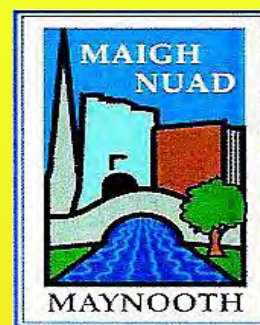


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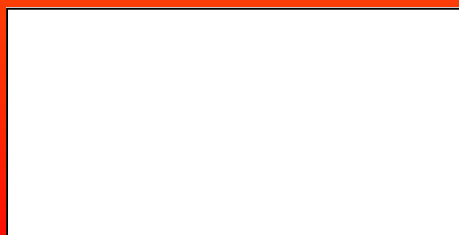
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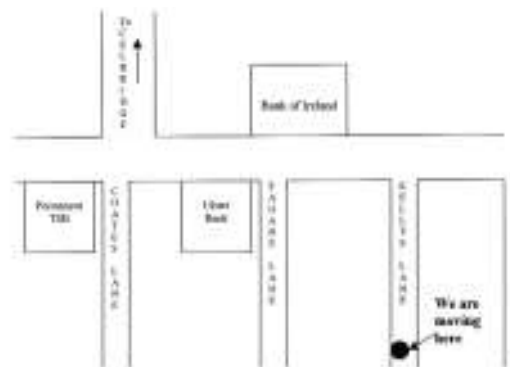
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Editorial

Now that the clocks have gone forward summertime looms, with plans for holidays being uppermost in everyone's mind. If your previous experiences have been good or bad you may want to share them with the Newsletter. We would look forward to receiving same.

The past month has been very exciting with the by-elections, the Community Council Annual General Meeting, St. Patrick's Day and Easter all sharing the one month.

The Newsletter would like to extend their congratulations to Catherine Murphy T.D. on becoming the first woman to hold a seat for the Kildare North Constituency and wish her well in the future.

Also our congratulations are extended to Brid Feely who became the new Chairperson of Maynooth Community Council. I am sure Brid is looking forward to her new challenge.

The cover of the Newsletter and the photographs within give some idea of the community enjoyment experienced at the St. Patrick's Day parade in Maynooth. Despite the fact that the number of floats were down, the quality of the participating floats was improved and it augurs well for the future.

A belated Happy Easter to our readers and I am sure that regardless of your religion it was sad to see that Pope John Paul 11 was unable to attend his Easter ceremonies as usual due to his ongoing ill health. Hopefully his health will improve and perhaps he will still be able to make his trip to Ireland.

The Newsletter has received some bad comments over the past few months. However, it is impossible to know what the people want unless they inform us. Therefore I would ask every local organisation or residents association to submit articles on a regular basis, so that we as locals will know what is going on in our area, after all it is not many communities who have the benefit of a monthly newsletter.

So why not use it?

Andrew McMullon

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MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

The Annual General Meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on the 14th March in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Bond Bridge

It now looks likely that the works on Bond Bridge will start on May 05.

The Ban on H.G.V

It was stated that signs should be erected at all entrance to the town also that the police should be enforcing the law. The question was also passed why are so many H.G.V using the Kilcock road and the Dunboyne road.

Newsletter-Editor

An appeal was made for more people to get involved .At the moment there are only few people on the editorial board however Terry Nealon and Brid Feely put themselves forward. It was also stated by Andrew Mc Mullan that the editorial were hoping to put forward a new format for the newsletter.

Chairpersons Report

Hugh Gallagher thanked all at the meeting for their support during the year, and also for promoting Maynooth Community Council. He thanked Christina Saults and the Office staff. He thanked the executive for their help and support during the year.

Secretary's Report

Muireean Ni Bhrolchain said meeting had been held every month with the exception of August also executive meetings. She also highlighted some events and concerns of Maynooth Community Council. Presentation on Community Centre from M.C.C.P also a Presentation from Maynooth Community Church. Submission on the Harbour area and Carton area action plan.

Town Council status

Geraldine Hall-secured

Meadow Brook link road

She noted Maynooth bad rating-Ibal Fair Trade Town.

She also noted that Susan Durack had resigned as Editor of the Newsletter and thanked her for her dedication. She also thanked Andrew Mc Mullan for his work with the Festival. The office staff and supervisor Christina Saults were also thanked.

Treasures Report

Willie Saults gave a detailed report. He said we were holding our own. He said he looked forward to being able to give something back to the Community re. Festival etc.Willie thanked all for their support.

Election of Officers

Chairperson- Brid Feely

Vice Chairperson- Tom Mc Mullan

Secretary—Muireean Ni Bhrolchain

Treasure—Willie Saults

P.R.O.-Marie Gleeson

P.D.O. -Paul Croghan.

Nissan Irish Open

The Nissan Irish open will take place in Carton House Golf Club from 19th-22nd May 05 with this event it will be celebrating 50 Years.

Hugh Gallagher said they had a meeting with Sandra Mc Mullan organising group and that they would like to meet with Maynooth Community Council-Re Traffic Plans will have to be in place also hoping to run events at night in the town, Meetings are on going.

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Paul Groghan Tidy Town's said that they will have the town looking great. They have already made a start, but a huge effort will have to be made to have it ready in time. Andrew Mc Mullan stated that we will have to arrange events and the Nissan people will come on board.

New Town Centre

A lot of question were asked hear. Kildare County Council have drawn up Draft Plans, with Leixlip Maynooth Celbridge and Kilcock as main towns for this. It was also noted that Maynooth College land was best suited here by Kildare County Council and consultants. However the Collinstown proposal is still being looked at it could prove more suitable at the Railway Station with car parking available for 2,000 cars. This will prove to be a New Town with huge Development Services, Theatre and Cinema. However Councilor John Mc Ginley said all clients

MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES_(contd)

will decide on this. He also said if Maynooth is designated as a Major Town Centre the further rezoning could take place, out of this the town could get the infrastructure it needs. Tony Bean said he believed funds were in hands for a Community Centre. He said that he hoped that they could get Development funds. Séan Cushin said M.C.C. should lay out guides lines of what the town needs. He said we will have to get Developers to build a Community Centre. "This has being done in other town's" as no money is coming back to the town levies. The question was also raised as to what will constitute a town Centre. This will include Harbour Field Development, Tesco's, Delcedo-Kavanagh's Mill stated Councilor John Mc Ginley. This would be close to 60,000sq mts. This will come up again for further discussion Múireean Ní Bhrolcháin said that M.C.C. have already taken a decision to object to further Development until all Roads infrastructure is secured.

Next Maynooth Community Council Meeting
11th April
in the Glenroyal Hotel.

P.R.O Marie Gleeson

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Greenfield Estates' Residents' Association

Following the adjournment of the Association General Meeting on 22nd March as a mark of respect for the Hyland family, the meeting will be re-convened at 8.30 p.m. on Tuesday 5th April next in the Boys National School, Moyglare Road. All residents are welcome.

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NOEL LYSAGHT
(Secretary; 087-2705880; 01-6286529)

Planning Permissions

FILE NUMBER	APPLICANT NAME	APPLICANT ADDRESS	APPLICATION TYPE	APPLICATION RECEIVED	DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION	DEVELOPMENT LOCATION
05/298	Barbara Hourihane	12 Parklands Crescent Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	21/02/05	Conversion of existing garage to habitable room and for the provision of a window in place of existing garage door and permission for the widening of entrance gateway and the dished driveway from the public road	12 Parklands Crescent Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/304	Albany Homes Ltd.	The Gables Torquay Road Foxrock Dublin 18	p	21/02/05	Construction of a crèche in a 3 storey with 3rd floor in foot space building with a total floor area of 167.66 sq.m with associated 6 no car parking spaces and private open space in compliance with condition no 5 planning Ref. 03/1192	13 Straffan Green Straffan Wood Maynooth
05/338	Shane & Patricia Clyne	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	24/02/05	Two bedroom Granny Flat dwelling adjacent to existing dwelling in lieu of double garage structure previously permitted under pl. ref 01/1698 and to include for a minor increase in size and minor change in location of previously permitted structure.	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/339	Pascal Dunne	292a Old Greenfield Road Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	24/02/05	(a) remove existing roof on existing bungalow and build up gable end walls. Raise the level of the roof by 2 metres to provide dormer style extension and living accommodation at first floor level. (b) proposed new porch and 3 no. dormer windows etc	292a Old Greenfield Road Greenfield Maynooth
05/340	Michael O'Riain	Crinstown Maigh Nuad Co. Cill Dara	P	24/02/05	Garaiste a thogail d'úsaid teadhlaigh amahain. An garaiste agus seomra leapa amahain, ata ann faoi lathair, a chuir in oiriúint agus dha seomra leapa en suite a dheanamh asty agus aon obair fo-ghabhalach a ghabhann leis.	Crinstown Maigh Nuad Co. Cill Dara
05/350	Catherine Kiernan	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	25/02/05	Construct a four bedroom dormer bungalow including all ancillary works and a mechanical aerated treatment plant with raised percolation area	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/367	Gerard Cooney	82 Moyglare Village Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	28/02/05	Single storey extension to the side of existing house, a single storey extension to the rear of existing dining room and a first floor extension to the rear of existing bedroom	82 Moyglare Village Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/368	Albany Homes Ltd	Estuary House New Street Malahide Co. Dublin	P	01/03/05	Associated 6 no. car parking spaces and private open spaces in compliance with condition no. 6 of planning permission reg. 03/1192	13 Straffan Green Straffan Wood Maynooth Co. Kildare

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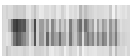
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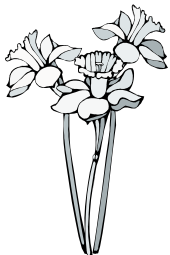
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05/435	Brendan & Deirdre Whelan	2 Parklands Lawns Rail Park Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	08/03/05	Erection of first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion with kitchen area extended below and also single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling house	2 Parklands Lawns Rail Park Maynooth
05/440	Shane & Patricia Clyne	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	08/03/05	Single Storey (with habitable area in roof space) two bedroom Granny Flat dwelling adjacent to existing structure previously permitted under ref. 01/1698 and to include for a minor increase in size and minor change in location etc.	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/483	Kevin & Pauline Barrett	Dowdstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	11/03/05	Two storey family dwellin with connecting parent accommodation, three car garage, loft storage and provision for recessed gated entrance and installation of proprietary waste water treatment unit/drainage system and associated site works etc	Moneycooley Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/504	Barbara Hourihane	12 Parklands Crescent Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	14/03/05	Conversion of existing attached garage to habitable room and for the provision of a window in place of existing garage door and permission for the widening of entrance gateway and the dished driveway from the public road	23 Parklands Crescent Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/550	Tesco Ireland Ltd	Gresham House Marine Road Dun Laoghaire Co. Dublin	R	18/03/05	Retention of minor modifications for pl. ref. 02/177 to include addition of new windows on western and southern elevation ; new doorways on southern elevation, spiral steel staircase on southern elevation; garage doorway opening for delivery goods etc	Tesco Maynooth (Ire) Ltd Dublin Rd. Maynooth

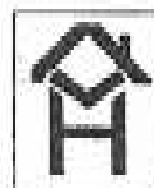
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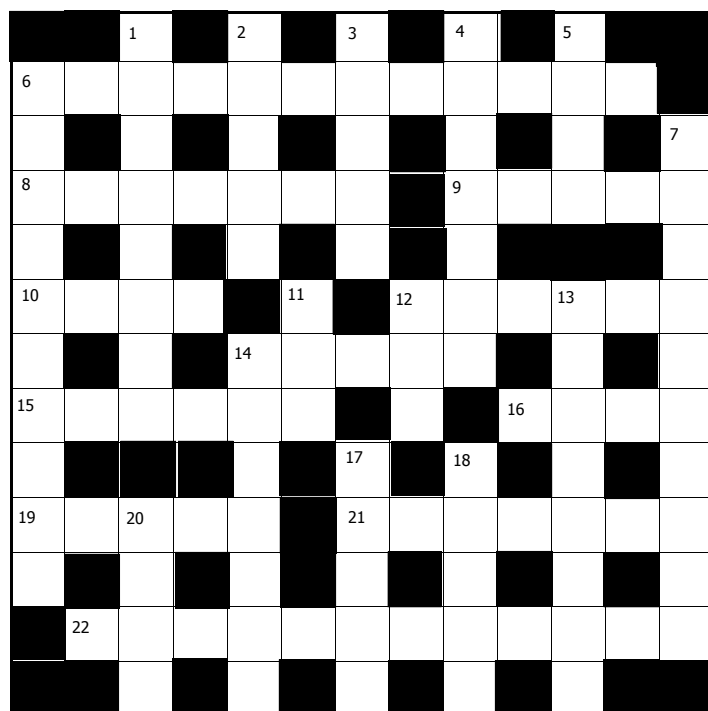
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No: 32



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Across:

6. Ena Sharples actress in Coronation Street (6,6)
8. In poor condition (3-4)
9. Dirk Bogarde film, The _ _ _ Porter (5)
10. Country bordering Jordan (4)
12. US name for a tap (6)
14. US writer/producer, _ _ _ Allen (5)
15. Join up (6)
16. Weapons (4)
19. Composer of many Hungarian Rhapsodies (5)
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2. Dummy bird (5)
3. Plain cake (5)
4. Irish playwright, _ _ _ Behan (7)
5. Lengthy (4)
6. Slender macaroni (10)
7. Facts and figures (10)
11. Skill (3)
12. Healthy (3)
13. Ribbed fabric (8)
14. Pair of radioactive atoms (7)
17. Modelling wood (5)
18. Ranked (5)
20. One of the Channel Islands (4)

Across:

6. Penny Whistle, 8. Penguin, 9. India, 10. Laid, 12. Circle, 14. Wagon, 15. Ragged, 16. Taro, 19. Tacit, 21. Lorelei, 22. Abbreviation,

Down:

1. Unending, 2. Syrup, 3. Think, 4. Aspirin, 5. Sled, 6. Popularity 7. Caledonian, 11. Sad, 12. Cow, 13. Chaplain, 14. Western, 17. Glove, 18. Uriah, 20. Cube



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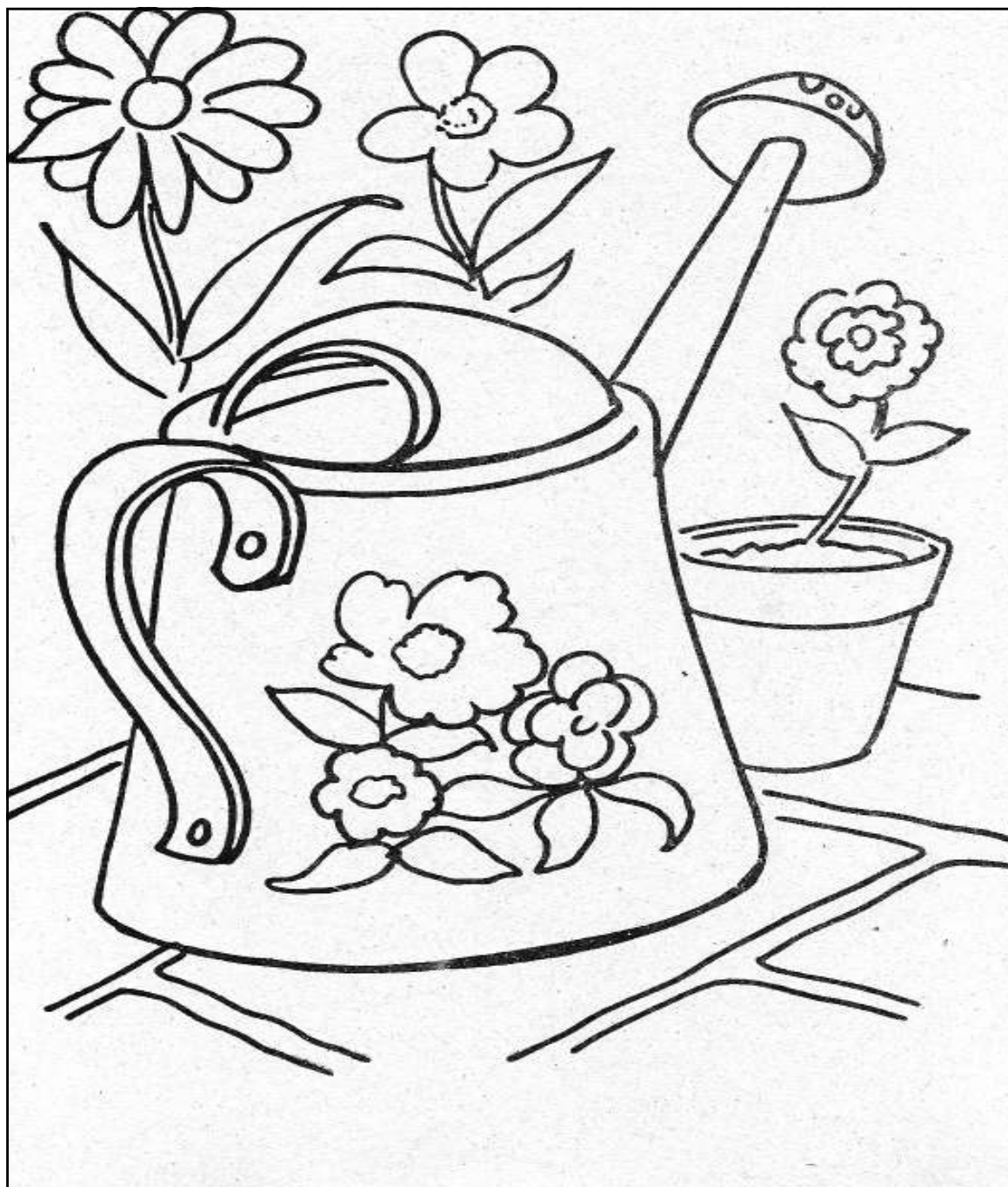
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Recipes

*G*arlic Mushrooms

Ingredients:

32 medium size mushrooms
3 cloves of garlic
Crisp iceberg lettuce
8 ozs of butter
8 stale slices of bread
2 whole eggs
1/3 pint milk
2 tomatoes
Flour

Method:

Clean and dry mushrooms. Make crumbs out of stale bread. Whisk eggs until frothy, add milk and whisk again. Set out your flour, egg, crumbs into separate dishes. Add mushrooms to the flour and lightly dust, then add to the egg mixture and finally to the crumbs and coat mushrooms.

Wash and dry lettuce and chop tomatoes and mix with the lettuce. This is only a garnish. You can add whatever you want. Heat a deep fat fryer, add mushrooms and cook until golden brown. Drain on kitchen paper and arrange on the plate. Chop garlic and add to butter and melt over a low heat. Add butter mix over the mushrooms and serve immediately.



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*B*read and Butter Pudding

Ingredients:

8 - 10 Slices White Bread (crusts removed)
Butter
450ml / 3/4 pint Milk
2 Eggs
50g / 2oz Caster Sugar
50g / 2oz Sultanas
Ground Nutmeg

Ingredients Tip

If your children don't like sultanas try using jam sandwiches. Cut them into triangles. Layer the dish with the sandwiches and then pour on the milk mixture!

Method:

- ◆ Butter the bread and cut into fingers or triangles.
- ◆ Grease a shallow ovenproof dish. Arrange a layer of the bread, buttered side down.
- ◆ Sprinkle some of the sultanas on the bread and dust with a little ground nutmeg.
- ◆ Arrange another layer of bread with sultanas and nutmeg.
- ◆ Beat the eggs, milk and sugar together and pour carefully over the layers of bread
- ◆ Allow to stand for about 10 to 15 minutes, and then transfer to a pre-heated oven 180°C / 350° F Gas 4 for about 30 minutes.
- ◆ Serve while hot with cream or custard.

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salt and black pepper
basil leaves, to garnish

For the Sauce

4 shallots
1 tbsp olive oil
400g / 14oz can tomatoes
4 sun-dried tomatoes
2 x 200g / 7oz cans tuna
1 tbsp chopped fresh
marjoram or oregano
75g/3oz stoned black olive,
optional

Ingredients Tip

Jars or packets of sun-dried tomatoes are available from delicatessens and larger supermarkets. They have quite a salty flavour so don't add extra salt to the sauce without tasting first.

Method

- ◆ Peel and finely slice the shallots. Heat the oil in a frying pan, add the shallots and fry gently for about 5 minutes until softened. Stir in the canned tomatoes and simmer for 10 minutes, or until the sauce reduces and thickens slightly.
- ◆ While the tomato sauce is simmering, cook the fusilli in a large pan of boiling, salted water until al dente (follow packet instructions)
- ◆ Cut the sun-dried tomatoes into thin strips. Drain the tuna and flake into chunks. stir the tuna and the sun-dried tomatoes into the tomato sauce and simmer for a further 5 minutes.
- ◆ Add the marjoram or oregano and olives, if using, to the tuna and tomato sauce. Season to taste with salt and black pepper.
- ◆ Drain the pasta and serve with the sauce spooned over. Scatter the dish with a few basil leaves.

Preparation: 15 min

Cooking: 20 min

Fish sauces for pasta are popular in southern Italy, particularly Sicily where fresh tuna is a familiar sight in the markets. Bluefin tuna is the most expensive and most sought-after variety, and many of the best cuts will be bought by Japanese sushi merchants.



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Tidy Town Clean up in 2005

Maynooth Tidy Towns' committee programme for 2005 includes a number of Clean Ups around the town. After the IBAL rating achieved in 2004 the committee felt that the best way to tackle the litter problem is to start with a once off clean up of the entire town. In January a clean up took place in the Maynooth Railway Station (29th Jan) and this was followed in February and March with clean ups on the Leixlip Road (Feb 26th), Rathcoffey Road (March 5th) and Moyglare/Kilcock Road (12th March). A special clean up took place over Easter at the junction outside the church. The remaining approach roads will be completed by early April. If you would like to get involved in upcoming clean ups on the Dunboyne Road and the Straffen Road please contact any member of the committee.

We will be contacting the residents associations in these areas in the anticipation that we will be able to get some help.

An Taisce Spring Clean April 2005

Each year An Taisce co-ordinate the "National Spring Clean" campaign and it takes place for the month of April. In Maynooth, we will be co-ordinating the work of residents associations and other voluntary groups. We will be contacting residents associations with a view to arranging clean ups in their areas and to providing bags and other assistance for the work. We will also be featuring the various associations undertaking clean ups in our application for the National Tidy Towns Competition as well as a video and picture footage of our annual awards ceremony. ***When you are doing a clean up let us know***

Green Schools Projects

Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee is very pleased that all schools in Maynooth are now working on their Green Schools Projects. This is a wonderful achievement and much credit must be given to the school principals and teachers for promoting this very worthwhile educational programme. It is important to the students and we should all make sure that we give them our support and encouragement. also us

I also suspect that a little competition will take place between the students on achieving the coveted Green School Flag. Maynooth Tidy Towns arranged for the loan of a flag and it was proudly carried by students from the three primary schools as part of the Maynooth Tidy Towns float in this year's St. Patrick's Day parade.

"Most Topical Float" Maynooth Tidy Towns wins in St. Patrick's Day Parade

We are delighted to win the award for the "Most Topical Float" in this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade. Needless to say a lot of effort went into putting the float together and it was a great team effort. As usual we would like to thank a number of people for their help:

For the van - Gerry Mulcahy, Family Butcher, Greenfield

For the trailer - Cadiston Ltd, Lucan

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For the shrubs - Larine Court Garden Centre

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For the PA System - Ciaran Moen of AVTEK Ireland Ltd

For building and decorating the float - Sean Cushen, Moira Baxter, Mattie Callaghan, Elizabeth Calaghan, Margaret Callaghan, Seamus Kennedy

For dressing up and taking part in the parade - Ashling Kelleher, Mary Jennings, Eilis Cushen, Paul Croghan, Gerry Lawless, Sean Lyons, Moira Baxter, Sean Cushen and Richard Farrell

Special thanks to the Children representing their schools:

St. Mary's Boys' National School - Justin Roux, Conor Hill-Gunning, Jack Hartnet, David Rush

Gaelscoil Ui Fiaich - Jim O Cathasaigh, Shane O Broin, Niamh Ni Bhraonain, Carolyn Ni Dhuill, Iomhar Mac Giolla Phadraig, Alecs O Saorai

Presentation Girls' Primary School - Elaine Kelly, Katie Scanlon, Allison Williams

You can see it really was a team effort. Remember, you are always welcome to join this winning team.

***Paul Croghan
Maynooth Tidy Towns***

St Patrick's Day Parade



Tidy Towns



Vintage Cars

Gardening Tips for April

April is renowned for its variable weather and temperatures. As the days lengthen the sun's light and heat rays grow stronger, the plant world surges into the most active phase of its annual cycle. As a result plants are at their most vulnerable, since night temperatures, after days of clear blue skies and uplifting sun, can plummet below freezing point in damaging radiation frosts.

April often earns its reputation for showery, changeable weather, although statistically it averages out as a dry month. In many parts of Ireland it is the driest month of the year, and gardeners need to check that young plants do not dry out.

Differences in latitude in temperate regions are now of less acute importance in determining when best to do things. The month is a busy one of seed sowing, planting, and growth regulation, and in the colder localities of the north and on high ground.



Work for the Month

- **Weeds:** Any plant that grows where the gardener does not want it is a weed, but in practice in term defines non-ornamental varieties that are so vigorous that, left unchecked, would smother cultivated plants. Keep down weeds among crops and plants assiduously. Give seeds a good start by thorough preparation of the seed beds. The application of a pre-emergent weed-killer destroys germinating weed seedlings then loses toxicity before slower-germinating seedlings break through. Timing is critical, so follow the maker's in instructions precisely.
- Master the use of the hoe for weeding. Use a sharp Dutch hoe, with a shallow push-pull action to decapitate annual weeds and top-growth. Mix weed remains with the soil. Hand weed and for out perennial weeds or chop them out with a draw hoe.
- Use weed-killers carefully among plants carefully among plants, wedding the weed foliage and stems only, by means of a sprinkler bar or hooded sprayer held directly over the weeds. A paraquat-diaquat herbicide is most

effective against annual weeds and the green top-growth of most other weeds; dalapon can be used for couch and other grasses and 2, 4-d, mecoprop, or ioxynil for various broad-leaved weeds. Choose a dry, calm day when rain or frost is not imminent for using weed-killer solutions. Spot-treatment is essential in situations such as lawns and rockeries where the weed-killer must not fall on surrounding plant life. Weed-killer in gel form can easily be confined to weeds and should be applied with a brush.



The Fruit Garden

Prevent or reduce fungus infections such as early mildew, scab, canker and blossom wilt on apple and pear trees by spraying at the green bud stage with a systemic fungicide on a calm day when foliage and shoots can be covered easily and completely.

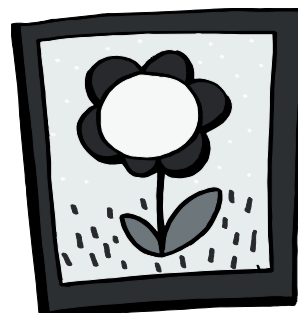
At the same time apply a systemic insecticide to control such pests as apple sawfly, moth caterpillars, aphids, capsid bug, apple blossom weevil, leaf weevils. Suckers and scale insects.

Repeat the spraying when blossom buds show white on pears, pink on apples, in late April or early May.

Spray gooseberry bushes when the flowers are about to open with a systemic insecticide or dinocap formulation, to control American mildew.

Examine strawberries for the presence of aphids or red spiders mites (under cloches) in warm dry late – April weather, and treat with a malathion insecticide if necessary.

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Maynooth Citizens Information Notes

Correction

We wish to apologise for an error in a recent Know Your Rights article on the requirement for landlords to register their tenancies with the Private Residential Tenancies Board. In the article it was stated that it is illegal for landlords to pass the cost of registration fee on to tenants. We wish to correct this statement. It is **not illegal** for landlords to pass the cost of the fee on to tenants, however, the statutory obligation to pay the fee rests with the landlord. If the landlord has included a clause in the tenancy agreement saying that the tenant has to pay this fee and the tenant has agreed to this, then the tenant is obliged to pay the fee or be in breach of their agreement. There is no statutory obligation on the tenant to agree to pay the registration fee. We regret any inconvenience this error may have caused

Question

My 16- Year- old son has started looking for a job. How many hours a week can he work?

Answer

The Protection of Young Persons (Employment) Act, 1996, sets limits on the maximum number of hours for young workers. Under the act a "child "means a person under the age of 16 and a "young person " means a 16 or 17 year old.

A child aged 14 may not work during the school term. He/she may do light work during school holidays for up to 7 hours a day and 35 hours a week.

A 15 year old may do light work for up to 8 hours a week term- time. During the holidays the same maximum number of hours apply as for 14 year olds.

Both 14 and 15 year olds are not allowed to work between 8 p.m. in the evening and 8 a.m. in the morning and they must be given a thirty-minute break if they work more than 4 hours. If working during the summer, they must get two days off a week, which should be consecutive where this is practicable, and a complete break of at least 21 days.

A young person aged 16 or 17 may up to 8 hours a day and 40 hours a week. However, in general, they should not work before 6 a.m. in the morning or after 10 p.m. at night. They are entitled to a thirty- minute break if working more than four and a half hours and two days off a week, which should be consecutive

where this is practicable.

Where someone has two or more jobs, the combined daily or weekly hours worked must not exceed the maximum permitted hours. While it is up to the employer to ensure that the law is not broken, a parent or a 16 or 17 year old who helps breach the law may be committing an offence.

If your son is offered a job he should request a contract of employment in writing. After one month on the job he is entitled to a written statement of his terms of employment. This is not, however, a contract of employment. His employer is also obliged to give him a summary of the Protection of Young Persons (Employment) Act 1996.

Further information is available from the Information Unit Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Davitt House, 6 A, Adelaide Road, Dublin 2. Tel:(01) 6313131, LO-Call1890201615 or from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Question

I believe that it is now easier to switch my bank account to a different bank. Why is this?

Answer

Since the 1st February, 2005, all major banks and building societies that are members of the Irish Bankers Federation (IBF) are operating under a new "Code of Practice on Switching Accounts" Under this code retail financial institutions have committed themselves to new step-by-step procedures that will make it easier for personal customers to switch accounts from one financial institution to another. The code covers current, deposit and savings account.

The institutions that have signed up to the code of practice are required to:

Explain to the customer each of the steps involved in the process of switching accounts and explain how long each step will take.

Have the customer's new account up and running within ten days from the bank's approval of the customer's application, in the case of the new bank.

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The code of practice is available on request in banks and building societies or can be accessed on the IBF website at www.ibf.ie.

You may, however incur some costs in transferring your account such as the double stamp duty charge which may arise from the switching of financial cards such as credit cards and ATM cards. The Finance Bill 2005 provides for an exemption from this double charge where you switch cards in the same year of charge. The Bill propose that the change in relation to credit cards and charge cards will take effect from 2 April 2005, while the change in relation to ATM cards, Laser cards and combined cards will take effect from 1 January 2006.

If you are considering switching your account, the Financial Regulation has published a Personal Current Account Cost Survey which may help you to establish if you can get a better deal from another financial service provided. It is available from the Financial Regulator, Consumer Information Department, P.O.Box 9138, College Green, Dublin 2 and its website at www.ifsra.ie.

Question

I understand that new applicants for Rent Supplement no longer have to be renting for six months to be eligible. Is this true?

Answer

You are correct. The requirement that an applicant must have been renting for a period of six months in the preceding twelve months has been discontinued.

Rent Supplement is paid to people living in private rented accommodation who cannot provide for the cost of the accommodation from their own resources. It is paid if they are eligible and do not have alternative accommodation available to them. The supplement is available under the Supplementary Welfare Allowance Scheme through the Community Welfare Officers at local health centres.

Since the 1st February, 2005, to be eligible for the supplement new applicants must be already renting and must have been able to afford the rent from within their own resources when they started renting originally. They must also have had a reasonable expectation that they would continue to be able to afford the rent into the future. When applying they must have experienced a substantial change in their circumstances, such as illness or loss of employment, as a result of which they can no longer continue to pay the rent.

This requirement does not apply to certain people, such as those aged 65 or over, those in receipt of certain disability payments or those regarded by a housing authority as being homeless.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Question

What are the tax-free thresholds for gifts and inheritances under Capital Acquisitions Tax For 2005?

Answer

Capital Acquisition Tax (CAT) may have to be paid when an individual is left a gift or inheritance by another person. The tax is calculated on the open market value of the property making up the gift or inheritance, less certain deductions and reliefs. There are special rules for valuing farms and family businesses.

There are certain thresholds above which CAT applies. The appropriate threshold depends on the relationship between the donor and the beneficiary. The thresholds are increased every year in line with inflation. The thresholds given apply from January 2005.

Spouses

No tax is payable on inheritance from a spouse regardless of the amount involved.

Class A— Children

A threshold of €46,673 applies to gifts/inheritances made by a person to his/her child or to grandchildren under the age of 18 whose parent is dead. Children include adopted and step-children and long-term foster children.

Class B—Other relatives

A threshold of €46,673 applies to gifts/inheritances from certain relatives including uncles, aunts, brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces, grandchildren and grandparents.

Class C—Distant relative and non-relatives

A threshold of €23,336 applies to a successor who does not come under groups A or B.

If the gift or inheritance is received on or after 5 December 2001, then all inheritances and gifts received within the threshold category since 5 December 1991 are added together. CAT is charged at 20% on the amount above the threshold.

For gifts and inheritances of the family home taken on or after 1st December 1999 CAT may not apply depending on the circumstances.



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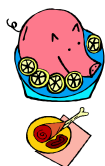
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Maynooth Golf Society

Maynooth Golf Society held their first outing of the 2005 golfing season at Kilkea Castle on Sunday 13th March. The sponsor for the day was Walmac. E. C. Demolition, 57 people played on the day, and conditions were dry and cold. The winner on the day was Don O' Sullivan with a score of 40 points. The rest of the results are listed below.

Walmac E. C. DEMOLITION

Overall Winner	Don O' Sullivan	40 points
2nd	Michael Flynn Jnr	38 (B. A)
3rd	John Carroll	38
4th	Terry Moore	37 (B .A)
5th	Dave Kinlon	37
6th	Barry Farrell	35 (B.A.)
7th	Colm Loftus	35
Front 9	Philip Doyle	19
Back 9	Gerry McTernan	22
Visitors	Martin Sheilds	44
Nearest the Pin	Eamon Murphy	
Two's Club	John Carroll John Doyle	Don Cody

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St. Patricks Day Parade 2005

Our Parade was small this year compared with past years. However, the quality of the floats more than made up for the smaller number of entrants. Many children took part and surely that is what the Parade is all about. Hopefully, next year business, clubs and organisations will make a major effort to make the 2006 Parade a colourful and fun event.

On behalf of the Parade Committee I would like to thank the participants and all those who helped with the organising of what was yet again a very successful Parade. We had a beautiful day and the biggest crowd that most of us can ever recall watching the Parade.

I would like to thank all the businesses who contributed to ensure that we were not at a financial loss. **In particular I would like to thank Willie Kiernan who provides, erects and operates his state of the art Public Address System every year free of charge. Our other major sponsors were:**

Brady's Clockhouse, The Newtown Inn, Caulfields

I would also like to thank the following:

- Mattie Callaghan and Paul Kelly Transport for providing the reviewing stand.
- Elaine Bean, Leo Bean, Melanie Oliver, Matthew Callaghan, Liz Callaghan, Seamus Kennedy, Andrew McMullon, Willie Sauls, Jamie Kelly and David Moynan for helping with the reviewing stand.
- Dominic Nyland for again taking on the task of Master of Ceremonies.
- George O'Connor for again providing the crash barriers free of charge.
- The Parish Hall Committee for providing chairs for the reviewing stand.
- Jim McManus for the power supply for the public address system.
- Our guests on the reviewing stand.
- Emmet Stagg T.D. or being our guest speaker.
- All the stewards who yet again performed their tasks very professionally.
- The Parade Committee and the members of the Community Council for their great help.
- The residents of Greenfield Estate for their continued co-operation.
- All of the business people who did such a splendid job of decorating their shop windows.
- Mary Doyle - Flowers for all Occasions, for providing flowers for the reviewing stand.
- Larine Court for providing plants for the reviewing stand.

- The Gardai for the great job that they did controlling the traffic

The Parade Prize Winners were:

Best Commercial Float-----Thorntons

**Best Community Float-----
Scouting Ireland (Maynooth)
(The Owen Byrne Memorial Trophy)**

**Best Band-----
Fintan Lawlor Pipe Band**

**Best Marchers-----
Maynooth GAA**

**Best Costumes-----
An Nuada Players**

**Most Topical-----
Maynooth Tidy Towns**

**Best Youth Entrant-----
Maynooth Soccer Club**

The Shop Window Prize Winners were:

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Parade 2005**



St Patrick's Day Parade



St Patrick's Day Parade



Angela Leavey



St. Paddy's Swimming

Fun was had by all at this year's Saint Patrick's day parade. Especially those in the Maynooth Swimming Club that dressed in fancy dress. This added a wonderful splash of colour to the procession as it flowed towards the main street and then onto Tesco's.

Congratulations go to our winner's Michael Carton, Conor Byrne and Alanna Sweeney for the fancy dress competition.

Swimming starts back on the 2nd April. Don't forget this year Galas will take place on the 16th April for the Juniors and the 23rd April for the seniors.

Children that come by car, would parent/guardians please notify the person in charge that they are taking part.

Please, also tell the person in charge, if your child/children are coming back on the bus— when they had arrived by car. The children have been counted and there could be a mix up going home.

The club is full, however, if you are interested, names are being put on our waiting lists.

Contact: 1st bus—Siobhan Byrne, 6012974.
2nd bus — Mary Murray, 6244256.



First Prize Winner: Michael Carton



Second Prize Winner: Conor Byrne



1st: Michael Carton

3rd: Alanna Sweeney

2nd: Conor

St Patrick's Day Parade



John McGinley



Useful Tips

Bleach spots

- If the garment is dark, disguise the spot by rubbing it with a fabric marker or paint that matches the fabric's marker or paint that matches the fabric's colour. Cover coloured areas with a piece of cotton sheet and iron at a hot setting.
- Treat non-colourfast fabrics with a pre-wash dye remover. For white or pastel-coloured fabrics, treatments for colour-run accidents can effectively bleach the whole garment a uniform pale colour.
- Sew an appliqué over the spot.
- Dye the garment a darker colour or tie-dye it.

Bruises

A small bruise requires no special treatment, but if bruising is extensive, remember,

RICE: Rest, Ice Compression and Elevation.

- R Rest the injured part.
- I Place ice or a cold compress over the bruise to help control bleeding and swelling and relieve pain.
- C Press your hand firmly over the injured area.
- E Elevate the bruised area to a level just above the heart.

Chapped lips

The skin on your lips is much more sensitive than the rest of your face, because it is actually just a membrane and is not naturally lubricated, unlike the rest of your skin. This means that it is prone to dryness, chapping and flaking in extremes of temperature, cold air, sun or wind.

Prevention

- Lipsticks usually smooth and lubricate as well as provide colour, while lip balms give colourless, quick relief from chapping. Many lipsticks and balms now contain ultraviolet light filters to protect against sunlight.
- Always cream your lips when you apply moisturiser to your face, morning and evening. At night, take off make-up with a moisturising and emollient cream or lotion and not soap. Which tends to be drying. At night, apply a lip ointment or petroleum jelly.
- Even though licking your lips seems to provide relief, resist the temptation; when the moisture evaporates, your lips are likely to chap even more.
- Treat your lips gently - don't rub them, and try not to pick the peeling skin.

Fire Safety

Fit smoke alarms on each floor of your home and in rooms where a fire is likely to start, such as the sitting room or bedroom. Don't fit one in a kitchen as steam or cooking fumes may set it off.

Be prepared for the event of a fire and plan your escape route. Draw a plan of your home (including stairs, windows, and doors) and plot two escape routes from each room. Study the plan with household members; assign someone to help children or the less agile.

Display the fire emergency number near telephones.

Make sure everyone who may need to use a window for escape is able to reach and unlock it, and reach the ground easily. Check the safety of a porch or garage roof that may provide an escape.

Hold regular fire drills and designate a place to meet outside for a head count.

Every month check that your fire blanket or extinguisher is in place and has not been used or damaged. Get your non-aerosol extinguishers serviced once a year by specialists and replace aerosol extinguishers as suggested by the manufacture.

Always switch off electric blankets before getting into beds.

Fluff

Since clothes fluff easily catches onto other clothes, remove it before you put a garment in the cupboard.

If you don't have a clothes brush, use a strip of masking of sticky tape wrapped around your hand, adhesive side out, or a damp sponge.

You'll find that fluff is much easier to remove with a damp clothes brush than with a dry one.

To remove fluff from velvet, a sponge powder puff works well; on wool use a dry synthetic sponge.

Chrome

Clean chrome with any of the following, soda or mineral water, window cleaner, bicarbonate of soda, vinegar (cider or white) or lemon peel. Or use a solution of 1 part clear ammonia to 16 parts water.

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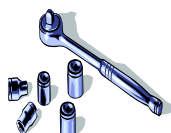
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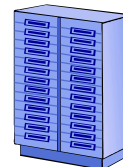
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Features

Les Miserables

On February 2nd - 6th 2005, Maynooth Post-Primary School performed the show of "Les Miserables". The 4th and 5th year students were involved along with two fantastic 1st years. The cast was excellent that I went and saw it four times. There were a number of leading roles. People such as: Harry Oliver, Eoin Corcoran, Simon Hanlon, Sean McTeirnan, Cassandra Kelly, Paul Clerkin, Daniel Hare, Jenny Dornan, Aoidh n McBride and Niamh Dillon. Played such lead roles.



Ciaran Egan (army officer)

I think you must be mad if you don't like it. I think a special word has to go to two first year students: Tara Fagan and Gillian Campbell. It takes some guts to go up on stage if you are a 4th or 5th year student but it takes a lot more if you are a 1st year. Personally I think everyone was brilliant and I can't single out the best.

The brains behind the whole show were Miss O' Connell and Miss O' Farrell. I have to say they did a brilliant job.

I will now hand you over to some pictures that my sister and I took.

I hope you liked it and I hope I didn't embarrass too many people.

By Jennifer Kelly



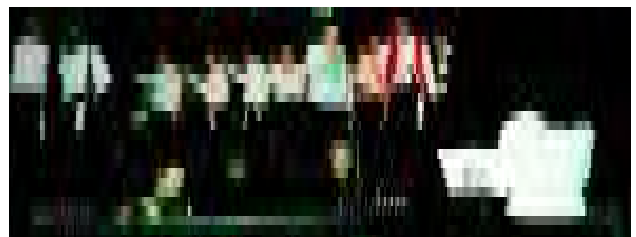
Gillian Campbell, Cassandre Kelly & Tara Fagan



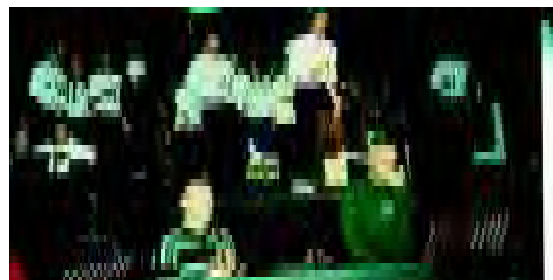
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A Century of Irish Sporting Heroes Diana Conolly-Carew and "Barrymore"

In the nineteen fifties and sixties Irish international sporting heroes were thin on the ground. In 1956 Ronnie Delaney had won Ireland's first Gold Medal since 1932 at the Melbourne Olympics Games. In 1957 the Irish International soccer team had been denied a place in the 1958 World Cup Finals held in Sweden by a last second English goal at Dalymount Park. The following year, Hard Ridden trained by Michael Rogers on the Curragh was the first Irish trained winner of the Epsom Derby since "Orby" in 1907. What made these international successes noteworthy was that they were achieved in spite of rather than with the help of the Irish Government, Civil Service or sporting authorities. In hindsight we can only imagine the inertia of our ruling mandarins with no ability or initiative that left the country virtually at a standstill for over fifty years after Independence. Good planning and application was sparse on the ground as the majority of the Irish people stayed in the same economic condition from the day they were born to the day they died, mainly grinding poverty. In all those years we can also lament the lack of support given to the Army show jumping team by the Department of Defence. Ireland renown for its horses and horsemen needed two Swiss Army officers to prod the Irish Government into forming an Irish military show jumping team in 1926. A prestigious and frontline sport that puts the country's horse industry on the international stage still has the Army Equitation School fighting for funds nearly eighty years after its inception. It is incredible that in the early 1970s the Irish Army's annual budget for buying horses was £10,000. This amount would not have bought one leg of any decent show jumper at the time. There were many great Irish show jumping heroes of the twentieth century. The great Army riders of the early years in Dan Corry, Ged O'Dwyer and Cyril Harty and their successors in Billy Ringrose, Ned Campion and Con Power. The Country was also privileged to have great Civilian show jumping heroes in Iris Kellett, Tommy Wade, Seamus Hayes and Eddie Macken.

With the interest of our readers in mind we focus on a local hero formerly associated with Castletown House, Celbridge who came to the fore in the mid fifties. Many of us growing up at the time will remember Diana Conolly-Carew and the indomitable grey "Barrymore". There is always genuine affection for grey horses by the public no matter what discipline of equine sport the animal is involved in. Perhaps this is part of the reason why both the Rider and the Horse are remembered more than others. Diana's ancestors were involved in the sport having bought the Champion Hunter at the first RDS show held on the lawns of Leinster House in 1868. Diana began her career as a member of the pony club. She was very successful being a prolific winner of pony and junior jumping competitions, winning International events in Belfast, Edinburgh and Dublin. Riding "Tubnnergat" she was unfortunate to lose the European Junior Championship at the White City London in 1957 due to a technicality. Sometimes progressing from junior to senior grade can be difficult in any branch of sport but in Diana's case her purchase of "Barrymore" eased the transition. Standing at only 15.3 hands, he may have been somewhat small in size but turned out to be a right pocket battleship. Purchased by Diana for £240 he was brought steadily through the show jumping grades before being selected for the Irish Aga Khan team in 1963. Diana joined three other show jumping legends on the Irish team in Tommy Wade (Dundrum), Seamus Hayes (Goodbye) and Billy Ringrose (Loch an Easpaig). The quality of the opposition was first class with traditional Nation Cup Competitors, Germany, Italy, Switzerland and Britain sending their strongest teams. The RDS arena was packed to witness one of the sixties great sporting moments. Diana did her Country proud. "Barrymore" picked up four faults in the first round, having one fence down, but jumped a brilliant clear in the second. Tommy Wade and "Dundrum" brought the house down with their two clear rounds and Ireland won the Aga Khan Cup for the first time in fourteen years. In hindsight this was a great achievement. For decades Ireland had been selling its best jumpers and brood mares to emerging show jumping countries like Holland, France and Switzerland. In general individual owners can not be blamed. The economic reality was that people in the sport had to sell in order to survive. However some people in Government should have realised the benefit of our Defence Force having the best horses available and should have acted accordingly. Joining a mixed Army /Civilian team for an Autumn tour of North America, Diana Conolly-Carew added to her growing International reputation by finishing fourth in the New York Grand Prix. In 1964 she toured Spain and Portugal with Frank Kerins, Heather Moore and Patricia McKee. The team was quite successful, winning six events and finishing in the money on fifty-two occasions. Barrymore continued to hold his form. Diana was again a member of the Irish team that contested the Aga Khan trophy in 1965 and 1966. The Irish team of 1965, Billy Ringrose, Seamus Hayes, Ada Matheson and Diana finished second to an invincible British team. The following year brought another great success for the rider. Diana won the Dublin International Grand Prix at the RDS Horse Show. Selected for the Mexico Olympics in 1968 she and her team mates, Ned Campion and Ada Matheson were dogged by misfortune and injuries. Not carrying any "clout" in international circles they ended up on the wrong end of rules and regulations governing the event. In subsequent decades Irish sport has developed to such an extent that in many areas we do merit respect in International competition and the

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shameful behaviour of the Games officials in Mexico is now rarely experienced.

So as the sixties drew to a close so to did the careers of Diana and her contemporaries. The new kids on the block included the brilliant Eddie Macken, Paul Daragh and Con Power. Diana still had important contributions to make to Irish Show jumping. She acted as Chef d’Equip to the Irish Team that won its first ever European show jumping medals in 1969, Paul Darragh taking the individual junior silver at Dinard.

Jim Healy



Swan

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Cob swan stern eyes see
Giving family as safe a day

Lovingly nurturing all their own
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I.C.A Notes

We resumed our meetings in January after the Christmas break. Our president Mary welcomed everyone and wished them a very happy new year. Our competition for January was a slice of pudding

1st Margeret Houlihan

2nd Betty Farrell

3rd Rosemary Hanley.

Our guest speaker for February was Paula Moyes who gave us a very informative talk on skincare.

Some of our members attended the Federation Dinner Dance in the Ambassador Hotel Kill. Congratulations to Betty Farrell and Norah McDermot who received certificates 30 years membership certificates. Our competition for February was on the spot,

1st Mary Dunne

2nd Mary Halton

3rd Norah McDermott

At our March meeting, we had a fun quiz with an Ireland theme. This was organised by one of our members. The competition for March was hand - made Easter card.

1st Rosemary Hanley

2nd Eileen Flynn

3rd Imelda Delaney

Badminton continues in the Parish Hall,

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Crafts on Monday at 8 o' clock in the I.C.A Hall.

Bog oak classes begin in April.

A Coffee Morning Cake and Bric-a-Brac Sale will be held in the I.C.A. Hall on April 8th, proceeds to Maynooth Community Centre (the Harbour) and Little Ways Drop in Centre (for Cancer Care) Clane.

The hall is available to let on most nights.

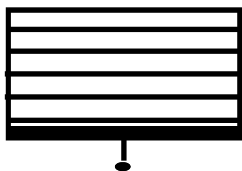
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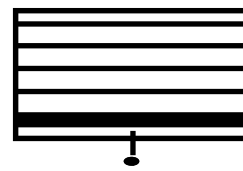
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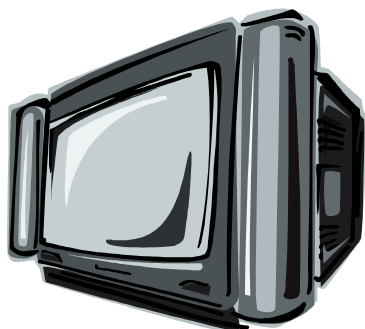


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Maynooth Fairtrade Campaign Continues to Gain Momentum

As efforts to achieve Fairtrade Town status for Maynooth continue, the national Fairtrade fortnight in early March was marked by a number of successful events in Maynooth and also by new Fairtrade retail outlets appearing in response to the growing demand for products.

Maynooth Fairtrade Steering Committee marked the national fortnight by organising a display of the recent highly successful schools' posters on Fairtrade in the local Library. The enthusiastic support of students members of the committee was also apparent in a very successful public meeting addressed by Colin Roach, Campaigns Officer with Oxfam and Ian McDonald from Comhladh, the Irish Association of Development Workers. Both speakers outlined the pressing need for Fairtrade and the tangible differences it can make to individual producers in the Third World. A video following the changing fortunes of a family engaged in coffee farming in Central America brought home to everyone precisely how our purchases here in Maynooth can make a difference to the plight of hard pressed farmers throughout the Third World. A range of products was also made available at a stall in the Students' Union throughout the fortnight and officers of the Students Union also spoke to the post primary school pupils about the Fairtrade movement.

New retail outlets in the town are becoming available for those wishing to purchase Fairtrade produce. In addition to Tesco and Supervalu who have for long stocked a good range of produce, the Glenroyal Hotel now serves Fairtrade coffee, as does Maynooth Community Church in Main Street. Perhaps the main accolade this month however should go to Castle Stores for their delicious hot (Fairtrade) chocolate! In the recent cold snap this was an excellent way of warming up!

The Fairtrade mark is the only independent guarantee of a better deal for Third World producers and is strongly supported by all the main Third World charities in Ireland, as well as by the Irish Congress of Trade Unions. There is surely no more appropriate town in Ireland to become a Fairtrade town than Maynooth, and Maynooth Fairtrade Steering Committee urges shoppers to make a conscious choice to support those local retailers stocking Fairtrade produce such as biscuits, bananas, chocolate, coffee and tea. Together we can help not just our own town of Maynooth, but also small farmers we may never meet but who will forever appreciate a levelling of their playing field as they seek to attain living standards we take for granted.

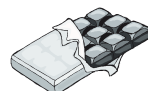
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Cllr. John McGinley

Children's Playgrounds Ready in June

Cllr. John McGinley's motion *"That General Development Levies be revised in order to cater for the provision of children's and teenager's playgrounds in towns where there is a demand for such facilities"* is now being implemented countywide.

The Director of Corporate & Cultural Affairs, Peter Minnock, stated at the Council meeting on 28 February that the playgrounds for Maynooth, Celbridge and Lexlip would be in place by June of this year. Planning permission (Part 8) was sought in early March and tenders were also invited then for the construction of the three playgrounds.

The Maynooth children's playground and teenager's recreation area will be located at the Harbour Field and it will have three sections to cater for 0 to 6, 6 to 12 and 12 to 18 year olds.

Great credit is due to Deirdre Bristow, Chairperson, Maynooth Playground Action Group and her committee for bringing the project to this advanced stage.

An Bord Pleanála Grants Planning Permission for 241 Dwellings at Rear of Castledawson & Parsons Hall

Regretfully, An Bord Pleanála have granted planning permission for 241 dwellings on the lands to the rear of Castledawson and Parsons Hall estates.

The only positive aspect of the Appeals lodged by the Residents' Association and by Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley is that An Bord Pleanála have included the following condition in the granting of planning permission:

"No house shall be occupied on the site until the Planning Authority have confirmed in writing that works on the realignment and improvements of Bond Bridge have been fully completed and commissioned."

This means that whilst construction can commence no houses can be occupied until the full completion of the Bond Bridge project in May 2007.

Major Town Centre/ County Development

The County Manager has selected Maynooth as the location for the Major Town Centre for North East Kildare. Councillors were given a presentation by two sets of Consultants, outlining the reasons for selecting Maynooth, at a Council Meeting on 4 March. Cllr. John McGinley was not impressed with their presentation especially their reply to his question on whether or not the necessary ring road infrastructure would be put in place first. They stated that more residential rezoning would have to take place to fund the construction of the ring roads.

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the full Council:

"That Maynooth be removed as the Major Town Centre and that Collinstown be designated as the Major Town Centre instead."

Safety Measures at Kingsbry Estate

Following representations by Cllr. John McGinley the Council have agreed to erect barriers at the Kingsbry side of the walkway to Meadowbrook in order to slow down the motorbikes that use it.

Improvements Sought for O'Neill Park, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip area Committee of the Council:

"That the following improvement works be carried out"

Party Political

(Maynooth Labour News Cont'd)

in O'Neill Park, Maynooth:

1. *Resurface the road at the entrance to the estate as the concrete is badly cracked.*
2. *Remove the stump of the broken bollard at the entrance to the estate.*
3. *Put a cul de sac sign at the entrance.*
4. *Refurbish the copings as they are in bad need of same.*
5. *Carry out proper resurfacing of the Square as there is flooding at both the left and right side at present.*
6. *Top the three beech trees on the grass verge within the estate.*

The "Bandstand" to be moved to Harbour Field

Following strong pressure by Cllr. John McGinley the Director of Planning agreed at a meeting with John on 25 February to remove the "Bandstand" from Pound Park and in a letter dated 28 February he stated:

"Further to my report which was considered at the last meeting of the Area Committee, I wish to confirm that, it is proposed to relocate the bandstand to a suitable area at the Harbour Field when the Area Plan for this location is finalised."

Improvements Sought for Pound Park (The Green)

Following a meeting with members of the Lyreen Residents' Association Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

"That the following work be carried out at the Council owned Pound Park, Maynooth:

1. *That the first nine trees be removed at the Band Hall side.*
2. *That the first seven trees at the bottom right hand corner be removed.*
3. *That the wall at the Band hall side be completely re-built for the full length of the Park and that development levies from the adjoining new apartments be used for this purpose."*

Inadequate Public Lighting in Carton Court

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

"Given the inadequate Public Lighting throughout Carton Court Estate, Maynooth, that the ESB be requested to survey same with a view to providing additional public lights."

Improvements Sought for Vehicles Exiting from Parklands/Castlebridge

Cllr. John McGinley has again asked the Council to provide a left turning lane and a yellow box for right turning traffic at the exit from Parklands/Castlebridge. John got the following reply:

I wish to inform you that the Area Engineer Ellis Murray has confirmed that the matter of a left turning lane and a yellow box will be passed on to our contractors with a view to examining the possibility of installing same."

Mud on Footpaths and Roadway from Building Sites

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to get the developers of Straffan Wood to wash away the mud on the footpath and roadway from their development on Straffan Road, Maynooth to the M4 and to get them to use a wheel wash as per the planning permission granted.

He has also asked for the same action to be taken with the developer on the Celbridge Road

Transfer of Amenity Lands to Maynooth GAA & the Schools

The transfer of these lands to the GAA and the Schools was part of the Maynooth Development Plan, which was agreed on 29 April 2002. Incredibly, it is three years later and the lands have still not been transferred even though the residential development has started.

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following "Progress Report" for the Area Meeting on 18 March:

"Under Section 47 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 Roger Satchwell agreed to transfer approx 8.78 h.a. of amenity land at Maynooth to the Council. This was confirmed by way of formal Section 47 agreement. At present the Council awaits submission of Transfer Deed from Mr Satchwells Solicitor. This transaction has been on going for a number of years and we cannot say, at this point, when the matter will be concluded.

Needless to say Cllr. McGinley finds this report completely unsatisfactory and he has again asked that the landowner or his representatives be called to a meeting to resolve the impasse.

Temporary Footpath at the Back of the Health Board houses in Newtown

Cllr. John McGinley got the following reply from the Council to his demands that a footpath be installed here as a matter of urgency:

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(Maynooth Labour News Cont'd.)

"This temporary footpath is in use as a result of Bond Bridge contract. Accordingly, members requested that gravel chips be spread on the path.

Action Taken: Work on the Bond Bridge scheme is due to commence in May 2005. I have requested the Road Construction Department to prioritise this request when works commence."

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MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES

On Monday 28th February a re-convened A.G.M took place and the following officers were selected:

Chairperson: Joe Geraghty
 Secretary: Dave Collins
 Treasurer: Madeline Stynes
 P.R.O.: Margaret Houlihan
 County Delegate: Adrienne Lynam

Committee:

Liz & Mattie Callaghan, Marie Gleeson, Geraldine Feehan, Jim Fleming and Patricia McAuliffe

Helpers:

Lucinda O' Sullivan, Nuala Forde, Ann-Marie McKnight and Florence Cullinane.



Hard working committee A.G.M
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Update:

Annual Table Quiz took place in the Boys National School on Thursday 3rd February 2005.

Teams are as follows:

TEAM 1

East

Brendan Walsh
 Kieran Byrne
 Ben Dunne
 Ronan Gallagher

West

Conor Murphy
 Ben Connolly
 Luke Hare
 Cian Forde

Sub:

John Corcoran
 Roisin O' Riordan



Outgoing Chairperson,
Elaine Fleming signing
out for a well
deserved break

TEAM 2

East

Clodagh Coyne
 Tim Finnegan
 Siobhan O' Shea
 Denis O' Brien

West

Donal Connellan
 John Hogan
 Kevin Peelo

Sub:

Patrick Behan
 Stephan behan
 Dillon Haughney

Good luck to all in the county final on April 8th.



Bryan O' Malley and Colm Murhpy with
A. Lynam at the Table Quiz

UP COMING EVENTS

Weekend Collection: 8th/9th April
 Please support

Art Competition: Boys & Girls
 Friday 15th April: 3.00 - 5.00 B.N.S

Athletics
 Friday 27th May: 6.00p.m.
 Maynooth G.A.A. Field

Swimming

Practice sessions starting in early April in Maynooth College Pool, all boys and girls welcome. Please watch posters for this.

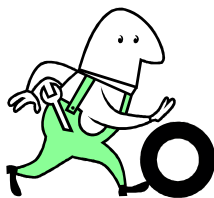
The next meeting of Maynooth Community Games is on Tuesday 5th April at 9 o'clock in Maynooth G.A.A Centre.

If anyone out there is interested in getting involved or to help out please come along.



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Features

Castletown House Opens on Easter Sunday

By Serj Merzliakov

A well-known historical estate and a former residence of William Connolly, Castletown House in Celbridge opened its doors after the continuing restoration on Easter Sunday, March 27th.

Classical Proportions and Exquisite Style

Designed by an Italian architect Alessandro Galilei, Castletown House dates back to 1722, when the construction began for the Speaker of the Irish House of Commons, William Connolly. Built in the classical style of the 16th century, the house boasts of the exquisite Palladian style and is said to have influenced the design of the White House in Washington.

After the death of the Speaker Connolly in 1729, the interior of the Castletown House remained unfinished. New heirs, Tom Connolly and Lady Louisa Lennox, finished the decoration work thirty years later. This influenced the interior of the house, which goes back to neoclassical style of the 1770s.

Lady Louisa was supervising most of the decoration work herself, and thanks to her efforts, we can admire the ambiance of the Dining Room, the Long Gallery and the only surviving Print Room in Ireland (dating back to 1765), as well as many other relics of the Georgian Era.

The members of the Connolly family were residing in the Castletown estate until 1965, when the house and the adjacent land were sold.

Obelisk

The Obelisk, built on the far end of the former estate is devoted to Speaker Connolly and can be seen from the rooms of the Castletown House. This Folly was constructed during the Small Famine in 1740 as part of the relief programme for the local inhabitants.

Restoration

The initial restoration of the Castletown House started in 1967, when Hon. Desmond Guinness purchased the house and made it the headquarters for the Irish Georgian



Castletown House

Society. It was then followed by the Castletown Foundation works. Since 1994 the estate has been in the state care and Duchas/OPW, the heritage services, have been undertaking an extensive renovation programme at Castletown House in recent years, which was re-opened to the public in April 1999.

The opening on Easter Sunday launches a new season for the guests and tourists who are welcome to visit this largest and finest Palladian style house in Ireland. Castletown House will be open all summer until late October.



Obelisk

Features

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Maynooth's newest restaurant just recently opened above the Newtown Inn is a very welcome addition to dining out in County Kildare.

Located in a very stylish room above the contemporary bar, Restaurant Nua has a comfortable and warm feel with leather chairs and stunning décor. To complement this stylish warm and comfortable feel it boasts an equally stylish menu cooked by Stephen Lowery, a 24 year old member of "The Panel of Chefs of Ireland" who is passionate about his food as are the proprietors David Walsh and Conor MacGreevy.

The team also includes restaurant manager Ian Kiely and assistant manager, Stephen Hoedt who with their staff have collaborated to produce a memorable dining experience for those in the thoroughbred county.

The menu features such starters as Marinated Crispy Duck, mixed vegetable compote with roasted pine nut or Crabmeat and Shrimp with lemon, diced beetroot and a cumin crème fraîche. However I chose the Puff pastry mille feuille with wild mushrooms and smoked bacon which was both ample and delicious. My wife chose the unusual, Roast haunch of rabbit with a cognac and raisin stuffing, creamed spinach, mango and coriander salsa which oozed flavour.

There is a choice of eight Main Courses with a varied selection including Pan Fried fillets of sea bass with a sweet pea puree and whipped potato or the hearty and extremely tasty sounding Medallions of beef fillet, spring onion mash, spaghetti of vegetables, béarnaise sauce and roast shallots. My choice on

the night was Herb Crusted fillet of Pork with an onion and sage potato cake, red wine jus. Herself had the Roast breast of Chicken stuffed with cream cheese and smoked salmon with a red ball pepper coulis on basil mash. All of the mains are individually garnished and indeed both starter and main course portions are generous.

All the desserts are homemade on the premises and include some stunners. I went for a tart of rhubarb and rosemary served with vanilla ice cream which was outstanding while my wife had the Warm Chocolate sponge with chocolate sauce and pistachio ice cream. She had to fight me off from her ice cream!

Restaurant Nua also has a novel idea when it comes to presenting their wine list. Firstly many of the wines on the list have been reviewed favourably. The wine list is laid out and explained according to the style of the wine making choosing a wine so much easier and the list more customer friendly.

They also brand their own mineral water which is a nice touch and encourage customers to take the bottle away with them for reuse.

Restaurant Nua also provide extensive bar food in the Newtown Inn lunch and evenings seven days a week.

Summing up the whole experience was a very enjoyable one and far less expensive than the norm for this standard of food and service. Our Bill including cappuccinos and water came to €74.10.

Restaurant Nua deserves the support of the people of Kildare and beyond. I wish them luck and I will definitely be back. Reservations can be made at 01 6291904

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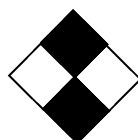
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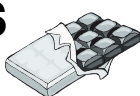
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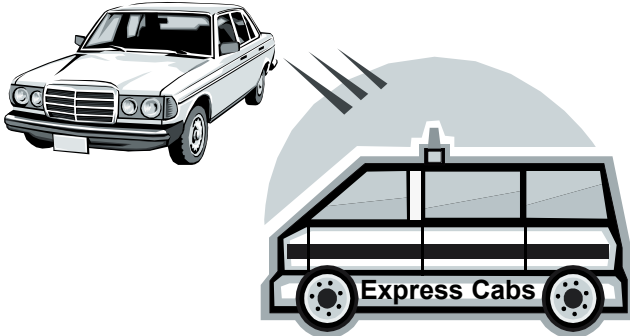
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