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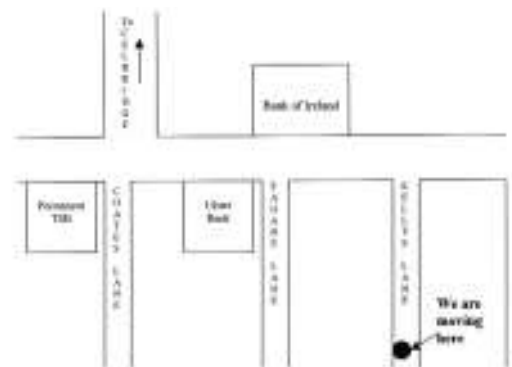
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Editorial

Even though, or maybe because of, the long dry and sometimes sunny evenings, time marches on and already we are facing into our last summer month of 2005. At this time of year there are plenty of events and activities not to mention holidays on the boil and generally everyone is trying to fit as much as possible into that time. The same is the case for the Community Council.

1) Hot on the heels of the Nissan Open Golf Classic, we have just enjoyed our own **MAYNOOTH FESTIVAL**. By all accounts the numbers attending were certainly increased on last year's Festival and no doubt this had something to do with the better weather and also with the fact that the Festival Committee (thanks to Christina and all in the office) along with primarily Andrew McMullon and Marie Gleeson printed a Festival booklet detailing full timetables of all planned events. This gave everyone the opportunity to see in advance what was coming on and make arrangements to attend. Also the banner which was put across the centre of the Main St added to the atmosphere in the town.

I attended a Table Quiz in the Newtown Inn which was extremely well attended and a great success and the Family Day held on Sunday in the Harbour Field was also a success with plenty of children's activities, football, face painting, bonny baby competition etc.

However if we are to look ahead and make plans for the future which is what a Community Council is about, we need to build on our present in order to achieve the phenomenal success enjoyed by our sister town Leixlip with their annual festival. Their Festival is a year-round planned event with plenty of extensive commercial sponsorship which has evolved over the years thanks to extraordinary work by many community members on the Festival Committee.

2) There is no doubt that this success is greatly helped and enhanced by the fact that Leixlip town enjoys TOWN COUNCIL STATUS and as such have funds with which to contribute throughout the year to the community and the advancement of the town as a whole. As they say, "success breeds success" and nothing occurs in isolation. Other examples of how Town Council status has benefited Leixlip include the monies available for Christmas lights. As we know, here in Maynooth, the Christmas lights erected last year were as a result of a mammoth effort made by members and associates of the Maynooth Business Association- small and larger businesses in Maynooth- all of whom responded so positively to my requests for a special effort. We can't keep going back to the same pot. MAYNOOTH NEEDS TO ACHIEVE TOWN COUNCIL STATUS ASAP. With this aim which I have targeted during my year as Chairperson of the Community Council, I intend to write to all our political representatives calling for maximum pressure to be exerted on the Minister for the Environment to bring forward the necessary outstanding legislation so that our application for Town Council status can be processed. I have contacted the Minister's office and initially received a positive response but I will pursue this issue so that we can meet the Minister and discuss our concerns and plans with him.

Were we to achieve Town Council Status, so many other plans that we might have for Maynooth would be so much easier to achieve.

Brid Feely
Chairperson
Maynooth Community Council.

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MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

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

Ryder Cup 2006

A sub-committee was set up to look at what benefits Maynooth could gain from this golfing event. It was felt that a lot of work will have to be done. Tony Bean said it is important that Maynooth proves it has something to offer, if this does not happen we will be passed over.

It was felt that the Ryder Cup people were not really interested in Maynooth, so we will have to put Maynooth on the map ourselves said Tony. Tony Bean, Ed Tobin and Andrew McMullon put themselves forward for this committee.

Person of the Year Award

Andrew McMullon said it was hoped to have this event ready to go by Christmas. Coonan Auctioneers have sponsored the prize money. The Maynooth Person of the Year will then go forward to the Kildare Person of the Year. It was thought that this could become a huge annual event in Maynooth.

Newsletter

New editor Terry Nealon has some good ideas to change the format of the Newsletter. The July issue of the Newsletter carried a new style cover. The Newsletter area always looking for interesting articles.

Tidy Towns

Sean Cushin said judging had probably taken place. He said the town is looking very well and hoped that Maynooth would do well this year. Sean also said they are continuing their Saturday morning litter collection.

The amount of broken glass in the Harbour Field was raised. Sean said what with the new playground going in there, something will have to be done.

Twinning

John O'Connor and Hugh Gallagher are both working on this project. The plan is to have twinning links with an African community or some other community. They are looking more into the process to see where it goes.

Festival

Andrew McMullon gave a full outline of events. He said that there was a lot of fun events planned. A specially produced brochure listing all events will be delivered to all households. Andrew asked that all come out and enjoy the festival.

Local Matters

Community Centre

Disillusionment and frustration were the feelings used at the meeting, at the lack of progress to gain a Community Centre for Maynooth. It was noted that land for this project is still not transferred to Kildare County Council. Tony Bean said a lot of people not helping in Kildare County Council. He also said Peter Merrick is the most helpful person on this. He said its so hard to move process forward. It was generally felt the Kildare County Council have let Maynooth down very badly. It was also noted that Maynooth have two councillors that work very hard and have the same difficulties with Kildare County Council.

Estate Clean-up

Tom McMullon said we are urged to clean up our estates, we get very little help from Kildare County Council. We get black bags, gloves and have to wait weeks for stuff to be collected. He said Kildare County Council must be the worst council in Ireland.

Auctioneers Signage

It was agreed to write to all auctioneers in Maynooth re. not putting for sale signs at entrances to estates.

Town Council Status

Chairperson Brid Feely said we will write to the Minister on the matter of Town Council Status. Brid said she hopes to see Maynooth gain town council status during her term as chairperson.

Castle Committee

The Castle Committee are looking for funding to improve facilities at the Castle.

Also noted Heritage Week 4th - 11th September

Next Community Council meeting is on 12th September 2005.

P.R.O. Marie Gleeson

Planning Permissions

FILE NUMBER	APPLICANT NAME	APPLICANT ADDRESS	APPLICATION TYPE	APPLICATION RECEIVED	DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION	DEVELOPMENT LOCATION
05/1360	William Boyd	517 Newtown Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	15/06/05	Development will consist of proposed construction of a detached dormer type dwelling house with proposed new drive-way entrance in existing rear garden of existing dwelling house and all associated site works	517 Newtown Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/1403	North City Builders	Millrace Manor Maynooth Co. Kildare	R	20/06/05	Alterations to Block 1 of previously approved residential development 03/2340 including minor change to previously approved ridge height, changes to north elevation as follows: addition of 9 no. velus rooflights, omission of 2 no. permitted dormer etc	Cois Abhain Clane Co. Kildare
05/1442	Ciaran & Josephine Hurley	22 Rockfield Park Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	23/06/05	Development will consist of a front porch and first floor extension to the side of existing house	22 Rockfield Park Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/1457	Dulcedo Developments	RBK House Irishtown Athlone Co. Westmeath	R	24/06/05	Development for the retention of amendments to a previously permitted development (Kildare County Council) reg.ref.2220/01 An Bord Pleanala ref.PL09.130667) relating to the basement ground and first floors and minor elevational amendments etc.	Manor Mills Mill Street Kilcock Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/1498	Damien & Barbara Hourihane	12 Parklands Crescent Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	30/06/05	House over existing garage conversion with kitchen area extended below, porch to front of existing dwelling house and also to widen existing entrance	12 Parklands Crescent Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/1543	Robert & Martina Dunning	1 Parklands Square Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	04/07/05	To erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion and also a porch to front of existing dwelling house	1 Parklands Square Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/1555	Taghadoo Ltd	Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	04/07/05	A ground floor apartment in lie of the previously approved childcare facility	No. 4 Ard Evan Avenue Ard Evan Gorteenooona, Monasterevin
05/1557	Taghadoo Ltd	Maynooth	P	04/07/05	Ground floor apartment in lie of the previously approved retail unit	No. 1 Ard Evan Avenue Ard Evan Gorteenooona, Monasterevin

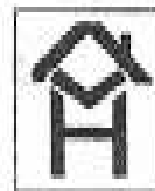
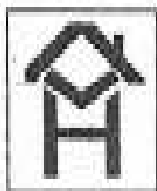
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05/1700	John & Marie Lawless	Dowdstown House Dowdstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	18/07/05	Residence of approx. 425 sq mts and a detached single storey stable building of approx. 40 sq mts with O'Reilly Oakstown Environmental Ltd. BAF effluent treatment system and all associated site works	Shortwood Daars Sallins

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In a previous issue of the Maynooth Newsletter (April 2005) we put forward the case that Ireland's future was irrevocably tied to the European Union. We stressed the importance of the Common Agricultural Policy to the Irish economy. We believed that the European social model with modifications was the best suited for the advancement of the Irish people. We also suggested that the British had domestic and international priorities that would clash with the further development of the European Union. We questioned their commitment and goodwill towards the further integration of the Union. Following the Brussels summit it gives us no pleasure to say that our misgivings were not misplaced. It is important for us at this juncture to understand what the British are trying to do, so that our Government can join with others to protect the strong agricultural base and workers rights which are a feature of most European countries.

After the failure of the Brussels summit, the British gave a number of reasons why they would not agree to the 2007 budget. Bertie Ahern, in a formal statement to the Dail, described the British position in relation to the Community Budget as being "dishonest". The definition of the word "dishonest" covers a number of more stronger terms. "not honest or fair" "deceiving or fraudulent" diplomatic language could not be more clear. The Taoiseach was effectively saying that the British were not telling the truth or playing fair with their fellow European partners. We now believe that we can identify three main areas where the British will mount diplomatic attacks in the coming months to protect their own interests.

- Common Agricultural Policy
- New European Constitution
- Deregulated Labour Market

If the UK were to be successful in achieving any of the above objectives it would be a serious matter for Ireland. It is likely that the British Government would pay little attention to submissions made by the Irish Government in respect of the importance of CAP to the Irish Economy. Our relations with France and Germany, not as warm as in previous years, would prove vital in protecting this economic and social policy for our small farmers.

Britain never liked the Common Agricultural Policy. For centuries it enjoyed cheap food from its colonies, as a result many of its own small farmers were forced off the land. Land reforms granted to Irish tenant farmers at the end of the eighteen hundreds were never extended to England. As a result farm units in England tend to be far bigger, running in many cases, into thousands of acres. These large size units could supply

cheap food at prices Irish or French small farmers could not match. Forced to pay an economic price to keep European farmers on the land when entering the common market 1973 they have continually railed against the cost of CAP. France, Germany and Ireland for example share the same interest on this issue. Both countries have many small farmers. Not only the countryside but also many hundreds of small villages and towns in these countries depend on the small farmer staying on the land. In France many villages are inhabited by the older generation that have lost their young to the cities because the land could not give them a living.

These hamlets and villages close down for the winter and are only brought to life in the spring and summer when the young return for holidays and tourists boost activity in the valleys. The French Government supported by its people cannot allow the countryside to die and will defend the community farm budget. It is recognised that personal relationships between Irish and Continental leaders have not been as warm as in the Jack Lynch or Albert Reynolds era. Continental leaders believe that Ireland is becoming socially and economically more tied to the UK than to its European partners. This perception is due, in part, to the continuing attempts by the British and Irish Governments to settle the Northern issue. The fact that Mr Ahern and Blair are seen so often at post Anglo-Irish meetings press conferences probably sends the wrong messages to other European leaders. It might be prudent for the boys in Iveagh House to re-establish our credibility in Paris and Berlin.

Europe is up against an experienced negotiator in Mr. Blair who is adept at getting what he wants and what he wants here is to effectively open up the European food market to all comers. The effect of this policy would be to lay waste millions of acres of productive farmland in Europe. It would also drive millions of rural Europeans into the already overcrowded cities. This is not what the European Community is about. In so far as it is possible the Union has always had the best interests of its people at the centre of its policies.

It is ironic that Mr. Blair who lectures Europe on the need for change, recently advised his own people that state pensions may in the future be paid only to those reaching seventy years of age rather than the current sixty five. His Government also suggested that "Congestion charges" might now be added to rail and underground fares at peak travelling times. In other words people who have discarded their cars in favour of public transport are now going to take an additional "hit" for the privilege of going to work. Is this a suitable "vision" for the future development of Europe?

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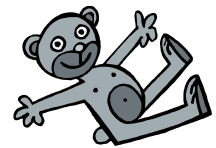
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Features The fall-out from the Brussels Summit. (contd)

There is no doubt that British policy has unsettled Europe. If we had a sustained period of instability over the annual budget its possible that young Irish mortgage payers could end up paying higher interest rates. If the Euro was put under pressure because of a failure to negotiate the 2007 budget and European leaders failed to agree a new structure for the Commission, the European Central Bank might be forced to intervene and raise interest rates to protect the currency. Mr Blair protected by a strong currency in Sterling might not be worried about the fall out from such an eventuality. It is now clear that by attacking CAP, undermining confidence in European institutions and doing little to protect workers right the British are pursuing a very selfish agenda.

Many years ago General Charles de Gaulle repeatedly blocked the entry of Britain into the Common Market. Time and again during the sixties and early seventies he vetoed the application by the United Kingdom. He believed that they were not "truly" European, did not share European values and had no interest in developing institutions for closer integration among the nations. He also believed that once in, the British would turn out to be constant source of trouble. His misgivings have proved correct. It was at the insistence of Britain that the European Union opened discussions with Turkey for entry to the European Economic Community. This was a mischievous move, as Turkey has nothing in common with Europe, as we know it.

The rapid expansion of the European Union towards the East has left most Western Europeans behind. This was one of the reasons why the French and Dutch voted against the new European Constitution. Mr Blair has been running like a Group One racehorse, winning all before him. It is time that our fellow Europeans pulled one out of the stable to steady him.

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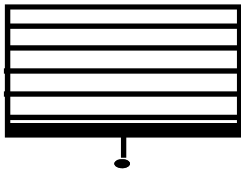
The absence of conflict in Western Europe for the past sixty years has been the major blessing for those nations who constitute the European Union. The fact that international disputes between European Nations have been settled in the conference rooms of Brussels and Strasbourg has been another step in our civilisation. The events of July 7th in London show just how far the rest of the world has to go. Our sincere sympathies go to the citizens of London who experienced the terror perpetrated in their midst. London is a city where many Irish people have found employment and a metropolis, which is always a pleasure to visit.

Jim Healy

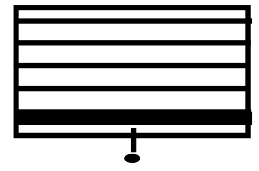
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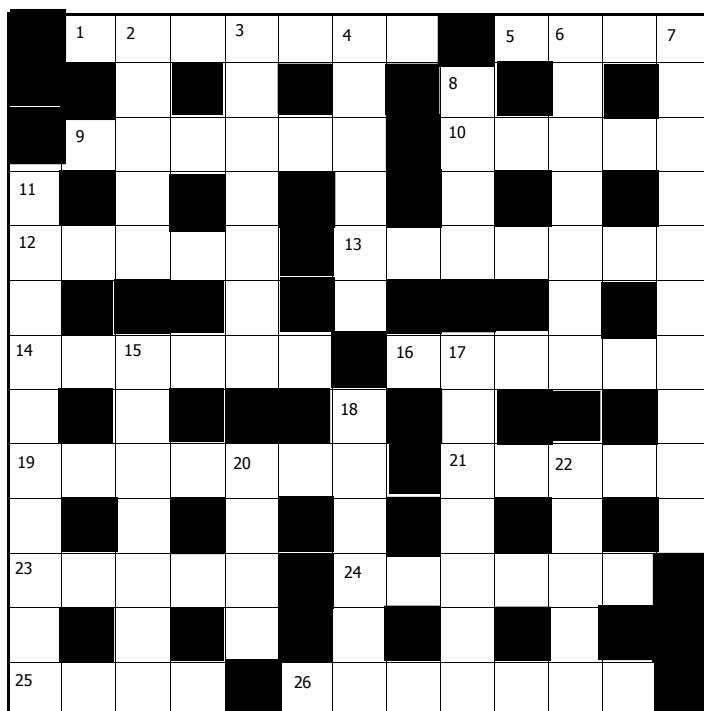
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5. Brass band instrument (4)
9. Tropical bird (6)
10. Crowd noise! (5)
12. Deep hole (5)
13. Telling lies (7)
14. Curve on road surface (6)
16. Fate, destiny (6)
19. Madman (7)
21. Orange-yellow (5)
23. Ribbed cloth (5)
24. Early counting device (6)
25. Anger (4)
26. Commanded (7)

Down:

2. Egg producing organ (5)
3. Envisage (7)
4. Detonate (3,3)
6. Element, symbol U (7)
7. On the whole (10)
8. Strike-breaker (4)
11. Modern version of 24 Across! (10)
15. Getting better (7)
17. Segregate (7)
18. Tubular cake (6)
20. Discussion (4)
22. Madness song, _ _ _ of Fun (5)

Across:

1. Oregano, **5.** Menu, **9.** Summit, **10.** Stamp, **12.** Rodeo, **13.** Cordite, **14.** Inhale, **16.** Access, **19.** Include, **21.** Susan, **23.** Ibsen, **24.** Acidic, **25.** Lawn, **26.** Shingle

Down:

2. Round, **3.** Gumboil, **4.** Notice, **6.** Evasive, **7.** Unpleasant, **8.** User, **11.** Artificial, **15.** Hawk-saw, **17.** Cushion, **18.** Detach, **20.** Ulna, **22.** Skill.

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Features

Terrorism

By Serj Merzliakov

It was an ordinary busy Thursday morning in London as people were hurrying doing their errands, going to work, meeting their friends, and getting ready for the weekend. This Thursday, however, would become a symbol of sorrow, a day of unendurable pain as the world has rediscovered a new notion for terrorism. These ordinary people, like you and me were yet to face the loss of someone they loved, held dear, knew and saw every day.

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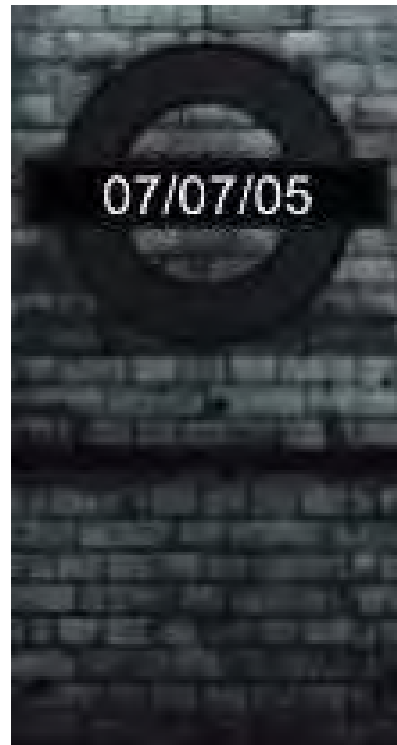
July 7th will become in our hearts and minds the term synonymous with terrorism, similar to what 9/11 means for people in the US today. We have yet a chance to realise how serious the threat is and what are the true goals of those who stand behind the attacks on New York, Madrid and London.

Four blasts which occurred almost simultaneously in the busy spots of London City have taken away over 50 lives and left over 700 civilians injured. This tragedy has united the nation as numerous hospitals and centres have opened to everyone who needed their professional help and assistance. The police estimate the current situation in London as stable and insist, "London is open for business".

July 7th showed us that things would never be the same again. Despite all attempts to unite people of all race and creed, the uniting forces behind the European Union, the threat is there.

What is terrorism?

Contrary to common sense terrorists do not value the lives of people. For them, civilians are merely tools for expressing their intentions and a means for fighting for what they believe in. Here, in Ireland, we have successfully managed to move away from gun shots and bomb explosions and towards talks of peace and resolution of the long established controversies. However, America and Europe have only started to realise the danger of terrorism and what it brings to everyday life.



Funded by organised crime and the black market, terrorist forces plan and implement attacks, which have only one aim – to show people that they cannot be safe in the modern world and that they cannot exercise their rights and freedoms. They want to make us believe that whatever we live and work for every day can be destroyed in one explosion and that our society cannot protect us. They have destroyed the Twin Towers in New York, derailed trains in Madrid and blasted buses in the streets of London.

Hope

But there still is hope.

As the people of London lament their beloved ones, family members, friends, they share the hope that the sick masterminds behind the attacks will be stopped. They must be stopped because they are fighting against our human right to enjoy freedom, to share a peaceful existence with other nations and religions, to see our children and grandchildren grow in peace and happiness.

On behalf of the people of our community we extend our sincere condolences to the families of the people who suffered as a result of the attack on July 7th in London City and we share their hope that peace will prevail.

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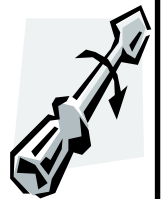
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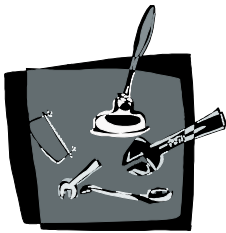
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Maynooth Citizens Information Notes.

Question

I believe I can get help with the cost of my child's clothes for school. Can you please give details?

Answer

You are probably referring to the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance which is a special payment for parents to assist with the costs of children's school uniforms and footwear at the beginning of the school year. You may also claim for a child aged 18 - 22 in full-time education for whom a payment is included in your social welfare payment.

Families claiming a social welfare payment (including Family Income Supplement) or a Health Service Executive payment are eligible for this scheme if their income is below certain thresholds as follows:

	Lone Parent	Couple
1 Child	€250.90	€368.10
2 Children	€272.50	€387.40
3 Children	€294.10	€406.70
4 Children	€315.70	€426.00
Each additional child	€21.60	€19.30

Those taking part in a Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS) or getting a Back to Education Allowance are also eligible. The allowance is also available to people on employment schemes such as Community Employment, Back To Work Allowance, and Revenue Job Assist who retain their secondary benefits, (i.e. gross weekly household income is less than €317.43). If they do not meet this condition they can apply under the normal income limits.

The allowance is €80.00 for each child aged 2 - 11 and €150.00 for each child aged 12 - 22.

The Scheme runs from 1st June to 30th September and is administered by the Health Service Executive as part of the Supplementary Welfare Allowance Scheme. Families should apply to the Community Welfare Officer at their local Health Centre.

Question

My 16-year-old son has been offered a job for the summer holidays in a local hotel. How late can he be expected to work?

Answer

The Protection of Young Persons (Employment) Act 1996 sets out the employment rights of young people in relation to maximum working hours, rest intervals and late night work. In addition there are regulations concerning the employment of 16 and 17-year-olds in licensed premises such as restaurants and bars.

Under the Act, 14 and 15-year-olds can work up to 35 hours a week during school holidays. The work should be light work which is not harmful to their health and safety, and they are entitled to a 21-day break from work during the summer. They can only work between the hours of 8.00am in the morning and 8.00pm at night and cannot work more than 7 hours a day. They are entitled to 2 days off a week, which should be consecutive if it is practicable.

Young people aged 16 and 17, such as your son, can work up to 40 hours per week and are also entitled to 2 days off a week, which should be consecutive if it is practicable. They can work for a maximum of 8 hours a day and, in general, they can only work between the hours of 6.00am in the morning and 10.00pm at night.

Regulations have been made permitting 16 and 17-year-olds to work at "general duties" in licensed premises up to 11.00pm at night where they do not have to attend school the next day. In this case they should not start work the following day until 7.00am at the earliest. General duties does not include supplying alcohol to customers from behind a bar counter or supplying it for consumption off the premises.

Further information on employment rights is available from the Employment Rights Information Unit, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Davitt House, 65A Adelaide Road, Dublin 2. Tel: (01) 631 3131. LoCall 1890 301 615 or the

Question

Is it true that you can now claim from the Department of Social and Family Affairs for dental treatment carried out in another EU country ?

Answer

Yes, it is now possible to claim for dental treatment obtained in other EU countries under the Department's Treatment Benefit Scheme, providing you qualify for the scheme.

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To qualify for the scheme you must satisfy certain Pay Related Social Insurance (PRSI) contribution conditions which vary depending on your age. You are also eligible if you are the dependent spouse of an insured person or a dependent widow or widower whose spouse was qualified at time of death. If you satisfy the PRSI conditions when you reach age 60 you will remain qualified for life.

Under the scheme you can qualify for Dental, Optical and Aural Benefits whereby the Department pays some of the costs of various treatments, such as dental filling and extractions, eye examinations, glasses, contact lenses and hearing aids. You can now claim these benefits if your treatment, spectacles, etc., were obtained in another EU country.

Before going abroad you should contact the Department's Treatment Benefit Section. Tel: LoCall 1890 400 400 (ext 4480) for an application form and details of how much the Department pays for various treatments. When abroad you pay the full amount for the treatment, but you should ask the dentist, optician or audiologist to complete the application form. To claim benefit when you return to Ireland, send the application form to the Treatment Benefit Section, Department of Social and Family Affairs, St. Oliver Plunkett Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.

Question

Could you please tell me who is eligible for the Back to Education Allowance?

Answer

The Back to Education Allowance (BTEA) is paid by the Department of Social, and Family Affairs (DSFA) to unemployed people, lone parents and people with disabilities who wish to do approved second or third level course of education. To be eligible for the allowance you must be:

Aged 21 or over (24 or over for a postgraduate course) and for the previous 6 months* have been receiving a social welfare payment such as Unemployment Assistant/Benefit or One-Parent Family Payment.

Aged 18 or over and for the previous 6 months* have been receiving a disability payment such as Disability Allowance or Invalidity Pension.

In receipt of Disability Benefit for at least 3 years.

Aged 18 to 20, out of formal education for 2 years, and for the previous 6 months* have been receiving One-Parent Family Payment or Unemployed Assistant/Benefit.

*It is 12 months for a third level course from September 2005.

Periods spent on employment schemes, training courses and in prison may count towards the qualifying period. If you are eligible, your spouse/partner may qualify providing you are getting a Qualified Adult Allowance for them with your payment.

Courses you can attend include full-time second level courses certified by the Department of Education and Science, or approved by the Further Education and Training Awards Council (FETAC) or the Business and Technology Education (BTEC), such as the Leaving Certificate or a Post Leaving Certificate course. Also eligible are full-time third level courses approved by the Department for its maintenance grant schemes or which have Higher Education and Training Awards Council (HETAC) recognition.

When you have been accepted for a course you should apply to DSFA for the allowance on Form BTE 1., you will be paid the allowance instead of your social welfare payment at a rate equivalent to the maximum of your current social welfare payment. If you were previously getting an unemployment payment, the BTEA will not be paid during the summer period between academic years. Those who had been receiving other payments will continue to receive the BTEA during the summer. You are entitled to a Cost of Education Allowance (€400.00 in September 2005) at the start of each academic year.

Question

I am going back to college in the Autumn and I want to know if I will be able to get a grant?

Answer

The Higher Education Grants Scheme provides means-tested grants to eligible students on approved courses. Application forms are available from your local authority which administers the grant. For the academic year 2005/2006 the application must be with the local authority by 31 August 2005.

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.

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The income limits (for the period 1 Jan - 31 December 2004 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	35,485	37,695	39,915	42,130	44,350
4 - 7	38,990	41,430	43,865	46,305	48,740
8 or more	42,335	44,980	47,625	50,265	52,910

The limits can be increased by a further 4,295 where there are 2 children attending full-time third-level education, and a further 4,295 for each additional child.

The maintenance grant rates are as follows:

	Non-Adjacent Rate	Adjacent Rate
Full maintenance	3,020	1,210
Part maintenance (75%)	2,265	905
Part maintenance (50%)	1,515	605
Part maintenance (25%)	755	305

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 2005/2006 are 5,355 for the Non-Adjacent Rate and 2,145 for the Adjacent Rate, equivalent to a top-up of 2,335 and 935 to the standard rates respectively. The income limit for these grants is 15,626. you must be receiving an eligible social welfare or other payment.

Question

I heard that a "GP Visit Card" had been introduced. Can you please give the details?

Answer

The new GP Visit Card allows you to attend your family doctor only free of charge. For all other health services you are treated the same as a non-Medical Card holder and will have to pay the appropriate charges.

To qualify for the GP Visit Card you have to pass a means test. The means test is similar to the means test for the Medical Card, however, the income guidelines are about 25% higher.

The income guidelines for 2005 are as follows:

Age	Single Person Living Alone	Single Person Living with Family	Married Couple
Up to 66 years	192.00	171.00	277.50
66 - 69 years	210.00	181.00	311.00
70 - 79 years			621.00
80 years or over			653.00

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Allowances per dependent	Under 16 years	Over 16 years
First two children	39.50	41.00
Third and subsequent children	42.50	44.50
In full-time third-level education and not grant-aided		81.50

There are also allowances for certain expenses incurred in respect of childcare costs, rent/mortgage payments and travel to work.

Where the income of yourself and your spouse exceeds the income guidelines, a card may still be granted to cover your whole family or an individual member on the grounds of financial hardship, if you have exceptional medical expenses.

You apply on the same form you apply for a Medical Card. The application form is available from your Local Health Office or Health Centre. It can also be downloaded from the Health Service Executive's website at www.hse.ie

Question

Can I make a complaint about a solicitor in connection with family law case?

Answer

Yes you can. Until recently you could not due to the "in camera rule" in family law cases. However, this rule has now been relaxed with the coming into force of certain parts of the Civil Liability and Courts Act 2004.

If you have a complaint with a solicitor you should first write to the solicitor expressing your dissatisfaction and what you want him/her to do. You should send a copy of the letter to the senior partner of the firm if there is one.

If you are not satisfied with the response from your letter to the solicitor you may be able to make a complaint to the Law Society which investigates complaints of misconduct, inadequate professional services and excessive fees made about solicitors by members of the public and other solicitors. It cannot deal with complaints that relate to services provided more than five years previous. In general, only a client can make a complaint about his or her own solicitor but there are exceptions and the Society will tell you whether you can make a complaint.

If the Society can deal with your complaint, write to the Complaints Section and give as much detail as possible about your complaint. Include the name and address of the solicitor and enclose copies of any relevant documents. Do not send original documents.

The Society will send a copy of your letter to the solicitor. If you just want guidance at this stage indicate this on your letter and the solicitor will not be contacted.

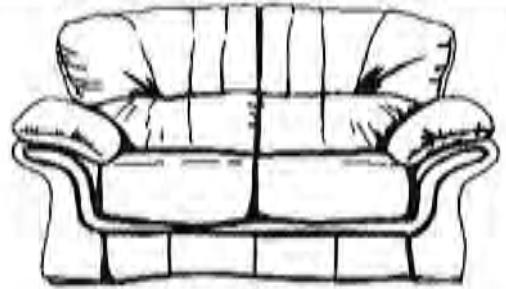
If, however, you feel that you are entitled to compensation as a result of your solicitor's negligence, you should consult an independent solicitor as the Law Society cannot order the payment of damages. A list of solicitors who are prepared to take proceedings against other solicitors is available from the Complaints Section but you must request in writing.

Further information is available from the Complaints Section, Law Society of Ireland, Blackhall Place, Dublin 7. Tel: 01 672 4800 and from the Citizens Information Centre below.

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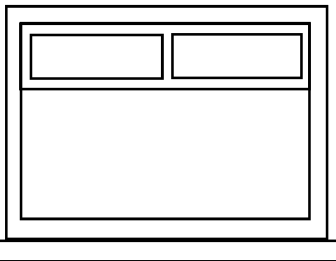
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Question

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 courses (full-time & part-time) in both private and publicly funded third-level colleges in the State
- Approved undergraduate and postgraduate course (full time & part-time) in publicly funded and duly accredited private third-level colleges in any EU member state.
- Approved undergraduate and 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 counties.

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.

Tax relief is at the standard rate of income tax (20%). The maximum relief allowable for the academic year 2005/2006 has increased from €3,175 to €5,000. for the information technology and foreign language courses the relief applies to fees ranging from €315 to €1,270 maximum. The tuition fees must be paid by you on your own behalf or on behalf of your spouse, your child or someone for whom you are the legal guardian. Application forms (IT 31) are available from the Revenue Commissioners website at www.revenue.ie or

Tel: LoCall 1890 306 706.

Further information is available from your own tax office and from the Citizens Information Centre.

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Maynooth G.A.A News

Maynooth Junior Hurlers too strong for Ardclough

Maynooth 5 - 10 Ardclough 4 - 4

Maynooth opened their championship campaign with a hard earned victory over Ardclough played at Clane on 16/07/05/. The Crum Abu side settled more quickly and by the 10th minute were leading by 2 - 2 to no score with Brendan Coffey and Morgan Sweeney sharing the scoring . The Maynooth side continued to dominate and added on a further 5 points before half time leaving the interval score at 2 - 7 to 0 - 2. Two goals from Ardclough early in the second half turned the game into a far more competitive affair. However Maynooth again took control midway through the second half and scored 3 goals in a five minute spell from Paul Daly, Pat Kennedy and an absolute peach from the classy Morgan Sweeney. Although Ardclough never gave up the ghost and raised 2 green flags in the last 5 minutes, Maynooth were deserving winners and while this was a team effort Michael Gillick, Colin Cushen and Morgan Sweeney were particularly outstanding in this game.

Maynooth Team and Scores

	Pierce Cuthbert	
Martin Hoare	Peter Sheehan	Shane Devereux
Michael Gillick	Colin Cushen	Fergus Devereux
Peter Granell	Sean Lennon	
Mark Nugent (-1)	Aidan Ryan (-1)	Brendan Coffey (1-2)
Morgan Sweeney (2-3)	Pat Kennedy (1-2)	Damien Travers

Subs Gerard Hoare (-1) for Mark Nugent (injured)
Paul Daly (-1) for Damien Travers, Padraic Nevin for B. Coffey

Maynooth go under to Leixlip

Leixlip 1 - 9 Maynooth 0 - 7

Maynooth Senior Hurlers were narrowly beaten by Leixlip in the first round of the championship played at Kilcock on 15/07/05/ as this is run on a league basis, Maynooth are still in contention for honours. Maynooth suffered a major setback as early as the second minute when influential midfielder Conor Diggins suffered a nasty injury and was unable to take any further part in the game. He was replaced by

Mark Cummins with Fergus Molloy moving to midfield. Leixlip got off to the better start and were leading by 1-3 to no score midway through the first half. Maynooth opened their account in the 19th minute when T.J Curran pointed a 45 meter free. For the remainder of the first half, the teams shared 4 points with the Maynooth scores coming from TJ Curran and Mark Cummins leaving the half time score Leixlip 1-5, Maynooth 0-3. the Crom Abu side played with renewed vigour and determination at the start of the second and had reduced the deficit to 2 points by the 12th minute with 3 ? Frees from TJ Curran. Despite playing well with Shane Kerrigan at centre forward causing major problems for the Leixlip defence. Maynooth could not get any closer to Leixlip on the points while Maynooth's sole reply was a pointed free from TJ Curran in the 23rd minute. In spite of this defeat there were many positive aspects to Maynooth's play with the defence holding a tight rein on the Leixlip forwards. The loss of Conor Diggins gave Leixlip a stranglehold at midfield, while the forward line lacked any real scoring power.

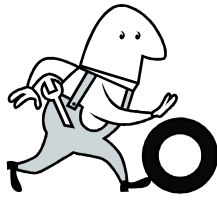
Seamus
Cummins

Joe Brennan	Eoin Nevin	Paul Meyler
Alan Sweeney	Hugh Nevin	Eanna Lohan
Conor Diggins	Mick Bennet	
Noel Carey	Shane Kerrigan	David Comerford
Fergus Molloy	TJ Curran (-6)	Donna Hoolan
Subs Mark Cummins (-1) For Connor Diggins (injured) Mick Furlong for Donna Hoolan		

Thomas Coffey
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Maynooth Golf Society

Maynooth Golf Society played for the Joe "DoDo" Murray Cup at Kilcock Golf Club on Thursday 23rd June. Do Do, a past captain and very active member of the society was remembered with great fondness for his contribution to the social and fun side of the society over many years.

Two players attended and the winner on the day was John Nolan with a great score of 44 pts, closely followed by Martin Devenay 43 pts. Kilcock Golf Club were congratulated for the condition of the course and for their hospitality on this very warm June evening. The sponsor on the day was Derek Murray

Winner John Nolan being presented with the Joe (Do Do) Murray Memorial Trophy



Result Sheet

Outing to **Kilcock Golf Club** Date: 23 May 05
Joe "DoDo" Murray Cup
Sponsor Derek Murray

1st Prize	John Nolan	44pts
2nd Prize	Martin Devenay	43pts
3rd Prize	Tommy Campbell B6	41pts
4th Prize	Terry Moore B9	41pts
5th Prize	Brian Murphy	41pts
6th Prize	David Weafer	39pts
7th Prize	John Byrne B9	38pts
Front 9	Martin Maguire	21pts
Back 9	Steve Greenwood	20pts
Visitors	Richard Cusack	35pts
Nearest the Pin	Niall Byrne	
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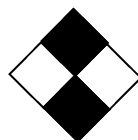
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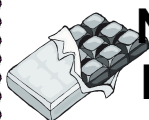
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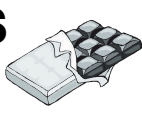


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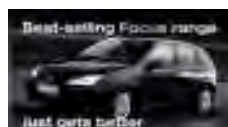


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Gardening Tips for August

Although August is traditionally a holiday month, it is seldom like the summer. August has more rain than June, July and September, its hot sunny spells put to an end by drenching, chilling rains. It is a month of change both for plants and gardeners.

The Flower Garden:

Cut off spent flower-heads of dahlias regularly to induce further bloom. Give a liquid feed every 10 days or so. Cut out the spent flowered stems of border plants such as delphiniums and of gladioli before they form seeds. Dis-bud early chrysanthemums to give larger blooms, rubbing off the smaller side buds around the one chosen to flower. For effective sprays of bloom, on the other hand, remove the central terminal bud. Give a liquid feed to late-flowering border plants such as Michaelmas daisies, golden rod, heleniums, and border chrysanthemums. Keep a watch for mildew in fine weather, when nights are cool and dew, and apply benomyl, dinocap or sulphur fungicide to control it.

Prepare sites for new shrubs and trees to be planted in the autumn. If they are thick with grass and weeds, dress with a glyphosate herbicide early in the month and cultivate in 5 weeks' time safely free of weeds.

Finalize your plants for autumn bulb planting, and order bulbs as soon as available. Narcissi should be planted in October, crocuses in September, but tulips can be left until November. Finish planting of autumn-flowering bulbs and corns as soon as possible.

The Fruit Garden:

Strawberries:



- Clean up the strawberry bed after harvest. Remove all weeds, excess runners, old, yellow and discoloured leaves, and lightly fork over the soil between the rows. Move the rooted runners intended for the new strawberry bed as soon as it is obvious they are growing strongly. Lift with soil, and space about 38cm (15in) apart in rows 75cm (2ft 6in) apart, watering in on well-prepared ground. Give dilute liquid feed to late-fruited strawberries of the alpine types: 'Alexandria', 'Baron Solemacher', 'Frasie des Bois' or 'Red Alpine' and keep watered in dry weather.

- Cut away the fruited canes of raspberries at ground level and burn them so that they cannot harbour pests such as the larvae of the raspberry beetle or moth, or fungus infection. Remove weeds by hand: use a weedkiller may destroy new canes. Pull up sucker canes growing away from the stools or retained plants.
- Prune the fruited canes of loganberries at soil level as soon as the crop has been harvested.
- Pick early varieties of apple, such as culinary variety 'Emmeth Early' and the dessert varieties 'Beauty Bath', 'Laxton's Advance' and 'Laxton's Epicure'. Harvest with care as they bruise easily. Apples are ready to gather when they part easily from the spur on being gently lifted in hand; no force should be necessary.
- Pick outdoor nectarines and peaches if ready. Cradle the fruit in the palm of the hand, and if the pulp around the stalk-end feels soft, and the fruit parts easily when gently moved to and fro, pick it. Then cut away the shoots that bore them.

David Slattery



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As Town Mourned, a Legacy of Love permeated Maynooth Festival

A Strange Thing Happened

It had rained all morning on Saturday July 23rd last, only stopping one and a half hours before the tournament was due to commence. Organiser Willie Healy had put his trust in St. Bridget of Sweden whose feast day it was, to clear the way for a good tournament. He had good cause for concern because the event was due to take place on the Square at Maynooth and if the flagstones were wet the tournament could not proceed.

However as people gradually gathered on the square at 4 p.m. it became very obvious that the town of Maynooth was in deep mourning following the tragic death of Suzanne Doyle. There were many sad hearts as everyone's thoughts were with the Doyle family. People were very unsure of what way to proceed. Some people did not participate as a mark of respect. Others equally saddened honoured the memory of Suzanne, a very bright, much loved and fun-loving person, by participating.

Men of the Village

At 5.30 p.m. in the Men's section, two very strong teams from the Roost and Caulfields public houses squared up to each other in this, men of the village, contest of strength. When referee George Gallagher started proceedings, they tore into each other with great gusto, there was no quarter taken or given. The combatants could not keep up this intensity for long and with the help of the slope on the square the Roost team took the first pull.

When the teams changed sides, Caulfields now had the slope to their advantage and using every ounce of strength that they possessed, they took a very creditable point from last year's reigning champions.

With the sides now even, the coin was tossed to decide the direction of the final pull. The Roost team won the toss and without hesitation pointed towards the Straffan Road. Had they wanted to go to Straffan, their journey was much delayed as Caulfields dug very deep and fought them every inch of the way. The Roost used their experience, the pain barrier was crossed and gradually began to rein in the Caulfield crew to claim tournament victory for the second successive year.

The winners were the Roost team:

D. O'Sullivan (coach), Dave Rossiter, Eoin Power, James Purcell, Alan Brannigan, Darren Mooney, James Mullarkey, Niall Neville and Brendan O'Connor.

The runners-up were Caulfields including, Cavan Jim, Gary Groarke, Chris Gallagher, Barry Cullinane, Adrian O'Neill and Bartley Cullinane.

Now that the main event was over, a strange thing began to happen. As the rope lay on the ground little children began to line up on the rope. They did not ask to pull but took the rope in their hands. While tug-o-war is to some extent a planned event, it is also an evolving situation, the children began to take over the tournament.

As though bringing hope and expressing the unsurpressable spirit of childhood, a new mood entered the event, mirroring the joy and enthusiasm of Suzanne's full and vigorous life. Two good competitions took place of boys and girls mixed events, followed by presentation of medals by referee George Gallagher. Also present for the occasion was native tug-o-war stalwart Sean Hyland.

All the people in Maynooth Tug-o-War extend their deepest sympathy to the Doyle family on their great and unimaginable loss.

Willie Healy.



Childrens Tug-o-War
Runners Up in the mixed children's event



Rachel Cassidy and her grandson Jack who won a medal in the tug-o-war

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Shadow Play entertain the crowd in the Square during the Maynooth Festival on Saturday 23rd July



David Jolley and the Traditional Band

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Children's Art Competition and Exhibition



The Children's Art competition and exhibition has now become an annual event in the Festival Diary.

This year the prize giving took place on Thursday 21st July in the Maynooth Community Library where the paintings were on display during the festival week.

A lot of effort and imagination was put into the various art works and it was obvious that there was great enjoyment in creating them. There was a good range of subjects in pencil, paint and collage. Thanks to all the children who took part as they alone made the event such a success.

Clodagh Kelly judged the competition again this year. Clodagh who is from Leixlip, studied Fine Art in the Dublin Institute of Technology. She will be having an exhibition of her work in Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge from the 25th August to the 24th September.

The children's art competition and exhibition was organised by Maynooth Castle Keep Art Group. Tesco very kindly sponsored the prizes for the competition.

Well done to the prize winners.!

Ben Maloco, Marie Hogan, Alison Williams, Philip O' Brien, Sarah Jennings, Micheál Hogan, Christina O' Brien.

A big thank you to all the children who submitted their work and to Maynooth Community Library staff for their assistance.

Susan Durack,
Castle Keep Art Group

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Conor White winner of the Bonny Baby Competition with his father, William, Andrew McMullon and Brid Feely



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Funday in the Harbour Field



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John McGinley with the winning trophy for the Car Treasure Hunt



Gertrude Conway & Kathleen Hendricks enjoying the Maynooth Festival



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Girls Tug-o-War Runners Up
R-L Sarah Greally, Jenny O'Dwyer, Laura Brannigan, Shannon Thompson, Samantha Thompson, Edel McMahon, Laura Doogan, and Tina Perry



Winners Girls Tug-o-War
F-B, Sarah Connor, Selina Connor, Alma Kelliher, Shannon Conroy, Gemma Cunningham, Rosanna Conroy and missing from picture Mary Connor & Elaine Healy



Referee George Gallagher (left) and Sean Hyland Tug-o-War stalwart in relaxed mood



Caulfield's Tug-o-War Braves
"Cavan Jim", Gary Groarke, Christopher Gallagher, Barry Cullinane, Adrian O'Neill and Bartley Cullinane



Tug-o-War Winners -
The Roost
Back Row L-R: Dave Rossitor, D O'Sullivan (Coach), James Purcell, Alan Brannigan, Darren Mooney, James Mullarkey
Front Row L-R: Eoin Power, Niall Neville & Brendan O'Connor
Mascots: J Hogan (middle) P Bean (right)

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FESTIVAL REPORT

The local festival got off to a great start on Thursday, 21st of July with the Tesco Table Quiz in the Newtown Inn. There was 33 tables and out Quiz Masters Prionncias Breathnach and Kay McKeogh did a wonderful job and kept everyone in order. Also there was an evening of entertainment with local writers and friends in the library, which was a great success as well as the children's art competition. Well done to all the children who won prizes.

On Friday, 22nd of July there was a fun quiz in Caulfields. There was 20 tables and it was a brilliant night of craic, fun and beer.

After two late nights I was not in form for getting up at 8 a.m., and when I saw the weather I was very worried that the tug-of-war and the music would be cancelled, resulting in a lot of frantic phone calls made, but thank God it turned out very well on the day. The Car Treasure Hunt got off to a bad start but by 3p.m. there were seven teams out AND OF COURSE THE HUNT WAS ON TO BEAT THE MCGINLEY TEAM BUT ALAS THEY ALL FAILED. JOHN, HIS WIFE MARY, LENNY MURPHY AND CHRISTINA SAULTS WERE THE BRAINS ON THE DAY, MAYBE NEXT YEAR THEY WILL BE BEATEN.

The tug-of-war got off to a late start, but Dave Jolly and his traditional band kept the crowds entertained, along with out young local band, Shadow Play. Finally the tug-of-war started with two teams; Caulfields and The Roost who were triumphant for the second year in a row.

On Saturday night we had the Singles Night in The Newtown Inn which was a brilliant night of love, fun and games and I believe that few locals got together!

The Family Day was brilliant too with the Scouts, Football Final and Bouncy Castle, a fun day was had by all. Then at 7 p.m. we had the Barperson of The Year Awards which drew the Festival to a close.

I would like to thank the following people:

Marie Gleeson, Ann Burns, Deidre Cusker, Gerry Gorey, Brid Feely, Willie Healy, Christina Saults and the office staff, Sean Donovan, John McGinley and the football committee, CPL Motor Factors, Caulfields for the John Tiernan Memorial Cup.

The bar people who went for the competition

Peg Brown: Newtown Inn

Edel Carty: Caulfields

Siobhan Brown: Bradys

Willie Kiernan our sound man and anybody else that helped me throughout the Festival, well done to all.

Andrew McMullon
Chairperson

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San Francisco:

San Francisco is the second largest city in California and one of the most famous cities in the world. It is situated on the Pacific coast and surrounded by contrasting landscapes, such as beaches, forests, parks and deserts. The city is one of the more popular city destinations in the US. It's most recognizable landmark and symbol of America's West Coast, the Golden Gate Bridge, is one of the most famous landmarks in the world. Another tourist attraction is the infamous landmarks in the world. Another tourist attraction is the infamous Alcatraz prison complex in the bay. You can take a boat to the island and tour the prison. An ideal photo and another famous symbol of San Francisco, the painted ladies are situated near the city and are painted in different colours. Other landmarks include the Transamerica Pyramid, Bank of America building and Coit Tower. The BART system is the best way to get around the city and is also the best way to avoid the traffic. Golden Gate Park and the Presido are ideal places of walking or relaxing. Another place close to San Francisco worth visiting is Monterrey. The main passenger airport in the city is Oakland international. The weather is very warm so an air conditioner and sun lotion are recommended.

London:

One of the world's great cities and close to Ireland, London is a breathtaking city. One of the world's most modern cities along with 2000 years of history, it is town of great contrasts. There are castles such as the Tower of London, palaces such as Buckingham and at the same time modern glass and steel skyscrapers in the docks. The city has a remarkable public transit network to accommodate the visitor. Ways to tour the city are by London tour bus and a boat trip up the Thames. You see all the magnificent buildings beside the Thames as well as travelling underneath the city's amazing and creative bridges. The main points of interest are Big Ben, St. Paul's Cathedral, the Tower of London, Trafalgar Square, Buckingham Palace and Westminster Abbey. The exhibits in London well worth taking a visit to are Madame Tussuads, the London Dungeon and the Britain at War Experience. You should apply for the pass that gives you access to the bus, underground and tour buses for conveniences. If you are going to stores to look for something to buy or in certain underground and tour buses for conveniences. If you are going to stores to look for something to buy or in certain underground stations which feel dodgy, be extremely careful with your money because these are mavens for pickpockets. London is served by the following airports - Heathrow, Gatwick, London and Luton

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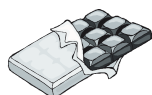
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Maynooth Community Games

Five young members of the Maynooth community will represent Kildare at the National Community Games finals in late August.

We will have three representatives in the swimming pool: Siobhan Kelly from Woodlands will take part in the under 14 breaststroke; Sean McKnight from Parklands Rise will compete in the under 12 freestyle while Eoin McCormack from Parklands Square will be our youngest swimmer in the under 10 backstroke.

Clara Murphy, under 14 from Moyglare Abbey, will go to the National finals to take part in art.

Meanwhile, young Daniel O'Sullivan, a Parklands Square resident, will sprint out in the under 8, 60m finals.

Best wishes to all our Maynooth representatives in the National Community Games finals.

Finally, thank you to all who participated in the 2005 Maynooth Community Games events in athletics, art, quiz and swimming. Thank you to all parents and guardians for the support. Finally, thank you to the hard working event organisers.



Andrew Birchall (Newtown) who won bronze in the under 14, 100mtrs at the Kildare Community Games Finals on 25th June 2005

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Recipes for August

Starter:

Chilled fresh fruit Soup

2 dessert apples, quartered and cored
6 bananas, roughly chopped
500 g/1 lb fresh strawberries
375 g/1 12 oz pears, peeled,
quartered and cored
1 litre/1¾ p
pints fresh orange juice

2 tablespoons lemon juice
300 ml½ pint fresh grapefruit juice
5-6 tablespoons clear honey

To Garnish:

mint sprigs
6 strawberries
black pepper (optional)

1. Place all the fruit in a food processor or blender with 300 ml½ pint of the orange juice and blend until very smooth. Add the lemon juice and grapefruit juice and the honey. Blend again until the mixture is smooth, in batches if necessary

2. Pour the soup into a large bowl, stir in the remaining orange juice and cover the bowl loosely. Chill in the refrigerator for 3-4 hours.

3. Pour the chilled soup into 6 chilled bowls and garnish each portion with a sprig of fresh mint and a strawberry. Mill over some black pepper, if liked.

Main course:

Duck Salad with mango

3 boneless duck breasts, about 175g/6oz each
1 bunch of spring onions, cut into 2.5 cm/1 inch lengths
1 celery stick, chopped
1 teaspoon grated orange rind
500 g/1 lb brown rice, cooked
3 medium ripe mangoes, peeled and sliced
salt and pepper.

Sauce:

1 egg white
1 whole egg
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1 tablespoon mango chutney
½ tablespoon light vinegar,
preferably a fruit vinegar,
250 ml8 fl oz very low-fat natural yoghurt

1. Arrange the duck breasts, skin-side up, on a rack and roast in a preheated oven for 10 minutes on each side.

2. Leave to cool. then remove the skin and cube the meat

3. Meanwhile, make the sauce. Place the egg white, whole egg, mustard, mango chutney, soy sauce and vinegar in a food processor or blender and blend well, then add the yoghurt, a tablespoon at a time.

4. Combine the duck meat with the onions, celery, orange rind, cooked rice and seasoning in a large bowl.

5. Arrange the mango slices on top of the salad and serve, accompanied by the sauce.

Try to use Barbary duck breasts as they are less fatty than other duck breasts. The skin is thin and does not have a layer of fat underneath.

Dessert

Summer Pudding

250 g/8 oz red and white currants
125 g/4 oz blackcurrants
125 g/4 oz raspberries
125 g/4 oz strawberries
125 g/4 oz loganberries
125 g/4 oz cherries, blueberries or cultivated blackberries.
1 tablespoon clear honey margarine, for greasing.
8 x 1 cm/½ inch thick slices brown bread, crusts removed
1 Place all the fruit in a large saucepan (it must be aluminium or cast iron) with the honey and cook very gently for 2-3 minutes, just long enough to soften the fruit and allow the juices to run a little.

2 Line a lightly greased 1.2 litre/ 2 pint pudding basin with three quarters of the bread, trimming the slices to fit, making certain that all the surfaces are completely covered and the base has an extra thick layer.

3 Spoon in all the fruit, reserving 2 tablespoons of the juice in case the bread is not coloured by the fruit when the pudding is turned out.

Cover with the reserved bread.

Lay a plate or saucepan lid that will fit inside the rim of the bowl on top and place a 1 kg/2 lb weight on top of the plate or lid. Chill for 10-12 hours.

4 Turn out and cut into wedges to serve.

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Maynooth.org attracted in the last 3 months up to 137,252 hits to the website. "We have visitors from Europe, Asia and America visiting the site" says Padraig. These visitors mainly come and read the forum and interact with the website. At the Moment we have 25 Parish Clubs and 13 Local Clubs. We also have a large database of historical information about Maynooth Town.

Maynooth.org Forum is the heart of the website. With upwards of 200 users visiting the forum daily, it is turning into quite a debating venue, Topics in the forum at the moment are 'Broadband in North Kildare', 'Meadowbrook Link Road' & General Town Talking Points.

What does the future hold for Maynooth.org?

Well we hope to build on the experience that we have gained and increase the number of visitors to the website and increase the number of documents and information that is presently available. We also hope to integrate a photo album and show Maynooth town to the whole world the way that we see it.

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When my days are over and done.

THE WIND

Mysterious wind you blow and blow
Through mountains and valleys everywhere
As of your source I do not know
As you travel through the planet air
Whistling and purring your way along
Since the world was known to me
Many centuries have passed and gone
But it seems you were forever to be
Blow wind blow on a winters night
Spreading elements far and near
Constantly drifting with all your might
For your inner source I do fear
What is the force that carry's you so
As I think of my wind swept days
On a summers day you disappear and go
Replaced by my golden sunshine rays
The wind is an element of the sky
That is destined by natures course
Everlasting wind you will never die
And no one knows of your source

Patrick Murray

THE DATE

I washed myself with great care
In good humour of good fortune to come
With expertise I combed my hair
Looking at the mirror with fun
I dressed myself like a king
Using the best clothes I could wear
With aftershave dabbled on my chin
Putting a nice fragrance to the air
I looked at my watch in haste
While hurrying down the stairs
My breath fresh with toothpaste
Feeling the best beyond compare
I was ready for a real good time
Anxious to meet the girl of my dreams
Feeling good in this heart of mine
While the sun outside just gleams
I got the bus into the city
To meet her outside Cleary's at three
I had no car which was a pity
But she did not expect that of me
At five to three I finally waited
For this pretty lady to appear
Then after three I soon contemplated
To be stood up was in my fear
I looked around at the passers by
And looking at the windows in view
Then soon I heard a cry
By her voice it was her I knew
We chatted together with great fun
Walking down O'Connell Street
A time of my life had begun
To this friend I planned to meet
We went into a near by restaurant
And had dinner by candle light
Everything was the way I could want
As we went dancing on that night
We grooved away at a discothèque
Kissing and cuddling all the while
With passion I embraced her neck
And all she did was just smile
We chatted about the past
And everything that came to mind
We wished our relationship to last
And how fast the time did unwind
I loved this girl sincerely
Although I did not tell her so
She really looked so dearly
With enchantment that forever grows
If I could only then spare my heart
And told her I really cared
But now we are far apart
With memories that we shared
True love is hard to find
If you find it don't let it go
Many thoughts cling to my mind
Of the date I cherished so

Features

TESCO 7-a-Side Soccer Tournament For The Joe Murphy Memorial Trophy 2005

This very popular 7-a-side soccer was held in the Harbour Field from Tuesday 12th July to Sunday 24th July. The quarter-finals, semi-finals and final were held during the Community Festival. Sixteen teams completed in this year's tournament and there was an average attendance of 250 spectators each evening, with around 400 watching a very entertaining final.

The teams were divided into 4 groups of 4, with the winners and runners-up going through to the quarterfinal knockout stage.

Group 1 was won by Curley's Old Greenfield, and Kingsbry Lads the runners-up. With The Renegades and Hazelmere exiting.

Group 2 was won by Castlebridge Celtic, and Silken Vale runners-up. With Old Greenfield and Maynooth & Kilcloon United exiting.

Group 3 was won by the Old Dublin Roaders, and Maynooth Park runners-up. With Rockfield Utd and Silken Vale exiting. This was the Group of death with 4 very good teams and Rockfield lost out on goal difference only.

Group 4 was won by Newtown rangers, and Moyglare Village runners-up. With Carton Court and Old Greenfield (B) exiting.

Quarter-finals

Curley's Old Greenfield	1 - 1	Silken Vale
(Curley's Old Greenfield won on penalties)		
Castlebridge Celtic	0 - 2	Kingsbry Lads
Old Dublin Roaders	1 - 0	Moyglare Village
Newtown Rangers	2 - 0	Maynooth Park

Semi-finals

Curley's Old Greenfield	0 - 1	Kingsbry Lads
Old Dublin Roaders	0 - 3	Newtown Rangers

Newtown Rangers caused a major surprise in the semi-finals by easily beating the winners for the last two years, Old Dublin Roaders. However, Kingsbry Lads were the favourites to win in the final among the sideline experts.

The Final

The Kingsbry Lads looked to be on their way to success when they scored the first goal after 10

minutes of the first half. The Kingsbry players celebrated in the time honoured fashion by burying the goal scorer in a pile of bodies.

Newtown never gave up and equalised with 2 minutes left in the game through a well rehearsed free kick. Both teams had further chances before the end but the game finished level and it was decided on the dreaded penalties with Newtown Rangers winning 3-1.

These two young teams were given a well deserved standing ovation after a hard fought but clean final.

Thanks

I would like to thank the organising committee who helped out in preparing the pitch so that it could be playable and in turning up each evening to make sure the tournament was a success. Special thanks is due to Tom Dempsey, John & Conor Saults, John, Sean & Laura Doogan, Michael O'Reilly., Pat Moynan, Willie Saults, Lennie Murphy, Mary McGinley, Michael Dempsey, 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.

John McGinley
(Organiser)

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Features



Patrick Devaney

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Announcing a new title from popular author Patrick Devaney. The writer's second collection of more than one hundred poems deals with many contemporary issues, including man's impact on nature, teenage rebellion, social change, our Anglo-Irish heritage, the Northern Ireland conflict, the Iraq War, and religious belief in a scientific age.

Poet, novelist, short story writer, critic and broadcaster Mary O'Donnell said about Devaney's first collection:

"The poems inhabit the narrow divide that separates pain and joy, hurt and healing, reminding the reader that nature and its landscapes—fierce, cruel, but beautiful—inform every moment of human activity".

Written over a period of five decades, the poems in **Swan Pendant** reflect many of Devaney's experiences, from his youth in County Roscommon, through his years in New York, to his return to Ireland to teach and raise a family. As might be expected, the poems in such a broad collection vary in style and form: short lyrics jostling long, reflective pieces; modern verse contrasting with more traditional poems that employ rhyme and fixed metre, though all are aimed at the ordinary reader rather than an intellectual elite.

Patrick Devaney grew up on a farm in County Roscommon and was educated in Summerhill College, Sligo. He studied Civil Engineering in University College Galway but, after his father's death, emigrated to New York. While working as an electrical draughtsman, he attended City College at night. Returning to Ireland in 1969, he became a teacher of maths and English with County Kildare Vocational Education Committee. Married, with five children, he lived and taught in Maynooth. He and his wife now live in Virginia, Co. Cavan.

"Swan Pendant" is available in Maynooth Bookshop, Main Street, Maynooth.

Maynooth Castle

(Former stronghold of the Fitzgeralds)

The rock-doves have you now,
Though your grim-visored keep
Once sheltered goshawks,
Mail-clad brigands
Who held by force
What a bishop-killer¹ granted
Then softened into Gaels
Sufficiently
To win from ollamhs
Flattering sobriquets:
Gearóid Mór, Tomás an tSíoda².

On such acclaim
They soared like eagles
And yet their children grew content
With Saxon jesses –
All except Lord Edward,
Born of a Saxon mother
When you stood here deserted.

Such self-surrender to a bond
Older than kindred, class or creed
Is why your ruins
Remind me of a hybrid oak
So deeply rooted in our soil
It flourished like St. Brigid's tree³
Until two storms broke it⁴,
Leaving only the hollowed trunk
To be a dovecot...

¹ Henry II of England, who had Thomas à Becket murdered.

² Garrett or Gerald the Great; Silken Thomas

³ St. Brigid built her church under an oak tree, hence

Cill Dara, The Church of the Oak.

⁴ The Silken Thomas Rebellion, 16th Century,
and the Confederate Wars, 17th Century.

To One Who Mocked Me for My Lack Of knowledge of Gaelic Football

You deem deserving of disdain
My ignorance of some match in Clane
But should your ignorance of Mesgora*
Be cause for me to fault your brain

Useful Tips

Garden Hose

- You can temporarily plug a pinhole leak in a rubber hose by jamming a round wooden toothpick into the hole. Snap the toothpick off flush with the hose's outer skin then wrap the hose with insulating tape up to 2in/50mm on either side of the leak, stretch the tape tight over the hole but looser towards the ends, so that it can flex as the hose bends. As the wool absorbs water, it will swell to seal the hole. Never store a garden hose by hanging it over a nail or peg. The hose will sag and kink, and repeated kinking will crack the rubber, vinyl or plastic skin. Instead, mount an old wheel rim on the garage or tool-shed wall and wrap the hose around it when not in use.

Garden tools

- An electric drill will keep your garden tools polished and sharp. Use a wire brush attachment to scour rust from neglected tools; a coarse disc can put an edge back on a nicked axe or mower blade much faster than a file and whetstone. Do it quickly, so that the high-speed sanding doesn't heat the steel and ruin its temper.
- After polishing and sharpening your tools, keep blades and teeth bright with a coat of oil. Dirty oil from your car or power mower is as effective as any and costs nothing.
- For jobs too big for a trowel but too small for a spade or shovel, use a hoe.
- Use a wide putty knife for scraping earth from shovels and trowels. Use it also for delicate weeding between closely planted vegetables and for cultivating the soil in the crevices of a rock garden.

Ice cream cones

Before you scoop ice cream into a cone, drop a jelly baby in the bottom; it helps to prevent drips from coming through.

With a bit of ingenuity, you can serve up an ice cream treat without relying on readymade cones. Here are some ideas:

Make an ice cream sandwich by putting a scoop between two large biscuits or splitting a trifle sponge in half and filling it.

Hollow out a fairy cake to make a little edible bowl.

Slice the tops off oranges, scoop out the flesh, then fill with ice cream. (Puree the flesh to make orange juice.)

Make brandy snap cups by moulding just baked brandy snaps over an orange or up-turned glass, instead of rolling them around a wooden spoon

Outdoor cooking

- You can turn an old metal wheelbarrow into a mobile barbecue. Punch 1/2in/13mm holes in the bottom and side of the wheelbarrow, line it with a layer of stones and cover with charcoal. An old oven shelf can also double up as a grill (don't use refrigerator shelves; they might contain cadmium, which is poisonous).
- Season a new small iron hibachi (a portable, charcoal-burning grill) to prevent rust. First, check that there are no wooden parts. Then rub all surfaces with vegetable oil and put the hibachi on a baking sheet in a 120 degrees C/250 degrees F oven. Leave it to bake for half an hour, then turn off the heat and let the oven cool down. Remove the hibachi and wipe off any excess fat.
- If you want to know whether the coals are hot enough to barbecue meat, the fire is ready when the coals turn white.
- To prevent flare-ups when you barbecue, make a drip pan to catch any dripping fat from aluminium foil. Place this on top of the coals under the meat.
- Another way to prevent flare-ups is to spread the outer leaves from a head of lettuce on the hot coals before you barbecue fatty meat. The lettuce will blacken but won't ignite.
- Keep a water spray handy - the sort used to spray indoor plants - and use it to douse flames.
- Don't forget that you can barbecue vegetables as well as meat. Wrap onions, corn on the cob, or sliced or whole potatoes (all dotted with butter or margarine or brushed with barbecue sauce) in heavy-duty foil. Grill onions and corn over medium coals for 30 minutes, turning once. Put chunks of courgette or aubergine on skewers, brush with oil, and grill for 10 minutes over medium coals, turning often.
- Flies hate basil, so keep a pot of the herb close to the dining table: just crush a few leaves to release the oils. And you'll also have fresh basil leaves to chop into your salad.

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Party Political Press Statement

2012 Olympics looming and no hope for Irish swimmers

With London winning the backing of The International Olympic Committee to become the host city of the 2012 Olympic Games yesterday, many people may be wondering if Ireland will be in for a shot at the medals this time around. One person, who believes the Irish Government has shot the Irish Olympic Team in the proverbial foot, however is Catherine Murphy TD (Ind).

"Affordability and availability of sporting facilities are essential components in nurturing the sporting talent of tomorrow", said Murphy today when seeking increased funding to be channelled into the local authority swimming pool programme.

At a cost of €10 per child / student / OAP, and €12 per adult, the National Aquatic Centre is priced far above other public swimming facilities in the region. And, when compared with the costs incurred by users of Australia's Sydney International Aquatic, \$6.20 AUD per adult, and, on average, \$5 AUD per child / student / OAP, one of the reasons behind Australia's impeccable swimming successes becomes apparent. They simply let people swim!

However, price is not the only barrier to the budding Olympians of tomorrow according to Murphy.

"The sheer lack of public swimming facilities no doubt plays a huge part in preventing talented people from realising their potential, however it also has implications for ordinary people who just want to stay healthy and enjoy a leisurely swim. This government, and its predecessors, has been so intent on creating a strong economy it has forgotten that a strong economy is merely one of the building blocks upon which a healthy, happy and strong society is built."

The Minister for Arts, Sports and Tourism in May of this year revealed in a parliamentary reply to Deputy Murphy that the estimated budgetary allocation for the National public swimming pool programme for 2005 is just €32, a startling €30 million less than the construction cost of the National Aquatic Centre. Furthermore, applications for grant-aid to facilitate the construction of new swimming pools have not been accepted since July 2000 and it is uncertain when the applications procedure will re-open.

"I'm calling on the government to step up onto the diving board and take the plunge on providing these essential facilities, and who knows we may well become the producers of the next generation of Ian Thorps!" concluded Murphy.

Air Navigation and Transport (Indemnities) Bill 2005 (Seanad): Second Stage

Most people considering this Bill will think of major airlines and airports such as Dublin, Cork or Shannon. Those airports must be up to date in the type of security provided there to minimise risk. I know advances have been made in the type of machinery used and monitoring, and that will be important. I note the Bill extends to facilities that do not have the capacity to do that, such as smaller aerodromes. Three or four of those listed are in remote locations but one is not. Weston Aerodrome is situated between Lucan and Leixlip and has a sizeable number of movements, up to the levels of Dublin Airport, so it is not an inconsiderable aerodrome.

I have serious concerns about the way Weston Aerodrome operates, the profile of the owner and its non-compliance with just about every rule and regulation in the book. It is located in an area where 80,000 people live. Major international companies sought — it was granted — to divert the way planes flew after the attack on 11 September 2001, and I understand why. Weston Aerodrome is beside the State laboratories where certain materials are kept — I will say no more.

This aerodrome is part of a marketing exercise by a large number of people for the Ryder Cup, which is a major event, so it is not an inconsiderable location. It is licensed for a runway of less than 800 metres on code one. I supplied video evidence to the Irish Aviation Authority showing that it uses an area beyond that designed as a stopway-clearway. It has laid tarmac on a total of 14,000 metres and uses or has used areas for which it does not have a licence. It does not have planning permission for buildings on the site. The proprietor has built a hotel and conference centre and ripped up archaeological sites to put in a golf course. He has absolutely no regard for the planning laws. It is advertised as Dublin's second airport with 24-hour cargo accommodation even though only daylight flying is allowed. I am drawing a picture of who we might indemnify. Over the years I have been in and out of, and on the phone to, the Irish Aviation Authority offices. The planning process is completely subverted in Kildare and south Dublin. Warning notices have been issued to the aerodrome with regard to the height of planes.

Three Government Departments, Transport, the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and Defence, have a regulatory role in this. The Department of Defence has a problem with what Weston Aerodrome does, and is on record as such. It would be unconscionable for this type of facility to be indemnified when it is clearly non-compliant. I hope the provision in section 5 is used to crack down on

this as I have no confidence in the Irish Aviation Authority to do so. If the practice at Weston Aerodrome is replicated in any other airport or aerodrome I would have serious concerns about the level of control we can have potentially on this type of facility. Either a blind eye is being turned or there is no intention to make it comply with the licence it has been given. I cannot see the point of having a licence if months go by before the authorities get back to someone who makes a serious complaint that includes giving video evidence to the Irish Aviation Authority, which was gathered by members of the public who sat in a ditch in the freezing weather. It is the role of the Irish Aviation Authority to gather such evidence.

I understand why we need to indemnify. I hope that in a year's time we can charge for that indemnity, as the Bill proposes, but the Minister must take serious note of the rules of compliance and ensure they are fully met. If the laws are broken, the taxpayer should not be asked to indemnify that type of behaviour in a further example of the State not intervening. The State must intervene and use every power available to stop this type of behaviour. It would be one thing if this aerodrome was used for the purpose for which it is licensed, but it is used for much more than is covered by the licence.

Weston must not be insured by Government, demands Murphy

Deputy Catherine Murphy (Ind) has called the government's proposals to provide indemnity for aircraft, airports and aerodromes in the event of terrorist attacks "unconscionable" in the case of Weston Aerodrome.

Referring to persistent breaches of both the terms of its operating licence and planning regulations Murphy went on to assert, "if the laws are broken, the taxpayer should not be asked to indemnify that type of behaviour in a further example of the State not intervening".

The North Kildare TD expressed that she has "serious concerns about the way Weston Aerodrome operates, the profile of the owner and its non-compliance with just about every rule and regulation in the book".

In a further statement Murphy maintained, "if a facility can't operate according to its licence and is expanded illegally, it would be downright foolish to presume that these are the only areas where the management fall short on compliance. We need to make sure that the facilities we undertake to insure using taxpayers money are taking all precautions necessary to guarantee security."

The proposed *Air Navigation and Transport (Indemnities) Bill 2005*, if enacted, will provide for the

transfer of aircraft, airport and aerodrome insurance cover relating to terrorist attacks, from private insurers to the government. Its drafting having been initiated upon insurance companies' expressions of concern at the prospect of "potentially ruinous claims in the event of a terrorist attack involving the detonation of what is referred to as a dirty bomb, or an electromagnetic pulse."

Although critical of insuring non-compliant facilities, Murphy did however acknowledge the need for government backed indemnity policies in the event of terrorist attacks. Stating that Weston "is used for much more than is covered by the licence" Murphy adamantly demanded however that "the State must intervene and use every power available to stop this type of behaviour" before insurance cover is extended.

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TOLLS TANTAMOUNT TO URBAN TAX, SAYS MURPHY

Deputy Catherine Murphy (Ind) has struck out at the National Toll Roads Company regarding a report they commissioned, stating that it is nothing more than an exercise in stating the obvious.

"The conclusion of National Toll Roads' consultants that capacity, design and high traffic volumes are the true causes of the traffic chaos experienced twice daily by M50 commuters are in part accurate. However anyone using the M50 or watching the mayhem from a safe distance could conclude the same. The real issue is that the Toll Plaza is imposing heavy charges on commuters who have no choice but to use the road."

The government's national tolling policy, according to Murphy, favours the location of Toll Plazas at location that catch daily commuters and not national traffic. She further illustrated her point by highlighting that, on completion of its upgrade, the N4 from Dublin to Galway will incorporate two toll plaza facilities.

One will be at Enfield, an area flanked by commuter towns, and one on the outskirts of Galway city. However, the largest and most sparsely populated portion of this national route, i.e. That area between Enfield and Galway, will go untolled.

"It's quite obvious that these Toll Plaza's are placed to

draw revenue from the thousands of commuters forced to live in satellite towns as result of high housing prices. This is a highly inequitable system that effectively punishes people who can't afford to live close to where they work", stated Murphy.

The January 2005 increase in Toll prices would seem to support Murphy's assertion as the cost to car drivers was increased from €1.50 to €1.80, or a staggering 20% while the cost to Vans and Buses at €3.10 was increased by only 3%

"My understanding of the purpose of road tolls is that they are intended to deter only truly works if you offer an alternative, which the government has failed to do where public transport is concerned." - Murphy

She concluded that she sees the current system of road tolling as "an urban tax" which, in a nutshell, can be described as "all stick and no carrot."

Class	Type	2004	2005	Increase	Increase
1	Van/Bus	€3.00	€3.10	€0.10	3%
2	Car	€1.50	€1.80	€0.30	20%
3	Motorcycle	€0.80	€0.80	€0.00	0%
4	2 Axle truck>3500kg	€4.20	€4.50	€0.30	7%
5	3 Axle truck>3500kg	€4.80	€5.20	€0.40	8%
6	4 Axle truck	€5.20	€5.60	€0.40	8%





Emmet Stagg T.D.

Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

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Bond Bridge

The Council have re-tendered for this project and tenders are due in by mid-August. Cllr. John McGinley has been advised by Council officials that works will commence in early/mid-September.

Meadowbrook Link Road

Cllr. John McGinley has allocated €25,000 from his Discretionary Grants for traffic calming ramps on Beaufield Road in order to enable the Meadowbrook Link Road to open. The ramps and the other safety measures identified in the safety audit will be carried out in mid-July. Such works will include five flat top ramps, fencing, line markings, signs and tree pruning. John requested that one of the ramps at the shops should have a pedestrian crossing and the Council have agreed to this.

When these works are completed in mid-August the Meadowbrook Link Road will be opened to the public.

Footpaths at Dublin Road/Doctors Lane, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following reply to his motion at the Area Meeting of the council on 15 July:

"As part of planning file ref. 02/2060 a levy of €25,000 has been imposed as a contribution towards town improvements. Briefly by way of background, the members will be aware that it was proposed to create a one-way system for Doctor's Lane. As per drawings previously circulated, it is also envisaged that resurfacing work would take place and that footpaths would be strengthened. In addition it is proposed to provide additional parking and cycle lanes from the Doctor's Lane junction to Tesco.

As previously advised these works have been prioritised; Phase 1 (in the form of the Charter House scheme) having been carried out. However, a source of funding has not yet been identified for Phases 2 (Doctor's Lane) and 3 (Doctor's Lane to Tesco). Realistically, it is unlikely to be possible to carry out the Doctor's Lane scheme on a phased basis and, certainly, €25,000 will only cover a small element of the cost. I will endeavour to ascertain whether there are other special levies available. In addition, as requested, current proposals will be further reviewed in light of the IFPLUTS study, when published. As requested, I have checked the following planning files:

03/2084 (Glenmoy Developments)

Levies imposed in relation to this file relate to the new Development Contribution Scheme. No roads levies have been paid to date although the commencement notice has issued. In any event as it falls within the ambit of the new Development Contribution Scheme, the roads levies are dealt with on a county wide basis and, accordingly, will be contingent on an annual prioritisation programme to be agreed with the elected members.

02/2060 (Regan and Moloney)

As previously reported, a special levy of €25,000 was imposed in this instance as a contribution towards the town improvement scheme. These monies have not been paid to date. As it comes within the ambit of the former scheme, it will be possible to allocate this to a fund relating to local capital type improvements."

Needless to say Cllr. John McGinley expressed his total dissatisfaction with the report and he demanded that this essential work be carried without any further delay.

Unauthorised Development by Mycete at Moyglare Road, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley and his colleague Deputy Emmet Stagg have contacted the Unauthorised Development Section of Kildare County Council in relation to the unauthorised opening of a vehicular entrance on the Maynooth side of the Eircom building on Moyglare Road, Maynooth.

The Planning Permission granted by the Council and An Bord Pleanala specifically prohibits the Developer from creating vehicular access, either temporary or permanent, to the Moyglare Road from the site, which will eventually have 526 houses.

John and Emmet have demanded that the Developer be instructed to close off this access immediately.

Traffic Management in Maynooth

In response to Cllr. John McGinley's motion a presentation was made to the Area Councillors on the proposed new traffic management plan for Maynooth. The new arrangements will be put in place prior to the opening of the Kavanagh Mill development in October. New traffic signals will be erected at the Kilcock Road/Moyglare Road/Mill Street junction; at the Parson Street/Main Street/Mill Street junction; and at the entrance to the Glenroyal Complex/Public car park. A pedestrian crossing is also proposed at Mill Street, directly opposite the entrance to the new development. Cllr. John McGinley questioned the need for the pedestrian crossing at Mill Street and he also asked if it would be possible to have a roundabout at the church instead of the lights. John also asked that the pedestrian lights at the Bank of Ireland be removed when the signals are installed at the Roost and that the installation of the lights at the Glenroyal Complex be deferred until the new road at the bottom of the Harbour Field is in place.

John also asked that the bus pull-in bays be re-designed so that buses can pull in properly and not hold up traffic. He also demanded strict enforcement of the law on bus only parking as it is completely ignored at present.

Design for Northern Relief Road

Residents will be aware of Cllr. John McGinley's ongoing campaign to have the Northern Relief Road (Moyglare to Moygaddy) completed by Kildare County Council. Residents will also recall that the Council ignored their own Development Plan in giving planning permission to Mycete for 526 houses without the completion of the northern Relief Road and An Bord Pleanala did likewise.

John has demanded that this essential relief road gets top priority for funding under the Council's

Development Contributions Scheme. Prioritising of projects will come before the Council for approval in September and since the Roads Department of the Council were against the granting of permission for the houses unless the relief road was completed Cllr. McGinley would expect that they would recommend that this road would be given a very high priority. John has been given the good news that a preliminary design for the new road will be finalised within the next two months.

Installation of CCTV Cameras

Cllr. John McGinley has again asked that CCTV cameras be installed at the Recycling Centre at the public car park as a matter of urgency. John has also asked the Council to get the OPW to install CCTV cameras at the Obelisk (Connolly's Folly) as the dumping at this historical structure is disgraceful. The only way to stop this crime against the community is through hefty fines.

Yellow Box Needed at Newtown, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to paint a yellow box junction at the exit from houses no. 509 to 513 cul de sac at Newtown, Maynooth. Residents are finding it very difficult to exit in safety onto the road at present.

More Poles on Main Street, Maynooth

Following requests from members of the public, Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council not to erect any more of the 2m high poles, with the miniature litter sign at the top. The poles serve no useful purpose as people don't need to be told in miniature what a litter bin is for and worse still they have been erected just 1m from existing poles. Cllr. McGinley stated that if any such signs need to be erected they should state what the fine is for littering and they should be put on existing poles.

Re-instatement of Footpaths Following Installation of Water Meters

At the request of Cllr. John McGinley the council will be properly re-instating the footpaths in Main Street and elsewhere following the installation of the water meters. The Council advised John that the existing tarmacadam re-instatement was always intended to be a temporary measure.

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daughter,
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