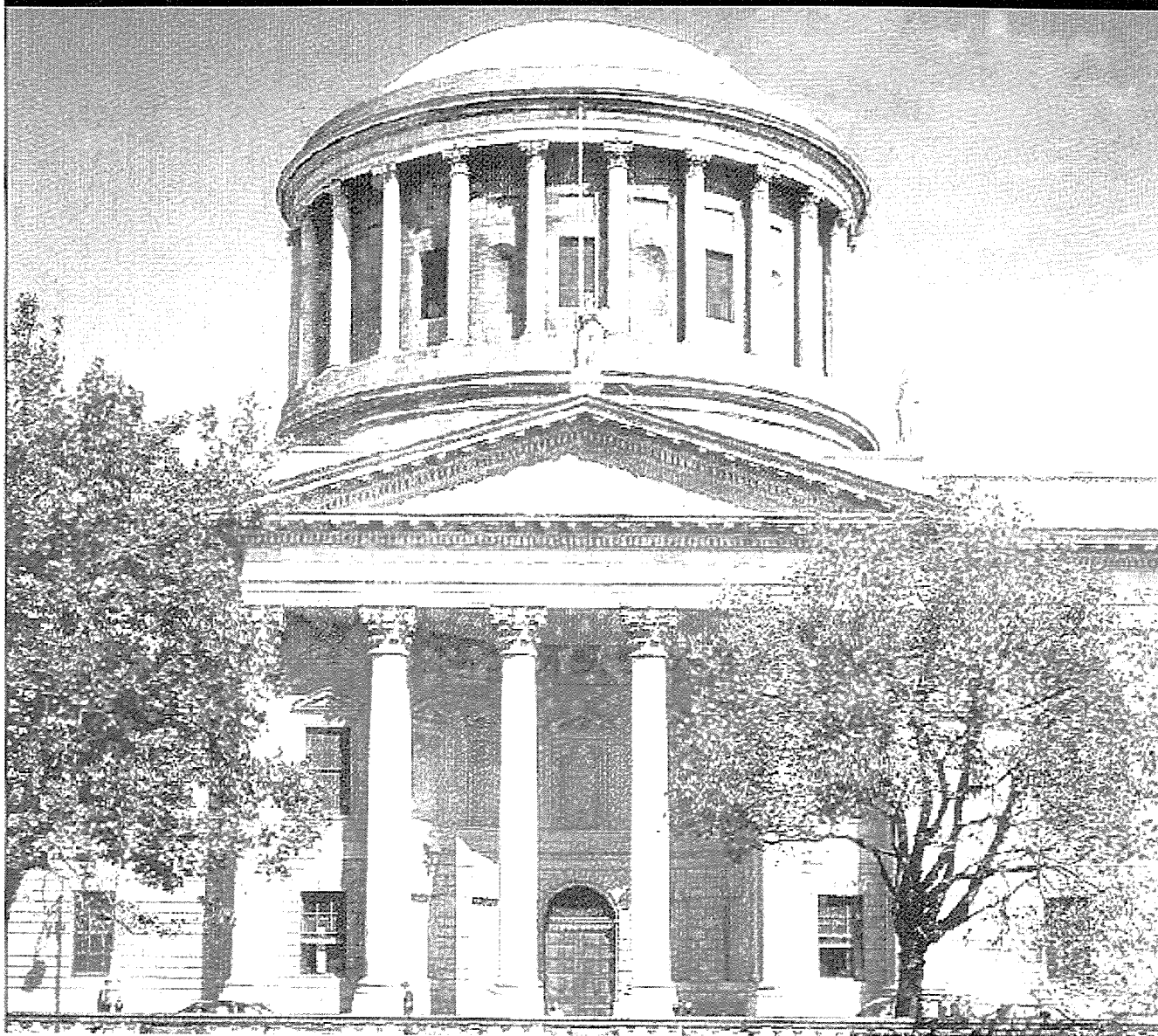


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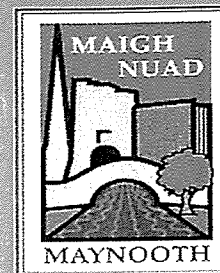
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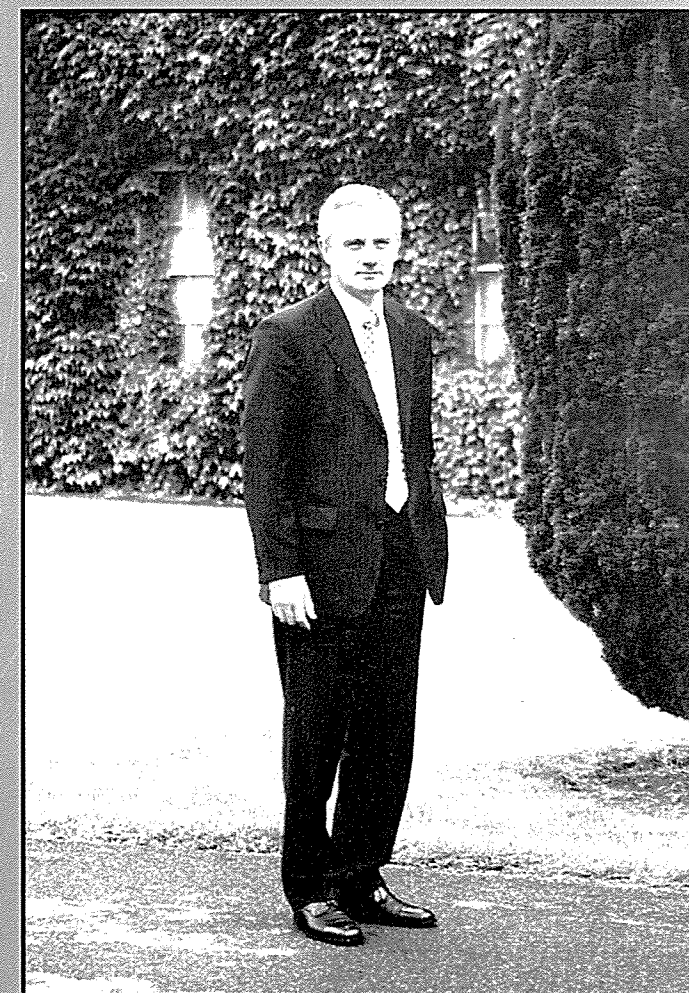
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MAYNOOTH NEWSLETTER



Maynooth welcomes

Dr. John Hughes,
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President of NUI
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Newsletter features indepth
Interview with Dr. Hughes
On
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Editorial

This month we are pleased to feature an in dept interview with the recently appointed President of NUI Maynooth, Professor John Hughes. The new President took some time out to expand on his views regarding the future development of the University and the relationship of the College with the local community. His mission statement and his vision represent a great opportunity for the people of Maynooth and North Kildare to get involved with local Arts and Music groups to work for a worthy objective in building a civic theatre. This new facility would serve the needs of both the University and the Community. We hope that everybody concerned realises that the development of the arts is a necessary step in the further development of our Community.

Following on in the educational theme, we wish all our students well as they return to another school year.

Our special wishes to all the boys and girls who are starting school this year.

Keep a look out for photographs in the next issue.

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National University of Ireland, Maynooth

New President – Prof. John Hughes

At a special meeting, the Governing Authority of the National University of Ireland Maynooth, appointed Professor John Hughes to the post of President, with the appointment taking effect following the expiry of the ten year term of office of the the previous President, Dr WJ Smyth on June 22nd 2004.

Professor Hughes is a former pro-vice-Chancellor for Research at the University of Ulster and has an international reputation in information technology. A native of Belfast, Professor Hughes was educated at the Christian Brothers Grammar School and at Queen's University Belfast where he obtained a BSc with First Class Honours in Mathematics and a PhD in Theoretical Physics. Following appointment at Queen's and at the International Atomic Agency in Vienna, he became Professor of Information Systems Engineering at the University of Ulster in 1991. He has held a range of senior academic positions in the University and has been actively involved in promoting research and technology transfer initiatives, which have attracted substantial funding to the University of Ulster. Professor Hughes is a Fellow of the British Computer Society and was elected by the Society as *IT Professional of the year in 1997*. In 1999 his research team won the prestigious European Grand IST prize for software innovation. He is a member of the Northern Ireland Higher Education council and sits on a broad range of public and private sector organisations.

Professor Hughes has extensive international links in Europe, the US and Asia. He has initiated a large number of successful research collaboration with prestigious institutions including the Max-Planck Institutes, Carnegie-Mellon University, MIT and Tsinghua University in Beijing.

New Theatre for the Arts

Professor John Hughes kindly agreed to an interview with the Newsletter so that our readers would become more aware of his mission and his vision for the University and the town of Maynooth. His concept of a new theatre to serve the needs of the University and the town has met with a universal welcome. He has been greatly encouraged by the response of local art, music and community groups who have written to him pledging their support. He would envisage a public/ private partnership with elements of private donations and public funds to finance the project. The cost of the theatre buildings would only be one element in the project. It would require professional management to ensure that the operation would run successfully. His experience with the Riverside Theatre in the University of Ulster complex would prove an invaluable asset in building a similar theatre in Maynooth. The theatre would serve the townlands of Maynooth, Celbridge, Leixlip and other towns in North Kildare ensuring a wide catchment area. This would help to make the project viable. Professor Hughes is fully committed to a policy of integrating the University into the cultural, social and educational life of the town.

University Funding

The writer raised the apparent contradiction in Government policy regarding the funding of Irish universities. In a speech delivered in the past year, the Tánaiste stated that Ireland's economic development could only continue at its present rate on the basis of significant funding for research and development. The consensus is that manufacturing jobs in this Country will be lost to the emerging Nations in Eastern Europe and Asia. For Ireland to continue its progress it will have to develop an R & D based economy like Germany and Austria. This will require significant increase in university funding to supply sufficient numbers of students qualified in maths, science and other related disciplines. How then can the same Government cut university funding by 10%? Professor Hughes accepts that increased funding is vital and advised that he was recently a member of a delegation of university presidents who met the Taoiseach to discuss these cuts in funding. The meeting was productive and the hope is that an appropriate level of funding will be restored in the near future. He accepts that the Government has a problem with primary school funding and this sector does require additional resources. He is encouraged by the recent appointment of a new Chief Scientist who in future will advise the

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Government in all matters related to the development of science studies and programmes.

New President

Prof. John Hughes (contd.)

University Fees

The question of funding then led to the current debate regarding the introduction of university fees. Professor Hughes is not in favour of the reintroduction of university fees as a matter of principle. He is conscious of the fact that NUI Maynooth has a significant proportion of students (25%) from low-income families. This intake would be affected if fees were reintroduced. This would be a step backwards for education in Ireland.

If students eventually have to pay fees he would favour the British system of student loans, repayable when the students start to earn salaries appropriate to their qualifications. He has, however, to deal with the reality of the situation. Funds will have to be found to restore many of the older buildings within the university complex and bring them up to the operating standard of the many fine buildings on the north campus.

Public perception of Universities

The writer then raised the issue as to how the general public perceives Irish universities. Many will remember the time especially those in rural Ireland when university education was the preserve of the few. The college scarf was mandatory wear for the parade up the church aisle so that the wealthy could take their allocated reserved seats for mass. The perception of universities by the general public Professor Hughes said is now much better than it was. Universities in the past has tended to be insular and tended to avoid contact with the local population. The current reality is that the universities must market themselves at home and abroad. The taxpayers require to be convinced that the country and the economy will be better served by having adequately funded universities. The universities have got to market abroad to attract additional research funds and students to finance its R&D programmes. With this in mind Professor Hughes is scheduled to travel to China and Australia later this year to develop and consolidate existing ties with universities in both countries.

NUI Maynooth and the Newsletter

Professor Hughes expressed interest in the Maynooth Newsletter, complementing its presentation and its contents. He noted that the current relationship

between the college and the magazine were not as strong as in the past when both students and lecturers were frequent contributors to our publication. Professor Hughes said that there is a wealth of publications issued by the University and its students on matters of agriculture, history and related social matters. He would be keen to see college links with our publication strengthened so that the wealth of material published by the college would be shared with our readership.

There is no doubt that the new President of Maynooth is a visionary. His mission is to develop the University into a cultural, historic, tourist and social entity that embraces the town of Maynooth. The university has beautiful surroundings and internationally recognised academic departments. It also has the Russell library housing an impressive collection of books and manuscripts, some dating back to the 12th century. A new facility is required to house and exhibit the collection and it is one of the new President's priorities to advance this project. The town of Maynooth and its University has the potential to rival other great university towns like Cambridge. We have every confidence that Professor John Hughes will achieve his goal and that Maynooth will in time become an Internationally accepted leader in university/ town community development.

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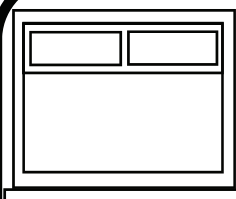


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04/1692	Trevor Beattie & Breda O'Flaherty	Ballybane Clondalkin Co. Dublin	P	16/07/04	Demolish existing structure and build a dormer bungalow, new entrance and waste water treatment system	Barrogstown East Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1705	Huma Bloodstock Ltd.	Newtownmacabe Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	16/07/04	Single storey offices and associated works (planning permission previously granted in Kildare County Council file no. 04/61)	Newtownmacabe Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1727	Emma Fay	545 O'Neill Park Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	20/07/04	Dormer type bungalow to rear	545 O'Neill Park Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1750	Rod McCarthy & Martina Harrison	21 Parklands Close Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	22/07/04	Erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion with utility room extended below and also a single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling house	21 Parklands Close Railpark Maynooth
04/1775	Peter Kelly	c/o Students Union NUI Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	23/07/04	Fit-out of a convenience store consisting of counter space, shelved display areas, refrigerated displays and ancillary storage accommodation, to be constructed on the ground floor within the existing John Hume building on the NUI Maynooth Campus	NUI Campus Kilcock Road Maynooth
04/1776	John Byrne Books Ltd.	c/o John Byrne St. Patricks College Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	23/07/04	Fit-out of a Bookshop consisting of counter space, shelved display areas and ancillary storage accommodated, to be constructed on ground floor level within the existing John Hume building on the NUI Maynooth Campus	NUI Maynooth Campus Kilcock Road Maynooth
04/1777	Allied Irish Bank PLC	c/o Geoffrey Gallagher Lansdowne House Lansdowne Road Dublin 4	P	23/07/04	Fit-out of a bank sub-office, consisting of an open plan office with counter, two meeting rooms and ancillary accommodation, to be constructed within the John Hume building	NUI Maynooth Campus Kilcock Road Maynooth
04/1783	Willie & Eileen Healy	91 Rail Park Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	23/07/04	Living room and kitchen extension to the rear of the existing house and conversion of the existing garage to bedrooms	91 Rail Park Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1791	Mark Kennedy	18 Meadowbrook Close Maynooth Co. Kildare	p	26/07/04	Two storey extension to side and single story extension to rear (66,2 sq.m in total) of existing detached dwelling (90 sq.m)	18 Meadowbrook Close Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1809	Emmet Savage	32 Charter House Maynooth Co. Kildare	p	28/07/04	Dormer bungalow, garage for domestic use and Septech 2000 effluent treatment plant	Cormickstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1811	Schneider Electric Ireland	C/O Michael Ferry Lisney 24 St. Stephens Green Dublin 2	P	28/07/04	Erection of a non-illuminated corporate sign to the existing front (west) elevation of block	Maynooth Business Campus Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1833	Siobhan & Gerard Burgess	16 Parklands Crescent Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	30/07/04	Two storey domestic extension to side of existing house and all associated site works	16 Parklands Crescent, Maynooth Co. Kildare

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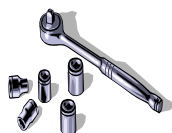
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04/1854	Eoin Nevin	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	03/08/04	Construction of a new 4 bedroom Mansard style house, with living accommodation in the roof space, a proprietary effluent treatment system, a new vehicular entrance and associated site works	Barrogstown Maynooth
04/1868	Brian Noone	Boycetown Kilcock Co. Kildare	P	04/08/04	The change of use of the first floor from snooker hall to restaurant and kitchen, and a first floor rear extension at first floor at corner of Main St. and Mill Street and forming of increased width entrance doors off Main St.	Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1940	Tesco Ireland Ltd.	Gresham House, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire Co.. Dublin	P	13/08/04	A new six pump forecourt area and ancillary development works at the permitted petrol filling station (KCC Ref: 02/178) located at the former Cattlemart Site	Dublin Road, Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1956	Peter Mooney	11 Rockfield Rise Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	13/08/04	First floor extension over garage and utility at side with two storey extension to rear, also single storey extension to rear all with tiled roof over	11 Rockfield Rise Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/1959	Finbar & Ailish Coghlan	24 Parklands Lawns Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	16/08/04	Erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion with kitchen area extended below and also a single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling house	24 Parklands Lawns Railpark Maynooth
04/1988	John Sauls	225 Kingsbry Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	18/08/04	Single storey extension to existing house consisting of 1 no. bedroom with ensuite and kitchen with existing boundary relocated as per agreement with Kildare County Council	225 Kingsbry Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/2003	Keith & Kathryn Troy	11 Parklands Close Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	19/08/04	Erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion with utility room extended below and also a single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling house	11 Parklands Close Railpark Maynooth
04/2019	Peter Robinson	Crinstown House Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	20/08/04	Change elevation to existing light 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	Maynooth Business Park Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/2022	Tesco Ireland Ltd.	c/o Jeanette Fitzsimons Cunnane Stratton Reynolds Copley Hall Cotters St. Cork	P	23/08/04	Development at the site of the Tesco Ireland Maynooth Supermarket (extension under construction 7/8 Kildare County Council Reference 02/177)	Dublin Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/2027	Joseph & Olive Cahalane	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

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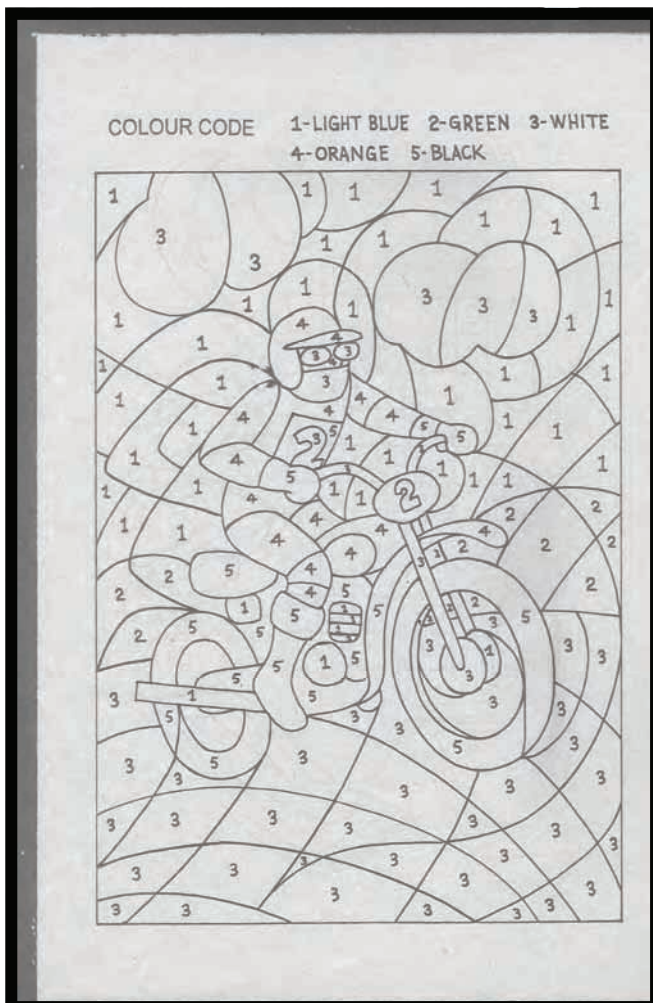
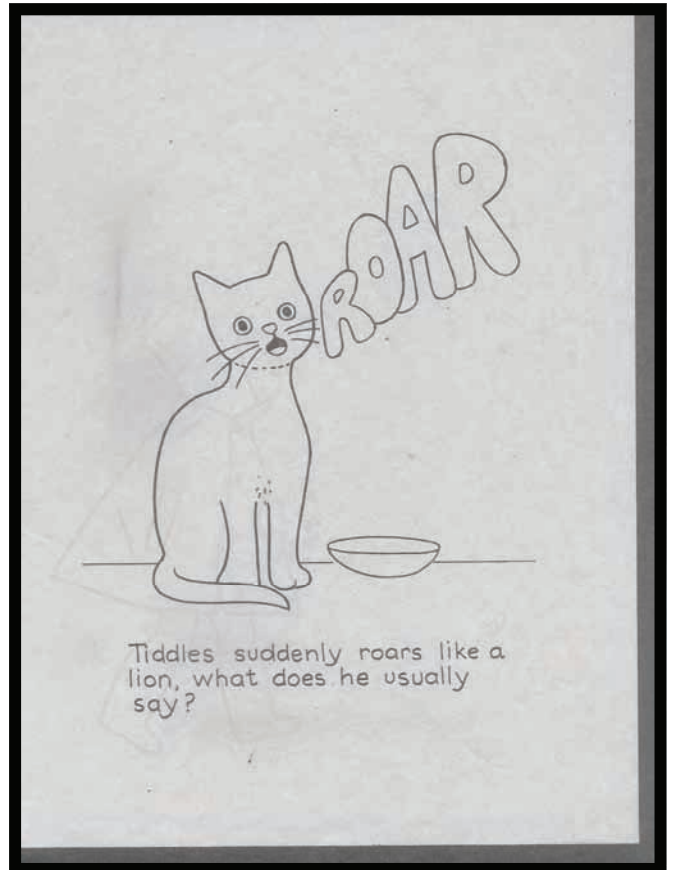
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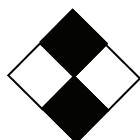


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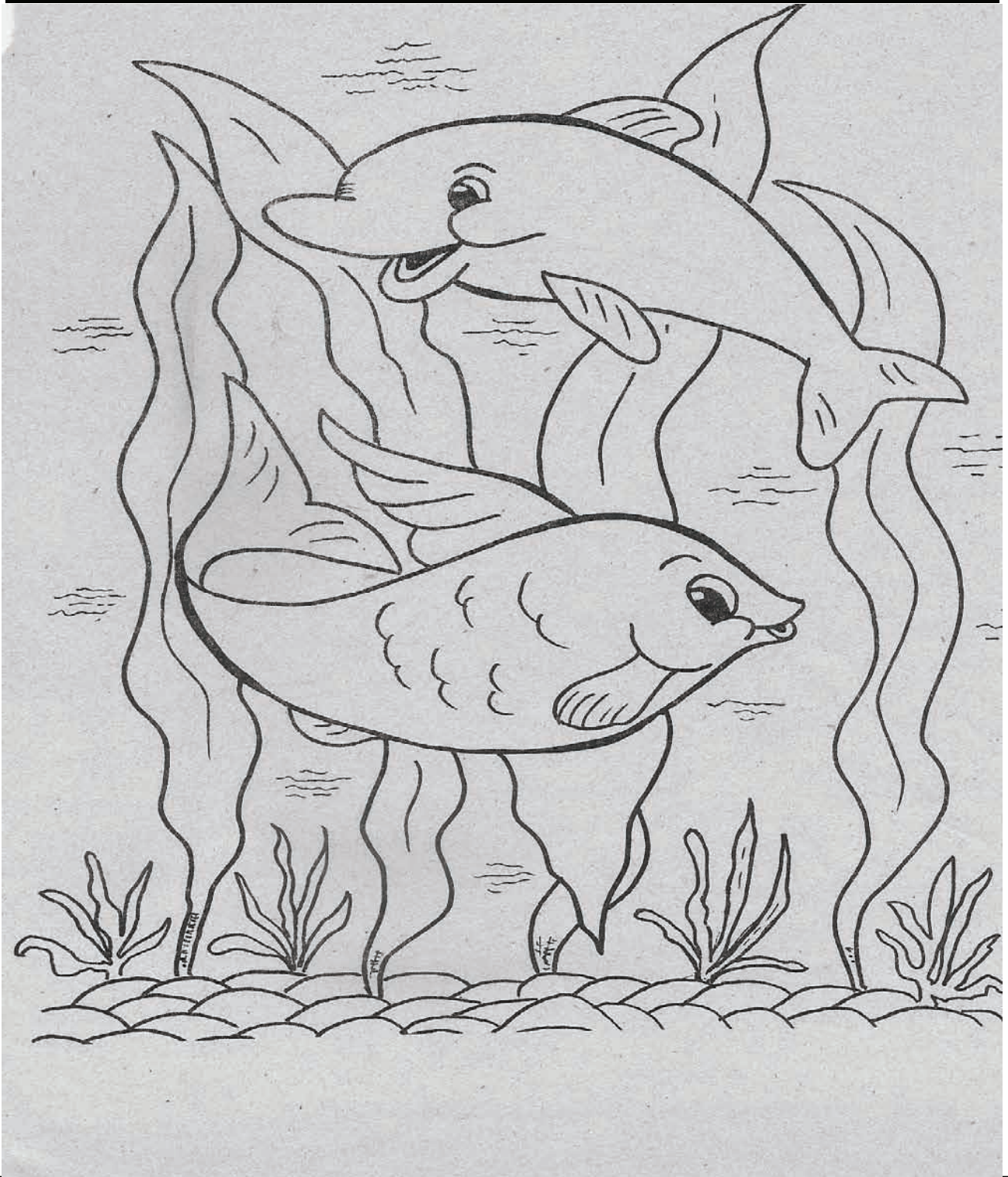
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Maynooth Swimming Club

We hope all our members are enjoying the summer break.

New term restarts on 4th September 2004. Members will be contacted shortly to confirm their places.

All swimming groups are full at moment, however names can be placed on the waiting lists, contact Mary at 01 - 6244256 or Siobhan at 01 - 6012974.

Good Luck to Darragh Murphy who is representing Maynooth in the Freestyle Under 8 Community Games Final Saturday week.

Siobhan Byrne.

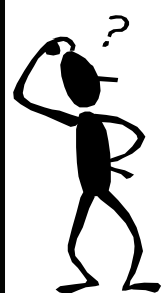


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125 g/4 oz peeled cooked prawns

1 tbsp cornflour

2 spring onions, peeled and roughly chopped

2 tsp freshly grated root ginger

2 tsp dark soy sauce

pinch of Chinese five-spice powder (optional)

1 small egg, beaten

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

6 thin slices day-old white bread

40 g/1½ oz sesame seeds

Vegetable oil for deep-frying

Chilli sauce, to serve

1. Place the prawns in a food processor or blender with the cornflour, spring onions, ginger, soy sauce and Chinese five spice powder, if using. Blend to a fairly smooth paste. Spoon into a bowl and stir in the beaten egg. Season to taste with salt and pepper.
2. Cut the crusts off the bread. Spread the prawn paste in an even layer on one side of each slice. Sprinkle over the sesame seeds and press down lightly.
3. Cut each slice diagonally into 4 triangles. Place on a board and chill in the refrigerator for 30 minutes.
4. Pour sufficient oil into a heavy-based saucepan or deep-fat fryer so that it is one-third full. Heat until it reaches a temperature of 180°C/350°F. Cook the toasts in batches of 5 or 6, carefully lowering them seeded-side down into the oil. Deep-fry for 2-3 minutes, or until lightly browned, then turn over and cook for 1 minutes more. Using a slotted spoon, lift out the toasts and drain on absorbent kitchen paper. Keep warm while frying the remaining toasts. Arrange on a warmed platter and serve immediately with some chilli sauce for dipping.

Helpful Hint

The toasts can be prepared to the end of step 3 up to 12 hours in advance. Cover and chill in the refrigerator until needed. It is important to use bread that is a day or two old and not fresh bread. Make sure that the prawns are well-drained before puréeing—pat them dry on absorbent kitchen paper, if necessary.

Cantonese Chicken Wings

Ingredients Serves 4

3 tbsp hoisin sauce

2 tbsp dark soy sauce

1 tbsp sesame oil

1 garlic clove, peeled and crushed

2.5 cm/1 inch piece fresh root ginger, peeled and

grated.

1 tbsp Chinese rice wine or dry sherry

2 tsp chilli bean sauce

2 tsp red or white wine vinegar

2 tbsp soft light brown sugar

900 g/2 lb large chicken wings

50 g/2 oz cashew nuts, chopped

2 spring onions, trimmed and finely chopped.

1. Preheat the oven to 220°C/425°F/Gas Mark 7, 15 minutes before cooking. Place the hoisin sauce, soy sauce, sesame oil, garlic, ginger, Chinese rice wine or sherry, chilli bean sauce, vinegar and sugar in a small saucepan with 6 tablespoons of water. Bring to the boil, stirring occasionally, then simmer for about 30 seconds. Remove the glaze from the heat.
2. Place the chicken wings in a roasting tin in a single layer. Pour over the glaze and stir until the wings are coated thoroughly.
3. Cover the tin loosely with tinfoil, place in the preheated oven and roast for 25 minutes. Remove the tinfoil, baste the wings and cook for a further 5 minutes.
4. Reduce the oven temperature to 190°C/375°F/Gas Mark 5. Turn the wings over and sprinkle with the chopped cashew nuts and spring onions. Return to the oven and cook for 5 minutes or until the nuts are lightly browned, the glaze is sticky and the wings are tender. Remove from the oven and leave to stand for 5 minutes before arranging on a warmed platter. Serve immediately with finger bowls and plenty of napkins.

Helpful Hint

Chicken wings are regarded as a delicacy in both China and Thailand and are considered one of the tastiest parts of the bird. If you give your butcher advance notice, he will probably sell them to you very cheaply, as they are often trimmed off and discarded when cutting chickens into portions.

Chocolate & Lemon Grass Mousse

Ingredients Serves 4

3 lemon grass stalks, outer leaves removed

200 ml/7 fl oz milk

2 sheets gelatine

150 g/5 oz milk chocolate, broken into small pieces.

2 medium egg yolks

50 g/2 oz caster sugar

150 ml/¼ pint double cream

Juice of 2 lemons

1 tbsp caster sugar

Lemon zest, to decorate

1. Use a wooden spoon to bruise the lemon grass, then cut in half. Pour the milk into a saucepan, add the lemon grass and bring to the boil. Remove from the heat, leave to

Andy Mac Thai and Chinese Simple Cookery

Continued

- infuse for 1 hour, then strain. Place the gelatine in a shallow dish, pour over cold water to cover and leave for 15 minutes. Squeeze out excess moisture before use.
1. Place the chocolate in a small bowl set over a saucepan of gently simmering water and leave until melted. Make sure the water does not touch the bowl.
 2. Whisk the egg yolks and sugar together until thick, then whisk in the flavoured milk. Pour into a clean saucepan and cook gently, stirring continuously, until the mixture starts to thicken. Remove from the heat, stir in the melted chocolate and gelatine and leave to cool for a few minutes.
 3. Whisk the double cream until soft peaks form, then stir into the cooled milk mixture to form a mousse. Spoon into individual ramekins or moulds and leave in the refrigerator for 2 hours or until set.
 4. Just before serving, pour the lemon juice into a small saucepan, bring to the boil, then simmer for 3 minutes or until reduced. Add the sugar and heat until dissolved, stirring continuously. Serve the mousse drizzled with the lemon. sauce and

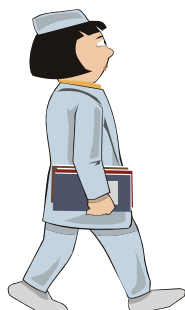
Helpful Hint

Take care when melting milk chocolate not to overheat it; the water in the pan should be barely bubbling and it is a good idea to turn off the heat as soon as the chocolate begins to melt. Buy chocolate specifically for desserts and baking, but avoid chocolate-flavoured cake covering.

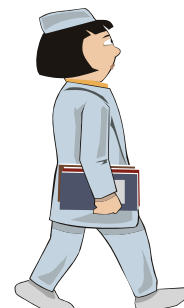
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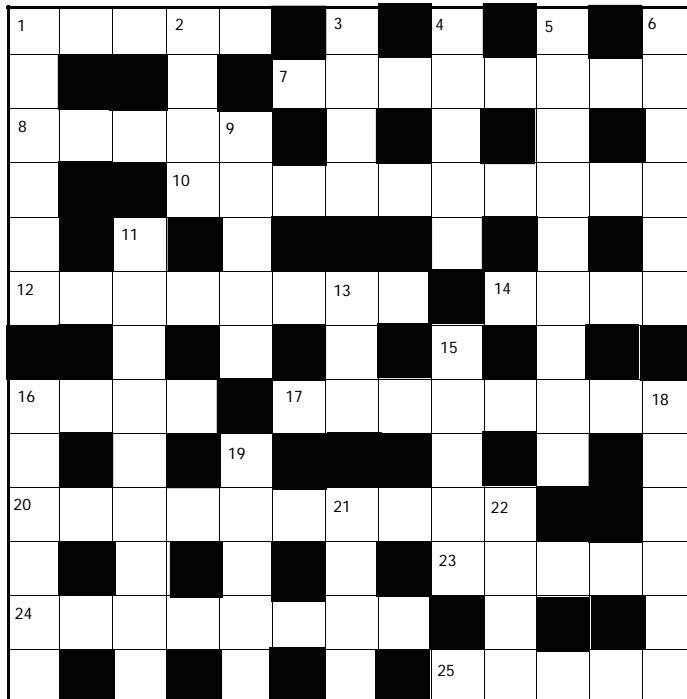
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Across:

1. Motionless (5)
7. Male voice (8)
8. Tussle (5)
10. Contemptible (10)
12. Spiritual faith (8)
14. Alter (4)
16. Prescribed amount (4)
17. George Michael hit, _____ *Whisper* (8)
20. Killjoy (5 - 5)
23. Caned (anag) (5)
24. Grotesquely carved roof sprout (8)
25. Soft cap (5)

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Down:

1. *The killing of* _ _ _ *George*, film (6)
2. Consignment (4)
3. Lantern (4)
4. Deciduous tree (5)
5. Prohibited (9)
6. Flaw (6)
9. Actress, Dame _ _ _ Ashcroft (5)
11. Golfing trousers(4-5)
13. Egg shells (3)
15. Hairy growth (5)
16. Pattern (6)
18. Quiet (6)
19. Flower (5)
21. Haul (4)
22. Docile (4)

Across: No 22

1. Block, 7. Ornament, 8. Steal, 10. Percentage, 12. Travesty, 14. Kind, 16. Pity, 17. Tranquil, 20. Attractive, 23. Early, 24. Snowdrop, 25. Choir.

Down:

1. Basket, 2. Clap, 3. Eric, 4. Saint, 5. Tenaacious, 6. Attend, 9. Lever, 11. Partition, 13. Tar, 15. Knave, 16. Praise, 18. Lawyer, 19. Hardy, 21. Troy, 22. Each.

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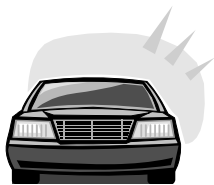


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Gardening Hints

Taking cuttings

Apart from the actual production of food crops, it should not be forgotten that we can make considerable savings by raising our own plants by rooting cuttings of those we already have. A remarkable number of different plants can be increased in this way at this time of year. For example, Penstemon, Calceolaria, Viola, Pansy, Petunia, Verbena, Marguerita and Fuchsia, to mention a few. There are many more—and why not experiment to see if can succeed in surprising your friends, perhaps?

Cuttings taken now should have time to root and develop into quite sturdy little plants that will survive the winter. It is best to use shoots which have not flowered, of the present season's growth. Prepare them by cutting neatly across the stem, immediately below a leaf joint and removing the lower leaves. Wet the end, dip it in hormone rooting powder and insert in holes made with a pencil or something similar in pots, boxes or direct into a cold frame.

A good mixture for them is one part each of good loam, peat and silver sand or one of the soilless cutting composts. It should be nicely moist when you insert the cuttings, watering it overnight and allowing it to drain before insertion, if necessary. Afterwards, it should be kept just nicely moist, carefully avoiding over-watering. The cuttings need a sheltered spot not in full sunlight. This is usually not difficult to arrange with easily movable pots or boxes. Where the cold-frame is concerned, cover it with some sacking or something similar to keep off excessive sunlight but don't destroy the ventilation in the process, otherwise the cuttings may damp off before rooting.

By using hormone rooting powder the rooting process is speeded up. Most of these cuttings will be rooted in about 3 weeks. I have had fuchsia cuttings treated in this way rooted in two weeks. When they have rooted, as evidence by new growths, keep them outside as long as possible so that they develop into sturdy, hardy plants, only taking inside when frost arrives.

Bulbs for shady spots

Several kinds of bulbs for shady spots can be planted during the next few weeks. Scatter handfuls of the bulbs, planting them where they fall. Use a trowel if the site is of soil. Drop a little sand and bone-meal into each hole; set the bulb at its correct

depth and refill the hole. If the site is rough turf, use a strong dibber, packing the fine soil round the bulb.

Bulbs in Bowls

Nothing helps to brighten the long, dark days of winter more than some nice bowls of bulbs in flower over the Christmas period or early in the new year. By starting them at different times or by using different subjects or varieties, quite a long flowering succession can be achieved.

Most people are now familiar with the fibre-in-bowls Method so why not try other ways this year? Some bulbs can be grown for early flowering in this way entirely on water, which not only saves the cost of the fibre but also provides a novelty.

The bulbs to use are crocus, the narcissus varieties Bridal Crown, Cragford and Paper White, or the white Roman hyacinths.

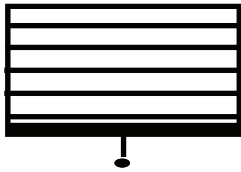
One way is to use a wide, shallow bowl at the bottom of which is placed an inch or so of sand or shingle. On this, pebbles are spaced out so that the bulbs can be arranged among them, not too close together, in such a way that the pebbles hold the bulbs as firmly in position as possible and at the same time keep the base of each bulb just above the level of the sand. It is important that the bulbs do not "sit" in water as they then tend to rot.

It is a great advantage to use rain-water, even when adding more later. (Even in a flat you can put an empty bowl out on a window-sill to catch rain for this purpose.)

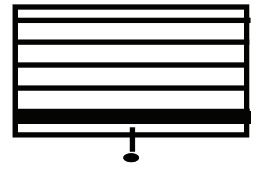
Keep the bowl of bulbs in a cool, dark place until growth has started. You can then bring it into the light but not immediately into direct sunlight. Keep the water at the correct level at all times.

Another method is often called a hyacinth glass. Again, use rain-water and place a few lumps of charcoal in the bottom. Keep in darkness until you can see the roots have formed, then bring into the light. You can then watch its progress, which is quite fascinating. Don't try to force it too quickly with too much heat or the leaves will be much taller than the flowers.





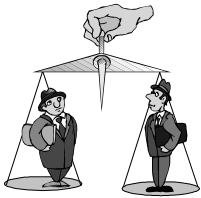
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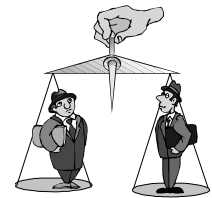
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All Come Here That Have Tried Elsewhere

Maynooth Planning Alliance

It has been some time since a *Maynooth Planning Alliance* contribution appeared in the Newsletter. During that interval much of the energies of the group were directed at minimising the excessive rezoning practices which have been a feature of many of the Kildare towns over the past twenty years, and which have left a legacy of which we cannot be proud. Poor services, major infrastructural deficiencies, a lack of youth and sporting facilities - these have been the direct consequences of development-led planning. Many millionaires have been created among landowners and developers in and around Maynooth over the past 5 years. In return, the community gets traffic chaos, overcrowded schools, an absence of youth or community facilities, fish kills and the erosion of what made Maynooth distinctive. We may have a motorway and railway, but what other town of 12,000 people in Ireland doesn't have a community centre or public indoor sports facility?

The need to campaign for proper planning at the Development Plan stage is only too evident as we look around the town today at the products of the rezonings voted for in the current Development Plan by our four local councillors: Griffin, Murphy, McGinley and Kelly. Approximately 2,000 houses are now approved or under construction in Maynooth as a result of the 2002 Maynooth Development Plan. That's 3,000 cars and 6,000 people. The present population of the town is approximately 12,000, so we face at least a 50% increase in cars and people over the next five years. The most recent blow to the town is the astonishing An Bord Pleanála decision to permit 530 houses to be constructed on Moyglare Road before completion of the portion of the ring road required in the 2002 Maynooth Plan. Once again this area was rezoned against the wishes of local residents associations only too aware of what was likely to happen. In this case a cul de sac development resulting in up to 860 cars per hour trying to get through Main Street from Moyglare Road has now been approved. This beggars belief and together with other huge housing developments on the Rathcoffey, Celbridge and Straffan Roads makes a farce out of aspirations to improve traffic flow in the town.

Who stands for the community interests in Maynooth? The answer is a small number of voluntary organisations with little real clout against powerful vested interests. Your continued support for them is vital if any semblance of community objectives are to be achieved. Sadly, such groups cannot look to organisations who might be expected to share their long term vision of a well planned, dynamic university town with a strong sense of community. It has to be said that a deafening silence is the norm from major organisations in the town when community solidarity is sought. Partnership in community action is an alien concept for some. But a core of active volunteers has always characterised Maynooth and, with the support of the community, will act when required in the interests of the people as a whole, and not on behalf of narrowly defined constituencies among them.



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Poetry

The Tramp

See him walk through the alley ways
 Dragging his feet along the ground
 With little worry he spends his days
 And no where in particular he is bound
 He is unimportant to the everyday man
 Rejected by society and left to carry on
 For to survive he does the best he can
 People don't care whether he's dead or gone

The winter cold grips him with his bite
 Constantly walking along to try stay warm
 All alone he must face the weary night
 With it's twinkled star night to adorn
 He snugs in a shelter of an old wrecked car
 As weather beaten as himself but not aware
 His thoughts dwelled in his mind wander far
 With memories of his loved one he once shared

He awakes at morning with some fear
 Another day born just to carry on
 His bottle of wine beside him near
 With another place to explore he is gone
 This man must have dreams I confess
 Or is his dreams cursed on this earth
 His life to us all seems such a mess
 But to me his promised dreams are of birth

Patrick Murray

Each soul
 Our soul is within our living life
 That we cannot grasp or see
 I know our life is part of strife
 But our soul will forever be
 When we die our soul will depart
 To a heaven sincere and true
 While now feeling is within each heart
 In which we all forever grew
 Our bodies will deteriorate at death
 But our souls will carry on
 Our lives are destined from our birth
 That heavenly light shine upon
 Each death never brings any sorrow
 But to a world wholesome and new
 So we pray for a new tomorrow
 With her Gods wisdom shining through.

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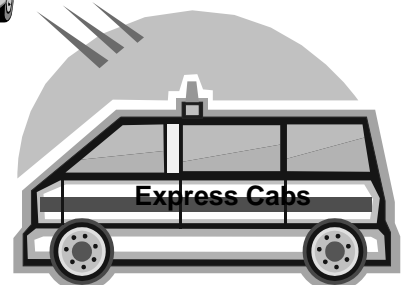
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Riverbank programme for September

10/08/2004 to 10/09/2004	Exhibition - A Sense of Place	Riverbanks Arts Centre	Newbridge
02/09/2004 to 09/09/2004	Adrienne Symes	Celbridge Library	Celbridge
02/09/2004 to 04/09/2004	The Kings of fKilburn High Road	Riverbanks Arts Centre	Newbridge
04/09/2004	Soccer: Kildare County Fc vs Limerick	Station Road	Newbridge
05/09/2004	Moyglare Stud Stakes Day	Curragh Racecourse	Newbridge
05/09/2004 to 12/09/2004	Heritage Week	Athy Community Library	Athy
10/09/2004	Gavin Moore in concert	Riverbank Arts Centre	Newbridge
11/09/2004 to 12/09/2004	Kilcock Canoe Polo Festival	Kilcock Marina	Kilcock
14/09/2004 to 18/09/2004	Still Lives by Rebvekah Carroll	Naas Community Library	Naas
15/09/2004 to 18/09/2004	The Bird Trap	Reiverbank Arts Centre	Newbridge
17/09/2004	Soccer: Monaghan United vs Kildare County Fc	Century Homes Park	Monaghan
18/09/2004	Autumn Festival of Racing - Irish St Leger	Curragh Racecourse	Newbridge
19/09/2004	Autumn Festival of Racing	Curragh Racecourse	Newbridge
24/09/2004	Best of Irish - The Music of West Kerry and the Dingle Peninsula	Riverbanks Arts Centre	Newbridge
25/09/2004	Sharon Shannon in concert	Riverbanks Arts Centre	Newbridge
25/09/2004	Soccer: Kildare County FC vs Cobh Ramblers	Station Road	Newbridge
26/09/2004	Sex and the City Singles Night	Time: Venue	Naas
26/09/2004	Punchestown Racing	Punchestown Racecourse	Naas
29/09/2004	Benjamin's Father in Concert	Riverbanks Arts Centre	Newbridge
30/09/2004	Launch of Arts in Education Resource Handbook	Riverbanks Arts Centre	Newbridge

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Press Release

Lights! Camera! Action!

Backstage Academy of Performing Arts, now in its fifth year in Maynooth, offers its young students all the things you would expect of a top of the range theatre school—drama, mime, various styles of dance, circus skills, singing, film/tv operations and percussion—but there is more. This work at Backstage also develops communications skills, critical thinking and self-confidence. The three fourteen year olds in the photographs know both, how to present a news programme in full size, professional studio and operate the studio equipment. How's that for multi-tasking under pressure for a young person—all that and the fun as well!

If you want to join these young people, there is an Open Day for the Maynooth Academy on Saturday 18th September. It runs from 10am—1pm at Maynooth Boys National School and it is open to young people in the 8—18 age range. Just come along on the day but you must arrive on time and be prepared to stay for the three hours.



On a Conservationist

Threatened species were his great concern,
Dwindling crafts and old dishonoured buildings;
Destruction of a hedge would make him mourn
The web of wildlife it had nurtured.
He even criticised development of bogs,
Claiming that if left our grouse no cover,
And if some effluent fouled a river
He fretted for the fish if as their brother.

Friends accused him of perversely
Valuing nature more than man -
That or seeking notoriety:
He knew himself he loved men's nobler ways,
The dreams they raised against derisive Time,
And so it hurt that hucksters held it right
To bulldoze Tara for a highway site..

Patrick Devaney.



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Backstage Academy is open to young people—male and female—in the 8 - 18 age range. It runs at Maynooth Boys National school every Saturday during term-time from 10am - 1pm. During the three-hour session, the students rotate subjects every 55 minutes. Subjects range from drama and mime to singing, percussion, film/tv, technical, stage combat, circus skills and several dance styles from hip-hop, jazz, tap and street to contemporary/modern.

Each year we hold an Open Day to fill vacancies. We do not hold auditions as we see it as our work to teach those who show interest rather than choosing 'the best'. Entry to Open Day is free of charge but you should arrive on time and be prepared to stay for the three-hour session.

FEES
On being offered a place with the Academy, a registration fee of €35 is payable. Thereafter, the weekly fee for the three-hour session is €12.50. This is paid on a weekly basis. There is no charge for entry to Open Day.

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New Meadowbrook Link Road under construction



Luas at Davitt Road Inchicore



Clubs, Organisations and Societies

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. 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
Maynooth Tidy Towns



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Past Captains Prize	Mick Flynn Snr.	44pts
1.	Mick Flynn Snr.	21pts 44pts
2.	Michael Flynn Jnr.	13pts 43pts
3.	John Tiernan	19pts 40pts
4.	Edward Connolly	20pts 39 B.9
5.	Mick Fahy	26pts 39pts
6.	John Byrne	21pts 37 B.9
7.	Steve Greenwood	20pts 37pts

Front Nine	Terry Moore	20pts	36pts
Back Nine	Tommy Campbell	22pts	
Two's Club	Sean Moore		
Nearest Pin	Kevin Loftus		
Visitors Prize	D. Farmer		

Next outing Mullingar Captain's Prize

All members bring a prize.

Captain Mick Fahy Prize at Mullingar on
Saturday 24th

1st overall	Michael Flynn (Jnr)	38pts
2nd	Emmett Savage	37 - (B.9)
3rd	Barry Desmond	37pts
4th	John Saults	36 - (B.9)
5th	Alan O'Brien	36 - (B.6)
6th	Gerry McTiernan	36pts
7th	Niall Byrne	35pts
Front 9	Liam Farrelly	16pts
Back 9	Dave Kincon	19pts

Past Captains	John Saults	36pts
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Longest Drive	Barry Desmond
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Nearest the Pin	Emmett Savage
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Two's Club	Norman Kavanagh
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Visitors	Tony Byrne, Pat Nolan
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Next outing Shay Moore Cup to Athlone August 24th
2004



*Mick Flynn being presented with Cup by the late
Eddie's daughters, Shauna and Brona*



*L to r John Tiernan, Mick Flynn Jnr., Mick Fahy &
Philip Doyle*



Mick Fahy and John Byrne

Features

TESCO 7-a-Side Soccer Tournament

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The Joe Murphy Memorial Trophy 2004

This popular 7-a-side soccer tournament was held in the Harbour Field from Monday 12th July to Sunday 25th July. The quarter finals, semi finals and final were held during the Community Festival. Sixteen teams competed in this year's tournament and there was an average attendance of 200 spectators each evening, with around 400 watching a very entertaining final. The Old Dublin Roaders triumphed for the second year running.

The results for the Group Matches were as follows:

Group 1

The Town	1 – 0	Kingsbry
Castle Dawson	1 – 3	The Crescent
The Town	5 – 2	Castle Dawson
Kingsbry	2 – 0	The Crescent
The Town	0 – 0	The Crescent
Kingsbry	5 – 0	Castle Dawson

Group 2

Old Greenfield	5 – 1	Greenfield Drivers
Silken Vale	0 – 2	Castlebridge Celtic
Greenfield Drivers	2 – 7	Castlebridge Celtic
Old Greenfield	1 – 3	Silken Vale
Old Greenfield	0 – 2	Castlebridge Celtic
Greenfield Drivers	1 – 1	Silken Vale

Group 3

Silken Vale Reserves	1 – 5	Old Dublin Roaders
Maynooth Park	3 – 1	Rathcoffey Road
Gaffers		
Old Dublin Roaders	2 – 0	Rathcoffey Road
Gaffers		
Silken Vale Reserves	1 – 3	Maynooth Park
Old Dublin Roaders	1 – 3	Maynooth Park
Silken Vale Reserves	2 – 3	Rathcoffey Road
Gaffers		

Group 4

Old Greenfield (B)	0 – 3	Parklands
Carton Bodger Utd	4 – 0	Super Valu FC
Old Greenfield (B)	2 – 0	Carton Bodger Utd
(walk-over)		
Parklands	2 – 2	Super Valu FC
Parklands	1 – 1	Carton Bodger Utd
Old Greenfield (B)	1 – 2	Super Valu FC

Quarter-finals

The Town	0 – 3	Silken Vale
Castlebridge Celtic	1 – 0	Kingsbry
Maynooth Park	1 – 1	Carton Bodger Utd

(Maynooth Park won on pens)

Parklands 1 – 1 Old Dublin Roaders
(Old Dublin Roaders won on pens)

Semi-finals

Silken Vale 1 – 3 Castlebridge Celtic
Maynooth Park 0 – 0 Old Dublin Roaders
(Old Dublin Roaders won 1-0 in extra time by the silver goal rule)

FINAL

Castlebridge Celtic 0 – 1 Old Dublin Roaders

THE REVIEW by Hank Scorpio

The date: Sunday July 25th. The time: 4pm. The venue: The Harbour Field, Maynooth. The occasion: The final of the Joe Murphy Memorial Trophy 2004. The teams: The Old Dublin Roaders, the current champions versus Castlebridge Celtic, the slight favourites going by current form.

The Old Dublin Roaders, missing one or two of their flair players from last season's tournament, had a tough time making it to this year's final. However, an epic penalty shoot-out success in the quarter-finals and a narrow 1-0 silver goal victory in the semi-finals showed that they had the vital ingredients necessary to win this much-coveted trophy – experience, natural ability and ice coolness under pressure. Castlebridge had won every one of their games coming into the final, an impressive feat considering the overall quality in this year's tournament.

The game began at a frenetic pace. Both sides were obviously eager to do battle. A crowd of some 400 knew that they were in for a thrilling afternoon. Passes were going astray, tackles were being mistimed, clear opportunities on goal were few and far between. The referee was having a tougher afternoon than most, one or two very dubious decisions caused pandemonium and uproar on the sidelines.

After 19 minutes of mostly resolute and gritty stuff, which would have been more suited to a Gerard Houllier training session, we saw one moment of sheer genius. Pádraic Flood, the Old Roaders talisman, picked up a loose ball played out to the wing by the Castlebridge defence. He looked up

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Tesco 7 a side soccer (contd)

momentarily and without hesitation, floated a ball from all of 40 yards which soared over the bewildered goalkeeper into the far corner of the net. The assembled masses erupted in awe. Having been floored as he launched his effort on goal, Flood dusted himself down, smiled inwardly and offered a royal bow of appreciation to the cheering Roaders' fans on the sidelines. Many outsiders would say that his effort was a fluke, that there was no way he could have meant it. Those who know the game would say that if you have a shot on goal, you're not trying to hit the stands.

The Roaders were in control of the game from that moment on. Indeed they could have added to their lead, hitting both post and crossbar in the second half. The Castlebridge goalkeeper was having a difficult time recovering from the shock of the goal he had conceded. Any confidence he had in his ability had been well and truly shattered. After 3 minutes of injury time the referee blew the final whistle. Relief and joy were etched into the faces of the Roaders' heroes. They had retained the holy grail of 7-a-side football, the Joe Murphy Memorial trophy.

The match itself will be quickly forgotten. The winning goal will be remembered for many a foot balling day.

The victors, in order of appearance, were:

David Corcoran, Shane Flynn, Pádraic Flood (capt), Tomás Madden, Derek Dolan, Brian McHale, Brendan Healy, Caoimhin Flood, John Gillespie and Alec Roston.

I would like to thank the organising committee who helped out each evening to make sure that the tournament was a success. Special thanks are due to Tom Dempsey, John Saults, John Doogan, Michael O'Reilly, Willie Saults, Michael Dempsey, Lennie Murphy, Tommy Daly and Christina Saults.

Finally, on behalf of the organising committee I would like to thank all of the teams for taking part, TESCO for their sponsorship and the Murphy family for the beautiful trophy.

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Patrick Devaney grew up on a farm in County Roscommon and was a boarder at Summerhill Collage, Sligo. He went on to study Civil Engineering in University Collage Galway, where his interest in art and poetry competed with his dreams of building roads and bridges in Africa. After the death of his father he emigrated to New York. While working as an electrical draughtsman he attended City College at night, while continuing to write poetry and plays. Returning to Ireland in 1969, Patrick became a teacher of maths and English with the County

Kildare Vocational Education Committee. He has written *Rua the Red Grouse*, a book for teenagers, *Through the Gate of Ivory*, a novel for adults, and a collection of poems, *Searching for Updraughts*. His two books published by Mentor are *The Stranger and the Pooka* and *The Psychic Edge*. He is married with five children and lives in Maynooth.

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John Colgan will give an illustrated talk (over 50 illustrations) on the **Dublin to Kinnegad Turnpike Road** (established in 1731). The illustrations will include a map of the road, by segment, from the Phoenix Park to Enfield, Co. Meath, mile-stones, toll houses and gate.

John will be giving a second talk on **Friday 10 September at 8.00 p.m.** in Leixlip RC Parish Centre, Old Hill, Leixlip. This will also be an illustrated talk (over 50 illustrations) on the **history of the Roman Catholic Church in Leixlip**, Co. Kildare, with particular emphasis on the period 1700 to modern times.

Both talks are drawn from John's forthcoming encyclopaedia on Leixlip's history (over 350 illustrations with c. 300 pages and c. 100 topics).

On **Sunday 12 September** there will be a talk and a guided tour in connection with **Laraghbryan Medieval Church** where we will be informed of the restoration work already carried out. Anyone who is interested should meet at Maynooth Roman Catholic Church at 3.00 p.m. There is no charge for this event.

In addition to the above there will be guided tours of thirteenth century **Maynooth Castle**, stronghold of the Great Earl of Kildare, Garret Mor FitzGerald. Events and fun days for Heritage Week have still to be confirmed. Contact Maynooth Castle guides for details at 01 628 6744 or e-mail: maynoothcastle@duchas.ie.

Heritage Week booklets are available in the local library in Maynooth and in Maynooth Bookshop. This booklet gives details of other events organised by various committees and groups in Co. Kildare and other counties throughout the country.

Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee

As summer draws to a close our Senior Citizens Committee start another year of activities. During the summer a number of our Senior Citizens enjoyed a week's holiday at Kerdiffstown and in July we went on our annual outing to Ardgillan House and Gardens near Balbriggan. A great day was had by all. The day was sunny and we returned to Springfield Hotel for dinner. Our thanks to the staff who always look after us so well. Our Club reopens on Tuesday 7th September. The first Tea Dance will be held on Sunday 19th September in the GAA Club on the Moyglare Road; on that day we have our Annual Tony Smith Memorial Walk organised by the Labour Party. Sponsorship cards can be had from our committee members. The proceeds go towards our Senior Citizens Fuel and Social Fund.

P.S. Our monthly meeting for committee members will take place in the Health Centre on Tuesday 7th September at 8 p.m.

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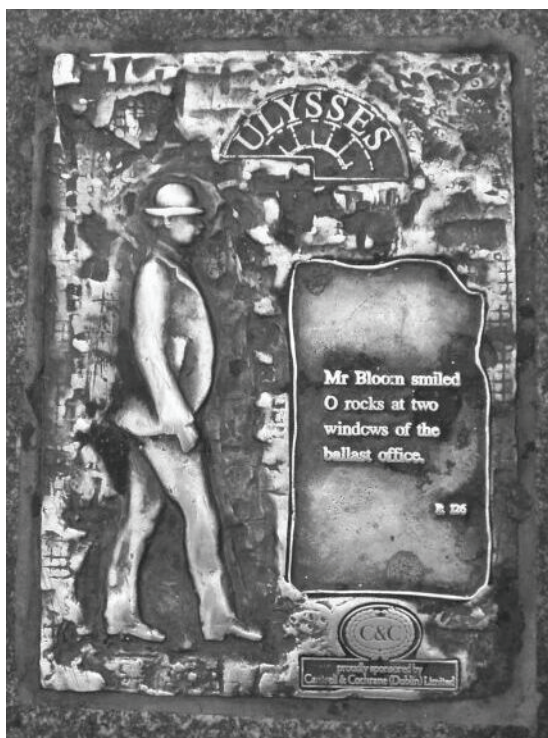
By Serj Merzliakov

One of the most controversial writers of his time and the most well-known Irish writer today, James Joyce celebrated the centenary of Bloomsday this summer. The ReJoyce Centenary Festival which started long before the actual date of Bloomsday set the tune for some 70 events that continued until mid-August. Commemorating the literary heritage of James Joyce we are telling you all about the Festival.

Writer and His Work

Born in Dublin in 1882 James Joyce was the eldest of 10 children, and originally coming from a well-to-do family, he completed his school in Belvedere College and graduated from University College, Dublin. His determination to become a writer influenced his choice not to pursue a medical career and in 1904 he departed for the continent.

Later that year the three short stories appeared in an Irish magazine written under the pseudonym Stephen Dedalus, the ones, which were later to form a part of *'Dubliners'*. After a year of wandering between Dublin and Paris Joyce settled in Trieste with a Galway girl Nora Barnacle, who would later become his wife.



Ulysses Plaque in Dublin (O'Connell St.)



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He returned to Ireland in 1909 in attempt to find a publisher for *'Dubliners'* but was unsuccessful. Although his Dublin publisher George Roberts destroyed the original version of the book, however, it was finally in print in 1914 in London.

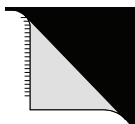
Joyce met the beginning of WWI in Zurich where he started on *'Ulysses'*, the work that would immortalise his name and forever link it to Dublin. Unsurprisingly, when the book was released in 1922 Dublin never liked it. Joyce was called a lunatic and the scandalous trail around it never faded until the mid-60s.

Largely unread even today, the book depicts the adventures of the characters within a single day in an atmosphere of Dublin in Edwardian times. Being cited as 'terribly intellectual' this book today stands out as a literature evoking different levels of its understanding and re-understanding.

Living in Paris since 1920 and largely criticised for the book, Joyce had no desire to come back; however, the success and ban of *'Ulysses'* brought attention to his name and gave a chance to meet his literary contemporaries like T.S.Elliot, Proust. There in Paris in 1923, he started his last work *'Finnegans Wake'*.

The outbreak of WWII drove the Joyce family to Zurich where the writer died in 1941.

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ReJoyce Festival

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On legendary Bloomsday, June 16th, **James Joyce Centre** in Dublin celebrated it with another open-air breakfast featuring Edwardian dressed characters, street theatre and dramatic readings.

Commemorating the contribution made by the most prolific of Irish writers, the James Joyce Centre also launched a series of walks visiting a number of sites connected with James Joyce and Edwardian Dublin.

National College of Ireland has taken the honour of hosting the 19th **James Joyce Symposium**, the major event for the Joycean scholars, critics, students and readers. The street market and live music entertainment with special guests in period costumes accompanied the Docklands Programme.



Room in James Joyce House described in 'The Dead'

Another string of events is connected with the newly opened **James Joyce House** at 15 Ushers Quay. The house itself was featured in the last story of '*Dubliners*'

cycle, '*The Dead*'. Earlier this year it became a place for the Dinner of the Century, marking the beginning of the Festival. The house, which was recently restored is now open to visitors throughout the year and currently serves as a museum and an art gallery featuring paintings inspired by works of Joyce.

In addition, every visitor and tourist of Dublin was heartily invited to join a Joyce Trail, visiting spots featured in '*Ulysses*' commemorated by special plaques and places related to the writer's life in the city.

Irish Film Institute has prepared a programme on a hardly known part of the life of the great writer. It may be a revelation for many to learn that James Joyce was involved in Ireland's first cinema - Volta Cinematograph located at 43 Mary Street in Dublin.

Another cinematographic event which certainly highlights the festival is a re-release of *Bloom* a triumphant and daring interpretation of the '*Ulysses* by Sean Walsh.

Closing the ReJoyce Dublin Festival and marking the end of the celebrations, IFI demonstrated *Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* on August 16, the screen



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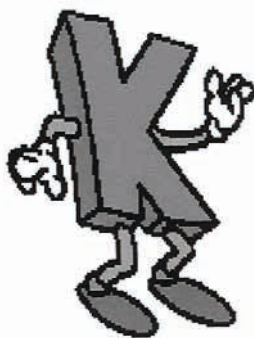
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I hate to complain, but (A tongue-in-cheek look at life.)

I hate this time of year. There is something very depressing about the end of summer, isn't there? It isn't just that I'm getting old and hate the prospect of winter. I have always hated it. I remember, as a child how I hated hearing Adults longing for the end of the long summer holidays. I hated the signs popping up in shops announcing, 'Back to School' offers. These were bad enough but they were only silent, impersonal notices. I couldn't expect the big shops to have any interest in my well-being but my parents and neighbours should have known better. How could anyone look forward to ending the freedom of summer?

I don't think I was sophisticated enough to suspect them of begrudgery. I expect I just resented the reminder of the looming months of imprisonment beginning in September.

Now as an adult, I can in all honesty claim, at least in this regard, that I have not become like my parents. I still hate the end of summer. I dread the schools reopening. And I admit it. I hate the loss of freedom and the lack of peace. How I miss the peaceful freedom of shopping of an evening in a childfree store! Once the schools reopen it seems parents need to spend, 'quality time' in the evenings with the little darlings and this means letting them run riot through the supermarket.

You've noticed it too, haven't you? Aisles that at other times are free, except for fellow shoppers and the occasional hazard of an employee packing a shelf, now resemble a war zone. Once the schools close these become racetracks for careering toddlers: pitches for larger brats to play tag in and the venue of choice for teen versus parent confrontations.

And all this is only the warm up. The highlight is saved for the checkout. Here, while the queues to your right and left are charging by at dizzying speed, you are motionless. Somewhere in the far distance in your line, someone is querying a price, criticising a product, has gotten caught in a conveyor belt or God knows what. It doesn't matter. What matters is you are a captive. There is no escape. In frustration you check your

check your watch. It must be broken. You must have looked at it a dozen times as you stand there enduring parents trying to coax and bribe manipulative children into behaving and yet it shows only two minutes have passed. That can't be right.

And then the screaming starts.

Maybe I'm jealous because I too feel like screaming.

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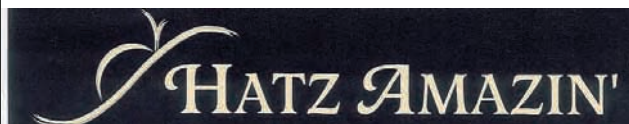
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The scheme is also available to full time students who are attending medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine and teacher training courses in publicly funded third-level institutions in other EU Member States.

The income limits (for the period 1 Jan—31 December 2003 are as follows:

Number of Dependent children	Full maintenance and full fees	Part maint. (75%) and full fees	Part maint. (50%) and full fees	Part maint. (25%) and full fees	Part Fees (50%) only
Less than 4	€33,890	€36,005	€38,125	€40,240	€42,360
4-7	€37,240	€39,570	€41,895	€44,225	€46,550
8 or more	€40,435	€42,960	€45,485	€48,010	€50,535

The limits can be increased by a further €4,100 where there are 2 children attending full-time third-level education, and a further €4,1000 for each additional child.

The maintenance grant rates are as follows:

	Non- Adjacent Rate	Adjacent Rate
Full maintenance	€2,945	€1,180
Part maintenance (75%)	€2,210	€880
Part maintenance (50%)	€1,475	€590
Part maintenance (25%)	€735	€295

The Adjacent Rate is paid if you normally reside 15 miles or less from your college. Mature students will receive the Non Adjacent Rate in all cases.

The special rates of maintenance grants for 2004/2005 are €4,855 for the Non Adjacent Rate and €1,945 for the Adjacent rate, equivalent to a top up of €1,910 and €765 to the standard rates respectively. The income limit for these grants is €14,693. You must be receiving an eligible social welfare or other payment.

Question

How can I apply to get access to my personal health records?

Answer

You can apply for access to personal health records in three ways-through Administrative Access, under the Freedom of Information Acts (FOI) and under the Data Protection Acts.

When applying through Administrative Access apply in writing to the appropriate service or agency (e.g. for hospital records apply to the Hospital Manager). You will have to supply sufficient information so that your records can be identified. There is usually no charge for copies of personal records, however, you may be (contd)

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charged for photocopying where a large number of copies are requested or for copies of x-rays.

You should apply for sensitive health records, such as psychiatric records, under the Freedom of Information Acts 1997/2003, including records relating to a child or a deceased relative. You must apply in writing, referring to the Acts. There is no application fee for personal records and your request must be acknowledged within 10 working days. You will normally receive a decision on your request within 20 working days of receiving your request. If it is decided not to release all the records this must be clearly explained, setting out the sections of the Act used in reaching these decisions. You should also be given details of your entitlement to an internal review and an appeal.

You can also apply for personal records under the Data Acts 1988 & 2003. However, you cannot access the records of a deceased person. You can apply to any holder of personal information, not just public bodies as under FOI. You must apply in writing with an application fee of €6.35, referring to the Acts.

You will normally receive a decision within 40 days of your request. Details of your entitlement to complain to the Data Protection Commissioner should be included with the decision.

Question

We have just returned from a package holiday in Spain. Unfortunately the holiday was a disaster as we did not have the hotel facilities promised in the brochure is there anything I can do about it in terms of making a complaint and getting our money back?

Answer

Yes there is. The Package Holiday and Travel Trade Act 1995 implements an EU Directive and gives you a certain level of protection should the package not be satisfactory or if the operator goes out of business. For you to benefit from this protection, your holiday should be a package holiday, sold at an inclusive price that covers a period of more than 24 hours or overnight accommodation and be made up of a combination of at least two of the following pre-arranged by the operator/organiser:

- Transport
- Accommodation
- Other Tourist services which account for a significant proportion of the package (e.g. golf/fishing).

You are entitled to compensation for financial loss that you have incurred as a consequence of relying on information given to you about your package holiday. Compensation may also be claimed for disappointment at the quality of the holiday.

If the brochure was inaccurate, or things went wrong during the holiday itself, you can look to the tour operator and/or the travel agent for compensation. Your contract must give you at least 28 days from the date the package ended to lodge your complaint.

If your holiday is altered or cancelled you have the right either a replacement package of similar or superior quality, a lower grade package plus compensation up to the cost of the original package or a full refund. Alternatively you can sue for breach of contract, though if cancellation was caused by factors beyond the organiser's control, or the minimum number for the package was not reached and you were given the required notice of this in writing, you will not be entitled to any compensation.

Question

Can I claim tax relief for third-level tuition fees?

Answer

Yes you can, providing the courses are eligible. Tax relief for third-level tuition fees is available for the following courses:

- Approved undergraduate and postgraduate courses (full-time & part-time) in publicly funded and duly accredited private third-level colleges in the state
- Approved undergraduate and postgraduate courses (full-time & part-time) in publicly funded and duly accredited private third-level colleges in any EU member state.
- Approved undergraduate postgraduate courses (full-time & part-time) operated by colleges in any EU member state providing distance education in the State.
- Postgraduate courses in certain private and publicly funded third-level colleges in non-EU countries.

Undergraduate courses must be of at least 2 years duration. Postgraduate courses must be for at least 1 academic year, but not more than 4 years, and must lead to a postgraduate award based on a thesis or an examination.

Tax relief is also available for approved information technology and foreign language courses in the State resulting in a certificate of competence (not just a certificate of attendance) and of less than 2 years duration.

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MCGINLEY & STAGG LODGE OBJECTION TO 4 & 3 STOREY PROPOSALS FOR OLD PITCH AND PUTT COURSE.

Cllr. John McGinley and Deputy Emmet Stagg have lodged objections to the proposal by the Lyreen Partnership to develop 81 dwellings in three 4 storey terraces of houses on the old Pitch and Putt Course on Dunboyne Road, Maynooth.

The following are the main reasons for their objection to the proposal:

- The density of the development is 17 units to the acre which is excessive when compared with other developments in the area which consist of densities of 6 units to the acre and single dwellings on their own individual sites.
- The proposed 4 storey blocks of apartments are monotonous and are more suitable for the inner city of Dublin rather than Maynooth Village. The 3 storey terraced houses are similarly unacceptable in design.
- The 4 Storey Blocks and 3 storey terraced houses will overlook the rear gardens of dwellings in Leinster Cottages which has existed for 200 years.
- The excessive height of the proposals will impact on the views from Pound Park.
- The 2 storey terraced proposal which will front the Dunboyne Road does not conform with existing development in the area and would be an unacceptable low quality development at the entrance to Maynooth from Dunboyne.
- The proposal ignores the unique nature and character of development in this Historic Town Area of Maynooth. If it was allowed to proceed it would irreparable damage Maynooth Village's unique architectural heritage.

It is Cllr. McGinley's view that the Council should comprehensively reject this speculative development in the interests of the existing residents of the area and in the interest of preserving the unique character of the area.

DRAFT COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2005 - 2011

The Draft County Development Plan was agreed at a Council meeting on 3 August. This comprehensive document was agreed after eleven meetings of the Council and will go on public display on 16 August. The closing date for submissions is 26 October. As there is already 2,700 acres of land in the county zoned for housing Cllr. McGinley is encouraging members of the public and community groups to study the Plan carefully and to make submissions to the Council before the closing date. Also, please send a copy to John at 50 Greenfield Drive, Maynooth.

Party Political

MEADOWBROOK LINK ROAD FOR COMPLETION END OCTOBER.

Cllr. John McGinley has been advised by the Council's site engineer that the Meadowbrook Link Road will be completed by the end of October. The open of this road will bring great relief to the Town Centre and will be of great benefit to all of the residents of the Newtown/Rathcoffey Road area. Cllr. McGinley has also asked that traffic calming measures be put in place on the Beaufield Road, without any further delay, in order to counteract the massive increase in traffic volumes that will arise, in this housing estate road, as a result of the opening of the Meadowbrook Link Road.

PEDESTRIAN LIGHTS TO GO AT THE TRAIN STATION, STRAFFAN ROAD, MAYNOOTH

Cllr. John McGinley has been pressing the Kildare County Council for some time now to provide pedestrian lights near the entrance to the train station on the Straffan Road, Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley was advised by the Council on 16 July that funding had been received for this work and that it was intended to commence work in mid August. The lights will make life much safer for pedestrians as well as facilitating cars exiting from the station and from Parklands/Castlebridge, Old Greenfield and Silken Vale.

PROVISION OF SHELTERS IN MAYNOOTH

Cllr. John McGinley got the following replay from Paddy Doherty, Business Development Manager, Dublin Bus, concerning the delay in the provision of these much needed bus shelters:

"The above planning applications have been delayed because we have experienced difficulties in keeping site notices on the bus poles. On no fewer than two occasions the notices have been removed when the planner visited the site for inspection.

We hope this matter has now been resolved and we have asked the local authority to proceed with the decision making progress"

MOYGLARE ABBEY TO BE TAKEN IN CHARGE

Cllr. John McGinley has been advised by Kildare County Council that Moyglare Abbey housing estate will be on the agenda for the September meeting of the council in order to commence the taking in charge process.

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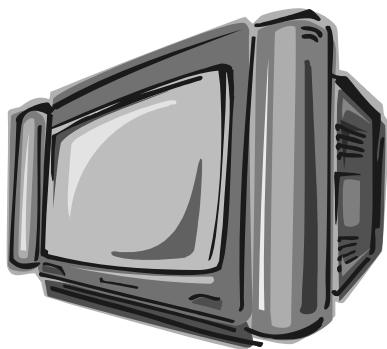
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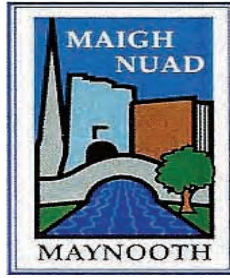
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