wrapped it up for the home side with his fourth to leave the final score 7-3. A exciting and entertaining performance from both with the real winner being the beautiful game!!

Maynooth Town F. C. Weekly Lotto Results

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Date	Numbers	Jackpot	3 x €35 Winners		
25-Jan-04	3,4,9,14	€1,275	AIDAN DEMPSEY	DAMIAN WILLIAMS	JOHN DALY
01-Feb-04	5,9,10,21	€1,350	SIOBHAN BURGESS	ANNETTE DUFFY	MADLINE O' HARE
08-Feb-04	2,3,15,26	€1,425	JOEY O' RIORDAN	BRENDAN COFFEY	STEPHEN KING
15-Feb-04	4,13,22,24	€1,500	WILLIE SAULTS	JOAN CARROLL	JIM MOORE
22-Feb-04	9,13,26,27	€1,575	MARK & LISA THOMPSON	RUTH MILLAR	RUAIRI MURRAY
29-Feb-04	1,11,16,18	€1,650	ROSE CONNOLLY	JOHN SAULTS	SARAH MILES
07-Mar-04	4,15,19,28	€1,725	EILEEN QUINN	MARTIN MAGUIRE	ROSANNA REID
14-Mar-04	1,9,15,26	€1,800	KIERAN HORGAN	CATHERINE QUIGLEY	DON FOLEY
21-Mar-04	9,16,26,27	€1,875	WILLIE KELLY	E. CULLEN	ERRIN CLAVIN
28-Mar-04	7,21,24,28	€1,950	MICHAEL GILL	JACKIE KELLY	JOHN KIELTY

Features

A Truly Historic Moment Europe Opens the Doors... Part 3

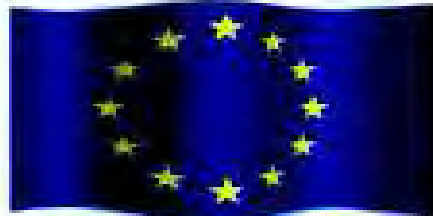
The Ascension to Europe, which starts in May 2004, opens the door to the 10 countries of Eastern Europe. We welcome new members and conclude our introduction (March and April issues of Maynooth Newsletter) with the last three countries.

Poland

The Polish tribes were first united in 9th century under Mieczyslaw to become an independent kingdom. Christianity was brought in by Mieszko in the late 10th century. Kings of the 14th century Ladislas I and Casimir the Great brought unity, centralised administration, defence and contributed to the development of trade and industry of the country. A period of the Protestant ascendancy of 1386-1572 was marked by development of the arts and sciences. The most successful and the most powerful were 16th to mid-18th centuries when Poland was the biggest country in Europe and defeated its neighbouring Russia and Lithuania.

However, with the death of the last member of the Jagiellonian dynasty, the country's might declined and in the war against Sweden and Russia it was defeated and would never recover. The further partition of Poland was enforcing these measures with parts of the country divided between Russia, Austria and Prussia in 1772. The patriotic resistance by Kosciuszko was soon defeated which resulted in further partition in 1795 with establishment of protectorate of the Russian Empire under Catherine the Great. 1830-63 saw the uprisings against the protector country and in 1918 Poland regained its independence under the leadership of Pilsudski with agreement between Russia and Poland on the border of Curzon Line.

Further years were marked with political instability up to the beginning of the World War II in 1939. The war eliminated 6 million of the country's population, majority being slaughtered in the concentration camps all over the occupied country. The end of the WWII established the new borders and saw the re-election of the republic in 1947, which was still under the close Soviet supervision. Pro-Soviet rule which was associated with arrests, food shortages and general civil unrest culminated in 1956 when Gomulka took over as a leader and reintroduced private farming and released the key Catholic figure Wyszyński. Corrupted regime of Gierek and further unrest of 1970-80s resulted in curfew and civilian deaths in 1982, and the Pope visited country in 1983 calling for reconciliation.



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The slow but important improvements began by Jaruzelski administration led to liberalisation, reforms of the state, and relaxation of economic sanctions by the US. In 1989 Poland began its transition to the market economy with opening of the stock exchange, privatisation, and strong support of the International Monetary Fund. Soon enough the country was trying to tackle hyperinflation, unemployment and discords against further economic reformation of the country. The October 1991 saw the first fully free multiparty election and in 1993 Poland was invited to apply for membership of the European Union.

Slovakia

Established by Slavonic tribes in the 5th century, it was occupied by Magyars since 10 AD, and belonged to the Hungarian crown onwards. The major nationalist movement was at its peak in the 18-19th centuries and with the collapse of Austro-Hungarian empire the country has overthrown the crown to establish a free state with neighbouring Czechs. However, a centralised control from Prague and absence of administrative power led to dissent followed by protection from Germany and declaration of autonomy within Czecho-Slovak state in 1938.

Communist regime controlled the Republic since 1948, and saw the introduction of the new constitution, however the control over the joint state was tight and demands for independence grew within following years. 1989 saw pro-democratic demonstrations and increase of Slovak separatism, followed by formation of parties in 1991 and finally the new government under Vaclav Havel with location in Slovakia's capital Bratislava.

On January 1, 1993 the world saw what became known as 'velvet revolution' or 'velvet divorce', when the two states signed an official separation treaty on terms of good neighbourliness, thus reconciling the nationalist discord. The new constitution was adopted and in June 1993 the Slovak Republic was admitted to the United Nations and the Council of Europe. In January 1994 the state joined NATO's partnership for peace programme, to become an Associate EU member.

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Slovenia

Settled by Slovenes in the 6th century, the territory was under Hungarian domination since 10th century and was then controlled by the Hapsburgs from 1335. The collapse of the Austrian crown rule after the WWI gave way to establishment of the kingdom of Croats, Serbs, and Slovenes in 1918, which later formed a part of Yugoslavia.

During the World War II the territories were occupied by Fascist Germany and Italy. In 1945 the Yugoslav Socialist Federal Republic was formed, with Slovenia being the most economically advanced of all the incorporated states. Unlike the neighbours, there were very few demands for autonomy and the Slovenes helped in subsidizing the poorer republics and greatly contributed to overall development of Yugoslavia.

Economic decline and social unrest in 1980s mounted pressure within the republic which was enough to launch a campaign for independence by Democratic Opposition of Slovenia (DEMOS). The communist party was defeated in elections 1990, and the call for independence ended up at the referendum 1991. The

EC and USA recognized the Slovenian Republic January 1992, and in May 1992 it was admitted to the United Nations.

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Local Perspectives

The Local Election candidate, Brid Feely has been very encouraged by the friendliness and hospitality shown to her by the residents of Maynooth, as she has met with them over the period of the past year, since she was nominated to stand in her local area. Furthermore she has been particularly heartened by the identification of a large percentage of those residents with the same issues and problems that she herself has long felt were issues that the current Councillors have abjectly failed to deal with in a positive manner for Maynooth.

INTRODUCTION

I wish to appeal directly to all the citizens of Maynooth to vote for me in the Local Elections on June 11th. Local Elections are only held every 5 years and so it is very important that people who are concerned about the future of the town, both short and long term, should use their voice to choose how that future is planned and progresses.

I am asking the people of Maynooth to entrust me with their valuable vote based on a simple platform of truths.

I have spent all my life in Maynooth and so I am deeply aware of the origins of the town, its uniquely historic significance and ethos, the importance of preserving, utilising and maximising the benefits that stem from that reality to all the residents in Maynooth.

I have witnessed the initially slow development of the town during the 1960's, '70's and '80's and the somewhat faster development that took place during the 1990's driven by the economic boom that was the " Celtic Tiger " evidenced by a mass return of immigrants and almost full employment among the workforce - employment in technology driven companies such as Intel and Hewlett Packard resulted in increased demand for residential and commercial developments and consequently increased necessity for provision of infrastructure to service that development. *I, along with all the other residents of the town, have borne witness to the failure of our Councillors to successfully plan and provide for that infrastructure.*

We have witnessed how the increased demand for residential and commercial development has been somewhat restricted and held back and not been satisfied, yet how the obvious need for provision of essential infrastructural developments such as *Link Roads and Ring Roads* have been ignored and how *our County Council and Councillors* have failed to

provide these essentials, despite their being in the public domain for the past 25-30 years. Being a resident of Maynooth over all those periods of time, I am astounded that in 2004 we still have not been provided with those urgently needed and long identified essentials. What is wrong with Kildare County Council and our local Councillors ??? How much time do they spend in Maynooth or indeed in the north of the County ??? Have our County Council and present Councillors no long term vision of Maynooth. Why, in the era of the Celtic Tiger, has Maynooth been neglected and not reaped the benefits and infrastructure that it surely has long warranted and deserved? This is simply not good enough - the lack of results are plain and evident for all to see.

Working in Maynooth on a daily basis involves constant driving up and down the town, through all the approach roads into the town and therefore I have first hand and on-going experience of the *nightmare that Maynooth traffic* currently is for all our residents. I can see how *seemingly simple problems* can and do contribute to traffic gridlock and mayhem and I have recently distributed my first newsletter detailing how some of those simple problems could be addressed in order to reach some improvement in the daily lives of our motorists and pedestrians.

I can also see how some *major problems* are on the horizon principally due to the failure of our Council and Councillors to prepare and plan correctly or at all for the future. *These major problems include the development of major projects such as the Mill site without the proper provision of Ring roads and Link roads in advance. It also includes the incorrect location of schools and the proposed incorrect location of a childrens playground, which however is long overdue and essential.*

As a resident of Maynooth myself, it is in my best interests to ensure that the progressive developments and benefits that should accrue to Maynooth as a result of its strategically important location are maximised to the full for the benefit of our residents, both economically, socially and in terms of quality of life on a daily basis. *Other major problems include the current mix of commuter, commercial, leisure, work and school traffic centred in the Main St and town centre areas.*

In my view, proper planning in advance for our future needs and development must make provision for the setting aside of an area adjacent to the Meadowbrook Link road for services such as a primary school, childrens playground etc - an area where high residential development exists which will ensure proper planning from the point of view of traffic management and movement also. Perhaps consideration should be given to the possibility of

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swapping the current small areas taken by primary schools near the town centre, for much larger areas, facilitating larger school services and also taking into account traffic movements for parents, commuters etc.

As a new candidate, I represent fresh blood, a new voice, with a new progressive vision of how Maynooth should emerge and progress, yet protecting its essential spirit and ethos. Long term strategic planning, envisioning what demand for services will be like in 20-25 years time is appropriate and vital. Immediate concentration on the urgent provision of a Ring Road, new schools strategically located close to residential developments thus avoiding unnecessary school traffic in other areas such as the Main St, a system of Roundabouts to cater for on-going movement of traffic (not endless traffic lights designed to stop traffic) are without doubt those issues that I will pressurise Kildare County Council to concentrate on and provide to the people of Maynooth, if I am elected.

I recognise the ultimate importance of listening to what people have to say, their opinions and suggestions and place dialogue with and co-operation with the residents of Maynooth at the top of my programme. It is not a Councillors job to dictate to, or decide what are or are not options for the people of Maynooth. It is the Councillors job to liaise with, advise and inform with all the best knowledge available to them, the people they are representing - not the other way round! *The residents of Maynooth should be constantly consulted for their opinions, wants and priorities and issues prioritised on that basis.* The people should do the leading, not the other way round, after all the Councillors are there to serve the people they represent and who have elected them.

I emphasise this very important point, with the example of speaking to the residents of the Moyglare Road area of Maynooth recently. On a house by house basis, I was struck by the positive attitude of the residents with regard to the planning permission granted for 526 houses in the area. The residents are supportive of the need and demand that exists for future residents to live in the area and had no problem with the permission itself. However their concerns are practical and involve the lack of provision of the necessary infrastructure in the form of a Ring Road, the very same Ring Road that Councillors and the County Council knew 20-25 years ago would be required !!!!!. Why have they not done anything with regard to providing this road, long before any residential developments were applied for ?????

Why haven't the Councillors impressed upon the Council the necessity of providing such a Ring Road throughout the intervening years ? Why wait until the

inevitable demand for residential development can no longer be restricted or ignored and then suddenly and short-sightedly deal with the problem on a piece meal basis by the routine lodging of objection after objection to planning applications in a seemingly conveyor-like and cynical manner ????

Proper traffic management and adequate parking facilities also are the responsibility of the Council to provide. Suggestions that parking meters be provided in the town seem ridiculous and premature given the fact that Maynooth commuters do not have any alternative areas in which to park at the moment.

At time of writing this article, the *Harbour Action Area Plan* is still delayed, yet I do feel strongly that a significant part of the Harbour Field must be designated and set aside for parking for those people who commute daily to work via the improved Train system. Aesthetics can be guarded and prioritised, but the people of Maynooth, present and future, must benefit from *significant car parking facilities in this field.*

The election of a new Councillor, from the area , working in Maynooth on a daily basis, would help refresh the Council's attitude to the area, as fresh blood and a fresh approach would inevitably result in the possibility of a fresh approach in turn from the Council who may have got too used to dealing with the same old faces in the same old way for so many years.

A new female voice would also ensure the opportunity to refresh and renew the tired old system at this very important junction in the future development and planning of how Maynooth should progress for our children, our current residents and indeed the future residents of the area.

I ask the people of Maynooth to vote for me, Brid Feely, on June 11th to ensure that,

1. A young, 2. Fresh, 3. Progressive, 4. Local, 5. Female, 6. Reasoned and 7. Determined voice, conveys the wishes and requirements of Maynooth residents to the County Council, who up to now seem to be unaware of the true problems currently experienced in Maynooth and who appear unwilling to make proper and necessary provision for the current and future necessities of the town.

THE FOLLOWING ARE A NUMBER OF ISSUES CURRENTLY OF IMPORTANCE.

A) DULCEDO MILL DEVELOPMENT

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At time of going to press, it has been reported that apparent dumping of rubble has taken place onto a site on the Straffan road from the Mill site. Council officials are investigating the matter and should this be confirmed it would represent a very serious development. As a condition of planning, certain regulations were put in place to deal with the transportation of such rubble from the area along certain routes and to a particular dumping site in Summerhill. Health concerns have also been expressed in relation to this. Were such activity to be confirmed it could represent a flagrant disregard for the conditions attached to planning and serious consideration would be required to deal with the issue immediately. However it is wise to examine the exact circumstances firstly as the matter is still unclear before making any further comment.

Other matters have arisen with regard to the Mill development which concern the residents of Maynooth.

- The number of parking spaces provided doesn't appear to take account of the inevitable increase in numbers using the retail services which will occur in the years ahead.
- The vehicular entrance on the Kilcock road, will in my opinion, inevitably lead to traffic congestion in the immediate future. Surely the ideal and sensible entrance would have been at the existing corner wherein a Roundabout system could have been put in place, thereby ensuring constant movement of traffic in a safe manner. In fact in my opinion, only a Roundabout system in operation here will work to clear traffic bearing in mind the current hassle and stress involved for residents on the Moyglare road trying to access the town.
- At present, partly because of the extent of the hoarding coming out onto the roadway, it is dangerous for traffic coming up from the Main St and trying to cross up to Moyglare Road due to poor visibility and confusion over where exactly the median lies.
- The hoarding as erected impinges to quiet an extent on the vision of motorists and lessens the safety for children in particular trying to get to school. A hoarding licence which was granted for 12 months is renewable every 2 months so citizens should bear this in mind. Recently during the very high winds on the weekend of 20th March, during which there was a tragic fatality on Bond Bridge, a loose sheet of wood approximately the size of one section of hoarding rose from the other side of the existing hoarding and flew at speed

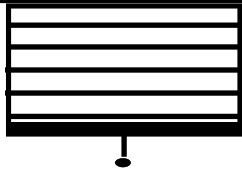
across the road banging violently onto the Church wall, narrowly missing moving cars but more particularly two men who were walking along the path. Luckily neither were injured as luck was on their side on this occasion.

B) HARBOUR ACTION AREA PLAN

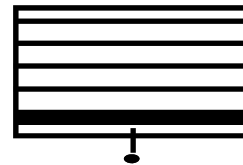
The publication of the Harbour Action Area Plan has been expected at the end of March but unfortunately has been delayed somewhat. However many fine elements are expected to be included - the provision of a service centre etc. *However I feel that a significant area of this field should be set aside wholly for the provision of car parking for those people using the train station daily. The importance of the train service in Maynooth is expected to increase very substantially in the years ahead, and indeed the presence of such a service is a major reason as to why people wish to live and reside in the area. Surely we must learn the lessons from previous mistakes, and make proper provision based on the usage over the next 20-25 years. In other words, plenty of car parking spaces must be provided here as a priority. There is suggestions being made that a portion, of this field should be set aside for a children's playground, however I would seriously question this location for its suitability as in my opinion the area close by the canal is not safety friendly for young children, and indeed from a traffic point of view, residents wishing to use the playground would have to travel which in turn would lead to further traffic congestion centering on the Main St and town centre, thereby mixing with commercial, commuter and work traffic. It is my belief that the provision of a children's playground is absolutely essential but its location should be adjacent to areas of large residential development, such as adjacent to the residential developments that will be adjoined by the soon to be constructed Meadowbrook Link Road. The location of a children's playground in the Harbour field might look good but I would contend would in practise be a disaster. Perhaps our councillors are too eager to capture immediate votes by not thinking the correct location through in somewhat more detail and imagining the situation within a few short years.*

C) BOND BRIDGE

I fully support the statements contained in the recent letter from The Chairperson of the Bond Bridge Action Group, Mr. John Doogan to all the councillors and the County Council concerning the above. Indeed I believe the latest sentiments expressed by the Council, now querying the value of completing the project at all, is a good example if one were needed of the apparent lack of understanding or willingness to address the needs of the Maynooth area vis a vis infrastructure. Are the Council leading our Councillors and therein the



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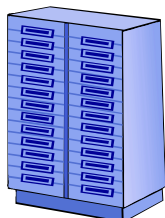
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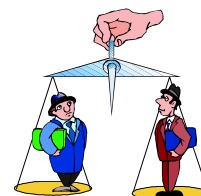
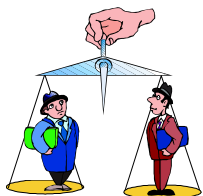


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residents of the area a merry dance round in circles ?? Again I applaud the action of the Fianna Fail Councillor Paul Kelly in proposing a motion calling on the County Council to prepare a report on funding options to be available at the next area meeting in April.

D) TOWN COUNCIL STATUS

I have written to Minister for Finance, Mr. Charlie McCreevy T.D. calling on him to intercede with the Minister for the Environment and Local Government, Mr. Martin Cullen T.D. to facilitate a meeting between representatives of the Maynooth Community Council and himself in order to discuss the expected time frame for movement of our application to obtain Town Council status. Local resident Paul Croghan has long been an advocate of town council status and I fully support his view that such status could bring substantial gains to the town. Minister McCreevy is expected to visit the town in April and I expect he will be able to meet to discuss this issue.

E) APPLICATION TO AN BORD PLEANALA FOR MART FACILITIES AT MOYGLARE

I enclose an extract from a recent letter written in support of those residents objecting to the application for a mart and livestock sales facilities for location at Moyglare, Maynooth which was recently rejected by Meath County Council but subsequently appealed to An Bord Pleanala.

Brid Feely has welcomed the decision recently taken by Meath County Council to refuse planning permission for a Mart and associated livestock sales facility, at Moyglare, Maynooth.

However, she has cautioned that those residents and groups who made submissions or lodged objections to the application must remain vigilant and pursue the issue as the applicant has just recently lodged an appeal to An Bord Pleanala.

Speaking at the weekend, Ms Feely, who has experience of the meat export business, stated there was no justifiable need whatsoever for a Mart to be located in or near Maynooth.

" At present there is an overcapacity in the meat factories and over capacity in the livestock marts in Ireland.

During the 1970's and '80's Maynooth Livestock Mart flourished as did neighbouring marts in Blessington, Naas, Trim, Edenderry etc but this was during a period when those marts were supplying large capacity Abattoirs in the area. Factories such as IMP Leixlip had a capacity of 3,500 cattle per week, IMP Grand Canal Street had a capacity of 3,000 plus cattle per week, Sallins had a capacity of 2,500 per week

while the Dublin Meat Plant at Ballymun had a capacity of 2,500 cattle per week. Those meat plants have long since closed and as a result up to 11,500 cattle per week in terms of sales and movements to such plants have disappeared."

" Such sites have now been swallowed up by the rapid developments that have occurred in the last 10 years, " said Ms. Feely.

" There are now no meat factories in the immediate area of Maynooth and therefore there is no need for a mart to be located in the area. Livestock marts have no place in satellite towns such as Maynooth "Ms. Feely stated.

The two largest dairy herds in the area, Carton Estate and the College, have long gone. Kavanagh Manor Mills, suppliers of feedstuffs to the Agri business has also disappeared.

Thankfully so too have the lorries going to and from the mart through the Main St of Maynooth. Maynooth and its residents want the town to progress not regress.

Accordingly, given these factors and the planned rationalisation of the meat industry, it is patently clear there is no logical or justifiable reason for a mart to be located in Maynooth or Moyglare or anywhere near the area, continued Ms. Feely.

F) MOUNTJOY GOVERNOR JOHN LONERGAN IN MAYNOOTH - COMMUNITY AND YOUTH FACILITIES

The Governor of Mountjoy Prison, Mr. John Lonergan recently addressed an open Public Meeting in the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth during which he gave an indepth and heartfelt address to those in attendance. His address touched on many of the *ills of society* in general, the *isolation and loneliness of the individual* in modern , developed and busy societies, where *mass media and loss of the comforts provided by smaller communities often propell the vulnerable* into lives of depression and poverty, leading to dependence on drink, drugs, crime etc.

His description sounded a cautionary tale for those communities, including Maynooth, who fail to provide the facilities that the various members of society need. Lessons with regard to how future amenities should be planned for our young people as Maynooth approaches a period of significant residential development and population increase must be taken from his address. Provision of activities, sporting and recreational facilities and the fostering of community spirit through the opportunities to join and take part in group events is a vital ingredient in ensuring that the young people of Maynooth, present and future, enjoy well rounded and happy childhoods and are encouraged to stay on the path to well rounded and

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happy adulthoods. The failure of any community to provide the football, hurling, tennis clubs, the playgrounds, social activities such as quizzes, areas where all sections both young and old can meet such as a Community Centre is a recipe for disaster - a breeding ground of isolated, lonely, dysfunctional and socially disruptive teenagers and young adults who descend into sad and lonely lives, often accompanied by drink and drug excesses and eventually leading to criminal and anti-social behavior. It is for all these reasons, that the provision of a Community Centre is of vital importance to Maynooth.

G) NEW PAY BY USE WASTE CHARGES

The recent introduction of the " pay by use " waste charges by the Minister for the Environment, are to be welcomed since they make provision for the scale of charges which an individual has to pay to be determined by the amount of waste he or she produces. Hence the individuals who reduce, reuse or recycle their waste have the least amount of charges to pay.

H) REGISTER TO VOTE

Everyone wishing to vote in the Local and European elections in June, should ensure that they are on the register which will be published in May. Applications can be obtained by phoning me at the numbers below or by contacting me at my e-mail address Make sure you have a voice in your local area and you can play your part in ensuring that Maynooth progresses as you wish. Application forms can also be obtained from the Garda Station and Kildare County Council and must be filled in and stamped at the local Garda Station where it would be advisable to bring independent identification.

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Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Bond Bridge:

At the January 2004 meeting of Kildare County Council the County Manager advised Cllr. John McGinley that he would be bringing funding recommendations for the new Bond Bridge before the March Meeting of the Council for decision by the Councillors.

The Manager did not honour this commitment as the report presented to the March meeting questioned the need for the new bridge and stated that the project would "be the subject of a detailed cost benefit analysis" on completion of the Meadowbrook Link road. The County Manager had ignored the policy decision made in March 1998, when the Council agreed to proceed with the new bridge.

Cllr. John McGinley proposed:

"That Bond Bridge be given No.1 Priority for funding out of the new Development Contribution Scheme."

An hour long debate followed during which Council Officials shamefully used scare tactics to get Cllr. McGinley's motion defeated. They said that if the motion was agreed other important road projects throughout the county would suffer. They ignored the fact that Bond Bridge will take two years to complete and during that period the maximum outlay on other road projects by the Council will be €21.5m.

Over the next two years the Council will take in €32m for roads through the Development Contribution Scheme. As the net cost of Bond Bridge is now €4.96m one does not have to be a mathematical genius to figure out that they will have no problem funding both Bond Bridge and the other projects. Indeed they will have €6m left over for, as yet, unidentified projects.

At the end of the debate Cllr. McGinley felt that it would be prudent to withdraw his motion and to give Councillors a month to reflect on what was being said a **would come** t the meeting. He then seconded Cllr. Paul Kelly's motion :

"That the report be rejected and that the Director back to the next monthly meeting with funding proposals for the new bridge"

This motion was agreed unanimously and hopefully we will see funding agreed for the new Bond Bridge and the other projects that the Council is committed to at the next meeting on 26th April.

Bus Bays at the Girls' School in Maynooth:

Cllr. John McGinley has been relentlessly pursuing the installation of bus bays, at Convent Lane, for the Girls' School, over the past two years. It appeared as if the commencement of the project was imminent and on Holy Thursday Cllr. John McGinley got the following devastating E-Mail from Des O'Connor, Kildare County Council Project Engineer:

"The DTO allocation was received earlier this week. It is in the course of being formally ratified at present at a meeting in the DTO where it is assumed that no alterations will be made. Unfortunately, Charterhouse did not make the list this year. This, I must stress, is not due in any way to any alleged delay in sending documentation to the DTO from Kildare County Council. There was no such delay at any stage.

This year the DTO were instructed by the Dept. of Transport to include only works which contribute to the relief of congestion and the Charterhouse project was not deemed to make such a contribution.

The grant sought by Kildare County Council was €100,000. This finance will now have to be found from a different source. I intend to try and locate a source because we all agree that this project has been doing the rounds for too long and I would like to see work being done as early as possible.

I'm on Annual Leave until Monday 19th and I will be searching for a source of finance upon my return."

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Cllr. John McGinley sent him the following reply:

Des,

To say that "this project has been doing the rounds for too long" is putting it very mildly.

As long ago as 1st March 2002 we were advised at our Area Meeting that funding had been received for the project. I quote from Page 2 of the minutes:

"Mr. McNulty advised the members that funding in the sum of €56,000 has been received and that a design for this scheme would now be drawn up."

What has happened to this money?

At the Area Meeting on 5th June 2003, in response to my motion, I was advised, in writing, by Eileen Quinlivan that the bus bays would be in place by early Autumn i.e. before the school opening in September 2003.

At our Area Meeting on 3rd October 2003 we were advised, in writing, that the "Total cost of this scheme is €83,500 of which the DTO are providing a grant of €41,750."

From the foregoing you don't need me to point out to you how deplorable the Council's actions have been on this Health & Safety issue that affects our children. We have an Area Meeting on 23rd April and I expect you to tell us that you have funding in place and that you will be going to tender immediately."

In addition Cllr. McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

"That funding be made available for the bus bay project at the Girls' School, Maynooth, that it immediately goes to tender and that the contract awarded to ensure that the project is completed by the end of July 2004."

Taking Housing Estates in Charge

Cllr. McGinley, along with other Councillors, has been campaigning for some time to get the County Council Management to take their responsibilities seriously when it comes to development control.

Believe it or not, for a two year period the Council had no staff working on development control, even though Kildare is the fastest growing county in the country. They now have seven inspectors and three administrative staff, so a shortage of staff can no longer be used as an excuse for the lack of progress.

A report was presented at the March Leixlip Area Meeting on the status of each housing estate and Cllr. McGinley has forwarded the report to the secretary of every residents' association for the information of residents. Very little progress is reported and the next step is to take enforcement action under the planning legislation to ensure the satisfactory completion of the estates in question.

The officials stated that the Council cannot take court action to take an estate in charge and that enforcement action is only to achieve satisfactory

completion in line with planning permission.

Cllr. McGinley advised the officials to pursue the enforcement action vigorously.

Children's Playground----Site Agreed at the Harbour Field

Cllr. McGinley's following motion was agreed unanimously at the March Area Meeting:

" That a site be allocated on the west side of the Harbour Field for a Children's Playground as part of the Action Area Plan for the Harbour Area, Maynooth and that 100% funding be allocated from the Recreation, Amenity & Community element of the Development Contributions Scheme in order to construct the playground within the next 12 months."

Funding of Children's Playgrounds:

A debate lasting 90 mins took place at the March Council Meeting to decide which location in the county should benefit from a possible Government Grant of €40,000 for a children's Playground. Cllr. McGinley made the point that neither Councillors nor Council Officials appear to realise yet that the Council will have €9.5m per year available for Social, Recreation & Amenity purposes under the new Development Contributions Scheme. This is more than enough to construct playgrounds in all of the towns throughout the county. And on the proposal of Cllr. McGinley this money is ringfenced for use in the Electoral Area in which it was levied. In practical terms this means that every new house built in Maynooth and Leixlip will have a levy of €3,500 which will go towards Social, Recreation and Amenity purposes. In Maynooth alone there are proposals for around 2,500 new dwellings which will contribute €8.75m ; enough for playgrounds, Community centre ; swimming pool complex etc.

Up until last month development levies on each house were around €20,000 and it all went into roads infrastructure county wide to be decided on by Council Management, none of it went towards social infrastructure. Under the new scheme the levies have been reduced and now range from €11,000 to €18,000 depending on the size of house and Councillors decide on where the money is spent. It is time that all Councillors took their new power seriously.

Maynooth Parking Bye Laws:

Cllr. John McGinley has been advised that the Maynooth Parking Bye Laws will be reviewed in the latter part of 2004.

Taking HGV's out of the Town Centre

Cllr. McGinley has been advised that the signs diverting HGV's at Barretts to the M4 have been ordered and will be erected shortly. Cllr. McGinley has made it very clear that if HGV's don't obey the

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signs he will be left with no alternative but to re-submit his motion banning them from Main Street, Maynooth.

Carton Court Improvements:

At the request of the Residents' Association Cllr. John McGinley has sought the following improvements for Carton Court:

- Laying proper footpaths at the pedestrian walks to Straffan Way and Greenfield Drive.
- Laying a tarmacadam cover to the cul de sac at No.3 to No.16.
- Painting a yellow box junction at the exit on the Straffan Road
- Repairs to footpaths (Residents' Association to prioritise)
- New public lights (Residents' Association to identify locations)
- Lowering of stop cocks with freezing problem (Residents' Association to identify houses)
- Trees to be removed as they are damaging footpaths (Residents' Association to identify)

Kingsbry Estate Improvements

At the request of the Residents' Association Cllr. McGinley has sought the following improvements for Kingsbry:

- Carpet of tarmacadam in cul de sac with house No. 206 to 216
- Three traffic calming ramps, similar to those on the Moyglare Road, on the Main Road through the estate.

Greenfield Estate/Shopping Centre

Following requests from residents Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to paint double yellow lines at the Maynooth Park side of the Main exit from Greenfield Shopping Centre. Lorries regularly park here making it very difficult for motorists exiting from the Shopping Centre to see oncoming traffic.

Leinster Park Improvements

At the request of the Residents' Association Cllr. John McGinley has sought the following improvements for Leinster Park:

- Improved public lighting on the way in to the estate
- Pruning of the trees around the existing lights
- Pruning of the overhanging trees and shrubs at the exit onto the Old Dublin Road. They are a serious hazard for motorists at present.
- Resurfacing of the roadway
- Unblocking of drains/ providing new drain to remove the cause of the flooding on the road.
- That a determined effort be made by the Council to have the estate taken in charge. According to the Development Control Section of the Council

the estate was satisfactorily completed by Straffan Construction in 1985 but it could not be taken in charge as the road leading to the estate is the property of High Degree Construction. Cllr. McGinley has asked the Council to get High Degree to carry out the necessary work to enable the Council to take the estate and road in charge.

Children's Playground for the Harbour Field in Maynooth within the next 12 Months.

It was agreed that Maynooth and Leixlip both will have children's playgrounds within the next twelve months at a meeting held in Kildare County Council offices in Naas on 15 April to discuss Council Policy on Children's Playgrounds in the county.

There were representatives present from Playground Action Groups from Maynooth, Leixlip, Celbridge, Kildare, Monasterevin and Athy. The Chairperson of The Maynooth Playground Action Group, Deirdre Bristow, represented Maynooth and Cllr. John McGinley also attended in a supportive role.

The good news is that Peter Minnock, Director of Service, Kildare County Council, confirmed at the meeting that it was an objective of the Council to have a children's playground in each Electoral Area within the next 12 months. When it was pointed out to him that such a policy would mean that either Maynooth or Leixlip would not get one in that period he confirmed that the provision of playgrounds for both towns would run in parallel. This very positive news follows on the adoption of the Development Contributions Scheme on 23 February last which ensures that Recreation, Amenity and Community facilities have funding for the first time ever. Through this scheme over €9m per year will be levied on all new buildings countywide and this money can only be used for such social infrastructure. Better still, as a result of a proposal from Cllr. John McGinley these funds can only be spent in the Electoral Area in which they were levied. It means that Maynooth and Leixlip no longer need to worry about funding for Playgrounds, Community Centres, Swimming Pool Complex, Arts Centres etc.

Cllr. McGinley's motion that the west side of the Harbour Field be the location of the first Maynooth Playground was agreed unanimously at the Leixlip Area Committee on 19 March. The second playground will be located in the new Public Park at Carton Avenue as per the Maynooth Development Plan.

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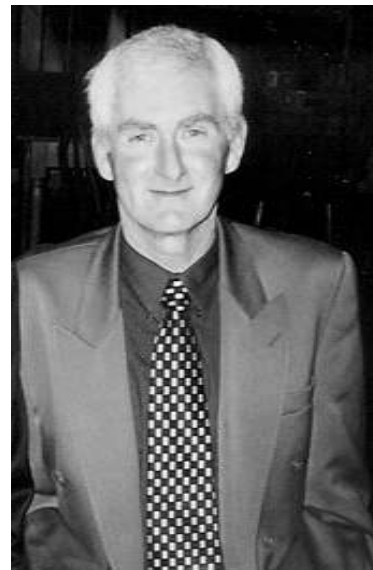
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The people of Maynooth extend their sincere sympathy to Martina, Jackie and Antoinette daughters of Tony Mooney. He greatly contributed to our community and his positive nature and good humour will always be remembered.

Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group

We meet on Friday mornings, 10am-12pm, during term time for a friendly chat and unstructured play for the children. We meet in the basement at the rear of the Parochial House on Moyglare road. Coffee, tea and juice provided. €3 per session. This is a non-denominational group, all welcome.

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