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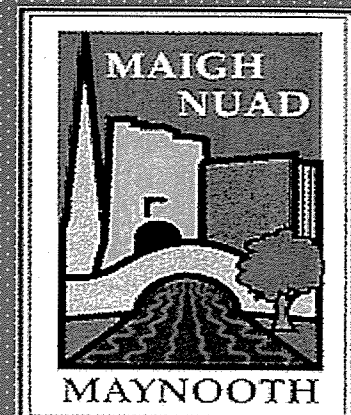
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Editorial

We will be celebrating 30 years of the Newsletter with the publication of a special anniversary issue next month. We will be drawing material from all the publications down the years and will be mainly pictorial in content. This publication would make an ideal Christmas gift especially for those who have left the area or who are living abroad. We hope to have it out before the Christmas post days for US and Australia. So, remember to put it on your Christmas shopping list!

This month's Newsletter features an update on the Save the Tara Skryne campaign. The group has obviously been working tirelessly to prevent the construction of the M3 motorway that will divide the valley. The fact that planning permission has been granted for its construction is hard to understand when this valley holds such an important place culturally and archaeologically both nationally and internationally. A letter to the editor of *Irish Times* from archaeologists and historians (23.2.04) sets out the case for the importance of the site as "The Hill of Tara constitutes our ceremonial and mythical capital...recognisable world wide... many monuments predate the Egyptian pyramids...holds a special key to understanding the continuous progression of European civilisation. The Hill of Skryne...a national monument and early religious and ritual centre...cannot be separated from the River Boyne, or from each other. Every effort should be made to preserve national monuments in situ according to stated Government policy as well as the Councils of Europe's Valetta Convention (The European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage) to which Ireland is a signatory... Tara warrants UNESCO protection, if ever an Irish site did". For more information on the issue see <http://www.taraskryne.org>.

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

The October meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on 11th October in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Draft County Development Plan 2005 - 2011

The Plan can be viewed on the Council's Web-site in the Library and St Mary's Naas until the 26th October. However it was generally felt that the time should be extended. Cllr. Senan Griffin agreed with this also Cllr. John McGinley and that it should be also viewed in its full text. It was noted that a meeting had been called to meet with planners. People didn't know about it. John O'Connor felt that Residence Associations and Maynooth Community Council should have been notified.

Draft Maynooth Harbour Action Area Plan

Chairperson Hugh Gallagher gave a brief outline of the plan.

Both Cllr's Griffin and McGinley felt that the plan was good but both had some reservations.

Cllr. McGinley gave a presentation of the plan.

It was noted that there are two Action Area Plans for Maynooth. This allowed the people to put in submissions to the plans. Maynooth Community Council put in submissions on both the Harbour and Carton plans a new road is proposed at the end of the Harbour Field exit at Straffan Rd. It will also exit at Parson Street. However with the opening of the Meadowbrook link road a huge amount of traffic will be brought directly to the Straffan Road. 125 metres of new road will be underground. Two new streets are proposed. A new pedestrian street from Harbour Field to Leinster Street. It is still work in progress and a draft plan has not yet been agreed.

Canal - Waterways Ireland

It is proposed that a floating marina will be put in place with a secure gangway. However it will mean the removal of the island in the centre of the harbour. It is proposed that the relocated island would be built first. This work would be in consultation with the National Parks and Wildlife Services. The facilities here would include sewage pump-out facility for boats and a service block, which would include showers, chemical toilet disposal and laundry facility.

New Civic Building

New buildings to be incorporated here include-

- ◆ Kildare County Council Area Offices
- ◆ Court House
- ◆ Garda District HQ
- ◆ Library
- ◆ FÁS
- ◆ Coffee Shop

The new development will mean that the Fire Station and Council yard will be relocated.

Harbour Field

The Harbour Field is now in ownership of Kildare County Council. The plan here would mean that the open space would become a Town Park. i.e.

- ◆ A mixed playground to cater for different age groups: U/6, U/12 and teenagers.
- ◆ Tennis courts
- ◆ Basketball courts
- ◆ Mini-sports
- ◆ In addition to the existing football pitch

Other improvements would include:

- ◆ Pedestrian and cycle access
- ◆ New street furniture, lighting and seats.
- ◆ New planting

Cllr. Griffin said this will bring a whole new change to the streetscape of Maynooth. He said the only negative here was the tunnel. It would have to be policed. He also said Waterways Ireland and Iarnróid Eireann are working with Kildare County Council and the proposed marina will bring the life of the canal into the town more.

Mary Clougher said Parson Street is a very old part of Maynooth, but it was stated that a developer owns a number of houses here.

Tony Bean raised concerns about work to be done in the Harbour Field also that management plan should be put in place for the Harbour Field.

Paul Croghan said it was a fully comprehensive plan.

It was also noted that the next Leixlip Area Meeting will be 21st October 2004. The next full Council meeting end November. It will be January - February for final decision.

It was also noted that the H.G.V. signs seem to be working. Paul Croghan raised the worrying traffic situation with all the development going on

Lord Mayor Document

Put back for full discussion at next meeting.

Residential Tenancies Act 2004

Put back for full discussion at next meeting.

St Patrick's Day Parade

John McGinley stated that the parade would have to get a face lift in order to get increased participation. It was agreed to approve €500 to enable artists to come up with a spectacular float. Arts Council funding and sponsorship from local major employers will be sought.

Christmas Lights

Cllr. McGinley asked that a letter be sent to the Maynooth Traders Associations asking what they were doing about the Christmas Lights on the Main Street.

Maynooth Community Council Notes (cont.)

Sympathy

A vote of sympathy was extended to the family of Ciaran Dockery, former vice-principal of Maynooth Post Primary School.

Register of Electors

Councillor Senan Griffin noted that time is running out for people to register.

Next Community Council meeting is on the 8th November, in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Marie Gleeson P.R.O.



Francis Barrett who sponsored the U11 Maynooth Soccer Team presenting the soccer kit to John Saults.

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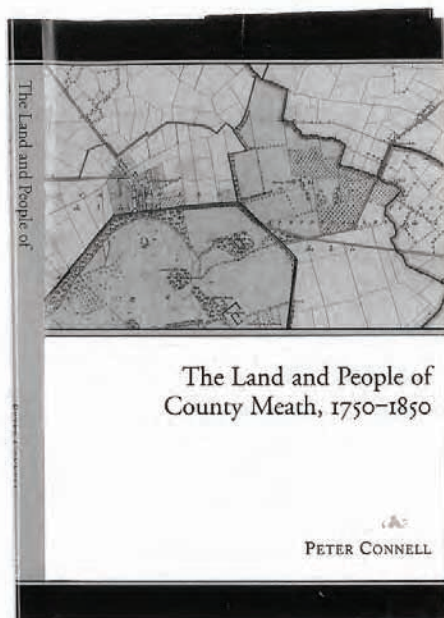


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This book traces how these changes were played out on the rolling plains of Co. Meath. Long characterized as a rich county dominated by strong farmers involved in the fattening of beef cattle, the picture of Meath that emerges here is a much more complex one. Making use of a wide range of sources, including estate records and the surviving manuscript census of 1821 for the Navan baronies, Peter Connell explores the relative position of the different classes in rural society over the period. He suggests that by the 1840s a large proportion of the population had been marginalized by changes in the economy, by the decline in the domestic linen industry and by the growing demand for land. The Great Famine is set in this context and portrayed as the denouement of Meath's landless labourers and cottiers.

The geography of the thousands of mud cabins that disappeared from the landscape in these years is explored as a lost, and largely forgotten, generation that succumbed to the workhouse, death and emigration.

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04/2258	Ciaran Gallagher	4 Rockfield Close, Railpark, Maynooth Co. Kildare	p	17/09/04	One and half storey dwelling house with integrated garage/poultry house and glasshouse	Railpark Maynooth, Co. Kildare.
04/2316	Jim Kelly	16 Beaufield Green, Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	24/09/04	A two storey extension to the rear, a small single storey extension to the front incorporating a new window and the conversion of the existing garage to a habitable room	16 Beaufield Green Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/2137	Dowdstown Developments Ltd	Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	24/09/04	For modification to previous permitted development plan ref. no. 01/1091 by the omission of 32 no. apartments at blocks A and B and the erection of 10 no. 2 storey 3 bed townhouses in 2 no. blocks of 8, 6 & 5 dwelling units, etc	Enoville House Sallins Co. Kildare
04/2345	Colm & Siobhan Brett	Laragh Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	29/09/04	For conversion of existing double garage to domestic use, construction of a single storey extension to the rear, enlarging existing bow window to front elevations and constructing detached garage and store to the left hand rear of existing house	Laragh Demense Maynooth, Co. Kildare
04/2366	Theresa Ludden	Parklands Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	30/09/04	For development consisting of construction of a dormer bungalow, detached garage and ancillary site works	Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1614	Derrinstown Stud Ltd	29 Earlsfort Terrace Dublin 2	P	04/10/04	Staff accommodation comprising three two-storey dormer buildings, each having one 4-bed unit and 2-bed units together with ancillary garages, access road, modifications to existing road entrance and advanced waste water treatment plant	Graiguelin Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/247	Patrick & Ann McEvoy	"Fuinseog" Balraheen Maynooth Co. Kildare	p	06/10/04	A dormer bungalow, detached garage, biodisc treatment system and ancillary site works	Balraheen, Baltreacy Maynooth
04/783	Eamon Travers	Johnstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	06/10/04	Construction of a one and half storey house, detached garage, Bison treatment system and ancillary site works	Clonaugh Lane Johnstown Maynooth
03/1639	Noel Forster	Barberstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	08/10/04	A bungalow, small wastewater treatment unit and percolation area	Barberstown Upper Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/2461	Carmel Sweeney	14 Parklands Grove	P	11/10/04	Extension to side at first floor level and two storey extension at rear	14 Parklands Grove Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/2510	Hutchison 3G Ireland Ltd.	Kildress House Pembroke Row Lr Baggot St. Dublin, 2	P	18/10/04	To erect a 15m monopole containing 3 no. antennae and 2 no. dishes, associated equipment, outdoor cabinets and fencing for a new 3G broadband network	Moyglare Rd. Maynooth Co. Kildare

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04/2519	Mark & John Travers	Graiguesallagh Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	19/10/04	Continue the commercial use of selling goods associated with the equine and agriculture industry from the farmyard and two farm outbuildings	Graiguesallagh Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/2524	Simon & Maria Black	2 Parklands Grove Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	20/10/04	A proposed first floor level extension (Bedroom and Bathroom Extension) at the side of the house over existing study and utility room	2 Parklands Grove Maynooth Co. Kildare.

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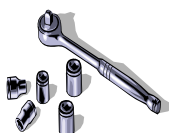
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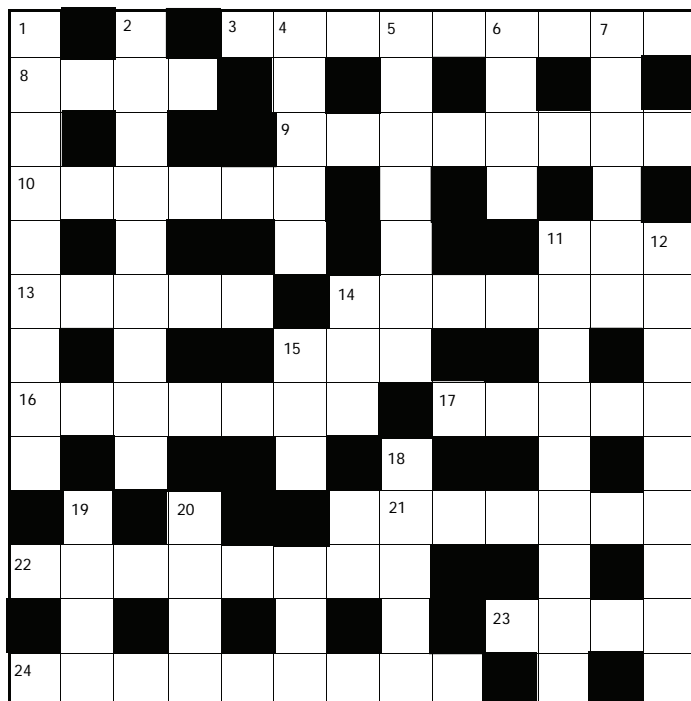


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8. Genuine (4)
9. Encroachment (8)
10. Heart-rending (16)
13. Country bordering Portugal (5)
14. Rotate (7)
15. US comedian, _ _ _ Caesar (3)
16. Element, symbol (7)
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5. Asked (7)
6. Tree-home (4)
7. Midday (4)
11. Carnage (9)
12. Practice session (9)
14. Edge (3)
15. Seedless raisin (7)
18. Kow-tow (5)
19. Sit for (4)
20. Wife of Jupiter (4)

Across: No 22

1. Crook, 7. Parallel, 8. Easel, 10. Candelabra, 12. Tenacity, 14. Isle, 16. Surf, 17. Grandeur, 20. Alexandria, 23. Cupid, 24. Universe, 25. Cower.

Down:

1. Credit, 2. O.P.E.C., 3. Bard, 4. Ladle, 5. Alabaster, 6. Cleave, 9. Latch, 11. Energetic, 13. Tar, 15. Antic, 16. Statue, 18. Reader, 19. Janet, 21. Desk, 22. Auto.



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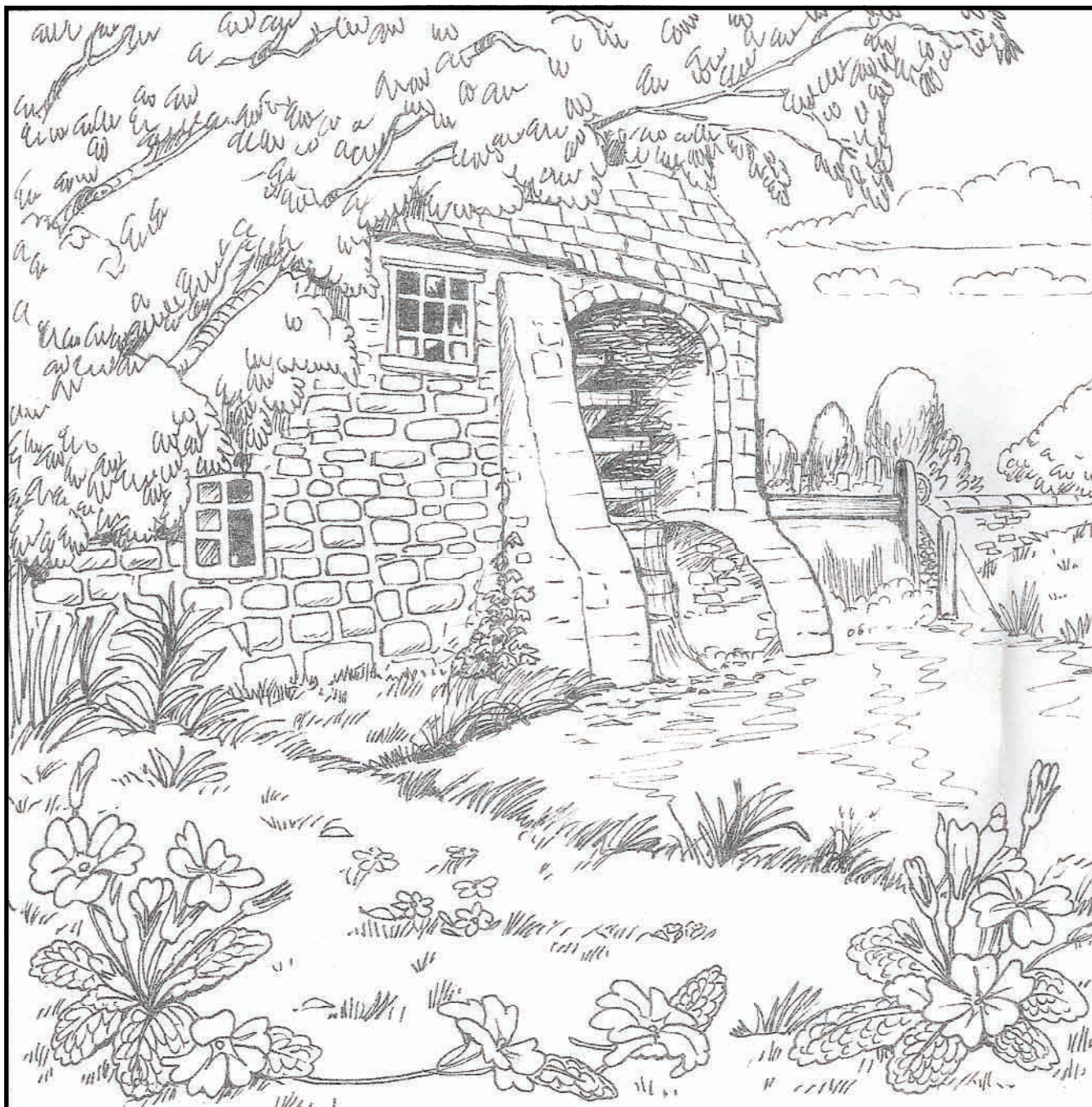
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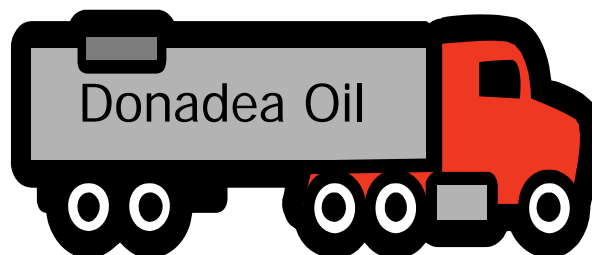
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- ♦ For achiness, fever or a headache, take some aspirin or paracetamol.
- ♦ Drink at least 8fl oz/225ml of fluids every 2 hours to prevent dehydration from fever. Dilute apple juice or flat ginger ale with water. Avoid citrus fruit juices if you feel nauseous and milk if you are vomiting or have diarrhoea. Don't starve a fever. Eat small, bland meals - cottage cheese, yogurt, bananas, dry toast, baked or boiled potatoes. Don't worry if you're hungry for 3 or 4 days, but when your appetite returns, get back onto a balanced diet as soon as you can.
- ♦ If you have a sore throat gargle with salt water or suck lozenges.
- ♦ For a runny nose, sip hot tea sweetened with a bit of honey and take a decongestant if you wish.
- ♦ For a dry cough, use a humidifier and such cough drops.
- ♦ Stay in bed - or at the very least reduce physical activity - as long as you can (at least until your temperature returns to normal): resuming your regular activities too soon will encourage a relapse.
- ♦ Don't drive: flu impairs reaction time almost six times as much as moderate alcohol intake.
- ♦ Make sure that you see a doctor if you're over 65: if you have a chronic disease: if you feel especially ill or the fever lasts more than 4 days: or if your fever is accompanied by a stiff neck, severe headaches, irritability and confusion.

Icy Paths

- ♦ Use sand, sifted ashes or cat litter to improve a slippery surface.
- ♦ Spread rock salt before snow or sleet falls: this helps to keep ice from bonding to a concrete surface.
- ♦ Keep a path relatively dry and ice free by digging shallow trenches along both sides. They'll trap rainwater and melting snow.
- ♦ On an icy walk, tilt your body slightly forward and set your feet down flat. Short steps also improve stability. If you fall, don't tense up: go limp and try to roll as you land.

Ring stuck on your finger

- ♦ Don't try more than a couple of times to pull the ring off your finger. If you inflame the knuckle it will swell and make the ring more difficult to remove. Simply moistening your finger in your mouth should do the trick

- ♦ Drip some olive oil around the ring, massage some petroleum jelly into your skin, or rub soap around the ring and wet it slightly. Then try to ease it off.
- ♦ If your finger or knuckle has swollen, soak it in iced water to reduce the swelling, or put an icepack around it.

Wrinkles

- ♦ Premature lines are undoubtedly caused by sun damage. If you look at the skin on parts of your body that are never exposed to sunlight, you will see the difference.
- ♦ Always use a sunscreen to protect your skin in the sun, even if you never burn, in hotter climes. Apply a sunscreen whenever you go out: put sunscreen on children, too.
- ♦ Don't avoid sunscreens because you tan. It is possible to get a light tan if you use a high protection sunscreen.
- ♦ Apply sunscreen to your hands and neck as well as your face - these areas tend to show signs of ageing first.
- ♦ Use a moisturiser both morning and evening, every day, especially if your skin tends to be fine and dry.
- ♦ Protect your skin from harsh winds, intense cold and biting salt sprays with a moisturiser or skin cream.
- ♦ Make short-term anti wrinkle mask: apply a beaten egg white to your face for 10 minutes, then rinse off. Your face should look smoother for a few hours afterwards.
- ♦ Apply a cloth soaked in witch hazel to frown lines for 5 minutes at a time.
- ♦ Rub a light eye cream on outer-eye lines. Then open your eyes wide, press the heels of your hands against the areas, and hold for a minute: repeat daily.

Toasters

- ♦ If you can't reach a broken piece of toast in the toaster, use dry wooden chopsticks. Never use a knife, and always unplug the toaster first.
- ♦ If your toaster's broken, use the grill on your cooker or hold the bread with tongs over an electric hotplate or heating element.



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Gardening Hints

Frost Protection

Plants, even hardy ones, can be killed by frost, so it is advisable to have some form of frost protection easily to hand. Mid and late spring frosts, and early autumn ones, often do the most damage, because they are unexpected. Night is the time when the temperature drops most, so a useful form of indirect protection is a maximum and minimum thermometer. The night readings will put you on the alert in good time.

Protection from varying degrees of frost can consist of: 15cm (6in) deep mulches over the crowns of plants, held down with bent bamboo canes or wires; cloches, polythene tunnels or frames; sacking or newspaper on top of frames; fibre-glass, straw, or sacking lagging round the outside of containers; polythene sheet lining to greenhouses; artificial heating for frames and greenhouse; straw, paper or sacking over plants or bushes.

It is wise, when planning your garden, to take careful note of the parts of the site which are most and least affected by frost— and plant accordingly. Never place susceptible plants at the lowest part of the garden; cold air is heavier than warm and will collect at the bottom of slopes.

Wind Protection

Newly planted shrubs and trees, especially conifers, are particularly vulnerable to wind, but even established ones, and of course the slightly tender kinds, will all appreciate something between them and a north-east draught.

Permanent wind protection can be provided by hedges or screens of deciduous and evergreen trees or shrubs— Holly, yew, beech, thorn, cypresses and privet are all good. If they cannot be provided all round a site, they should protect it at least from the north and east.

Temporary forms of protection can consist of: sheets of plastic, sacking or 1.2cm (½in) mesh windbreak netting attached to poles placed round plants, wire netting folded double with bracken or straw between sheets, or 6mm (¼in) Rokelene plastic windbreak netting used as a tent or blanket.

On open, windy sites, many plants which do not normally require support may need staking. This applies particularly to the taller growing vegetables and border plants— anything, in fact, which grows to 60cm (2ft) or more. Bamboo canes, or posts and wires, will suffice for most plants.

The Time For Roses

A lot of people believe that, when the nights are drawing in, there's precious little to be done in the garden. Those folks that like to raise some produce

of their own for the table will be only too aware that October and November are indeed pretty busy months.

For instance, there are cuttings to be taken of currants and gooseberries; there's winter pruning of established bushes and fruit trees, and there's an awful lot of digging to be done, to ensure that the frost can get in and raise it to the condition required for planting in the spring.

But for those who either have not the land or who prefer to concentrate on flowering plants, there could not be a better time to plant roses.

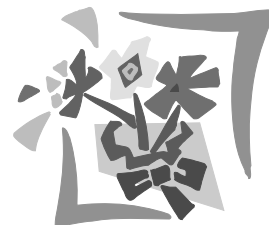
Set about selecting those that you would really like to have in the garden. If you increase the number of varieties, this should lead to a longer flowering season.

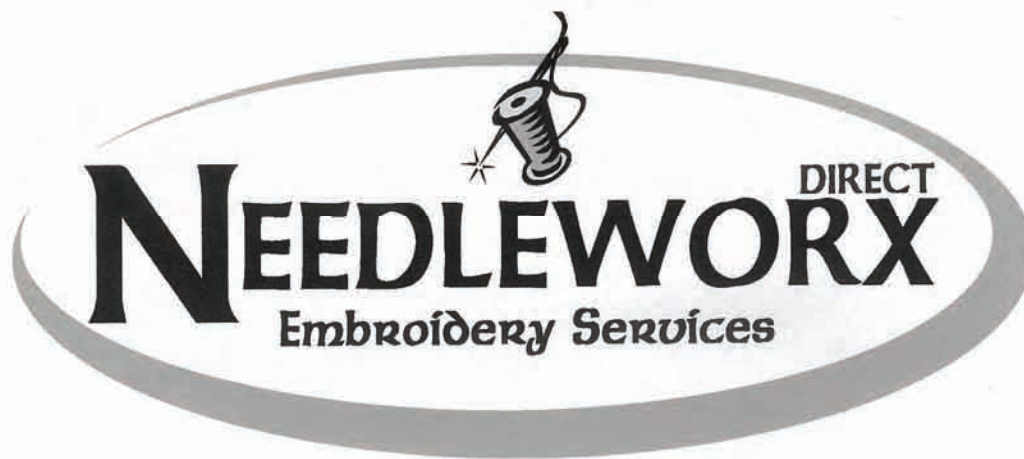
Other than doing some careful pruning and keeping a watch for bugs such as greenfly, roses really do a good job in the garden. Give them a good start, however, and they'll do you proud.

Having made your choice and obtained your planx, make sure that they have not dried out. If so, immerse the roots in water for a day or two. Then check them out. Using sharp secateurs, cut out all the dead wood, weak or damaged shoots, cutting back to an outward facing bud.

Check the root system, too, cutting back any that are long and straggly, so as to leave nothing more than, say, 8 to 10 inches long. Any roots that are damaged should be cut back to just above the damage, and the thin, wispy, fibrous roots should be retained.

When it comes to planting, make sure that you do not do so too deeply. Make a hole the shape of the root system, and to a depth, so that the old soil level on the rootstock will be at the same height as a cane laid across the hole. When you have turned the soil back in, tread firmly with the toe of the shoe, from the outside, working in towards the plant.





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Residential tenancies Act 2004

Residential Tenancies Act was signed into law on the 19th July, 2004, and provides for the implementation of reforms of the private rented sector as recommended by the Commission on the Private Rented Residential Sector. Below is a summary of the Explanatory Memorandum that accompanies the Act and further detail can be view at <http://www.Orieachtas.ie/documents/bills28/acts/2004/a2704.pdf>.

It introduces a measure of security of tenure for tenants, specifying the minimum obligations applying to landlords and tenants and provides for the establishment of a Private Residential Tenancies Board to resolve disputes arising in the sector.

It does not apply to formerly rent controlled and long occupation lease tenancies and to holiday, employment related or business lettings. It also does not apply to owner-occupied or social housing. But it does apply to rented dwellings where the landlord's spouse, child or parent is a resident if a lease or written tenancy agreement has been entered into.

In relation to the maintenance of rented dwellings, it imposes an explicit requirement on landlords to maintain the structure of the building and to maintain the interior to the standard that applied at the commencement of the letting.

There is a corresponding responsibility on the tenant as well as obligations prohibiting anti-social behaviour, defined as behaviour within the dwelling that constitutes the commission of an offence, causes danger, injury, damage or loss, or includes violence, intimidation, coercion, harassment, obstruction or threats. It also includes persistent behaviour that prevents or interferes with peaceful occupation of their dwellings by others in the building or its vicinity, - *their neighbours*.

There is an explicit onus on landlords to enforce tenant obligations. Failure to do so will enable another party, *such as a neighbour*, who can show that he or she is adversely affected by a tenant's non-compliance with tenancy obligations, to refer a complaint to the Private Residential Tenancies Board (the Board) concerning the landlord's failure to enforce.

The principal function assigned to the Board is the resolution of all disputes arising between landlords and tenants of dwellings to which this Bill applies. The process consists of two stages; stone one is either mediation or adjudication and is confidential,

and stage two is a public hearing by a Tenancy Tribunal, drawn from the Board's Dispute Resolution Committee.

Landlords will be required to register details of all tenancies with the Private Residential Tenancies Board. The registration fee which is doubled where a tenancy is not registered within the specified time limit, is paid to the Board, with the local authorities continuing to be responsible for the enforcement of the Rent Books and Standards Regulations from €1,270 to €3,000 in the maximum fine on conviction and/or a term of imprisonment of up to 6 months and an increase from €127 to €250 in the maximum daily fine applying to convictions for continuing offences.

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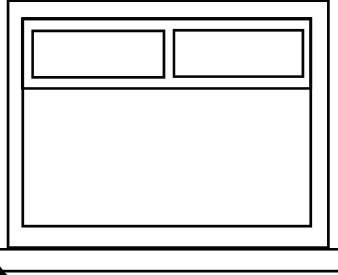
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Girls National School, Maynooth are victors in the Under 11 Camogie at Newbridge

History was made in O'Moore Park, Newbridge yesterday Wednesday October 20th when Ciara Farrell Captain of Maynooth GNS Under 11 camogie team was presented with the Cumann na mBunscol Division 3 Trophy on the school's first year of entry in this competition.

Scoil Coca Kilcock and Maynooth GNS were the finalists. Having met and drawn in the 1st match of the competition this promised to be a close encounter and so it was. From the throw in it was end to end stuff with neither team giving anything away. Maynooth girls chased and harried every ball but every attack was ably repelled by Scoil Chill Coca and by half time the score board was still blank.

Maynooth started the 2nd half with great commitment following a half time pep talk from their canny coach and trainer Mr. Carey. Ten minutes into the 2nd half Kilcock defence was finally breached by a deadly accurate shot from the ever vigilant Emer Synnott. This was followed some minutes later by another goal from centre field Elaine Kelly following a goalmouth scramble. Kilcock put tremendous pressure on the Maynooth goal in the last five minutes but the defence, ably led by Ciara Heneghan withstood every attack.

While the whole team played their part in this wonderful victory the displays of Ciara Heneghan, Ruth O'Hurley and particularly Grainne Hoban cannot go unmentioned. What can be said about our supporters? Newbridge resounded with their cheers right through the match and they made this a truly memorable afternoon for all concerned.

A special thanks to Maynooth GAA for the use of their jerseys on the day and also to the parents and mentors who have given their time and expertise so willingly right through this competition.

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The following public events will be held at NUI Maynooth during Science Week. All events are free. For locations on the campus and for final confirmation of the dates and times of the events, the University recommends that people refer to its website:

<http://www.may.ie>

On-line mathematics contest

School teams can compete in the solution of a set of mathematics problems. Teams should register before noon on Thursday 4th November and submit their solutions before noon on Friday 12th November.

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Astronomical observations

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Monday 8th November and Friday 12th November, Science Building, 8pm–10pm.

Opportunities for science graduates in industry

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Tuesday 9th November, Hume Building, 7pm–8:30pm

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Andy Mac Pasta Dishes

Pasta Shells With Roasted Vegetables (France)

Ingredients (Serves 4)

- ◆ 400g/14oz pasta shells

For the sauce

- ◆ 1 Aubergine
- ◆ 1 courgette
- ◆ 1 red, 1 yellow and 1 green pepper
- ◆ 4 shallots
- ◆ 6 large tomatoes
- ◆ 3 garlic cloves
- ◆ 6 tbsp olive oil
- ◆ 2 tsp dried herbes de Provence
- ◆ ground black pepper
- ◆ Salt
- ◆ Grated Parmesan or Gruyère cheese, to serve

Tip

Other short pasta shapes can be substituted for the shells such as farfalle, or bow ties. Tossing the cooked pasta with olive oil keeps the pieces separate and adds flavour.

Method

Preheat the oven to 200°C/400°/Gas 6. Trim the stalk from the aubergine and the courgette and cut into small chunks. Halve the peppers, remove the seeds and white pith and cut into pieces about the same size as the aubergine and courgette chunks. Peel the shallots and cut into quarters. Cut the tomatoes into wedges and peel and slice the garlic. Spread the vegetables in a very large, shallow roasting tin. Drizzle the vegetables with 4 tbsp of olive oil and sprinkle with the herbs and pepper. Roast the vegetables for 30 minutes, turning them once or twice during cooking. When the vegetables have been cooking for about 20 minutes, cook the pasta in a large pan of boiling, salted water until al dente (follow packet instructions). Drain the pasta, toss with the remaining olive oil and serve with the vegetables, spooning over any juices from the roasting tin. Serve with grated Parmesan or Gruyère cheese sprinkled on top.

Preparation: 20 Min. Cooking: 30 Min

Tagliatelle in Salmon Sauce (Italy)

Ingredients (Serves 4)

- ◆ 400g/14oz tagliatelle
- ◆ salt
- ◆ a few fresh basil leaves, to garnish

For the sauce

- ◆ 1 onion
- ◆ 40g/1½oz cold butter
- ◆ 125ml/4fl oz white wine
- ◆ 284ml/10fl oz double cream
- ◆ 350g/12oz fresh skinned salmon fillets
- ◆ salt and black pepper
- ◆ Juice of ½ lime

Tip

Instead of fresh salmon you can use smoked salmon or salmon trout fillets. For a vegetarian dish, add 200g/7oz frozen peas to the cream sauce instead of the salmon.

Method

Peel and finely chop the onion. Melt 15g/½oz butter in a pan. Add the onion and cook until softened but not browned. Add the wine and boil over a high heat for 2-3 minutes to reduce the liquid a little. Lower the heat, add the double cream and simmer until the sauce is reduced by half. Meanwhile, cook the tagliatelle in a large saucepan of salted, boiling water until al dente (see packet instructions). Cut the salmon fillets into 1 cm/½ inch cubes. Using an electric hand blender, purée the sauce in the saucepan. Add the remaining butter, stir well and season with salt, pepper and lime juice. Add the salmon cubes to the sauce, cook for 5 minutes and remove from the heat. Drain the tagliatelle well and arrange on warmed serving plates. Wash and dry the basil. Spoon the sauce over the pasta and sprinkle with basil leaves. Serve immediately.

Preparation: 10 Min. Cooking: 15 Min

Andalusian Pasta Soup (Spain)

Ingredients

- ◆ 1 large Spanish onion
- ◆ 2 cloves garlic
- ◆ 1 red pepper
- ◆ 2 celery sticks
- ◆ 225g/8oz chorizo sausages
- ◆ 2 tbsp olive oil
- ◆ 600ml/1 pint vegetable stock
- ◆ 300ml/½ pint tomato pasta sauce
- ◆ 400g/14oz can flageolet beans
- ◆ 100g/4oz soup pasta
- ◆ salt and black pepper

Tip

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- ♦ Flat leaved parsley
- ♦ Grated Parmesan cheese

Method

Peel and finely chop the onion and peel and chop the garlic cloves into fine slivers. Halve the pepper, remove the seeds, stalk and the white pith and chop the flesh into 1cm/½in chunks. Slice the celery into small pieces and cut the sausages into bite-sized chunks. Heat the oil in a large saucepan and fry the onion gently until softened but not browned. Add the chopped garlic, pepper, celery and sausages and fry for 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Pour the stock and pasta sauce into the saucepan. Cook over a medium heat until the mixture starts to simmer. Drain the beans and add, with the pasta, to the soup. Lower the heat and simmer gently for 15 minutes with the pan uncovered, so the soup thickens a little. Season to taste with salt and pepper and ladle into deep soup bowls. Garnish with parsley sprigs and serve with grated Parmesan on the table to sprinkle on top

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As the hare fled to its doom
An action I so much dislike
Fills my spirit with gloom
The hare ran at its might
The dogs attacked to kill
Then at both dogs delight
The hare trembled and still
One dog at its head
The other at its legs
There in agony this creature bled
Don't kill my heart it begs
But the ritual went on and on
The hare screaming in agony
Confused my youthful mind had gone
This coursing did not have to be
Man must kill to survive
Or is this necessarily so
A creature one alert and alive
To tranquillity onward it go
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It does not make sense to me
A creature such as this hare
Should live don't you agree

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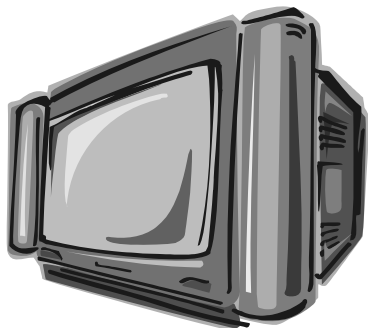


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Jonathon Keegan

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Andy Byrne

Andy has just returned from travelling through Asia, New Zealand and Australia. He has two years Management experience with Swans Barbers in New Zealand. Before leaving Ireland he trained in Joseph Kramers Barbers and then onto Grafton Barbers for a year where he completed his barbering training and finished in Rosso's Barbershop in the Blanchardstown Centre for another year. He is now very content utilizing his expert Barbering Skills with Urban in Maynooth and lives locally in Kilcloon.

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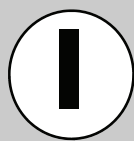
Patricia Nevin

Patricia owns and runs Therapeutic Time. Patricia has just recently returned from the United States where she has lived for the last eight years. Patricia is a qualified Fitness Instructor and Massage Therapist. She graduated from Trinity College, San Francisco, California in 1998 and has been practicing since then. She began her career working for a Chiropractor in the Pacific Heights area of San Francisco where the clientele included the likes of Sharon Stone and Robin Williams. Patricia then moved into the 'Spa environment' while working for one of the most exclusive 5 star luxury hotels in San Francisco. The Westin St. Francis for more than four years. During that time Patricia has gained invaluable experience in Massage Therapy, La Stone Therapy and Body Treatments. Patricia specialized in sports massage, working on many major U.S football and basketball teams in the hotel. Patricia had many opportunities to work on the rich and famous including Pamela Anderson. After all her travelling Patricia is very happy and content to be practicing in her home town of Maynooth dealing with the more important people of this world!

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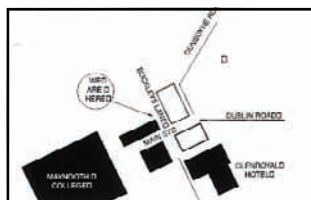


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2nd	Barry Desmond	64 pts
3rd	Terry Moore	61 pts
4th	Michael Flynn (Jnr)	59 pts (B18)
5th	Mick Flynn (Snr)	59 pts (B 9)
6th	Gerry McTernan	59 pts
7th	Albert Harrigan	58 pts
Front 18	John Tiernan	31 pts
Back 18	Eamon Murphy	36 pts

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 Nearest The Pin Ballina - Gerry McTernan
 Two's Club - Emmett Savage
 Visitor's Prize - Cha Farrelly

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The girls have found the league very demanding and so far have yet to win a league game. The team were defeated by a very good Carbury team and also by Moorefield and Milltown. The trainers are nevertheless happy with the improvements and the enthusiasm shown by the players. Most of the girls are under age for the next two years of the competition. Training continues on Saturday mornings at 11.30 at the GAA Club, if the team are not playing in their league new players are always welcome.

All the team were delighted to see Síobhan O' Shea play for Kildare in Croke Park at the recent All- Ireland Finals. Síobhan always plays her heart out for the team, and sets a great example to the younger girls. She also a fine camogie player. Also congrats to Simone Gilabert and Antoinette Mooney for playing on the Kildare team that achieved All Ireland success.



Features



Nikola Brady and Sean O' Brien pictured here with a Pike weighing 21lb 7oz which Nikola caught on the 8th October in a river in County Westmeath



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Save the TaraSkryne Valley - activities

As many readers will know by now, the National Roads Authority (NRA) and Meath County Council have authorised the construction of a tolled Motorway that will pass through the archaeologically rich TaraSkryne Valley in County Meath. The planned Motorway will come within 1 km of the centre of the Hill of Tara and will irrevocably destroy the intact, integrated landscape of the Tara demesne. According to Conor Newman, the world wide expert on Tara, the NRA's estimated 38 sites on the route is an underestimation. There may be close to 50 sites on the route and one of these is the size of 4 football pitches. The NRA hopes to excavate all these sites within a year. We have seen how long it took to excavate one site at Carrickmines Castle – this will be 1,000 times worse and the NRA's estimated cost for the archaeology is now €30 million!

Many readers will also know that I became heavily involved in the campaign with the Save the TaraSkryne Valley group (STSV) to stop this Motorway and people have been asking what exactly has happened over the past number of months.

I have also included information on the proposed hotel in Trim, 50 yards away from the castle and also on Woodstown, the Norse town that was discovered on the route of the Waterford bypass. Work on this road has been suspended at present.

Activities over the past 9 months

Meeting with Eamonn Gilmore T.D. (28th January) Edel Bhreatnach, Conor Newman, Joe Fenwick (the three experts on Tara who worked with the Discovery Programme for 12 years and produced many books on the topic) and myself met Eamonn Gilmore T.D. (Environment spokesman Labour Party). He listened for 2 hours with great interest and arranged a meeting with the Oireachtas joint committee on the Environment; the Labour Party issued a statement from him against the road immediately.

Meeting with John Bruton T.D. for Meath and ex-Taoiseach

Shortly afterwards, Edel Bhreatnach, Conor Newman, Joe Fenwick met John Bruton who is a local T.D. for the area. He showed great interest and eventually wrote some very important letters and made some important statements in support of moving the road from that area. In one letter he said:

'My concern as a local public representative is that a new road be provided at the earliest possible time. My worry is that going ahead with this route may not, in fact, prove to be the quickest way of getting the road but in fact the slowest and most expensive because of all the delays that will be necessitated by the archaeological discoveries that will emerge.'

(He has since reiterated this statement in the Meath Chronicle of Saturday 23rd October saying that the M3 could be 30 worse than the case of Carrickmines.)

Meeting with UNESCO (18th February) A variety of groups met UNESCO representatives about the proposed incinerator beside Newgrange. They agreed to meet the Save the TaraSkryne Valley Group (STSV) as part of the delegation. We made a presentation to them and also made a written submission to their enquiries. But when it came to the UNESCO meeting in June/July it was felt by them that the issue of Tara was not relevant to the incinerator case.

Symposium in Dalgan Park (13th March) Speakers were Alfred Smyth, Conor Newman, Joe Fenwick and Edel Bhreatnach and Mary Deevey (archaeologist for Meath County Council). Chairpersons included myself and Vincent Comerford, professor of History, NUIM. This was an extraordinary event at which people became quite animated and angry about the issue. Conor, Joe and Edel produced an agreed document with a definitive statement on the importance of Tara and the faults in the original Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

(17th March – protest held in Trim about the proposed hotel to be built within 50 yards of Trim Castle that will be higher than the castle itself.)

Meeting between members of Meath County Council, the National Roads Authority and members of the Save the Tara Skryne Valley Group (5th April) There was a presentation by Edel, Conor and Joe with points made by various members of the STSV group. The crucial question pursued by us was 'why this route?' After asking the question over and over again we got the response that 'a preferred route emerges' but eventually the NRA admitted that the route was chosen on the basis of cost benefit analysis. The routes are assessed on three criteria: engineering, economics and the environment (archaeology is a subsection here). The major points made were that the NRA were aware of the fact that there were dozens of monuments in the area, they had not listened to the experts (at the oral hearing with An Bord Pleanála), the EIS was 'fundamentally flawed', inadvisability of the use of test trenching instead of geophysical methods for the initial exploratory investigation.

Towards the end of April a fully dressed Viking was discovered in Woodstown, Waterford and over the next 4 weeks it was discovered that the 350 finds admitted to were in fact 3,500 with more silver than had been found in Woodquay. This is recognised as Norse town a full hundred years older than Waterford itself.)

Stuart Townsend adds his voice to “Save Tara”



Conor Newman addresses the crowd at Tara, 10th October 2004.



Conor Newman (archaeologist Galway). Adge (Druid). Stuart Townsend (Actor). Vincent Salafia (PRO, save Tara Skyne Group). Percy Jordan (Chairman, Save Tara Skyne Group). Muireann Ni Bhrolchain (Spokesperson, save Tara Skyne Group). Niall Brosnan (Communications Officer, Save Tara Skyne Group).

Features

Save the TaraSkryne Valley - activities (contd)

Test trenching began in April and was completed in August. For those of you who do not know, this entails stripping the land in herring bone shaped trenches with a mechanical digger that takes 2 feet of the top soil away. Many new sites were discovered.

The complete report sent on CD-ROM to Conor, Joe and myself at the end of September. The number of sites admitted to by NRA originally were 6. The total is now approximately 38 and the estimated price for excavation was estimated at €10 million in April, by October it had risen to €30 million.

Meeting with the Oireachtas Joint Committee on the Environment (28th April) Edel Bhreatnach, Conor Newman and Joe Fenwick made an expert presentation to the committee. (This comprises TDs and Senators from the Government parties and the opposition parties.) Presentations were also made by members of STSV group and MAHS. (Full transcripts of these meetings available.) Vincent Salafia made a presentation on the legal aspect of the case.

(Weekend 14th – 16th May EU Ministers for the Environment visit Waterford. Some academics and activists were there to highlight the Woodstown site to the media.)

Public Meeting in Navan of farmers and landowners affected by the Compulsory Purchase Orders (31st May) STSV organised a meeting for farmers and landowners who were affected by the CPOs that were being issued by Meath County Council at the time. There was great anger expressed by certain farmers about the way in which their farms were being dissected by the various roads going through the county. Other landowners expressed anger at the fact that there was no compensation for the future loss of earning. Speakers included Seamus Magee of the IFA (local branch) and Tom Carney of the Law Dept. Trinity College, Dublin who also had personal experience of CPOs. The speed with which the motorway was being pushed through was criticised. Tom Carney said that the compulsory purchase of private property for the use of a private company may be unconstitutional as land should only be taken for the common good.

National Roads Authority (NRA) called in by Oireachtas Joint Committee on the Environment (1st June) The NRA representatives and their chief archaeologist appear in front of the Joint Committee. They say that only 2 sites appeared in the initial geophysical survey, the National Monuments legislation is outdated and not geared for today's infrastructure. The present route was selected because it was the best on most of the 18 criteria used. Any route around TaraSkryne would mean longer link roads, longer time for people driving. They maintained that the present route avoids many sites. There was vigorous questioning from the opposition politicians, especially from the Green Party.

(Beginning of June – comprehensive submission made to UNESCO in the context of their February visit).

Amendment to the National Monuments Bill (brought by Martin Cullen, minister for the Environment (16th June) The Dáil begins to debate the National Monuments Bill, a protest held by various groups outside the Dáil. Members of the opposition parties and MEPs came out to meet the protesters. There was a very robust debate in the Dáil and many opposition speakers castigated the minister for the speed and the content of the bill.

Press Conference on National Monuments Bill (21st June) One of the principal speakers was barrister Frank Callannan who had severe criticisms to make of the bill. He called the bill: 'reprehensible if not sinister' and said the legislation could 'be characterised as an act of vandalism'.

Protest held outside the Dáil against the new Bill (22nd June) The group and others heritage protesters were outside the Dáil and attended the debate on the Bill. Again the opposition parties were very supportive of our cause. All these debates are available on the Dáil website.

Oireachtas Joint Committee for the Environment debate the new Bill (23rd June) The opposition parties pressed the Minister very strongly on the new bill and laid down numerous amendments that were refused by Martin Cullen. The Bill was passed despite all the protestations of the opposition parties particularly the Green Party, Sinn Féin and the Labour Party.

(We lobbied politicians in both the Dáil and the Seanad – giving them the information and ammunition for the debates. In one debate, the Taoiseach even agreed with Pat Rabbitte that it was not a good idea to build a motorway through Tara!)

Press Conference exposing Minister Cullen as misleading the Oireachtas Joint Committee June 23rd (7th July) Speakers included Philip Cantwell (Save Trim Castle) and myself speaking on Waterford and Vincent Salafia on Tara. Minister Cullen was accused of misleading the *Prime Time* programme and also the sub-committee debate on the new National Monuments Act.

As a result of this speech TG4 did a long interview with me and broadcast the fact that the Minister had misled the committee. The *Sunday Tribune* was the only newspaper to report on this.

August-September – The Carrickmines case went to the High Court, Judge Laffoy made a long judgement against the plaintiff but she also said:

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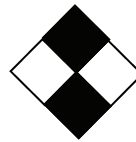
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Features

(Save the TaraSkryne Valley Cont'd,)

'It is not inconceivable that in a hypothetical case, a person in the position of the plaintiff, a concerned private citizen, could successfully challenge a statutory measure on the basis that it purported to permit a clear-cut breach of the State's duty to protect the national heritage.'

September – the actor Stuart Townsend backs the TaraSkryne Valley campaign. He also pledges the support of his girlfriend Charlize Theron. Jim Fitzpatrick agrees to paint Charlize as a fundraiser for the campaign.

Stuart Townsend appears on the Late Late Show (8th October) Pat Kenny interviews him about his involvement with the campaign. I think that the public were very impressed with his passion and grasp of the details of the subject.

Stuart Townsend appears in Skryne and Tara accompanied by Conor Newman, the world expert on Tara (10th October) There was a large crowd in Tara to hear speeches from myself, Phil Cantwell (local Meath independent councillor), Stuart Townsend and Conor Newman. Conor then brought us on a guided tour of Tara explaining the archaeological and spiritual significance of the area. It was a very special occasion for all who were present.

The Sunday Tribune announces on 10th October that it starting a campaign against the proposed route of the M3 and publishes two pages on the issue. This is followed up on the 17th October by full page coverage on heritage destruction in Ireland.

By now the newspapers and the media in general are giving extensive coverage to the issue, even

the tabloids are getting involved. Letters begin to appear in the papers again with arguments on both sides.

Over this period of time, the American Institute of Archaeology with 4.000 members, the European Institute of Archaeologists, the British archaeologists and the Celtic, historical and Irish archaeologists have all written letters to the papers and to the Taoiseach expressing their horror at the route the motorway is taking. Many eminent people have signed our petition and have written to the Taoiseach including the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

The members of the Save the TaraSkryne Valley Campaign committee are as follows:

(Full information and contact for committee members on the Website www.taraskryne.org)

Chairman: Percy Jordan

PRO: Vincent Salafia salafiam@tcd.ie/ 087-1323365

Spokesperson: Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin
Muireann.NiBhrolchain@may.ie/087-9249510

Spokesperson: Stuart Townsend

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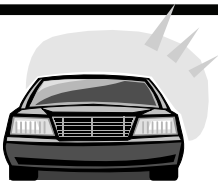
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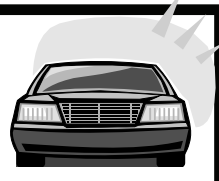
Please help by signing the petition on the web site, write to the Taoiseach and the new Minister for the Environment, Dick Roche and write to the local papers objecting to this motorway. You can also make a submission to the new minister by writing to Minister Dick Roche, Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Custom House, Dublin 1

(Dr Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin, Department of Medieval Irish and Celtic Studies

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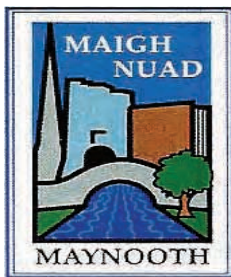
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Question

Is it true that you can no longer include your children on your passport?

Answer

Yes, it is true.

From 1 October 2004, all children, regardless of age, can no longer be included on their parent's passports, but must obtain an individual passport in their own name. Children who are already included on a parent's passport can continue to travel with their parents to most countries up to their 16th birthday providing the passport is still valid.

There are some exceptions, however, on this freedom to travel without an individual passport. For example, Estonia requires children aged 7 and over to have their own passport, while the Czech Republic requires it for those aged 15 or over. From 26 October, everyone regardless of age requires an individual passport for entry into the United States. If in doubt check with the embassy or consulate of the country to which you are going before you travel.

The cost of a passport for a child is as follows:

- ◆ Up to age 3 (3 year passport) €15
- ◆ Age 3 to 17 (5 year passport) €25

When applying for a passport for a child you must submit:

- ◆ Pas 1 (Application Form) (Pas 2/3/4 if not living in Ireland)
- ◆ Pas M (Consent Form)
- ◆ Long Form Birth Certificate
- ◆ The child's previous passport (if he/she had one)
- ◆ 2 Passport size photographs
- ◆ The relevant fee

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

Question

I bought a camera when I was in France recently. When I got back to Ireland I discovered it was faulty. I have written to the shop where I purchased it and received a reply denying any liability. Is there any thing else I can do besides taking legal action?

Answer

Yes there is. You should contact the European Consumer Centre Dublin (ECC). The ECC will tell you what you are entitled to and it will try to resolve

your complaint through direct contact with the shop.

If your complaint is still unresolved the ECC can refer your complaint to the European Extra-Judicial Network (EEJ-Net) which facilitates the resolution of cross-border consumer disputes and co-ordinates out-of-court settlement procedures for consumers. The network consists of a contact point of "Clearing House" throughout the EEA (EU plus Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein). The Clearing House can forward consumers unresolved cross-border disputes to an approved Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) body in another member state.

The network deals with any dispute between a consumer and a business over goods and services, such as problems over deliveries, defective products, or products or services that do not fit their description. The Clearing House will let you know if there is an ADR body in the other country to deal with your complaint, and provide you with other information, such as the cost of the procedure (if any), and whether the decision of the ADR body is binding or not. If you decide to proceed with your complaint they will keep you informed of how your case is progressing.

The Clearing House for Ireland is part of the, European Consumer Centre,
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Information on this and other complaint and appeal mechanisms available to consumers, clients of professional people and other members of the general public available in the latest edition of Comhairle's publication "Where to Complain" which is available along with other information from the Citizens Information Centre.

Question

A friend of mine moved to Ireland about three years ago. How long must he be living here before he can apply for Irish citizenship?

Answer

Becoming an Irish citizen based on your residence in Ireland is known as naturalisation. The conditions are as follows:

- ◆ You must be at least 18 years of age (or married if younger than 18)
- ◆ You must be of good character
- ◆ You must have been continuously resident in the State for a year immediately before the date of application and, in the 8 years previous to that, have been in residence for a total of 4 years
- ◆ You must intend to continue to reside in the State after naturalisation
- ◆ You must make a declaration of fidelity to the nation and loyalty to the State.

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(Maynooth Citizens Information cont'd)

If you are married to an Irish citizen and living on the island of Ireland you may meet special conditions for naturalisation, based on your marriage. They are:

- ◆ You must be at least 18 years of age and you must be of good character
- ◆ You must be married for at least 3 years to your Irish spouse
- ◆ Your marriage must be recognised by the State
- ◆ You must be living together as husband and wife and your Irish spouse must make an affidavit to that effect
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- ◆ You must make a declaration of fidelity to the nation and loyalty to the State.

Those married before 30 November 2002 may be entitled to become an Irish citizen by making a declaration of post-nuptial citizenship.

When calculating periods of residence certain periods may be excluded, such as those where your presence was not properly documented, where the permission to remain was for study purposed or while having a claim for asylum examined.

Further information is available from the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform, 13/14 Burgh Quay, Dublin 2

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Question

How do you get a National Age Card?

Answer

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To apply for a card you must have reached the age of 18 and you must be living in Ireland. Application forms are available from your local Garda Station and should be returned to the Garda Station for the area in which you live.

With your application you must include:

- ◆ Your Birth Certificate
- ◆ At least one other document confirming your identity

- ◆ 2 Passport size photographs
- ◆ A fee of €6.

Your application will be processed by the Garda Community Relations Section and the Age Card will be issued directly to you. It can take up to 7 weeks to process your application.

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Further information is available from
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Maynooth Tidy Towns

Maynooth up four points in the National Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Maynooth continued to increase the marks scored in the National Tidy Towns Competition in 2004 by increasing our score from 214 to 218 marks. The continuing upward trend is very welcome and full credit to everybody in the town for helping to gain the extra marks. Much effort is made by the committee and the many volunteers around the town, working in their own areas. The marks were gained this year in three categories—Overall Development Approach which is mainly the application form up one point. Landscaping also gained us an additional mark while Litter Control was up two marks. Much appreciation is due to the efforts of the staff of Kildare County Council for their constant and dedicated work in trying to keep the centre of Maynooth litter free. Tidy Towns is about partnership and working together to achieve a common goal. The IBAL Competition in which

Maynooth is also competing in 2004, rated Maynooth as the sixth dirtiest town in Ireland. As a community we must ensure that we do not slip further and risk the title of Ireland's Dirtiest Town. Maynooth Tidy Towns will play our part—Lets all get together to ensure that we show a big improvement for the next judging which will take place in October.

As in previous years we are publishing the National Tidy Towns Competition Report 2004. This is the report produced by the judge that came to Maynooth to judge us on the 29th June last.

Paul Croghan
Secretary
Maynooth Tidy Towns

Tidy Towns Competition 2004 *Adjudication Report*

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	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	42	41
The Built Environment	40	31	31
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	23	23
Litter Control	40	23	21
Tidiness	20	15	15
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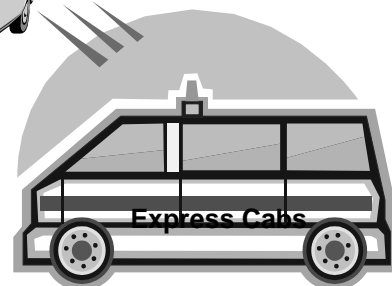
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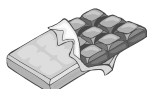
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Features

Vintage Rally

By Serj Merzliakov

Recently St Patrick's College in Maynooth witnessed an unusual site as if coming up from the early 20th century – some 80 vintage cars with funny lights, horns, carriage-looking pieces were parked all around the college grounds. Immediately I decided to it check out.

"What you can see today are the cars from Blessington Vintage Car and Motorcycle Club", says Brian Dempsey, one of the members of the club. "Our club runs two rallies a year and this autumn we are glad to have a company of 85 participants." Next thing I see is what Brian himself called the pride of the club, the genuine relic – 1926 Vauxhall. The old age is never in the way and the rally participants are used to all situations which may happen on the road. As I learn from Nuall Hughes, the owner of Vauxhall, his old car is ready to run miles and doesn't feel like a pensioner at all.



Brian Dempsey (Blessington Club), Gerard McMahon (Callan's Museum) and Nuall Hughes in front of 1926 Vauxhall

"We are a group of enthusiasts who really enjoy motorsport, old cars and all the social aspects attached to that. Our rally runs from Blessington, Co. Carlow and finishes at Curragh in Co. Kildare. Every participant receives a competitor's prize", adds Brian. He brings me over to different cars and explains how unique their rally is as it managed to collect cars from USA and Europe, and features vintage cars from the UK, France, the makes which no longer exist.

My final question was, "What brought all of you to Maynooth?" and the reply was as interesting as the cars I've just seen.



1940s or 1950s?

"As you fairly noticed our stop is not accidental. We are delighted to be here as we have a chance to visit the National Science Museum in Maynooth. The real reason is to commemorate the great scientist of his time Dr. Nicolas Callan [1799-1864], the inventor of the induction coil. And we would like to thank the Maynooth Museum for this chance." Gerard McMahon, carer of the National Science Museum adds that "the coil became the basis of modern transformer. With the coil it made possible to create all the electric devices we use today, such as the radio, telephone and, eventually, the car."



Coils and electric magnet invented by Dr. Callan

Surprisingly enough, Dr. Callan's invention was not attributed to him until 1910 when Encyclopaedia Britannica gave him the full credit for the invention of this device. Very few people know that Callan also constructed an electric car and tested it in College. Among many exhibits the Callan's Museum in Maynooth can also boast an extensive amount of coils, batteries, instruments, tubes and a legendary horseshoe magnet (made in 1834) with an estimated lifting power of 19 tons.

The vintage cars kept attracting people from all over the town and the museum was open for all the visitors who wished to pay tribute to the prolific inventor and view the results of the experiments and his amazing paraphernalia.

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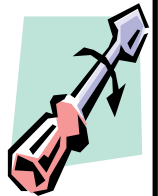


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Cllr. John McGinley

Signs Banning Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV's) from Maynooth now in Place

Cllr. John McGinley's motion banning HGV's from Main Street, Maynooth has now been implemented with the erection of all the necessary signs by Kildare County Council.

It would appear as if most of the HGV drivers have recognised the merits of the alternative Celbridge Interchange/ M4 route as compliance so far has been very good.

The benefits for the Maynooth community will be enormous i.e.

- It will significantly improve traffic flows in the Main Street
- It will improve safety for pedestrians
- It will improve the air quality in the town centre
- It will lead to an improved ambience in the town

Draft Maynooth Harbour Action Area Plan

The first Draft of the Harbour Action Area Plan was presented to the Councillors at the Leixlip Area Meeting on 17 September.

The Draft Plan is a follow on from the public consultation process which resulted in numerous submissions from the community and interested bodies.

The Draft States:

"A key issue in preparing the Action Area Plan is access to the study area as the Council site and two of the other sites are land locked. Previous proposals had suggested providing access through Parsons Lodge housing estate or through Leinster Street. However it was considered that neither of these routes are capable of dealing with the volume of traffic that would be generated by development in this area.

The movement strategy of this Action Area Plan is designed around the development of two new streets. The development of these key routes will improve movement and accessibility for all street users within and through the area.

Firstly, a new pedestrian street is proposed from the Harbour to Leinster Street, terminating in front of the new civic building (where the Council Offices/yard is at present) to form an urban space. This street shall provide a new pedestrian friendly focal point for the local community. The existing footbridge shall be upgraded to a high architectural standard and shall be built to the requirements of all relevant statutory bodies. It is proposed that a landmark structure/building will be incorporated into the construction of the bridge.

Secondly, a new vehicular route is proposed from Straffan Road to Parson Street to facilitate accessibility and efficient traffic flow through this area. This street will be six metres wide with a two metre footpath on either side.

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The central spine approximately 125 metres of this route will be underground in order to create a pedestrian free urban space in front of the civic buildings. Access points will lead off the route to serve underground parking. Pedestrian and cycle routes will remain at surface level. There will be a need for some embankment on either side of the road as indicated by the trees.

Waterways Ireland:

To encourage greater usage of the canal by boat users a floating mooring arrangement with a secure gangway is proposed. In order to facilitate such an arrangement the island in the centre of the channel, which has developed into a mini "wildlife reserve," would have to be relocated. It is proposed that the relocated island would be built first prior to excavation of the existing island. The design and programming of these works would be determined in consultation with the National Parks and Wildlife Service of the DoEHLG. Waterways Ireland envisages facilities for boat users being provided as amenity and leisure use increases on the canal. These facilities would include sewage pump-out facility for boats and a service-block, which would typically include showers, chemical toilet disposal, and laundry facility. A combined facility providing services to boat users and changing facilities and community facilities for the Harbour Field to the east of the harbour is proposed.

Corporate Affairs/Civic Building:

The "Better Government Building" will accommodate:

- Kildare County Council Area Offices
- Courthouse
- Garda District HQ
- Library
- FAS
- Coffee Shop

The preliminary size of this building will be approximately 5,760 Sq. m. This re-development of the Council owned land would require the relocation of the fire station and also the Council maintenance yard. Locations adjacent to the primary motorway/road network are more appropriate to these uses as the traffic in the town centre hampers an efficient service by the fire service.

Harbour Field:

The Harbour Field has been transferred to the ownership of the Local Authority and has potential for

greater usage. This public open space will become a Town Park, which is easily accessible to the residents of the town. This field comprises 1.84 hectares. It is proposed that the park be arranged for greater accessibility and use. It should focus towards active play while minimising shelter for anti-social behaviour.

Indicative uses would include:

- ♦ A mixed playground to cater for different age groups, such as under 6, under 12 and teenagers.
- ♦ Tennis courts
- ♦ Basketball courts
- ♦ Mini-sports

This active play area will be set within a park context.

Improvements to the park would also include:

- ♦ Pedestrian and cycle access
- ♦ New street furniture including lighting, seats and bins
- ♦ New planting

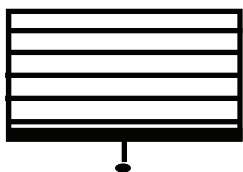
These uses are in keeping with the uses identified by the community in the numerous submissions received. It is considered the intensive use and practical management of the park will compensate for any perceived loss of amenity due to the road traversing the edge of the field. Furthermore it is considered that a "live edge" presented by the new street to the north of the Harbour Field will ensure surveillance of uses of the park"

Suggested Amendments to the Harbour Action Area Plan

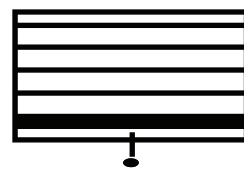
Cllr. John McGinley and the other Councillors have asked for a number of changes to be considered e.g.:

1. Moving the new road as close to Manor Court as possible so as to minimise the land loss and to facilitate a roundabout for the new road and the Glenroyal Complex on the Straffan Road.
2. Have a vehicular access to the train station from Bond Bridge
3. That new accommodation be provided for the ICA with the removal of their existing premises.
4. That a playing pitch be retained as part of the Harbour Field
5. That very high quality housing be specified for the area zoned residential.

It is expected that the Area Committee will agree the Draft Plan in time to enable it to go before the full Council on 29 November for approval for going on public display.



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Pedestrian Lights Erected at Maynooth Train Station

As a result of a motion from Cllr. John McGinley pedestrian lights have been erected on the Straffan Road at Maynooth Train Station. This should make life that much easier and safer for both pedestrians and motorists. A direction sign has also been put in place at the request of Cllr. McGinley.

Badly Littered Maynooth Train Station

Cllr. John McGinley got the following letter from The Managing Director, Iarnród Éireann on 17 September:

"Thank you for your letter of 9 September bringing my attention the litter problem at Maynooth station. The station in Maynooth is cleaned on a daily basis by the staff on duty. Building maintenance have been requested to install additional bins on the platform in Maynooth. These bins should be installed early next week.

Unfortunately, due to the openness of the Station, an area which has had a full clean has the potential to become badly littered again after only 20 minutes. Station staff try to ensure that a build up of litter does not occur, and the newly installed bins will mitigate litter accumulation.

Please be assured that we are doing everything possible to keep the Station free of litter"

Cllr. McGinley has written back to the MD asking that litter bins be installed in the car parks as this is where the worst littering occurs.

Cllr. McGinley Allocates Funding for Traffic Calming at Beaufield Road

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply when he asked for a progress report on his motion to have traffic calming installed on Beaufield Road before the Meadowbrook Link Road opens:

"As requested, some road markings have been put in place and it is also proposed to erect further signage. In addition, when the Meadowbrook Link road is open, a full traffic analysis study will be carried out with a view to ascertaining whether further measures are necessary."

Needless to say Cllr. McGinley dismissed this ridiculous reply and instead allocated €10,000 from his Discretionary Grants funding for this essential traffic calming.

Bond Bridge Update

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following Progress Report on Bond Bridge at the Leixlip Area Meeting on 17 September.

"As advised in the course of recent Council meetings, the only main item outstanding in relation to this project is the procurement of the necessary consents from Iarnród Éireann. Regrettably, this has proved to be quite protracted. A copy of Iarnród Éireann's technical approval for the detailed design stage was forwarded to the Council on the 20th August 2004. A number of conditions were attached. It will now be necessary to proceed to the next stage of this process and this involves the approval of the Railway Inspecting Office and Interim Rail Safety Commission. In this regard, all the necessary information was forwarded by the Council before the end of August. It is expected that the Railway Inspecting Office will require approximately one month to review the submission.

While this is ongoing, it will also be necessary to proceed with the bridge agreement (wayleave agreements for the culvert and sewer drain will also be required). It is unclear as to how long this process will take. Presumably, the necessary consents cannot issue before the approval by the Railway Inspecting Office's review since his observations may require amendments to the agreements. Therefore, it would appear that the final agreement with Iarnród Éireann will not be forthcoming for a further number of weeks.

It would be unwise to commence work so late in the year because there would be insufficient time available in advance of the canal closure period (beginning 1st November 2004, ending on the 28th February 2005) to enable the contractor to establish on site and do the necessary works in order to enable the following elements to be completed within the first canal close period

- Culvert
- Sewer
- Half of the canal bridge

In these circumstances, while the Council continues to press Iarnród Éireann for a conclusion of the matter, the likelihood at this stage is that it will not be possible to commence the contract until May 2005. Members will be kept apprised of progress."

Cllr. McGinley expressed his amazement that there was still outstanding approvals required from Iarnród Éireann and he demand a monthly update from now. When John asked if "commence the contract until

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May 2005" meant signing the contract then, he was told by Council Officials that this meant construction beginning on site then.

Abandoned Car at Kingsbry

Following requests from residents Cllr. McGinley arranged for the Council to remove the burnt out abandoned car at the bottom of Kingsbry. The ESB also repaired the public light at John's request.

Removal of Dead Trees at Maynooth Park

Following requests from residents Cllr. McGinley has arranged for the Council's Tree Surgeon to examine these trees to see if their removal is warranted.

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Mary McGinley, Willie Saults, & Deputy Emmet Stagg with his dog Oscar at the Walk for the Senior Citizens Fuel Fund

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Celbridge Road Pedestrian Lights - Gaelscoil

Following a pedestrian count conducted by the Council on the 9th September Officials have provided the area committee with a price for installing the lights €22,670 and a location/design. I very much welcome the commitment given to provide these much needed lights. I sought at our October meeting to have these lights paid for from the Development Levy fund the committee agreed with this proposal. Given that there is a significant new housing development close to the school there should be sufficient levies to pay for this project. I am not hugely concerned what Council budget funds the lights I simply want those lights installed at the earliest possible opportunity. I will continue to follow this matter until it is resolved.

Harbour Field Action Area Plan

A final meeting to conclude the draft Harbour Action Area Plan will be held within the next few weeks. Kildare County Council are to meet with the Health Board to finalise matters to their satisfaction. The Plan will go on public display mid to late November. This is a very comprehensive proposal it includes a new pedestrian street, shops/offices a through road between Straffan Road and Parsons Street, high density housing and under ground car parking to cater for the development on this site. The development will impact significantly on Maynooth, I would encourage anyone who has a view to put their views in writing to the Council. I remain unhappy that all of the discussion on this and other action area plans has been done behind closed doors. I believe the public benefit from seeing the process and the dialogue between the Councillors and Planners. The final meeting is to be in public session, I am seeking in addition to the local public display a public briefing session by the planning department locally in Maynooth.

Taking those estates in Charge

The Council have provided the following report in October to the Area Committee it relates to unfinished housing estates in Maynooth. Since the report was issued to the committee North City Builders employed a subcontractor to complete the outstanding works, some work has commenced within the past couple of weeks. The Council will

pursue the matter through the legal process in the absence of being fully satisfied all issues are addressed.

North City Builders – Silken Vale, Pebble Hill and Moyglare Meadows.

All three cases have now been referred to our solicitors for legal action for non-compliance with the planning conditions and the Enforcement Notices.

Lark Developments - Brookfield Avenue and Crescent, Brookview and Meadowbrook.

A reminder was issued this week to Lark Developments to carry out work in accordance with our requirements and commitments given by them earlier this year. They stated that they would carry out this work in the next couple of weeks and we have now sought written confirmation of this along with a timeframe for the works.

Crewhill Properties – Moyglare Village.

We have recently received correspondence from Crewhill Properties which confirms that they are still operating from an address in Dublin. We will prepare an updated report on outstanding works required with a view to serving an Enforcement Notice.

Development Levies report before Christmas

Levies are payable to the Council on every new development (housing, new shopping and industries). On my insistence when we were adopting the new scheme last March that the community facilities component is spent in the area the money was collected from. I believe it is essential that we know how much is in the levy fund and that there is some certainty as to how it is spent. I sought a prioritisation programme linked to development a good example is the link road from Moyglare Road to Blacklion critically important now that development has commenced.

At a recent Council meeting I was given an assurance Councillors would get a comprehensive report before Christmas. This is an issue I am no stranger to having spent years under the old levy scheme in the 1990's demanding and eventually getting the Council to agree to employing a team of people to administer this fund. I am determined this fund will be collected efficiently and spent in an equally efficient manner otherwise we have no hope of balancing housing development with essential infrastructure and services.

Cllr Murphy seeks significant changes to the draft County Plan

The purpose of planning is not just to predict the number of houses likely to be built, it is about planning the delivery of successful communities both

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physically and socially. The County Development Plan is central to setting out such policy. Cllr Catherine Murphy has tabled in excess of 25 Amendments to the draft which has been on display for the past couple of months.

In seeking two additional chapters, she had argued during debate on the draft in July that the plan needed a stronger Urban focus. She has now sought Urban design Guidelines which would improve the quality of housing design also a chapter on Urban Kildare. This chapter should address such issues, as car parking, playgrounds, designated HGV routes, civilising our streets by way of traffic management/calming and many more.

She has proposed ten amendments to the chapter dealing with transportation an issue she has had a long term involvement with. If we are to genuinely encourage people to use their cars less and more to more environmentally friendly means of transport we have to make it attractive. Significant improvements are needed on both Hueston - Kildare and Maynooth - Connolly train lines. The concept of safe routes to school must be accepted, good park and ride facilities are needed and a quality taxi service has to be seen as part of the public transport system. These are among the proposals she has tabled.

The chapter on Tourism and Recreation needs major changes according to Cllr Murphy, most of the chapter deals with tourism yet good recreational facilities are central to the quality of all our lives. She suggests outlining proposals for swimming pools, parks and playing pitches, the use of waterways and the provision of arts facilities.

Seeking a better balance between housing and community development Cllr Murphy successfully argued for the inclusion of a community impact statement, this will be used when assessing planning applications. Work on the impact statement is to be carried out by the County Development Bord, she has further tabled an amendment seeking for this to be in place within the next 12 months.

Her greatest fear for future development of Kildare is that more and more housing development will take place and Kildare will be denied desperately needed services to accompany those houses. "If the wrong settlement assumptions are made, how can it be possible to plan for servicing those communities? Many of the tables in the plan simply don't reflect the reality which leads to an air of unreality which causes her serious concern". Everything from transport

planning to educational provision is predicated on predicting the number of people who will require those services. These settlement patterns are being dictated by the National Spatial Strategy and the Dublin/Mid East Regional Plan. Assurances must be sought from Government Departments that Kildare will not be denied vital services.

While she believes there are many weaknesses in the plan it also has its strengths the purpose of highlighting its shortcomings is to make improvements and that is the purpose of my submission Cllr Murphy concludes.

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whose 1st anniversary occurs on
3rd November, sadly missed and
never forgotten by her work
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Maynooth Parent & Toddler Group

We meet on Friday mornings, 10am-12am, 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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