

Editorial

September, the time to return to education, from first days in primary, secondary and university to first nights at evening classes, courses and lectures. The theme is reflected in this month's newsletter with numerous first day at school photographs and photographs of students receiving their Junior Certificate results.

Congratulations to our most recent NUI graduates in particular Thomas Farrell, Sharon Cummins Ciara O' Neill and Nicola Doyle. The first few days can be daunting for new university students with registration, college services information, orientation tours and meeting fellow students. There is so much information to take in as well as grappling with the geography of the campus and the town. This soon passes and the newsletter takes this opportunity to welcome our university students.

Another visitor to our town recently was that of Deputy Mayor, Ms Marie Maschke of Maynooth, Hastings, Ontario. It would be interesting to find out the history of the origins of this town. A twinning project is being considered. Maynooth Ontario is a much smaller town than Maynooth, Leinster with a large hinterland.

Our own much smaller hinterland is feeling the effects of increased housing development. One can imagine the impact within the town as a result of these developments. Every opportunity should be taken by the public to view the Draft Development Plan and to make their views known. The Draft Development Plan is on display in St. Mary's Council offices in Naas and on the Council Web Site

CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION!



**Draw and Colour
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**Entries will be displayed in the office
window**

**Entries to be in before the 18th of
October**

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

The September meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on the 13th September in the Glenroyal Hotel

Office: Break-in

Paul Croghan stated that the office was burgled in August. He congratulated the guards, who were very quick on the scene. He also noted that it was very sad that a Community run Scheme office was robbed.

Draft County Development Plan 2005 - 2011

Cllr John McGinley gave a brief outline of the Draft County Development Plan. The plan has been on public display since 16th August on the Council Web Site and at St. Mary's Council offices, Naas. This is a very important plan as it lays down policy for the future development of every town in Kildare.

New Housing

The development plan must comply with the policies of the Regional Planning Guidelines for the Greater Dublin Area RPG'S. The RPG'S have allocated 16,950 new housing units to Co. Kildare for the period 2003 - 2010.

The Draft Co. Development Plan (CDP) has a target of 22,600 new houses for the County for the period 2002 - 2011 and 1,450 of these have been allocated to Maynooth. A similar amount has been allocated to Leixlip and Celbridge. It was also noticed that with the average density of houses under construction at present at 12 per acre, this means that there is land already zoned residential in the County for 32,400 new houses which is nearly twice the amount allocated to the County in the RPG'S. John said he proposed the following: "That no further land be rezoned for housing for the duration of the County Development Plan in order to comply with the RPG'S".

The following amendment was agreed unanimously.

"Given the level of land currently zoned for housing (1093ha/2700 acres) it is not anticipated that further such zoning will be necessary during the period of this plan. This however does not preclude additional such zoning in specific locations where the council is satisfied that clearly established need for such zoning is evident."

It is important that people study this plan and any such amendment will be discussed at the next Community Council meeting on the 11th October.

The point was raised by Paul Croghan as to how one decides when extra Development should be done, or where is the need. Cyril McAree pointed out the new development on the Moyglare Road. The plan will be fully discussed at the next meeting.

Visit to Maynooth

On 1st September, Maynooth Community Council hosted a visit to Maynooth for Marie Maschke (Deputy

Mayor) Municipality, Hastings Highlands, Maynooth Ontario, Canada. This included a visit to the Castle, a tour of Maynooth College, many thanks to Dominic McNamara; the Community Library where they viewed the Book of Maynooth. There followed a visit to Carton House, where they enjoyed a tour of the house and refreshments. Many thanks to the Mallaghan family. They also proposed twinning the two towns, or a student exchange. It was decided to look at the twinning prospect.

Marie Maschke has connections in England and Ennis. They returned to Ennis where there was a reception hosted by Ennis Town Council.

Mayor Campaign

A sub-committee was set up to look at how best to run the Mayor Campaign. The committee consisted of Tony Bean, Cyril McAree, Andrew McMullon and Paul Croghan. A document was presented and some discussion took place. It will be fully discussed at the next meeting.

Carton Court

Frank O'Shea brought the worrying prospect of landlords changing the interior of a house, where by the house could contain several bed-sits. Cllr. Senan Griffin said regarding planning regulations one may only need planning for front windows or changing the front of a house. Planning may not be needed for the interior of a house.

Bus turning site: Straffan Road

Cyril McAree pointed out that the repairs done here were finished very badly in tarmac. However Cllr. John McGinley said that the developer will have to put it back as it was. Cyril also said the sweepers are doing an excellent job. It was also stated that the men cleaning the Main Street and town are also doing a wonderful job and should be complimented.

Litter: Car Park

Robert Wilson said the bottle bank has become a dumping site now and is in a dreadful state. Maynooth Community Council has written to Kildare County Council regarding this. It was also pointed out that cameras are now up and fines are on the way. Robert also noted the parking problems in the town. It was also noted that car park full signs were up very early in the railway station on Sunday 12th September.

Tidy Towns

Paul Croghan said that Maynooth has gained a further 4 points this year and they were very pleased about this. However, he also noted that Maynooth was placed in a very bad position by BAL the National

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Litter Body. A full report is in the Newsletter

Information Sign: Carton Avenue

Tony Bean said the unveiling of the information sign will take place soon.

Fairtrade: Poster Competition

Maynooth Fairtrade Steering Committee are holding a Poster Competition with the theme "Rich World/Poor World we're for Fairtrade".

Closing date 1st October. Results of the competition will take place on the 8th October in the Glenroyal Hotel. The Fairtrade work guarantees that third world producers receive a fair price for their produce.

Congratulations and best wishes were extended to Peadar Haran on his retirement. It was noted his service to the people of Maynooth of 23 years. Maynooth Community Council wishes Peadar the very best on his retirement.

Next Maynooth Community Council meeting will take place on the 11th October in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Marie Gleeson (PRO)

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

Re the folly in the park

The Lyreen residence area is one of the last bastions of the old original people of Maynooth, mostly old and many bereaved. In this area there was a pretty little park, which for years was maintained by their own subscription and labour. It was used for BBQ's, ladies football, picnics and children's games. Recently the centre of the park was ripped up and a hideous pile of twisted tin 'with shapeless sculpture decked' was erected, in defiance of the people of the area. Some members of the residence spent hours trying to prevent it from happening but they were arrogantly ignored. The perpetrators of this vandalism are now pointing the finger at one another, following what was clearly an election stunt. One of them was of the opinion that it would make a nice ornament, but N.B. not in *his* back garden. Another of the perpetrators promised to be the first to bulldoze it out, if it didn't suit the local people. He was informed before it was installed that it wouldn't suit. The bulldozer must be on its way by road from the South Pole. The result is that the little park is ruined by a half erected pile of scrap metal, concrete and piles of clay. It is now a rubbish dump and a focus for cider drinking. People in their latter years might have deserved a little more respect, when their wishes were known well in advance. We demand that this scrap heap be removed immediately and that the park be restored to its original condition. The money which was squandered on this project (c. €150k) could well have been spent on much needed infrastructure in the region instead of destroying what was already a functioning amenity.

The Lyreen residence association, Maynooth.

(Contact Number with Editor)



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04/2026	Joseph & Olive Clahalane	54 Greenfield Drive Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	23/08/04	Build entrance porch incorporating extending of existing garage and providing pitched roof over existing garage and proposed entrance porch	54 Greenfield Drive Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/2055	Blathnaid Ward	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	27/08/04	1 no. two storey dwelling house with a Puraflor effluent treatment system and associated site works	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/2056	Deidre Ward	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	27/08/04	1 no. two storey dwelling house with a Puraflor effluent treatment system and associated site works	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/2057	Fergal Ward	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	27/08/04	1 no. two storey dwelling house with a Puraflor effluent treatment system and associated site works	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/2058	Breda Ward	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	27/08/04	Upgrading and relocation of existing septic tank to a Puraflor effluent treatment system and associated site works	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/2059	Padraig Ward	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	27/08/04	1 no. two storey dwelling house with a Puraflor effluent treatment system and associated site works	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/2063	Shelester Properties Ltd	Mill Street Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	27/08/04	Change of dwelling type from 6 two storey 2 bed single aspect houses in 1 block of 6 houses to 6 two bedroom shared access Apartments in 1 two storey block of 6 Apartments, with balconies forecourt car parking, detached waste bin enclosure etc..	Oldtown Mill Oldtown Celbridge
04/2067	Sean & Sheila Smith	126 Rail Park Maynooth Co. Kildare	R	27/08/04	Single storey domestic extension to side and rear of original two storey dwelling house	126 Rail Park Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/2085	Jim Kelly	16 Beaufield Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	31/08/04	For construction of a two storey extension to the rear, a small single storey extension to the front incorporating a new window and the conversion of the existing garage to a habitable room	16 Beaufield Green Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/2129	Michael & Tom Madden	15 Greenfield Drive Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	06/09/04	The demolition of existing single storey three bedroom dwelling and replace with the construction of two professional office suites at ground floor level and two one bedroom apartments at first floor level	9 Doctors Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/2132	David Collins	Hawthorn House B&B Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	06/09/04	For four self catering accommodation units plus for car park spaces (building 216 sqmts) to be used for short term B&B, to rear, and all associated site works	Hawthorn House B&B Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/2152	Catherine Kiernan	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	08/09/04	A four bedroom dormer bungalow and separate double garage including all ancillary works and a mechanical aerated treatment plant with raised percolation area	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare

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04/2175	Peter Robinson	Crinstown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	P	10/09/04	Change of elevation of existing industrial unit (replace existing roller shutter door with glazing and also provide an additional glazed opening within wall) also provide a new first floor within the unit	No. 16 Block F, Maynooth Business Park, Maynooth, Co. Kildare
04/2196	Margaret Flood	Crinstown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	P	10/09/04	Construction of a new dwelling house, domestic garage, entrance and the provision of a sewerage treatment system	Crinstown Maynooth, Co. Kildare
04/2254	Donal Kaanagh & Michelle Morley	15A Meadowbrook Court, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	R	16/09/04	4 bed 2 storey dwelling as constructed in side garden	15A Meadowbrook Court, Maynooth, Co. Kildare

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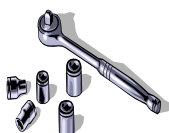
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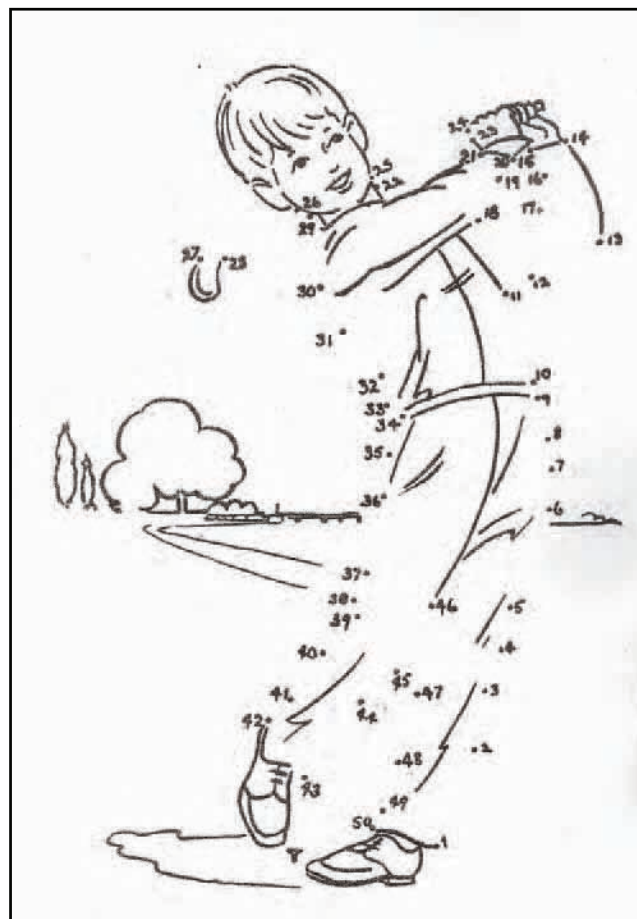
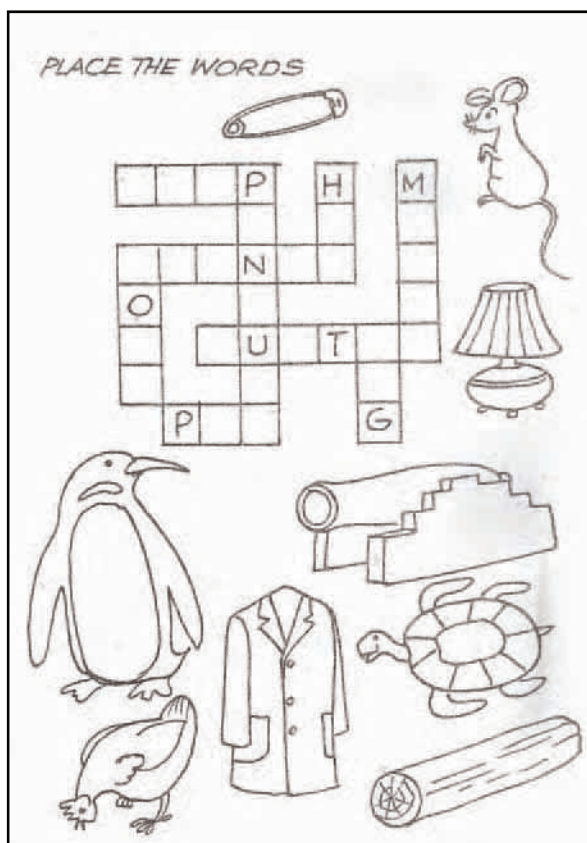
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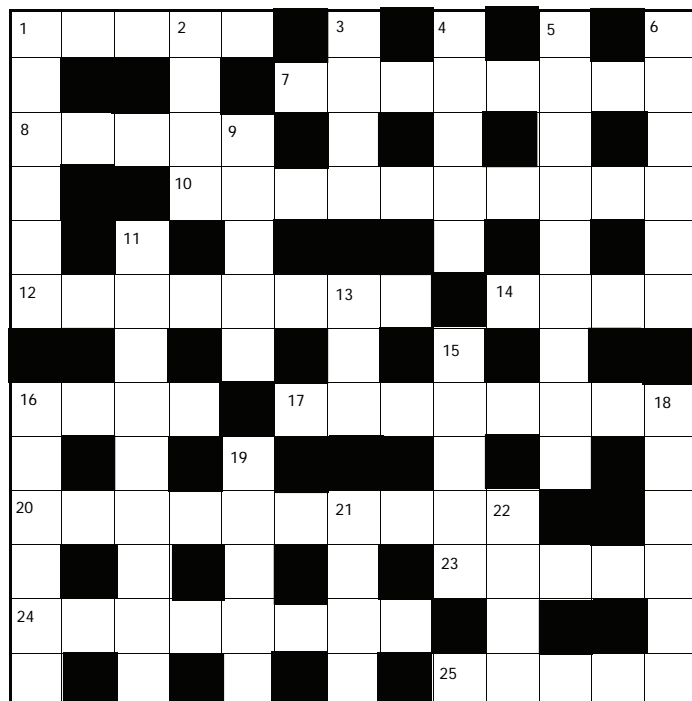
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7. All-pearl (anag) (8)
8. Picture support (5)
10. Branched candlesticks (10)
12. Determination (8)
14. Small island (4)
16. Breaking waves (4)
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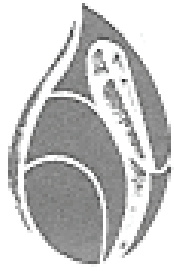
1. Recognition (6)
2. Oil-producing cartel (1,1,1,1)
3. Poet (4)
4. Large spoon (5)
5. Fine-grained gypsum (9)
6. Split asunder (6)
9. Door fastener (5)
11. Playful, lively (9)
13. Bitumen (3)
15. Ludicrous prank (5)
16. Sculptured image (6)
18. Proof corrector (6)
19. Actress, _ _ _ Suzman (5)
21. Writing table (4)
22. American car? (4)

Across: No 22

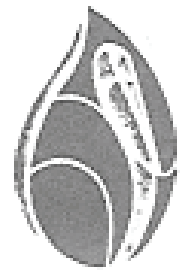
1. Still, **7.** Baritone, **8.** Scrap, **10.** Despicable, **12.** Religion, **14.** Edit, **16.** Dose, **17.** Careless, **20.** Spoil-sport, **23.** Dance, **24** Gargoyle, **25.** Beret.

Down:

1. Sister, **2.** Load, **3.** Lamp, **4.** Birch, **5.** Forbidden, **6.** Defect, **9.** Peggy, **11.** Plus-fours, **13.** Ova, **15.** Beard, **16.** Design, **18.** Silent, **19.** Bloom, **21.** Pull, **22.** Tame.



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Ingredients:

Any selection of vegetable of your choice
Olive Oil
14 oz of canned chopped tomatoes
Bay leaf
1 oz of soup pasta shapes (any pasta will do)
1 lemon
15fl oz of boiling water

Method

Cut all vegetables to one size and wash. Heat some oil in the pan and put your vegetables in, but make sure that you put in the hardest first. Sweat for about 5 mins., then add the tinned tomatoes, pasta and the boiling water. Bring to the boil and then simmer for 14 mins and serve immediately.

Gammon and Leek Pie

Ingredients:

2lbs of potatoes (make sure they are good for mashing)
Salt and pepper
1lb leeks
3 oz of cheddar
4 oz of cherry tomatoes
2 tablespoon of plain flour
1 teasp. of dried mixed herbs
10 fl oz of milk

Method

Cook the potatoes till tender while the potatoes are cooking. Peel and slice the leeks and fry in some of the butter until soft but not brown. Remove. Add the diced gammon for five mins. Grate the cheese and cut the tomatoes in half. Stir the flour and herbs in the gammon and cook for one min. Add the milk and stir till it comes to the boil. Add the cheese and the leeks. Season to taste and reduce heat. Transfer all to an oven proof dish. Mash the potatoes and spoon over the gammon mixture.. Lay the tomatoes on top of the pie and grill on a high heat until golden brown.

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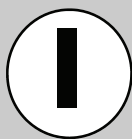
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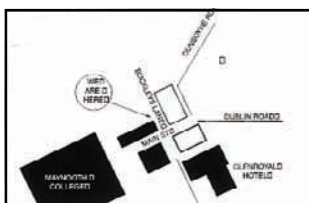


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Features

Maynooth Tidy Towns

National Tidy Towns Competition 2004

September is usually an anxious month for people involved in Tidy Towns across the entire country as villages, towns and cities await the results of the National Competition. I expect that we will all know our fate by Monday 13th. While Maynooth has done very well in the competition over the last number of years there is no guarantee that this will continue. See table for marks achieved between 1996 and 2003. It would be a pity if our marks were to fall back this year when marks have been increasing every year for the past ten years. Our fate has well been decided by now – so let's hope it is good news again this year.

Best Estates and Shop Front Competitions 2004

Judging has taken place for these competitions and we would like to commend everybody on their efforts. There continues to be huge interest in many estates in particular in winning the prizes and this has been reflected in the efforts. The Best Estates Competitions in particular are aimed at improving the environment and appearance of your estate, but even more than that it gets people out of their houses and helps the social interaction between neighbours working together for their mutual benefit. It helps to foster pride in your area and as a consequence of it happening in so many areas it helps the overall image and condition of Maynooth. Who won – well you will have to wait at least until next month's *Maynooth Newsletter* to find out.

Maynooth in IBAL (Irish Business Against Litter League)

We will shortly get the results of the second judging of Maynooth under the Irish Business Against Litter League. Maynooth has been included for the first time in 2004 in this competition, mainly because of the presence of the National University in the town. In the first judging we came a very respectable 12th out of 30. However, what normally happens is that towns that do very badly get their act together and those in the comfort zone then end up down in the 20s. Much credit must go to the staff of Kildare County Council in Maynooth for their efforts – however, to become litter free demands care of our environment by the entire community. Let's have a go at it.

Paul Croghan
Secretary



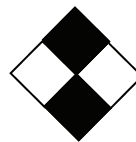
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Parents of children who travel by car must inform the parent on committee roster that their child is present.

The beginners class is full. There is a waiting list and names are being put on this at present.

Contact

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Castle Keep Art Group

The Castle Keep Art Group has resumed its 'painting sessions'. This year again the Boys' National School is the Venue.

Meeting will be every Monday at 8 p.m., except school holidays.

The group has been in existence for several years and holds an annual exhibition around Easter.

We welcome new members and we have some places available for anyone who is interested in joining.

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Gardening Hints

WORK FOR THE WEEK

- ♦ Sow Lawns
- ♦ This is a good time to make lawns using seed. The days are shortening, and by the time the seed has germinated and the grass begins to grow we shall be well into the autumn. There will be ample time for good root development before winter sets in, and little risk from sun scorch.

- ♦ Apples and Pears
- ♦ Early varieties of apple and pear can be picked when slightly underripe. Take care not to leave pears for too long, or they will get soft from the middle.

- ♦ Pot Apline
- ♦ Young alpine plants raised from cuttings in Spring can be potted using a gritty compost. Overwinter in a cold frame prior to planting out next year.

- ♦ Lift Lilliums
- ♦ Lillium Regale is early-flowering and often builds up into large clumps. These may be lifted and re-set. Plant about 15cm (16in) deep in well-drained soil improved with compost. Drainage can be improved by scattering a little sand in the planting hole.

- ♦ Sow Poppies
- ♦ Poppies do not transplant well, so make a sowing outdoors where they can flower next year. The seedlings are hardy and will only require thinning.

- ♦ Strawberries
- ♦ Strawberry runners for forcing can be moved on into 15cm (16in) pots using J1 No 3 compost or equivalent. Pot reasonably firmly.

- ♦ Save Seed
- ♦ As the seed heads of annuals and perennials ripen, collect seed, remembering to label with care.

- ♦ Boost Crops
- ♦ Autumn green crops will benefit from a light dressing of general fertiliser hoed into the soil around them.

- ♦ Spring Cabbage
- ♦ There is still just time to plant spring cabbage, but do the job without delay. Water in well even if the weather is wet.

The Waiting Game With Geraniums

Geraniums always look magnificent in public garden settings. Just single specimens in pots are a joy to behold, but get them en masse and there you have a marvellous sight indeed.

The only trouble is their expense. But for that we could all boast a crowded bed of them. It is not much good, either, to run to seed, so to speak, for you don't get many per rather expensive packet.

The answer is undoubtedly to take cuttings from those you already have - a job which you can set about now. Select non-flowering, sturdy shoots about 7.5cm (3in) long and cut them away from the plant cleanly. Then, remove the lower leaves so there is just a pair on top. Finally, cut again at a point just beneath the point where the lower leaves were removed.

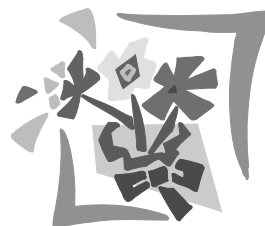
It is at this juncture that you should take a rest. Far too many go straight on to planting the cuttings. Be wise... stop. Prepare the pots or boxes of either compost, or a mix of peat and grit, and water it and leave it to drain.

During this waiting time, leave the cuttings in the open, for, say, an hour or so - in the sun, if possible, to allow the wounds to harden off. This is the key to success, for the hardening -off will assist them in withstanding stem rot, which is the usual cause of failure.

When the cuttings have been set in the compost, cover them with a polythene bag (if in pots) or pop them into a propagator.

Do not overwater; they will do better if left on the dry side. When the cuttings show signs of growth you can pot them up separately.

Another favourite plant from which you can now take cuttings is the Fuchsia. This particularly easy to root. Just take some shoots which have not borne flowers, cutting just below a leaf joint and take off some of the lower leaves. Dip the end of the cuttings into hormone rooting powder and push into moist No 1 potting compost - or ordinary garden soil. Again, pot up separately when growth starts.



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Features

From Maynooth, to Ontario Maynooth

Maynooth, Ireland has a long history of outreach because of the fact that many young priests who trained in St. Patrick's College went out into the world over the two centuries since the college was founded in the town. On Wednesday September 1st 2004, the Deputy Mayor of the Municipality of Hastings Highlands in Canada made the journey back. Maynooth is the main town in Hastings Highlands which is in the Canadian state of Ontario. The deputy mayor who was on a private visit to Ireland was a guest of Maynooth Community Council and was met by Hugh Gallagher, Paul Croghan and Willie Saults.

The guests were welcomed to Maynooth with an exchange of gifts taking place at Maynooth Castle. This was followed by a tour of the 13th Century castle which was the original home of the Geraldines in Maynooth. Paul Croghan informed the visitors that it has not yet been decided how the eight hundredth anniversary of Maynooth Castle is to be celebrated. In his opening address, Paul Croghan talked about the background to the visit. He has been in contact in recent years with the people of Maynooth, Ontario through the internet and greetings are usually exchanged at Christmas. The visit came about because the Deputy Mayor, Ms. Marie Maschke was in England for the Connellan Family reunion and she was visiting her cousins in Ennis. In effect she is on a private visit to Ireland, but we were keen to take this opportunity to welcome her to Maynooth, Ireland.

As part of his welcome address, Maynooth Community Council Chairperson, Hugh Gallagher, said that there are not many places in the world called Maynooth and it was highly probable that there is a connection between the two places. It is most likely that the settlement in Maynooth Ontario was started by a priest and that he simply called it after Maynooth. We will be exploring ways how we can maintain a relationship between the two areas, Mr. Gallagher said.

In presenting gifts to Maynooth, Ireland, Ms Maschke, said that two places may seem physically very different but that both areas could exchange experiences and ideas and build a solid relationship. Maynooth Ontario has a small urban centre with a population of about three hundred, but it has a huge hinterland. Maynooth Ireland has a much bigger town centre with a much smaller hinterland. Maynooth Ontario is three hours by highway from Toronto and because of its location has very severe winters. However, the summers are good and Maynooth, Ontario will be holding a Celtic Festival in 2005, so the Irish roots are still alive in her community. You are all very welcome Ms. Maschke said. There is potential

for other connections such as student exchanges as well as regular visits. Among the gifts presented to Maynooth Ireland included the Canadian Flag as well as a book on Canada. Ms. Maschke also presented two letters to Hugh Gallagher one from the Maynooth Business Association in Ontario and a second from Hastings Highlands Council on which Mrs. Maschke has served for twenty four years.

Maynooth Ireland, presented Ms. Maschke with a signed hard - back copy of "Cannonballs and Croziers" a history of Maynooth, Ireland published several years ago by Maynooth Community Council. A framed picture from the Lawrence Collection showing Main Street, Maynooth, Ireland at the beginning of the twentieth century was also presented to the visitors.

The party then moved into St. Patrick's College, where they were greeted by Mr. Dominic McNamara, Assistant to the President. A tour of the seminary buildings including the magnificent College Chapel was part of their stay there. After light refreshments Mr. McNamara presented Ms. Maschke with a history of St. Patrick's College written for the Bi-Centenary. On behalf of the party Paul Croghan thanked Mr. McNamara stating that even the locals had learned a lot about the history of St. Patrick's on the tour.

The party then moved to Maynooth Library in Main Street, where they viewed the "Book of Maynooth" which is held in trust by the Library for the people of the town. The guests were impressed with the quality of the writings and especially the art work. Paul Croghan explained that is a one copy book that was produced for the Millennium and that it had become a popular attraction for visitors to the town. The book is very well cared for by the library service.

The visitors then moved to Carton House where they were given a guided tour of the house by Stephen Mallaghan. As well as viewing the magnificent house the party were able to see at first hand the impressive restoration work currently under way. It was also an opportunity for us locals to get up to date with the developments in Carton and both Stephen and Conor Mallaghan spent considerable time with us stated Paul Croghan. The Amateur and Professional Irish Opens will take place in Carton in 2005 and this will mean that Maynooth will have a significant number of visitors so it was fitting that our visitors from Maynooth Ontario had the opportunity to see this magnificent house.

Ms. Maschke who is in her early seventies and widowed was accompanied on the trip by her daughter Anne and included in her visit to Maynooth Ireland was her cousin Mr. Bernie Murphy from Ennis.

Maynooth Ontario visits Maynooth Leinster



Aerial view of Maynooth Ontario



Marie Maschke, Deputy Mayor of Maynooth Ontario presenting Paul Croghan & Hugh Gallagher, Maynooth Community Council with the Canadian



Deputy Mayor, Marie Maschke making a presentation to Hugh Gallagher Chairperson of Maynooth Community Council Gallagher

Maynooth

I've heard it said there is no Maynooth in Ireland anymore,
That the Irish brought it with them when they landed on
our shore.

When they reached good old Ontario with their hilly chunk
of land,

They laid it down in Hastings north upon a bed of sand.
Then they got their shovels and they spread the land
around,

And each man was allotted a fair sized hunk of the ground.
They settled down upon this land to make themselves a
home.

And so those rambling' Irishmen were never more to roam.
They were a rugged bunch of men and seldom ever sick
And every dogan man of them was a good old Irish Mick.
As long as you behaved yourself, they sure would treat you
right

But if trouble you were seeking they'd oblige you with a
fight.

Now to refresh your memory with some familiar names,
Old timers will remember them, and from the place they
came.

Some old Irish characters are included in my list,
And my sincere apologies, if any names I've missed.
They were the Hickey's and the Coe's, the Rody's and the
Flynn's;

The Rouse's and the Netterville's, the Cassidy's and the
Green's;

The McApline's and the Dillon's, the McNally's and the
Cannon's;

The Fitzgerald's and the Deady's, the Kelly's and the
Gannon's;

The Sheradin's and the Golden's, the Lynch's and the
Breen's;

And several other faces will never more be seen.

Another group of men I would like to mention,
Names that you'll remember when drawn to your attention.
They worked and lived there side by side, they had their
ups and downs,

And though they weren't all Irishmen they helped build this
little town.

There were the Weaver's and the Wootten's, the Haryett's
and the Smith's;

The Maddock's and the Carswell's were there among the
cliffs.

The Goodwin's and the Perry's, the Leveck's and the
Scott's,

The Burlanyette's and the Neiman's all had their favourite
spots.

A lot of years have come and gone since those old days of
yore,

And many smiling faces aren't with us anymore.

But younger generation still carry on their names,
And somehow or another, things just don't seem the same.

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Community Games 2004

After 25 Years Maynooth Community Games are still going strong despite a small committee and helpers thin on the ground. Maynooth Community Games had a very successful year. We participated in the following events.

Swimming, Gymnastics, Art, Set Dancing, Athletics, Camogie and Table Quiz.

Mosney called Boys and Girls for the following events:

Set Dancers.

Ailbhe Flynn, Karen Feehan, Ellen Stack, Michelle Dolan, Hannah Stack, Emily Milner, Aoife Dunne, Niamh Lennon, Sarah Jennings, Laura Walsh and Orla Canning.

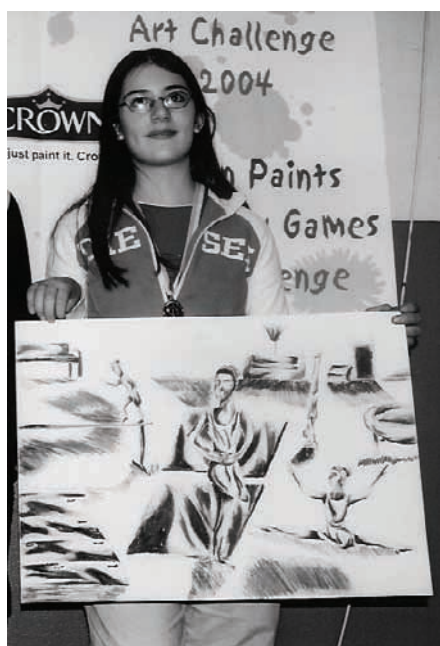
Athletics

Long Puck: Louise Walsh

Swimming

Daragh Murphy, Megan Meade, Sean McKnight, Ailbhe Lenihan, Aoife McKnight and Meabh Walsh.

Well done to all the boys and girls and I hope all who participated enjoyed themselves and look forward to meeting you all next year for the 26th year of the Games in Maynooth.



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The Language Centre N.U.I. Maynooth.

This year the Language Centre is offering a broad range of language courses, may from beginners' level to advanced. Classes are limited to fifteen students and take place in an informal but structured atmosphere, with the emphasis on developing speaking and listening skills. There are no formal entry requirements.

Languages

Irish	Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced
French	Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced
Spanish	Beginners, Intermediate
German	Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced
Italian	Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced
Dutch	Beginners
Portuguese	Beginners
EFL	Intermediate, Advanced
Arabic	Beginners

Formation of Classes

Commencement of classes will depend on a minimum number of enrolments. The Language Centre reserves the right to cancel a course.

A Certificate of Attendance is awarded on request to students with 80% minimum attendance.

Enrolment

Enrolment will take place on:

Course 1	Wednesday,	6th October 2004, 7.00 - 8.30 pm
	Thursday,	7th October 2004, 7.00 - 8.30 pm
Course 2	Wednesday,	12th January 2005, 7.00 - 8.30 pm in Room T8, Arts Building

- ◆ Enrolment will only take place at the stated times
- ◆ For EFL, please contact us directly.

Extra-Mural Terms

Each course lasts for nine weeks, with two hours' tuition each week.

Course dates for this year are:

Course 1	Monday, 11th October 2004 - Friday, 10th December 2004
Course 2	Monday, 17th January 2005 - Friday, 18th March 2005

- ◆ No class will be held on public or University holidays. In the event of a class being missed for this reason, an extra class will be added on at the end of the extra-mural term.
- ◆ Please note that Course 2 is a continuation of Course 1.

Course Fees

€120.00	Wage earners from outside the University
€ 80.00	University staff and registered students of the University
€ 70.00	Social Welfare recipients (with proof of situation)
€150.00	English as a Foreign Language (intensive course)
€300.00	English as a Foreign Language (15-week course)

- ◆ Cheques should be made payable to *The Language Centre, N.U.I Maynooth*.
- ◆ Course fees must be paid in full on enrolment; admission to classes is subject to this. Receipts should be retained.
- ◆ Fees will be refunded should a class not take place due to insufficient numbers.

Closing dates for refund applications:	Course 1	Friday, 5th November 2004
	Course 2	Friday, 4th February 2005

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The Language Centre N.U.I. Maynooth.
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COURSE	LANGUAGE	DAY	TIME (pm)	VENUE	STARTING
Beginner 1	French	Tuesday	7.00-8.00	Room 1	19th Jan
Beginner 2	French	Tuesday	8.15-9.15	Room 1	26th Jan
Beginner 3	French	Tuesday	9.30-10.30	Room 1	2nd Feb
Beginner 4	French	Tuesday	10.45-11.45	Room 1	9th Feb
Beginner 5	French	Tuesday	12.00-1.00	Room 1	16th Feb
Beginner 6	French	Tuesday	1.15-2.15	Room 1	23rd Feb
Beginner 7	French	Tuesday	2.30-3.30	Room 1	1st Mar
Beginner 8	French	Tuesday	3.45-4.45	Room 1	8th Mar
Beginner 9	French	Tuesday	5.00-6.00	Room 1	15th Mar
Beginner 10	French	Tuesday	6.15-7.15	Room 1	22nd Mar
Beginner 11	French	Tuesday	7.30-8.30	Room 1	29th Mar
Beginner 12	French	Tuesday	8.45-9.45	Room 1	5th Apr
Beginner 13	French	Tuesday	10.00-11.00	Room 1	12th Apr
Beginner 14	French	Tuesday	11.15-12.15	Room 1	19th Apr
Beginner 15	French	Tuesday	12.30-1.30	Room 1	26th Apr
Beginner 16	French	Tuesday	1.45-2.45	Room 1	3rd May
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Beginner 18	French	Tuesday	4.15-5.15	Room 1	17th May
Beginner 19	French	Tuesday	5.30-6.30	Room 1	24th May
Beginner 20	French	Tuesday	6.45-7.45	Room 1	31st May
Beginner 21	French	Tuesday	8.00-9.00	Room 1	7th Jun
Beginner 22	French	Tuesday	9.15-10.15	Room 1	14th Jun
Beginner 23	French	Tuesday	10.30-11.30	Room 1	21st Jun
Beginner 24	French	Tuesday	11.45-12.45	Room 1	28th Jun
Beginner 25	French	Tuesday	1.00-2.00	Room 1	5th Jul
Beginner 26	French	Tuesday	2.15-3.15	Room 1	12th Jul
Beginner 27	French	Tuesday	3.30-4.30	Room 1	19th Jul
Beginner 28	French	Tuesday	4.45-5.45	Room 1	26th Jul
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Beginner 40	French	Tuesday	7.45-8.45	Room 1	18th Oct
Beginner 41	French	Tuesday	9.00-10.00	Room 1	25th Oct
Beginner 42	French	Tuesday	10.15-11.15	Room 1	1st Nov
Beginner 43	French	Tuesday	11.30-12.30	Room 1	8th Nov
Beginner 44	French	Tuesday	12.45-1.45	Room 1	15th Nov
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Features

Teresa Brayton Commemorate Stone

In recognition of Heritage Week the Teresa Brayton Heritage Group set as its goal a number of months ago to erect a commemorate stone at the top of the Old Bog Road. The road made famous by Teresa Brayton in her poem of the same name was later set to music by Madeline King O' Farrelly.

The project was only made possible by the donation of an exceptional stone by Brendan Costello of Erin Stone, Kilkenny and the hard work and co-operation of Kildare County Council who landscaped and prepared the site. Also thanks to Harry Fagan of Kilcock who in the eleventh hour made available his machinery and expertise in putting the stone in place.

The group hopes that the stone and site will be a fitting tribute to the physical presence of a road which is arguably known throughout the world. On Sunday 12th September the stone was unveiled by Séamus MacGabhann whose areas of interest include the Irish language and heritage.

The Old Bog Road

By Teresa Brayton

My feet are here on
Broadway
This blessed harvest morn,
But on! the ache that's in my heart
For the spot where I was
Born.
My weary hands are
Blistered
Through work in cold and
heat!
And oh! To swing a scythe
Once more
Through a field of Irish
wheat.
Had I the chance to wander
back,
Or own a king's abode.
I'd sooner see the hawthorn
Tree
By the Old Bog Road.
When I was young and
restless
My mind was ill at ease,
Through dreaming of
America,
And the gold beyond the
seas.
Oh, sorrow rake their

And what's the word to any
man
If no one speaks his name.
I've had my day and here I am
A-building bricks per load
A long three thousand miles
Away
From the Old Bog Road.
My mother died last
Springtime
When Erin's fields were
Green.
The neighbours said her waking
Was the finest ever seen.
There were snowdrops and
Primroses
Piled high above her bed,
And ferns Church was
Crowded
When her funeral mass was
Read.
And here was I on Broadway
A-building bricks per load.
When they carried out her coffin
Down the Old Bog Road.
There was a decent girl at home
Who used to walk with me.
Her eyes were soft and sorrowful
Like moonlight o'er the sea.
Her name was Mary Dwyer,
But that was long ago.
The ways of God are wiser
Than the things that man
Might know,
She died t day I left her,
A-building bricks per load,
I'd best forget the days I've
Spent
On the Old Bog Road.
Ah! Life's a dreary puzzle,
Past finding out by man,
I'll take the day for what it's
Worth
And do the best I can.
Since no one cares a rush
For me
What need is there to
Moan,
I'll go my way and draw my
Pay
And smoke my pipe alone.
Each human heart must
Bear its grief
Though bitter be the 'bode
So God be with you, Ireland,
And the Old Bog Road.

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Question

I think I may have overpaid tax three years ago. I hear new time limits have been introduced and wondered can I still claim a refund?

Answer

Yes you can.

The Finance Act 2003 provided for a new scheme to deal with claims for repayment of tax for PAYE taxpayers. Under the new scheme there is now a new general statutory right to repayment of tax. The repayment is subject to a claim being made within 4 years from the end of the period to which it relates.

There are transitional arrangements for the existing time limits for repayment, the longest of which is 10 years. Under these arrangements you must make your claim for repayment for any year from 1994/95 to 1999/2000 inclusive on or before 31 December 2004.

Claims made after 31 December 2004 must be made within 4 years of the end of the tax year to which they refer. Therefore, a repayment claim for 2000/01 must be made on or before 5 April 2005 and for 2001 on or before 31 December 2005.

Further information on the time limits and on making claims for repayment of tax is available from you local tax office and from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Question

Is there a special payment someone gets when they reach 100 years of age?

Answer

Yes there is. It is called the Centenarian's Bounty. The Centenarian's Bounty is a national award made by the Irish President which is paid to all nationals and non-nationals resident in Ireland on their 100th birthday. It is usually presented on behalf of the President by a local member of the clergy or friend of the person. The person receives €2,540 and a letter of congratulations signed by the President.

Information about those who are about to reach the age of 100 years and who are getting a pension from the Department of Social and Family Affairs is forwarded automatically to the office of the President in advance of their birthday. The office of the President then makes the award to the person.

Information about those resident in Ireland who are not receiving a social welfare pension should be forwarded to the President's residence at Centenarian's Bounty, Aras and Uachtarain, Phoenix Park, Dublin 7. Tel: (01) 6171000.

When it is verified that the person is eligible for the bounty, the award is made.

Irish citizens living abroad are not eligible for this award. However, a special congratulatory letter signed by the President can be issued to these individuals. Simply forward the name, address and telephone number of the person to Aras an Uachtarain at the address above, well in advance of the person's birthday.

Since 2000, the President has also marked the birthday of each person resident in Ireland over the age of 100 years. On his or her 101st birthday and every subsequent birthday, he/she receives a special commemorative coin in a presentation box, along with a congratulatory letter signed by the President. A new coin is designed for each year.

Question

I am applying for a Fuel Allowance under the National Fuel Scheme. If I am eligible for it how much will I receive?

Answer

The National Fuel Scheme, operated by the Department of Social and Family Affairs, is intended to help people who are dependent on long term social welfare or health board payments as their sole income and who are unable to meet their heating needs.

Under the scheme people who qualify for the Fuel Allowance receive an extra €9.00 per week. If you qualify for the basic Fuel Allowance you may also qualify for an extra €3.90 per week for smokeless fuel, but only if you live in an area where there is a ban on smoky coal.

€3.90 may also be payable to those receiving Disability Benefit or Unemployment Benefit Assistance for at least 13 weeks and to those receiving Family Income Supplement, who do not qualify for the basic allowance.

In order to qualify for the Fuel Allowance you must satisfy a means test. You and the members of your household cannot have more than €50.79 per week in combined income above the appropriate maximum Irish contributory pension/benefit rate or savings/capital of €41,901.36 or more above it. For example, someone without any savings receiving a Widow's or Widower's Contributory Pension of €140.30 per week should qualify if his/her weekly income does not exceed €140.30 plus €50.79 i.e €191.09.

However, if you are already on a means tested payment you will not be subject to another means test for the Fuel Allowance. Where two or more people living in the same household would qualify for the allowance, only one allowance will be paid.

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The allowance is paid for 29 weeks from the first week in October to late April. If you think you are eligible you should apply immediately as the allowance will not be backdated if you apply after the start of the heating season. Application forms (NFSI) are available from any Post Office or your local Social Welfare Office.

Question

I am receiving Family Income Supplement (FIS) from the Department of Social and Family Affairs and I am due to go on maternity leave in a few months time. Will I still be entitled to FIS when I am receiving Maternity Benefit?

Answer

Whether you will be entitled to FIS while receiving Maternity Benefit will depend on what you will do when payment of Maternity Benefit stops.

FIS is a weekly payment for families, including lone parent families, at work on low pay. To be eligible you must be working 19 or more hours per week (38 hours a fortnight) and the work must be expected to last for at least 3 months. You must have one or more children under age 18, or aged 18 to 22 in full time education, living with you and your average weekly family income must be below the appropriate income limit for your family size.

Under the Maternity Protection Act 1994, a woman who qualifies for Maternity Benefit is entitled to claim FIS provided she returns to employment afterwards. If she fails to return payment of FIS will cease and she may have to repay the FIS payments she received while on maternity leave, depending on her reason(s) for not returning to work.

Employees who qualify for Health & Safety leave or Adoptive Benefit are also entitled to claim FIS provided they return to employment.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre. Tel No. (01) 6285477.



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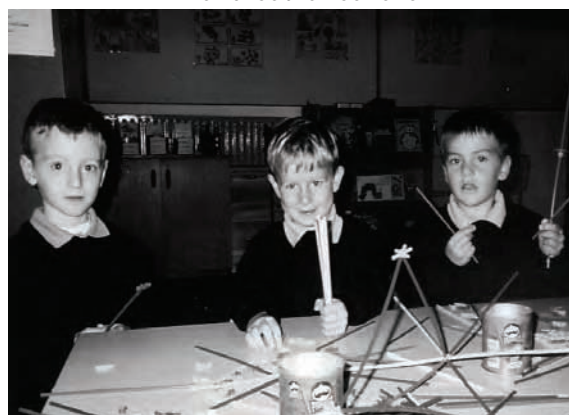
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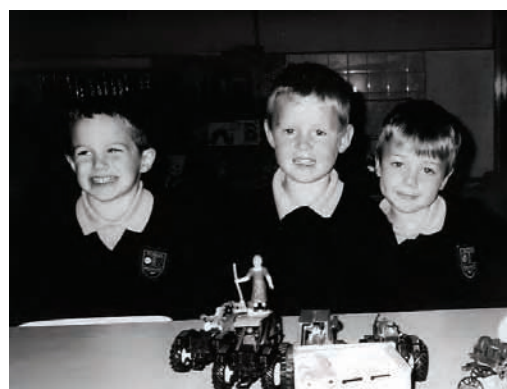
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Aideen Horgan, Alisha Hobbs and Rachel Mc Mahon



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Cian Maxwell, Mathew Carroll, Kealon Hartnett and Caoimhe Nic Aodh.



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Sarah Nic hAodha, Ryan Ó hEagain and Jamie O Reilly.



Meabh Doran, Ailbhe Dunne and Emily Nic Riada.

Features

Geological Exhibition in Maynooth

By Serj Merzliakov

As a part of the heritage week events Maynooth residents could enjoy the unique geological exhibition which took place in Maynooth Library from September 6th to 17th.

What on Earth?

The key topic of the exhibition was geology, the science studying the Earth and the idea behind the exhibition was to show the importance of geology as well as encourage interest among people. One may ask - How relevant is geology to life? Many colourful stands prepared by the Geological Survey of Ireland (GSI) were showing the answer - It's everywhere, all around us.

Paleontologists study the ancient history of the Earth and her inhabitants by the means of analysis of the rocks and stones. Geologists go to any depths and distances in order to discover something new, be it in severe conditions of Antarctica or drilling inside the layers of the Earth. Geological satellites are collecting information about any changes and in the near future will help prevent natural disasters like earthquakes and tornadoes. The information geologists possess today saves lives and contributes to the ecological programmes that help to rationally use the resources of the planet without damaging the environment. Knowledge gained by scientists is utilised in various industries ranging from mining and construction to jewellery and space research.



Maynooth Library hosted the exhibition

Another aim of the GSI was to show that geology is a science open for everybody. Each year expeditions of professional, student and amateur geologists go long miles to discover the many secrets of our planet, the departments of geology are open in colleges in Dublin and Cork, and the genuine interest in science among people of all ages proves its necessity and importance.



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Redz Barberz Opens!

Two local girls from Maynooth, Karen Kavanagh and Pearl Byrne opened the second barbers in Maynooth. Karen has 8 years experience working in the industry, working previously in Celbridge, Lucan, Maynooth and Australia. Pearl has 6 years experience working previously in Maynooth and Naas.

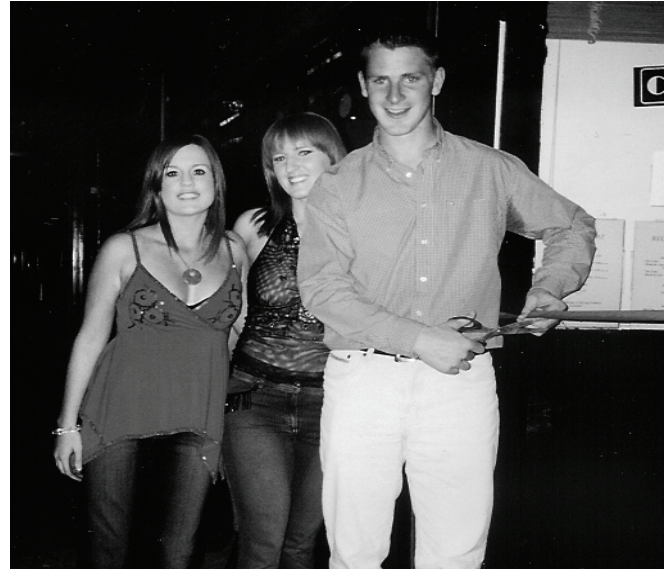
Both girls have completed courses with the Merchant Barbers Dublin and the Gratton Street Barbers.

Reasons for opening a barbers in Maynooth.

- ◆ Growing population
- ◆ Gap in the market
- ◆ Ideal location

Location - Greenfield Shopping

- ◆ Ample car parking
- ◆ Numerous complementary businesses i.e. Londis and Xtravision.



Karen Kavanagh, Pearl Byrne & Karl Ennis at the official opening of Redz Barberz

Great Opening Hours	
Mon-Wed	9.30 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.
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Sunday	11.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

Gents Special offers

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Maynooth GAA - Ladies Football



Maynooth GAA Club created history on the 11th September when their girls under 11 team played their first ever game. The new team is in a league comprising of six teams. All girls born in 1993 or younger are eligible to play and the trainers will try to ensure that as many girls as possible can play in the games. Priority will be given to the older girls (9-11 year olds) as the younger girls will get their chance in time.

It would be good to see the kids well kitted out for games. The club colours are black and white and it would be great if everyone had white shorts and black socks with white hoops at the top. This is not essential but it does boost the children when they look the part. The trainers encourage the parents to attend the games. All girls must be registered with the club. Presently as there are three men looking after the group we could do with more help. In particular, we would like to have a mother present for each training session and game. It would be in everybody's interest to have a lady present.

The girls first game was in Ballykelly, Monasterevin. The home team had a good victory, but the 26 Maynooth players certainly enjoyed themselves. The final score was Ballykelly 6-8 Maynooth 1-1, so it is very much a case of back to the drawing board for the trainers.

Training continues on Saturday mornings at 11.30 a.m. at the GAA Club. If the team are not playing in their league new players are always welcome.

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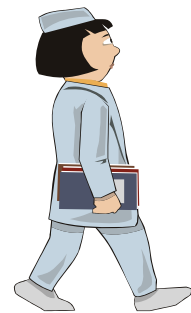
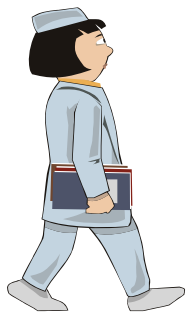
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3rd	Joey Edwards	(24)	33- (B.9)
4th	Mick Fahy	(25)	33 Pts
5th	Don O'Sullivan	(10)	31 - (B.9)
6th	Niall Byrne	(16)	31 Pts
7th	Barry Desmond	(11)	28 - (B.9)
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Yes life was a bitch. The rain teemed down in sheets of body soaking misery that was typical of the miserable surroundings. In many ways the tall skyscrapers could be a fairyland at night but at this particular moment looked like grotesque stalks as they reached for the darkened skyline. Joe Whitton buried his hands deeper into his coat pockets to protect them from the icy winds that curled through the city streets of Chicago. The knocking and clattering rumble of the city's rail transit system only inspired loathing as it carried its bag of human misery who eked out a living in the shoddy service bars and eating dives that dotted the city poorer districts. Joe was never a man for self-pity and never wallowed in the "what might have been" He was never at home here and never would be. "Where you going buddy" a brutally aggressive voice shattered his sensibilities as Joe crashed into an obese object that considered itself a citizen of Chicago. "Sorry" he mumbled as he walked briskly by hoping that his slight frame would defuse the irate garbage bin. Water was beginning to build up along the sidewalk, as ass hole drivers paid absolutely no attention as they sprayed the pools of water onto the passing sidewalkers. Joe turned and walked into a nearby bar. Not wanting a drink he ordered a coke and hoped that the prissy bartender was not expecting a tip. He smiled for a brief moment as he remembered his old haunts, the Phantom Horse at the edge of the Curragh and the Floating Barge on the Curragh side of Newbridge. He was young then and going places. A ten pound claiming apprentice with Curragh trainer, John Girvan, he had headed the rider's list in his second year on the track. He rapidly lost his riding allowances as the winners piled up. He was just twenty-one years of age when asked to ride against the senior jockeys at level weights. He stopped learning at that point and began to use his mouth more as the winners and his riding opportunities began to dry up. Always neat and tidy his body began to loose shape as he spent more time in the bars. Not in anger or despair but in resigned acceptance he remembered the day Girvan gave him his walking papers. He was riding a two-year-old filly, Carragh Rose, in a maiden at Naas. Girvan's instructions had been precise, "win if you can and she will go close. But on no account hit the filly with the whip. All was going well to the final furlong but in a tight finish the frustration of not having ridden a winner in the previous month got to him. Joe drew his whip and hit his mount in rapid succession, drawing blood from the filly's flanks. He shaded the

verdict but Girvan. was furious. Joe was never to ride a horse for that trainer again. To be fair the trainer's hands were tied. The owners were not happy and wanted a high profiled rider for the stable. Joe's handling of the two-year-old was all the excuse they required to have him fired. Girvan owed Whitton for the run of success the stable enjoyed when the rider was claiming an allowance and honourable man he was tried hard to stop the young rider from going off the rails. Joe lifted the coke and sipped, reflecting on his meeting with Girvan. " Joe I am letting you go, you give me no choice and by your behaviour have done nothing to help me with the owners". Joe shrugged, he knew the story and did not at that time appreciate how much he was going to loose. Girvan continued " You will not get another retainer in this Country and you know that ". The trainer was deeply uncomfortable, he was genuinely sorry that the situation had developed to this point. A man who did not like confrontation he was now going to suggest a way out for young Whitton. Girvan continued" Joe, I have phoned Bobby Gill, one of the top trainers in the States. He has training barns in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles. He is willing to give you a job as a specialist work rider and if you progress, who knows? I believe his code of discipline is what you need to kick-start your career and I believe it's whats best for you".

The bar was beginning to fill up and Joe was not suprised to find the seat beside him occupied by a fellow customer. He was about six foot four or five in height and well built. He was immaculately dressed and carried an easygoing air of confidence. He turned to Joe and said "hello". It was this greeting that interested Joe as he realised he was not the usual loudmouth that managed to give you a pain in the head. Joe returned his greeting. " My name is Gerry Galvin and I am over here for the last twenty years" A mutual discovery that they were both Kildare men broke the ice. He told Joe he had built up his own construction company and was doing ok. Soon the two Irishmen were talking comfortably. In a way it was a conversation between two professionals even though one of them was still trying to find his way. Joe told his story, in a matter of fact, kind of way. Gerry noted" you don't take a drink" Joe said no, He was trying to get his career back on track and was a regular visitor to the gym. Gerry looked at Joe and noted the jockey was in good physical shape and his eyes showed the alertness of a committed athlete. They parted wishing each other the best of luck and without the usual bullshit of saying we must meet again.

Joe could never take to Gill. The trainer was not a true horseman. He was good at

promoting himself and had some of the best racehorses in America in his stables. He paid more attention to developing his relationship with wealthy owners rather than developing a true horseman's relationship with his horses. His first interview with Gill did not go well. Joe sensed the trainer felt he was dealing with a failure. On the dirt track of Arlington Park Chicago Joe began to learn again. He began to model himself on the great Bill Shoemaker, sitting quietly in the saddle and using his whip sparingly. Not a socialiser he studied the videos of all the best riders and went over and over again the recording of his increasing number of rides. He began to learn about pace in the land where the stopwatch is king. He was also learning where to place your horse during a race and when to kick for home in the finishing stretch. Gill could see that Joe was a true horseman and was developing into a good jockey but his own lack of understanding of the horse meant that he gave little encouragement to the young Irish rider.

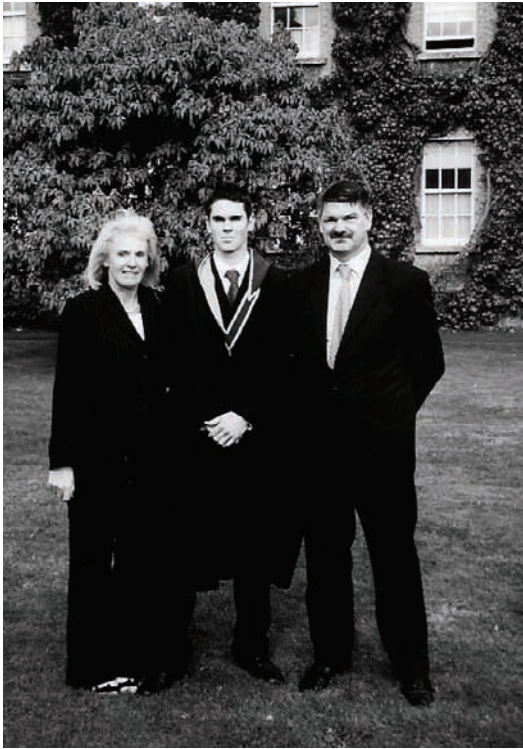
"Joe" he yelled. Gill was in a rage. He strode down the barn kicking sand and straw aside as he made his way towards the young jockey. "I am upset and my number one jockey, Jose Marco is sure as hell upset" He continued "that asshole Irishman Galvin phoned me this morning. He wants his mare Liberty Bell to run in the Breeders Cup Filly and Mare Turf Classic at Belmont Park New York, and he wants you to ride it." There are two things god damned wrong about this situation, first Liberty Belle is not good enough" and two, you, are certainly not good enough. His face now beetroot red with anger he continued" I am giving way on this as Galvin has indicated he is going to place some expensive yearlings with me next season. All Galvin wants is his big day out for his family and friends. This is going to be a bad day for the prestige of my stable. A temperamental mare and rookie jockey bound to finish last in one of the biggest races of the year.

Liberty Belle was stabled at Santa Anita in California and Joe flew out the next morning to spend a week at the track. Dick Burton who looked after Gill's horses in Santa Anita spoke quietly to Joe. " She is a lovely mare but has a head problem. She has won two claiming races but under great stress. She is holding back all the time, gets upset easily and seems to be running shy of the jockey's whip hand. It is very difficult to get her running straight and she continually hangs to the left in the finishing straight. She worries a lot and I do not seem to be able to get to her". Joe took an immediate liking to Burton who, unlike Gill, talked the language of a horseman. The following morning Joe made his first visit to the stable. Burton asked the

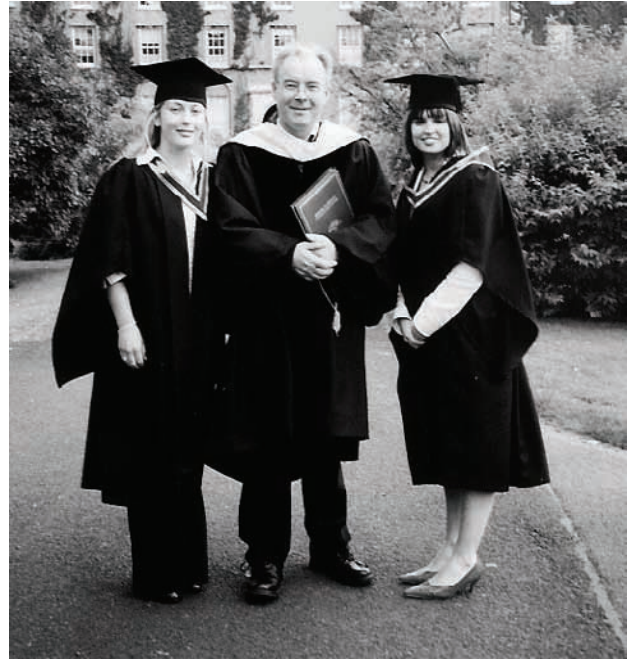
grooms to saddle up Liberty Belle so that Joe could do a five-furlong breeze with his Breeders Cup mount. Joe watched as her groom got the saddle on. The mare was sweating profusely and was decidedly edgy as the jockey approached. Joe started to talk quietly, whispered in a voice that was bedded in generations of Irishmen who have looked after the horse and developed the breed since the beginning of racing history. Liberty Belle completed the canter and Joe never ceased to talk to her. The jockey dismounted and said little to Dick Burton. He walked away from the barn quickly looking preoccupied and worried. He phoned Gerry Galvin out of courtesy to thank him for giving him the mount with a promise to do the best he could. Joe did several more morning canters with liberty bell before returning to Arlington Park in Chicago. The mare was now a little more responsive to him but the real test on the racetrack had to be met. The big race was only two weeks away.

Joe watched the race again. The video showed Bill Shoemaker sitting tight and the reins loose on his mount's neck in the final agonising strides of the 1987 Breeders Cup Classic. His mount, Ferdinand was a quirky sort. He did not like being in front to long and did not like being hit. Bill being the supreme horseman decided to let the horse do it for himself. With Alysheba, ridden by Chris McCarron rapidly closing on his outside, Bill held on in a dramatic finish to win the Classic. Joe was in awe and in his mind had now developed a plan on how he was going to ride Liberty Belle. His mobile phone interrupted his thoughts. " Joe Whitton" " yes, who who is that" " shut up and listen". "We don't know why Gill is running Liberty Belle. We do know that she must have a chance if Gill has entered him. We represent betting interests and we do not want your ride to finish in the first four". Joe interjected" but she has no chance, and even if she had the stewards would smell a rat if I pulled the horse, you know your payouts would be stalled". The caller snarled: "listen we know all that, all we want you to do is drop your whip after the start of the race. Your mare will go backwards without the whip". Joe knew that at that moment whatever the result of the race he was going home to Ireland. He could not continue to live in the States and wanted to return to an environment that valued the horseman. Joe was shocked and needed a little time to collect himself. He decided he was not going to phone Bobby Gill as the trainer might use the phone call as an excuse to take him off the horse. He phoned Gerry. Galvin listened as Joe told him of the threat. Gerry said" Joe, do you still want to ride Liberty Belle" Joe replied" more than anything I ever

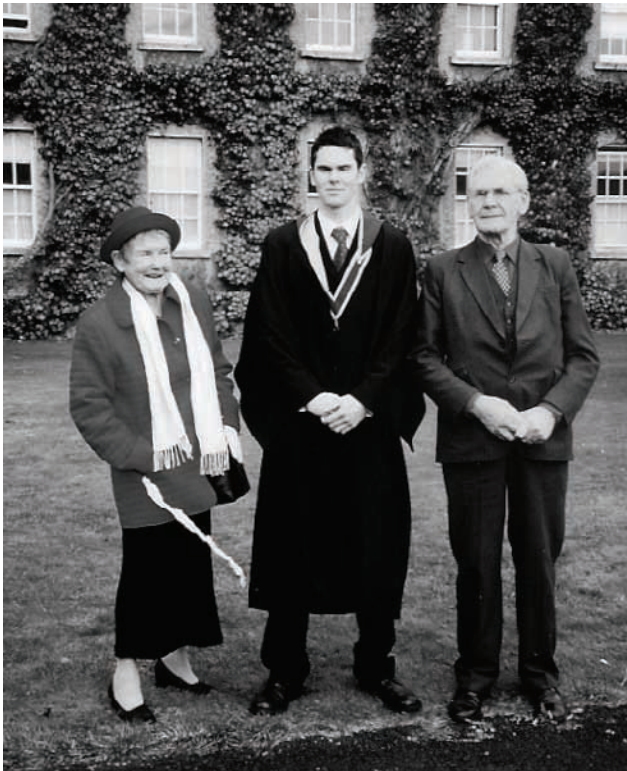
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Thomas Farrell who graduated with a First Class Honours Degree in Science pictured here with his proud parents Ellen and Tom



Sharon Cummins and Ciara O'Neil who graduated with a Double honours Degree in Science and Maths Applied Statistics pictured here with the Registrar Dr. David Redmond



Thomas Farrell with his grandparents Brid Farrell and Tom Simons



Nicola Doyle, Maynooth who graduated with a BA in Arts

wanted". Joe told Gerry he was going home to Ireland after the race. He planned to buy a small stable and start to train with maybe 15 to 20 horses. Gerry thought for a moment. "Joe in a way I am glad that you are going home. I will place a couple of horses with you and try to get some of my friends to do the same". I will book your flight, which will take off immediately after the last race at Belmont Park. I will have my people look after you until take off time". Do as the caller requested and loose your whip as you come out of the gates. "They would not dare intimidate the senior riders but may make an example of you if you do not do as you were told". Gerry Galvin continued " Joe, try not to worry. I know that you will give it your best shot and that will be good enough for me". He continued "I spoke to Dick Burton yesterday and he was really impressed with the progress you are making with liberty Belle"

The evening was mild as 110,000 fans packed into Belmont Park. The biggest day of the Year and racing fans came out in their droves. Joe watched the earlier races and then began to prepare for the fillies and mares classic on Belmont historic racetrack. Walking to the saddle up enclosure Joe met Fergal Moore. A brilliant but enigmatic rider who was already Seven-Time Champion jockey in England. A fellow Irishman from Limerick, Fergal greeted Joe warmly" going up in the world Joe" Joe replied" I'm doing ok Fergal" Fergal was riding Ballet Supreme a three year old filly who Joe knew would stay every yard of the trip. Fergal continued " I am worried about those Panamanians" Joe agreed with Fergal. The three Panamanians, Romero, Cruz and Marco were the best three jockeys in America and would present a formidable challenge to the two Irishmen. Joe walked towards the saddle up enclosure where Gill and Galvin were deep in conversation. Galvin's family were also there and Joe was warmly greeted by the owner's wife and two girls, Galvin had been firm with Gill. He told him to make the best of it and show respect to his jockey. Gill spoke" Joe I have no doubt that Liberty Belle will stay the mile and quarter. "Make sure it is a true run race as three or four of these have a hell of a finishing kick". The jockeys mounted and amid a trumpet fanfare were led to the start by outriders. Joe felt exhilarated he knew that no matter what else happened in his life, this was going to be a day he would never forget. The New York racing fans were in full voice and the atmosphere became electric, as the horses were loaded into the stalls. Joe looked at his main rivals. Platinum, ridden by Romero, Utah ridden by Cruz and Ocean Wave with Gill's number one jockey. Marco up. He also had quick word and wished good luck to Fergal Moore whose easygoing demeanour was now showing a steely resolve. The

gates opened" away they go" the course commentator was now caught up in the excitement. Joe went between Cruz and Romero, caught in a sandwich he lost his whip. Gill looking from a private box, owned by a Hollywood superstar, swore. The three Panamanians went to the front at the first turn. Joe lay in fourth place with Moore riding fifth. The remainder of the small field followed. Racing to the second quarter mile, Moore yelled at Joe. " We are being stitched up, the pace is to slow" Joe agreed his inbuilt stopwatch told him that the pace for the first half mile was not fast enough. The three boys in front were holding up the field for a sprint finish. Joe shouted at Fergal " lets go together and race when we reach the finishing stretch". The two Irishmen surged forward working there way through to lead with six furlongs to go. Gill was impressed as Whitton and Moore set a searching gallop. Liberty Belle was running well and the trainer noted that she was running straight and free and holding nothing back. Joe was elated but knew that the serious business would only begin when they reached the finishing stretch. Liberty Belle and Ballet Supreme matched strides as they rounded the final turn. Joe now riding like his idol, Bill Shoemaker, made his hands do the work. Sitting quietly and continually changing his hands on the reins as a gentle reminder to Liberty Belle. She hit the front as the field entered the winning stretch. The course commentator captured the mood" its LiberTEEEE BeLLLLL". Gill was gob smacked as Joe was giving the mare as good a ride as he had ever seen. Galvin was in tears, roaring his head off as he jumped up and down on the steps of the Grandstand. Joe Whitton hugged the rails as Moore made one last desperate attempt to stay with him, but Ballet Supreme had run her race. Meanwhile Marco was beaten but Cruz and Romero began to wind up Platinum and Utah for the run to the wire. As only the great American jockeys can, they had the distance to the finishing post measured. Riding with that relaxed and polished whip action they closed on Liberty Belle. The crowd went mental and the noise reverberated around Belmont. Joe, his body crouched low over his mount's neck, asked and prayed for one final effort from the heroic Liberty Belle. Romero was now level and Cruz was finishing fast on the wide outside. Joe let out one anguished cry " go Liberty, do it for me" She did not fail him. With Platinum and Utah now running level, Liberty put her head down like an Olympic Sprinter going for gold and three strides before the wire, she regained the lead. She was home. Joe Whitton was in state of shock. The remainder of the evening would always live in his memory. Gerry Galvin and his family hugged him. Gill apologised and offered him a contract, which Joe declined. The Belmont fans who know their horses and jockeys gave him a great

Junior Certificate Exam Results at Maynooth Post-Primary School



Paddy Comerford, Jade McTeigue, Yvonne Lee, John McDonagh, Kojak, Mark O' Murchu and Conor Canning.



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Second Chance by Jim Healy (Short Story)

reception. Gerry took Joe aside and handed him a cheque for one million dollars, which was half the prize money. Joe was stunned but Gerry told him that Liberty Belle was now a very valuable brood mare and in the context of winning the Breeders Cup, the prize money was only a secondary consideration. As promised Gerry's people looked after Joe until he safely boarded for his flight home to Ireland.

Joe looked again at the photograph in the New York Times as he relaxed in his first class seat. It showed the gallant grey Liberty Belle and her jockey in the winners enclosure at Belmont Park. Suddenly, it all became too much and tears formed in his eyes. He was no longer able to focus on the photograph. His mind went back to that awful day at Naas. He remembered dismounting from Carragh Rose in the winners enclosure and removing his saddle from her back. Her flanks were heaving and showing ugly bruises from the beating he had given her. Her neck was covered in sweat as she backed away from the crowd. Her proud head still defiant but her eyes showing the hurt and the anger for the treatment he had handed out to her. He literally ran to the "weigh in" room in shame. Unable to speak he waved away a hostess who expressed concern at his distress. He remembered that day in Santa Anita when he was reunited with Carragh Rose, now named Liberty Belle. Gerry Galvin who had bought the horse in Ireland knew the story when he spoke to Joe in that downtown bar in Chicago. He gave Joe a second chance. As Joe hit the wire at Belmont he knew that Liberty Belle would never forget the beating that he had given her but in his heart, and at that moment, he knew she had forgiven him.



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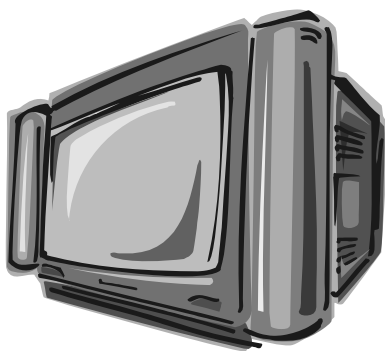
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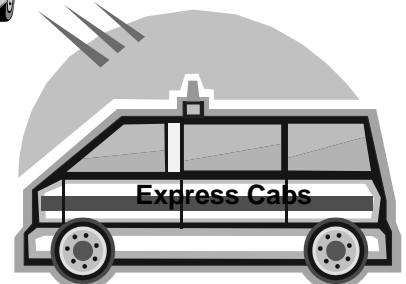
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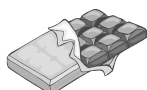
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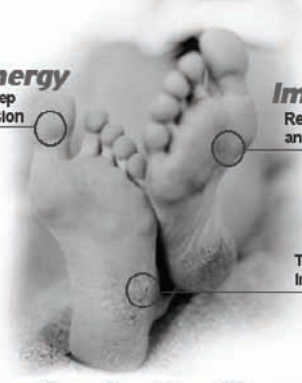
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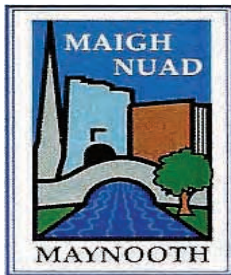
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Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

An Bord Pleanala's Decision is a Black Day for Proper Planning :

The appalling decision by An Bord Pleanala, on 17 August, to grant planning permission for 526 dwellings on the Moyglare Road, without the necessary Relief Road, is a black day for proper planning.

The lands in question were zoned on the basis that the Relief Road would be completed in full in order to allow traffic from the development to access the M4 via the Dunboyne Road and Leixlip Road to the Interchange at INTEL.

The decision by An Bord Pleanala means that upwards of an additional 1,000 cars will now have to use the Moyglare Road, where there are two schools with 1,300 pupils, to get to the M4. These additional cars then have to navigate through the already heavily congested Town Centre before getting to the M4.

An Bord Pleanala's decision is in direct contravention of the Maynooth Development Plan and it calls into question the value of such Plans.

Indeed it would appear as if they gave little if any consideration to Cllr. McGinley's or Residents' Associations appeals as they have lifted the wording in the Conditions of the Grant of Permission directly from Kildare County Council's document.

However, the battle is still not over and in an effort to get the Relief Road completed Cllr. McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

"Given the decision by An Bord Pleanala to grant planning permission to Mycete Construction Limited (PL 09.206437) at Mariavilla, Maynooth, without a condition requiring the completion of the Northern Relief Road to the existing road in Co. Meath, that the Council now commence negotiations with Meath Co. Council for the Compulsory Purchase of Land necessary to provide the road between the Co. Boundary and the existing road in Co. Meath at Moygaddy; and that it be agreed that funds derived under condition 21 of An Bord Pleanala's decision specifically for roads infrastructure be ringfenced for the completion of the Northern Relief Road to the existing road at Moygaddy, Co. Meath."

If this motion is agreed it means that €1.8m will be available for the completion of the Relief Road. Indeed it would be extraordinary if the Council Management opposed the motion as in their observations to An Bord Pleanala Kildare County Council state:

"The Roads Department would agree that the proposed development is premature pending the availability of the necessary funding to complete the road."

Incredibly, the Council in their observations have agreed with Cllr. McGinley's submission that the road must be completed, yet they granted Planning Permission themselves without the need for completion of the road.

Draft County Development Plan 2005 – 2011

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The Draft County Development Plan has been on public display since 16 August on the Council's Web Site and in St. Mary's, Naas and the public have until 26 October to make their views known. This is a very important document as it lays down policy for the future development of every town in the county. The last County Development Plan was agreed by the Council in 1999 and it specified that 150 acres of land had to be rezoned for housing in Maynooth. Cllr. McGinley voted against the 1999 Plan as he considered that rezoning a further 150 acres for housing in Maynooth was far too much.

(Labour News Cont'd.)

New Housing

The Development Plan must comply with the policies of the Regional Planning Guidelines for the Greater Dublin Area (RPG's). The RPG's have allocated 16,950 new housing units to County Kildare for the period 2003-2010. The Draft County Development Plan (CDP) in turn has a target of 22,600 new houses for the County for the period 2002-2011 and 1,450 of these have been allocated to Maynooth.

No Need for any More Land to be Rezoned

According to Kildare County Council there are 2,700 acres of residentially zoned land in the county. With the average density of houses under construction at present at 12 per acre, this means that there is enough land already zoned residential in the County to accommodate 32,400 new houses, which is nearly twice the amount allocated to the County in the RPG's. Cllr. John McGinley proposed the following:

"That no further land be rezoned for housing for the duration of the County Development Plan in order to comply with the Regional Planning Guidelines."

After prolonged discussion the following amendment was agreed unanimously:

"Given the level of land currently zoned for housing (1093ha/2700 acres) it is not anticipated that further such zoning will be necessary during the period of this plan. This however does not preclude additional such zoning in specific locations where the council is satisfied that a clearly established need for such zoning is evident."

Cllr. McGinley believes that the adoption of this motion is a major step forward in the battle to have proper planning and development in the county. It is to be hoped that this motion will still be part of the approved plan and that Councillors will not give in to the minority who want to make their fortune through rezoning of their lands.

Maynooth Harbour Action Area Plan

A special meeting of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council is scheduled for 12 o'clock on 17 September to discuss the Maynooth Harbour action Area Plan.

In last April's Maynooth Labour News Cllr. John McGinley expressed his concerns on vehicle entry/exit to this location. The Council's consultants talked about a new road exiting at Parson Street, which would mean knocking down some of the existing historical houses on the row. Another option proposed is to build a new road along the very bottom of the Harbour Field to exit at the Glenroyal Complex on the Straffan Road. Cllr. McGinley would welcome your views and comments (6285293h ; 7026536w).

Signs Directing HGV's to the M4

As a result of a motion from Cllr. John McGinley to have Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV's) banned from Maynooth's Main Street and directed to the M4 instead, proposals were put to the Area Committee in a Progress report dated 23 April 2004.

The key elements include :

- **a total of 12 signs located at various stages over the six mile route**
- **the possibility of augmenting the above through the use of "gateway" type and duplicate signs giving a total of 26 in all.**

Readers will be aware that the only sign erected so far is the one at Blacklion. When Cllr. McGinley asked when the others would be erected he was advised on 20 August that the Area Engineer had them on order and that they would be erected by a contractor as soon as possible.

Badly Littered Maynooth Train Station

When Cllr. McGinley raised this issue with the Chairman of CIE he got the following reply from Joe Meagher, Managing Director, Iarnrod Eireann:

"Thank you for your letter dated 11th May to our Chairman, which has been passed to me for attention.

On receipt of your letter, the Station Manager based at Maynooth was contacted about the situation with regard to litter bins at Maynooth Station. Currently there are 6 bins on the platforms in Maynooth, four of which are on the main platform and two of which are on the loop platform. There is also one in the booking hall and one outside the gate. However, I have asked the Station Manager to monitor the situation and take any remedial actions necessary to have the station kept clean and tidy.

Again thank you for bringing this matter to our attention."

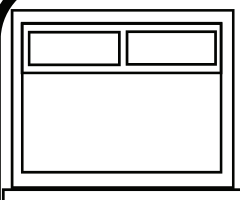
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being **"badly littered"** Cllr. McGinley wrote to the MD of CIE on 9 September asking him to take immediate remedial action in order to help eliminate this very serious problem.

Directional Signage to Maynooth Train Station

Cllr. McGinley was advised by the Chairman of CIE on 28 May that directional signage to the station would "be erected in the next couple of weeks".

As no action has been taken by CIE since then Cllr. (Labour News Cont'd.)

McGinley has again written to the Chairman asking that the sign be erected without any further delay in order to remove this safety hazard.

Sherwood Homes 241 Dwellings at Newtown, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley and his Labour Party colleagues have made observations to An Bord Pleanála supporting the Residents' Associations in their objections to the granting by Kildare County Council of planning permission for this development.

The main reasons for objecting are:

- Non compliance with the Maynooth Development Plan:
 1. Flood alleviation measures not in place.
 2. Bond Bridge project is not completed.
 3. Three storey apartment blocks in conflict with adjoining properties
- Non compliance with the residential density guidelines
- Pedestrian/cycle link with Parsons Hall will lead to anti-social problems
- In conflict with Draft County Development Plan as the three-storey apartment blocks are not in harmony with surrounding developments.

Tree Preservation Order Called for Lime Trees

During discussions on the Draft County Development Plan it was disclosed that the trees on the trees on Main Street, Maynooth did not have a Preservation Order. In order to correct this Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

"That a Tree Preservation Order be made on the trees from the bottom of Carton Lime Walk Avenue to St. Patrick's College gates, Maynooth, in order to protect these high value trees."

Cllr. John McGinley can be contacted at:

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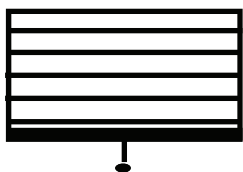


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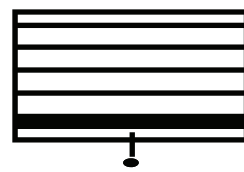


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