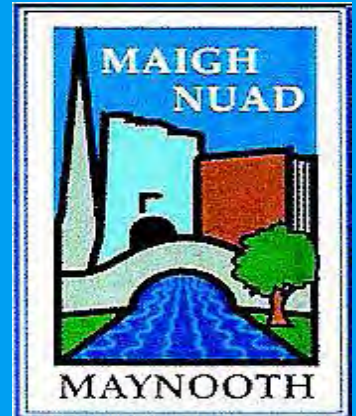


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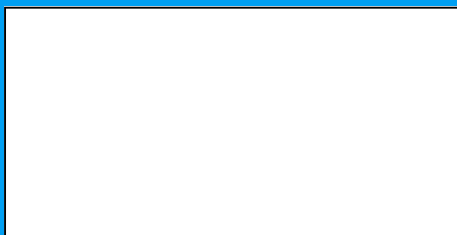
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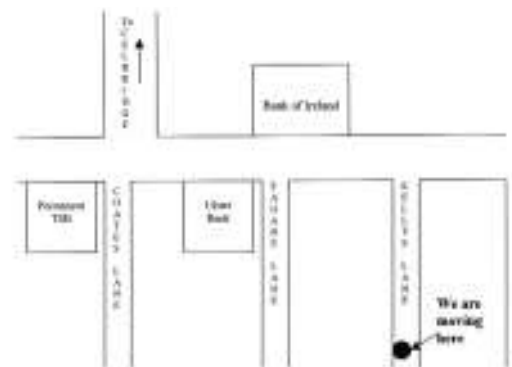
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Editorial

February, the end of winter and cold,
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Along with millions of people all over the world we would like to express our sincere sympathy to people in countries swept away with grief as over 100,000 people lost their lives in the Tsunami Disaster. This tragedy will be remembered as the biggest disaster of the 21st century.

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Life goes on and with spring comes the new hope, as we are entering the time when children are making their Confirmation. Important to each of them, it is also a family holiday. Fancy ties, posh dresses and a smile on everybody's face.

February is also the time when all the college exams are over, and the students of N.U.I are back in town, with lectures starting as well as the cafés and pubs in Maynooth packed full.

The spring is another chance to remember one of our great traditions, as we get ready to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. We would like to ask all the businesses, organisations, clubs and residents of the local community to help with the organisation of the festival and contact the Maynooth Community Council in relation to the arrangements.

Serj Merzliakov

Apology

The Newsletter apologises for the errors in the January issue. The pressure to have the Anniversary Issue completed by mid-December, to have the January issue completed and ready to print by 4th January, as well as other administrative end of year deadlines within the office culminated in an issue where the production quality suffered. Inadvertently an earlier version of the editorial was included for printing, an excessive amount of similar photographs were included and some other editorial decisions were omitted. The Newsletter Office aims to produce as high a quality publication as it can within its resources and we hope our readership will continue to support this worthwhile publication.

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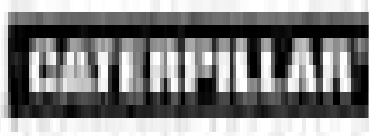
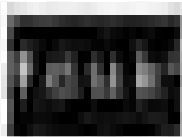
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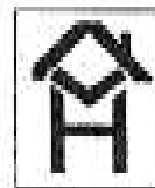
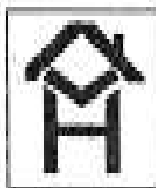
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04/3079	Mr. Brian O'Connor	28 Rockfield Green Maynooth Co. Kildarae	P	22/12/04	First floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion with utility room extended below	28 Rockfield Green Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/3108	David Thompson	354 Greenfield Cottages Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	22/12/04	Erection of dormer type of bungalow with connection to public services and use of existing entrance.	354 Greenfield Cottages Maynooth Co. Kildare
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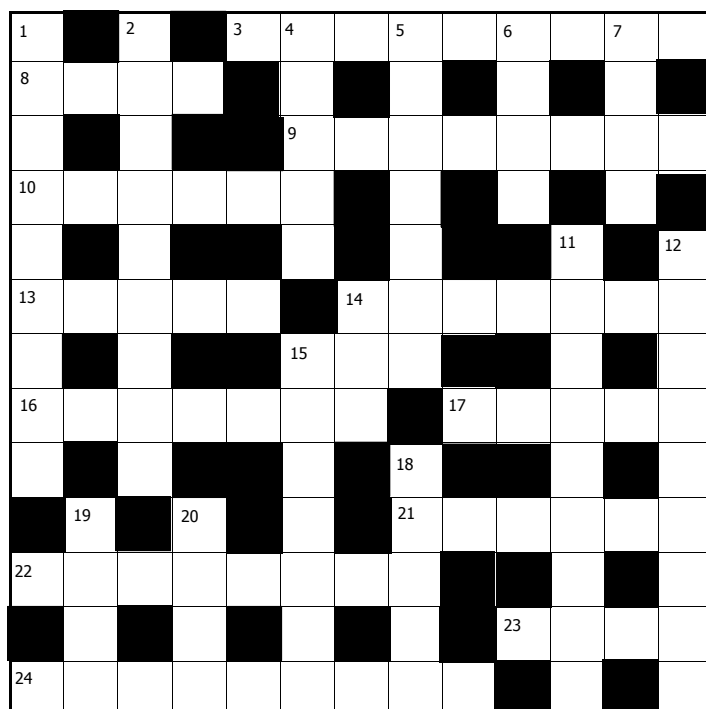
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Features

Paddy MacNamara

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Originally from Cashel, County Tipperary, Paddy has lived in Naas since 1991. Being parents to four-year-old Michael and two-year-old Katie, Paddy and his wife Elaine, are only too aware of the problems associated with juggling and combining family and home life with busy work schedules. Paddy is a lecturer in Bolton Street College in Dublin, while Elaine, herself a native of Carbury, works with Hewlett Packard.

Like thousands of others, Paddy makes the daily commute for work from Kildare to Dublin where he lectures in Mechanical Engineering. It is this experience of commuting which prompted Paddy to become involved in the Naas and Sallins Rail Users Group (NASRUG). Now a PRO for the group, Paddy has campaigned for major improvements to the route, including the provision of extra trains, improvements to security and quality of service. Paddy is an active member of many other local groups including in the Sallins Community Council, the Naas Housing Cooperative where he holds the position of secretary and he chairs the Naas Area Committee in Kildare County Council.

As a councillor, Paddy has highlighted the gaps in infrastructure in Kildare associated with the rapid development of the commuter belt. Paddy has also been a vocal opponent to the underfunding of such important schemes as the Disabled Persons Grant Scheme, the shortage of school places and facilities, the closure of health services, traffic chaos in the county and unaffordable housing.

The Labour Party is confident that poll-topper Paddy will take a second seat in the by-election. Paddy has the proven ability and is the clear choice.



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Prawn and Fruit Cocktail

2 large red apples
2 large ripe pears
1 lemon
2 large sticks of celery
1lb of cooked prawns
2 bunches of watercress
1 pot of Greek yoghurt enough for 5 tablespoons
1small far of mayonnaise
For the dressing
5 tablespoons of Greek yoghurt
2 tablespoons of mayonnaise
3 tablespoons of ketchup
2 teaspoons Of Worcestershire sauce
4-5 drops of Tabasco sauce

Core and dice apples and pears, put into a bowl and sprinkle with lemon juice.

Trim celery and cut into slices and put into bowl, add prawns and toss altogether.

Wash and dry watercress, chill until required. Mix together yoghurt, mayonnaise, ketchup, Worcestershire and Tabasco, season and chill. Just before serving divide the watercress between 6 dishes, spoon over the fruit and prawn, then drizzle over the dressing.

If you are using frozen prawns remember that they close about half their weight when defrosted so you'll need to buy about 2lbs.

Main course

Lemon White Fish

Serves 4

Cooks in 3 minutes

Squeeze lemon juice over fish, season with salt and pepper.

Microwave for 3-4mins.

Sprinkle with capers and lemon rind.

Hey Presto!

Ingredients

4 x white fish portions - boned
Grated rind & juice of 1 lemon
Salt and freshly milled black pepper
2 teaspoons capers

Method

- Drizzle lemon juice over fish, season with salt and pepper
- Place in a microwave dish, cover and cook on highest setting for 3 minutes
- Allow to stand for 2 minutes
- Sprinkle with lemon rind & capers

To Serve

Serve with seasonal vegetables and new potatoes

Dessert

Pancakes

Ingredients:

125g/4oz Odlums Cream plain Flour

Pinch of Salt

1 Egg

300ml/1/2 pint Milk

Oil for frying

Method:

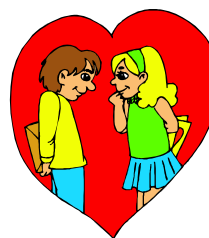
1. Sieve flour and salt into a bowl.
2. Make a well in the centre of the flour, break in the egg and add about a third of the milk. Beat well, gradually pouring in the rest of the milk and drawing the flour to make a smooth batter.
3. Pour batter into a jug and allow to stand for about 30 minutes
4. Brush a pancake pan or frying pan with oil. When pan is hot, give batter a stir before pouring a thin layer onto pan.
5. Fry until golden brown, turn and fry other side until brown also.
6. Stack pancakes on a large plate, as they are cooked.

Filling Suggestions

Pancakes or crepes may be filled and served in rolls, envelopes or used as wraps for various fillings.

Traditional filling.

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Features

Cool Colin

A visitor to Maynooth over the Christmas would have been forgiven for thinking they were in the West End of London or Times Square in New York as all the talk was of Musicals and Acting. The boys of Maynooth B.N.S. had just presented the world premiere of Cool Colin. Over 120 boys from the school took part. The show involved two boys from a school hurling team traveling back in time to meet Setanta (Ben Connolly) who taught Nigel (Robert Fox) the true secret of hurling, apparently it's all in the wrists. The lead in the show Colin was played by Darragh FitzGerald. The show also included dance routines, seven original songs and not just one but two hurling matches live on stage. . The story which was based on the Irish legend Cú Chulainn was written by the cast and staff of the school .

Much praise must go to the excellent stage crew who had to move the very large and unique sets around. They also found time to set off two explosions each night.

All in all it was a great success and the question on everyone's lips is "When is the next one? |



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Useful Tips

Table Manners

- If you can't get at your food with a knife or fork without making a mess - when eating spare ribs, corn on the cob or shellfish, for example - use your fingers. Otherwise, when in doubt, follow your host's example or consider the formality of the situation.
- If you've bitten into something that can't be swallowed - such as meat gristle, a pip or a fishbone - remove it from your mouth the way it came in (generally with your fork) and put it on the side of the plate.
- If you find hair in your soup at a dinner party, or an insect in your salad, either remove the interloper and eat your food, or leave it untouched - but refrain from commenting on it.
- If you find an unacceptable object in food you order in a restaurant, send it back immediately.

Windscreen wipers

Are your wipers not working properly? Before buying new ones, clean both the glass and blades thoroughly. If you've had your car cleaned at the car wash, you may have to use a mild household abrasive cleaner to remove any silicone wax. If that still doesn't do the trick, try the following:

- Water beads are the result of grease or silicone build-up. Clean the windscreen with the solvent used for removing grease or silicone from bodywork.
- If the wipers are smearing only one direction or if they chatter, the blades may be frozen. Warm them between your hands or use a hair dryer; if that doesn't help, dip them in warm water.
- Chattering may also be caused by a bent wiper arm. In this case, stop the wipers in midstroke to see if they are parallel to the windscreen. If an arm is bent, straighten it with two pairs of pliers until it remains parallel to the glass when released. If the tip of the arm is bent, remove the blade before you straighten the arm. The problem may also be corroded joints. Free them up with penetrating solvent.
- Streaking may occur when the nozzle of the windscreen washer is blocked; insert a pin to clear it. Or the washer fluid may not be spraying in the wiper's path; adjust the position of the nozzle with a pin and keep checking until the spray pattern is on target. Some nozzles aren't adjustable; don't force them.
- Before driving in the rain, rub your wiper blades with bicarbonate of soda - you'll see better.
- If the blade on the driver's side isn't working, swap it with the other one on the passenger's side. This is a temporary measure only. Get the faulty blade fixed as soon as you can.
- If you need to change your blades, check your car manual for details of the right size to use.

Nail biting

- When you're tempted to nibble at your nails or cuticles, keep your hands busy - and not in your mouth. Doodle on paper, knead a pencil river or finger some worry beads.
- Give yourself a weekly manicure; the neat appearance may deter you from biting your nails.
- Promise yourself a treat if you can grow one nail without biting it.
- Paint an anti-biting preparation onto your nails. These are available from chemists, and their bitter taste reminds you to stop nibbling.
- If your small child also bites his nails. Try giving him a small manicure set - it might encourage him to stop. Make sure you trim his fingernails after each bath-time, and reward the days when he doesn't bite them with a gold star or small treat.

Indigestion

- To relieve an attack of indigestion, drink a cupful of peppermint tea. Steep 1/2 oz of fresh peppermint leaves in 1 pint of boiled water for 20 minutes.
- Instead of a commercial antacid, try 1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda in a glass of water (not recommended for those who must restrict their intake of sodium)
- Caution: a heart attack may be mistaken for indigestion. If you are in doubt, seek medical help.
- Prevention
- Stop smoking and don't chew gum. Cut out aspirin, alcohol, caffeine and carbonated drinks. Decline foods that don't agree with you.
- Make time for stress-free meals. Try eating four or five small meals a day slowly instead of wolfing down two or three large ones.
- Relax, sitting up, for 15 to 30 minutes after every meal.
- Sleep with the head of your bed slightly elevated or with a pillow

Head lice

If you or the school nurse finds lice in your child's hair, eradicate them with an over-the-counter preparation bought from the chemist.

Comb your child's hair every night, strand by strand, with a fine-toothed comb until you are sure there are no more lice and you have combed out all their eggs. To prevent a recurrence, tell the child not to share combs, hats or ear-phones with her friends at school.

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Chionodoxa forbesii, *Ipheion uniflorum* (all), *Narcissus* 'Dove Wings', *Narcissus* 'Irene Copeland', *Narcissus* 'Jack Snipe', *Narcissus* 'Jetfire', *Narcissus* 'Minnow', *Narcissus* 'Mount Hood', *Scilla siberica* 'Spring Beauty', *Tulipa linifolia* Batalinii Group, *Tulipa praestans* 'Fusilier'

SPRING

Spring, the season when even those who are not into gardening on a permanent basis, enjoy the bulb's warm glow and ability to take the darkness and bareness of Winter out of the natural environment. For over two months you can have daffodils flowering in the garden. In the first weeks of the season, bulbs such as *Narcissus* 'February Gold' are ideal to reawaken your garden after the winter months.

How to grow the bulbs

Chionodoxa: (Glory of the snow)

This genus from West Turkey, Crete, and Cyprus is related to *Scilla*. These small bulbous plants are easy to grow in sun or partial shade. They soon seed profusely, flowering quickly from seed. *C. luciliae* (RHS Award of Garden Merit) has up to 12 small, starry, blue flowers per stem. A pink-flowered form is also available. The plant needs a mixture of shade sun and moist soil. The bulbs are full hardy and grow best at around -20°C/-5°F.

Ipheion

A small genus of bulbs from the eastern side of South America. They are related to onions and give off a familiar smell when the leaves are crushed, but the flowers, produced in spring, are often honey-scented.

I. uniflorum 'Wisley Blue' (RHS Award of Garden Merit) is nearly fully hardy and well worth trying in colder gardens. *Ipheion* is small with light-blue, star-shaped flowers and dense, grass-like leaves. It multiplies quickly and is useful when planted between shrubs or at the edge of a rock garden.

Narcissus (Daffodils)

The range of daffodils on offer is vast. The shape and colour of each cultivar is clear from the illustrations in catalogues and garden centres. Equally important, however, is the height some large-flowered daffodils need plenty of space and require careful placing. The varieties listed here are mostly medium in stature, and easily cultivated. Buy daffodils as soon as they go on sale, because the roots will begin to grow in late summer.

'Irene Copeland' has a double flower with white outer petals and a bright yellow double trumpet. It grows to medium height and flowers in mid-spring.

'Jack Snipe' (RHS Award of Garden Merit) is a small plant with white outer petals and a lemon-yellow trumpet. It flowers well and bulks up very quickly.

'Jetfire' is also small and has a good contrast between its yellow outer petals and bright orange trumpet. At first the trumpet is quite pale in colour but soon darkens with time.

'Minnow' (RHS Award of Garden Merit) is a small, multi-headed, scented narcissus with pale yellow trumpets surrounded by cream outer petals. This daffodil is best grown in a large container or a raised bed.

'Mount Hood' (RHS Award of Garden Merit) is a medium-height daffodil with a cream trumpet and whiter outer petals. It has a mid-spring flower of good substance.

Others

Scilla siberica 'Spring Beauty', syn, 'Atrocoerulea', is a little taller than *S. bifolia* and has deep blue, more pendent flowers in early spring. It looks very effective when planted around deciduous shrubs or in conjunction with white or red flowers. The bulb is best grown when it has a balance of sun and moist soil, and should be grown full hardy at -20°C/-5°F.

Bowl-shaped flowers

Tulipa linifolia *Batalinii* Group (RHS Award of Garden Merit). These are small to medium, early-flowering tulips that come in red, yellow, apricot, and bronze. They are very easy to grow if planted in a well-drained spot in a cold garden.

Tulipa praestans 'Fusilier' (RHS Award of Garden Merit) is a barely medium-height tulip that is particularly easily grown and very reliable. It has several vibrant, red flowers, on each stem.



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John Byrne pictured here with Michael Flynn Jnr and Philip Doyle winners of the Owen Byrne Match Play Shield 2004

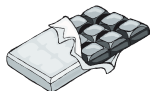
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Riverbank Arts Centre Events Diary

The Graham Ashton Brass Ensemble (USA)

18 February 2005

At Riverbank Arts Centre

Time: 8.00pm

Tickets: €13/10

Presented by Music Network: Graham Ashton, trumpet; Mark Gould, trumpet; William de Vos, horn; Jim Pugh, trombones

"In Graham Ashton's superlative realisations, no one can resist his spell." The Guardian

The Graham Ashton Brass Ensemble (GABE) encapsulates everything you could want from a classical contemporary ensemble - individual virtuosity, bold and innovative arrangements, intuitive group playing and an effortlessly stylish blend of old and new. Variety/ look no further than Mr. Ashton's eclectic band of brothers: the four brass masters on this tour have played with everyone from the London Philharmonic and the London Philharmonic and the San Diego Symphony Orchestras to Joe Lovano, Harry Connick Jr, Barbara Streisand and Celine Dion.

The leader's clean, rounded tone has made him an in-demand soloist for major orchestras on both sides of the Atlantic. Mark Gould, feted as "one of the truly great trumpeters of our time" by the New York Times, is Principal Trumpet at the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra. Trombonist Jim Pugh has appeared on Grammy award-winning recordings with Woody Herman and Steely Dan as well as composing for the New York Philharmonic and the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra. Australian-born horn player William de Vos has become widely recognised as one of the most outstanding horn players of his generation and performs with the Orchestra of St. Luke's, New York Virtuosi and Dicapo Opera.

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The Fureys and Davey Arthur Tour

4 February 2005

At Riverbank Arts Centre

Time: 8.00pm

Tickets: €20.00

The Fureys celebrated their 25th anniversary in 2003 with a series of concerts throughout Europe, the UK, Australia, New Zealand, the USA and Canada.

They were reunited on these concerts with their lifetime friend and former member Davey Arthur but for George, Eddie and Davey there was also a touch of sadness as they were without Paul who died in June 2002.

Due to the huge success of their anniversary tour Davey has stayed on with the Fureys on a permanent basis and will be lads on this tour. They are well known for numerous hits including; When you were Sweet Sixteen, The Green Fields of France, Red Rose Café, The Old Man, Steal Away, Her Father didn't like me anyway and Leaving Nancy.

They are responsible for some of the most stirring music ever to capture the public imagination. Their folk based music has received standing ovations in some of the biggest concert halls of the world and they credit their musical ability to their parents, Ted and Nora, who were well known musicians themselves. They encouraged their sons to play music from a very early age and there was live traditional music in their house almost nightly. As the lads have been heard to say it was either pick up an instrument or pick up a shovel!

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Fast, Effective and Fun!

By Serj Merzliakov

This morning I find myself into a very unusual setting – looks like a gym, but no treadmills, rowing machines or tanks of water, instead a very social place with pictures of parties and members. Curves, fitness chain established in 1992 in Texas by Gary Heavin, brings a difference into the world of training, exercise, and dieting. Today it has over 6000 centres worldwide, and the Curves club in Maynooth recently celebrated its first anniversary.



Fitness and fun

Curves is not a traditional fitness centre, explains **Orla Keane, the training technician**. As you may see it's a circular system of exercise designed exclusively for women, which uses hydraulic resistance. It is not a regular rigid workout – we encourage exercise as much as socialising, so in a way it's both, a fitness and social activity.

How would you compare Curves programme to the traditional gym?

Orla: As you might have noticed, there is no weight lifting involved, the exercises depend on reasonable strength training and are very safe. The equivalent of a standard 30-minute session is an hour and a half in a regular gym; however, these exercises are suitable for every age group.

Isabel Walsh, manager: Our best satisfaction is to see women's level going up, their losing inches and getting the feeling of self-worth. Ladies who come to us wouldn't go to the regular gym: we have neither dress code nor fashion; we want our members to feel at ease, and we enjoy the exercise. Even when we are weighing measure, it's only once a month and only if the lady wants to.



If I asked you to describe the programme in 3 words, what would they be?

Orla: Fast, effective and fun – fast because it's only a 30-minute workout which suits our busy lifestyles perfectly, effective is due to the proven weight loss record, and fun because we have a lot of events after the exercise.

Amaze yourself!

What will be the social aspects of Curves?

Isabel: We ran the mini Marathon in June 2004, we have a lot of parties, and our ladies are also involved in many charities and challenges.



Orla: We might take our members for a day tour, we may organise a dog racing night and we encourage everybody to take part. Our next challenge is The Curves Tsunami Appeal, it's a 30 day challenge in order to lose a little to help a lot!

Over a year 600 members joined Curves and as I see new members signing in, I ask them about their expectations.
- Enjoy, get fitter, and lose a bit of weight!

Good luck, and with Curves going nationwide with a new club opening in Clondalkin – keep it up!

Curves team at Mini Marathon

Features

Cllr Catherine Murphy

I am happy to assist with issues of queries, or to meet with individuals and associations.

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 "Edgeworth Kuiper Belt Objects/ Planet X"
 By Astronomy Ireland's Eamon Ansbro

April

- 11 Monthly Lecture DCU
 "Albert Einstein - his life and times" by Prof. Petros Florides
 29 Star-B-Q

May

- 9 Monthly Lecture DCU
 "Inside the Stars" by Dr. Simon Jeffrey, Armagh Observatory

June

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 "Astronomy in Ancient Sligo and Meath"
 by Martin Byrne

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- 8 Monthly Lecture DCU
 "Our Dynamic Sun"
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- 12 Monthly Lecture DCU
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 By Dr. John Butler of Armagh Observatory

October

- 6 Evening Classes DCU
 10 Monthly Lecture DCU
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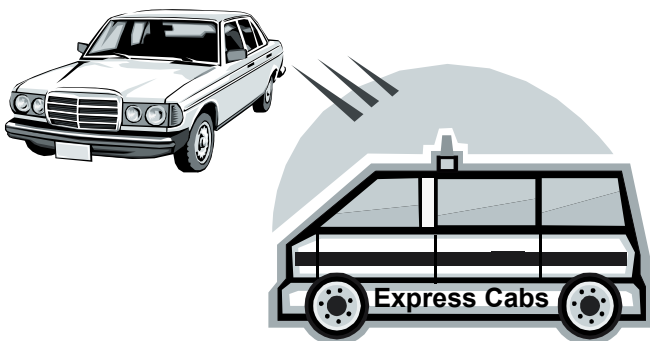
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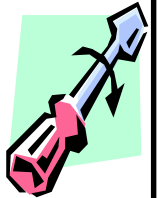


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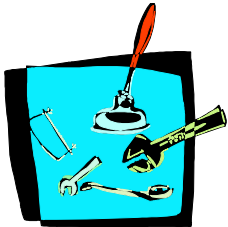
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Maynooth Post-Primary production of “Les Miserables”



Sinead O'Connell, Director/Producer, Anne Marie O'Farrell, Musical Director & Rebecca Flynn, Choreographer



Cast members of the chorus in “Les Miserables”



Post-Primary School Maynooth Musical Production Parish Hall February 2 - 6th 2005

"Les Miserables"

This is an extremely ambitious production to be undertaken by the staff and students of the Post-Primary School Maynooth. Up to recently the "rights" for this musical were denied to all except those licensed by the "rights" owners and limited to top class productions in prestigious venues round the world. To the joy of many, these rights have been relaxed to allow fledgling musical societies like the Pos-Primary School in Maynooth to stage the production. Sinead O'Connell, a teacher of history and geography at the school and Director/Producer of the production is to be commended for undertaking such a daunting task. Anne Marie O'Farrell, Musical Director, and Rebecca Flynn, Choreographer ably assists her in her task. Sinead stated that the enthusiasm of the students, drawn mainly from fifth and transition year has made her job a lot easier. As an example of the commitment required, the cast were putting in a full day's rehearsal on a Saturday, normally a free day. Sinead is looking forward to the support of the parents and the local business community in making this musical production a success. It should be a great night out and well worth supporting. Tickets are available from the post-primary school.

The Story of 'Les Miserables'

'Les Miserables' is set in the Parisian underworld. The protagonist, Jean Valjean, is sentenced to prison for 19 years for stealing a loaf of bread. After his release, Valjean plans to rob Monsignor Myriel, a saint like Bishop, but cancels his plan. However, he forfeits his parole by committing a minor crime, and for this crime Valjean is haunted by the Police Inspector, Javert. Valjean eventually reforms and becomes, under the name of M. Madeleine, a successful businessman, benefactor and Mayor of a northern town. To save an innocent man Valjean gives himself up and is imprisoned in Toulon. He escapes and adopts Cosette, an illegitimate child of a poor woman, Fantine. Cosette grows up and falls in love with Marius, who is wounded during a revolutionary fight. Valjean rescues Marius by means of a flight through the sewers of Paris. Cosette and Marius marry and Valjean reveals his past. The story by Victor Hugo was made into a musical by Claud-Michael Schonberg and the librettist Alain Boubil opening in Paris 1980.



Cast members of "Les Miserables"

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Maynooth Citizen Information Centre Notes

Question

Can you please give details on the new rates for hospital charges that were announced recently?

Answer

From 1st January 2005 the charge for attending Accident and Emergency increases from €45 to €55. If you are a medical card holder or have a letter of referral from your doctor you do not have to pay this charge.

The charge for in-patient services in a public ward has also increased from €45 to €55 a day (subject to a maximum of €550, i.e. 10 days, in any 12 month period). If you stay in two or more hospitals in the course of the year and your stay exceeds 10 days in hospital you should bring this to the attention of the last hospital you attend.

Everyone is entitled to public in-patient services regardless of their income but subject to the statutory charge mentioned above. There are a number of groups who do not have to pay the statutory charge such as medical card holders, women receiving maternity services, children up to the age of 6 weeks and children suffering from prescribed long-term illnesses. In cases of undue hardship a Health Board may provide the service free of charge.

The charges for private and semi-private accommodation in public hospitals have also increased by 25%. There is one exception: Health Board District Hospitals charges are the same as in 2004. The daily rates for 2005 are:

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Health Board District Hospitals	€179	€153	€133

These charges are additional to the public hospital statutory in-patient charge given above.

Further information is available from the Citizen Information Centre below.

Question

I am getting an Old Age Pension. I also have a free television licence. I heard on the radio that I would have a free 'lifetime' television licence but I just got a renewal form in the post. How do I get a free 'lifetime' TV licence?

Answer

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The current situation is due to the changeover from annual licences, issued by An Post, to 'lifetime' licences issued by the DSFA. It should not recur after this year.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Question

I understand that the income thresholds for the Family Income Supplement have been increased in the Budget. Can you please give the details.

Answer

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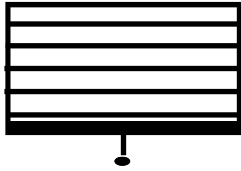
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- You must have one or more children (under age 18, or aged 18-22 in full-time education) living with you and you must be supporting them.
- Your average weekly family income must be below the appropriate income limit for your family size. Assessable income is net family income. It includes most social welfare payments, but not Child Benefit.

As of January 2005 the weekly income limit is increased by €39. The new weekly limits are as follows:

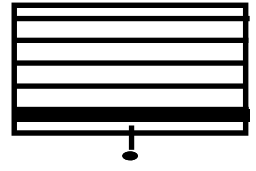
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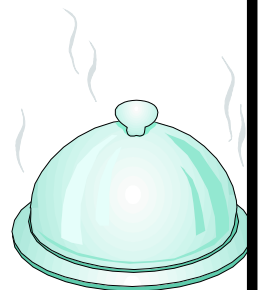
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Question

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Answer

The tax year, and therefore the PRSI contribution week, starts on the 1st January every year. As a result, the 'PRSI contribution week' can differ from the 'working week'. Because you are in a job-sharing arrangement you need to be fully aware of the implications particularly in the area of social welfare entitlements.

In 2004 the 1st January fell on a Thursday. Because the contribution week started in the middle of the week, if you worked every second week you still managed to pay a PRSI contribution in each contribution week. If you worked Monday to Friday for two weeks in a row you paid three PRSI contributions. So even though you had the one week off you still had paid work in each contribution week. Therefore you had the full 52 PRSI contributions paid for the year.

In 2005 the 1st January falls on a Saturday which means each PRSI contribution week is seven days from Saturday to the following Friday.

The 1st of January falling on a Saturday is particularly relevant if you are job-sharing with a week off as part of your work pattern because you will miss out paying a PRSI contribution towards the social insurance scheme for the week you are not working.

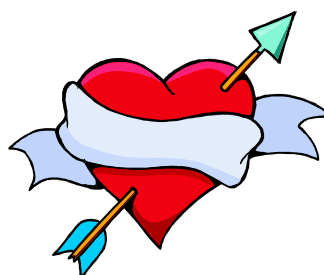
For example, if you work one week on and one week off, where previously you had 52 contributions paid in a year you will now have only 26 contributions for 2005. If you work for three weeks with one week off you will have 39 contributions for 2005.

This could effect your entitlement to an Old Age (Contributory) Pension later. The amount of Old Age (Contributory) Pension you will receive when you reach 66 is based on the average number of yearly PRSI contributions you have paid since starting work. It is therefore important that you have as many PRSI contributions as possible.

If your job-sharing arrangement requires that you work part of every week between the days Saturday to Friday you will still receive your full 52 PRSI contributions in 2005. If your job-share work pattern

involves you having one week off you could talk to your employer about changing your work pattern to a 'split week'. This involves you working at least one day of each contribution week so that you can have the full 52 PRSI contributions for 2005.

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Greally's Newsagents **Main Street, Maynooth**

Greally's Newsagent is a new convenience shopping and newsagent facility recently opened on Maynooth Main Street. It is nicely located in the town centre between Coonans Estate Agents and the Permanent TSB Bank. It is also located beside the bus stop on main street thus facilitating commuters to Dublin. It is bright and airy and has a full range of sweets and confectionery available and also sells all the popular magazine titles and newspapers. It also stocks essential groceries that we all require after a week away or handy to pick up after work. You will never run short of tea, coffee or biscuits at this location. Another innovative facility is that this location sells postage stamps, and item fewer shops are carrying these days. The proprietor is Deirdre Greally ably assisted by Ruth Kilmartin. Deirdre is married with three children and is living in Maynooth for the past eleven years. Opening hours Monday to Friday, 6.30 am to 8.00pm., Saturday 7.30am to 8.00 pm, Sunday 8 to 8.

We at the Newsletter wish Deirdre the best of luck with her new venture as the Proprietor has kindly consented to stock our Publication for sale



Proprietor Deirdre Greally and assistant Ruth Kilmartin



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Features

Newtown Inn Bar and Restaurant

This new facility will prove a major boost for the residents of Beaufield and it's surrounding areas. The Murray family, Fiona, Ray and Tony have been working on this development for quite some time. The finished product is a credit to the family and the architects involved in the development. The first impression on entering the bar is the feeling of space with high ceilings and plenty of floor space. This means everybody is not on top of each other and will be comfortable with their own or their company's space. The bar area is subtly divided between a traditional drinking area and a modern, contemporary bar, which we are sure, will receive a very positive response from the younger generation. Speaking on behalf of the family Fiona outlined future plans for the bar and restaurant. A restaurant manager and a head chef has been appointed as well as the following bar staff Eoin Davis and Margaret Browne and manager John O' Rourke. Local people will be pleased to hear that Andrew is a newly appointed member of the staff and those who enjoyed his first class food in the Ryevale in Leixlip will now have an added incentive to support the new restaurant. While conscious of potential new business when the ring road is complete and support from the local university student population, the family is also determined to develop local community business. They hope to develop private functions and other anniversary type functions including christening parties and so on. The food will be available on an all day basis with a wide variety of bar food and carvery menu offering good fare at attractive rates. The restaurant will be available for more formal sittings in the evening.

We at the newsletter wish the Murray family the best of luck in their new venture



Bar staff Margaret Browne, Eoin Davis,
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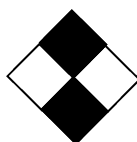
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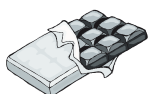
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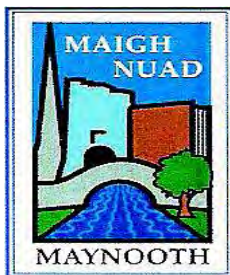


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Features

A Century of Irish Sporting Heroes

Jackie Kyle (1926-)

For the title of world's best fly half in the post war era, Jackie Kyle has few rivals in world rugby. One of the few who could have matched his ability was the Welshman, Cliff Morgan. But to Irish rugby fans privileged to have seeing him play he was the greatest. Kyle's great attribute was not only was he a classic attacking back that could make match winning breaks with magical side steps and swerves his anticipation on defence was also uncanny. To the frustration of his opponents he was always there to block up holes in his teams defence that were caused by breakaways or a kicks ahead.

To his credit he is remembered as a great crowd-pleaser when much of his International career was spent in sides either not dedicated to open play (Ireland) or forced on defence(Lions in New Zealand). In his prime just after World War Two when Ireland were dominating the International Championship with a superb pack, his function was somewhat negative for such a talented back. His tactical kicking in support of his pack was brilliant but limited his opportunities to show what a wonderful talented fly half he was. However he was a key player in the most successful Irish team since the inception of the International Series at the end of the eighteen hundreds. The Irish team completed the "Grand Slam" in 1948 and repeated their Triple Crown success in 1949. He was selected for the British and Irish Lions tour in New Zealand in 1950. Although playing behind a beaten pack his class was evident. New Zealand rugby fans were impressed and put him on a par with Bert Cooke, which was praise indeed as that player was considered their greatest ever inside back.

When Jackie Kyle played against the 1951-1952 Springboks, Irish supporters said he was off form because of his preoccupation with his medical studies. Danie Cravan who managed the touring side said " my reply is that if Kyle is better than that he must be the best fly half who ever played rugby anywhere in the world"

Born in Belfast, Kyle played for Belfast Royal Academy and then for Queen's University. He showed no great talent at fullback and centre and it was not until the regular fly half of the Queens senior side dropped out through injury that he leaped to prominence. Tried out in that position, he at once made it his own. He went straight into the Ulster Provincial Side and when the International matches resumed in 1946 he was selected to play for Ireland. Except for injury he was never out of the Ireland team for the following eleven seasons. An indication of less demanding times was that he 46 caps represented a world record at that time.

B G Thomas described him as one of the nicest fellows he has ever met in rugby football. Schoolboys loved him. He was inevitably last to the dressing rooms after an international match, refusing to leave until all autographs asked for had been signed. His unselfishness is best illustrated by an incident involving a small £250 legacy. On receiving the maturing amount he promptly donated the sum to a children's charity

After his rugby career was over he virtually disappeared to (at that time) an out-of-the-way spot in Africa to work as a medical missionary.

J.W.Kyle

International Appearances.

Ireland: 46 caps

British and Irish Lions: 6

Ireland

V Australia: 1948,1958

V England: 1947, 48,49,50,51,52,53,55,56,57,58

V France: 1947,48, 49,50,51,52,53,54,55,56,57

V New Zealand: 1954

V Scotland: 1947,48,49,50,51,52,53,56,57,58

V South Africa: 1952

V Wales: 1947,48,49,50,51,52,53,55,56,57

British and Irish Lions .

V Australia: 1950 (2)

V New Zealand: 1950 (4)



Irish captain Jackie Kyle steadies himself before kicking for touch. Kyle's attacking genius was often stifled by team policies that required tactical kicking.

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A Century of Irish Sporting Heroes



Ireland's greatest flyhalf, Jackie Kyle in trouble as he is tackled by England's J. Butterfield in an international. Kyle's spirited style of play greatly enhanced the post-war rugby scene.

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Maynooth Labour News

Kildare County Council Budget 2005 Agreed

Following prolonged discussions the Council's Budget for 2005 was agreed at a meeting on 4 January. Cllr. John McGinley and his Labour Party colleagues determined that the most crucial issues were:

- Waivers on Bin Charges for Old Age Pensioners and those on Welfare Payments.
- Increased allocation for those in need of Disabled Persons Grants
- Funding provision for the operation and maintenance of the new children's playgrounds being constructed this year.

Bin Charges

The County Manager proposed the following charges for domestic refuse collection:

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| (a) | 240 litre bin | | |
| (i) | Standing charge | €185 | |
| (ii) | Bin tag fee (From 1/3/05) | €7 each time the bin is emptied | |
| (b) | 140 litre bin | | |
| (i) | Standing charge | €140 | |
| (ii) | Bin tag (From 1/3/05) | €5 each time the bin is emptied | |

Cllr. McGinley and the other Labour Councillors made it very clear that without a waiver system being put in place for old age pensioners and those on social welfare payments they would not be supporting the Budget. Both the Fianna Fail and Fine Gael parties made it clear that waivers on bin charges was not an issue with them; while the sole Green Party member, Cllr. J.J. Power stated that he was totally opposed to waivers for old age pensioners and for anyone else for that matter.

Cllr. McGinley negotiated on behalf of the Labour Party and the Independent Councillors with the Head of Finance and the outcome was as follows:

- The standing charge would be waived for old age pensioners and those on social welfare payments.
- 14 free bin tags would be provide to these waivers applicants.

This means that that if those on waivers make full use of the recycling bin they should only need to put the refuse bin out for collection every two weeks and with 14 free tags they will only have to pay for the collection 8 times. Under the circumstances, with Fianna Fail against giving any waivers and Fine Gael reluctantly agreeing to them, it was a good outcome.

Cllr. McGinley and his Labour Party colleagues are calling on the Government to introduce a National Waiver Scheme for bin charges for those on old age pensions, those on social welfare payments and those on low incomes in order to reduce the financial hardship the new bin charges are causing.

Party Political

(Maynooth Labour News Cont'd.)

Disabled Persons Grant (DPG)

This grant is available to modify/extend a dwelling to facilitate a person with a disability. The maximum grant available is €20,320 or 90% of the approved cost, whichever is the lesser. Two thirds of each grant is recouped from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. The local authority is required to pay the remainder.

It is the Labour Party's view this grant should be funded totally by Central Government as it is self financing in that it enables people to remain at home rather than occupy a valuable hospital bed. In most cases families provide a downstairs bedroom en suite so that the disabled person can live in dignity and with their family.

Because Kildare County Council gets less funding than most counties from Central Government in order to run the county it has been unable to meet the increased demand for DPG's. There is now a backlog of applicants in the county requiring funding of €5.1m.

In his draft budget the manager proposed an allocation of €500,000, which would give €1.5m when central government funding of €1m is added. Cllr. McGinley and most other Councillors stated that this was insufficient and that it had to be increased in order to go some way to clearing the backlog. The Head Of Finance stated that the only way to increase the allocation for the DPG's was to increase the general business rates. Cllr. John McGinley proposed that the business rates be increased by a further 1% and this was seconded by Cllr. Paddy MacNamara. The Head of Finance stated that if this proposal was agreed it would bring the total funding for DPG's to €2,250,000. However, when it came to voting on Cllr. McGinley's motion Fianna Fail, Fine Gael and the Independent Councillors, including Cllr. Catherine Murphy, voted against, with the Labour Councillors and Cllr. Tony McEvoy the only ones voting for. Regrettably, most Councillors were not prepared to back up their words with action and as a result the disabled have to suffer on.

Funding for Operation & Maintenance of Children's Playgrounds

As a result of Cllr. John McGinley's successful motion the County Manager proposed that €1m be allocated for the provision of children's playgrounds in the major towns in the county. Cllr. McGinley welcomed this but stated that he was concerned that there was no allocation for the operation and maintenance of the playgrounds. Without such an allocation Cllr.

McGinley felt that there would be pressure on location communities to do this work themselves.

Cllr. McGinley proposed that the €29,000 which was set aside for regional tourism be re-allocated for the operation and maintenance of playgrounds instead. The motion was passed despite the fact that all of the Fianna Fail Councillors voted against it.

Maynooth Library to open on Saturdays

At the Budget meeting Cllr. John McGinley stated that while the Library provided a great service to the community it was a pity that it was not open on Saturdays so that children could go there with their parents.

The County Librarian stated that she would be in a position to open the libraries in Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge all day Saturday following the opening of the new library in Leixlip at the end of January.

Deputy Emmet Stagg welcomes final approval of extension to Maynooth Post Primary School.

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the announcement of the sanctioning of the required extension to Maynooth Post Primary School.

The extension which was first sought in 1999 and for which planning permission was granted in December 2001 will now proceed to construction in 2005.

The extension will mean that the school will now be able to cater for a long term enrolment of 850 pupils and will ease the present overcrowding in classrooms and reduce dependency on temporary accommodation. The extension comprises 6 General Classrooms, Demonstration Room, Computer Business Machines Room, Special Tuition Room, 2 Lecture Rooms, Administration Rooms and a Physical Education Hall.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that whilst it was great news for the pupils, teachers and parents of pupils of the School it was incredible that it took 6 years to get the project to this stage.

Bus Shelters for O'Neill Park and opposite the Glenroyal

Cllr. John McGinley has been trying for some time to get Dublin Bus to erect bus shelters at the bus stops at O'Neill Park and opposite The Glenroyal. Planning permission has now been granted for shelters at both locations and Cllr. McGinley has asked Dublin Bus to get the them erected without any further delay. Incredibly, it took over a year to get planning permission for a such simple structures.

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Broken Public Lights at The Harbour on the way to the Train Station

Following representations from Cllr. John McGinley the public lights that were broken by vandals have been repaired by the ESB. Regrettably, one of the lights was again smashed a few days afterwards. The local Garda Sergeant is in agreement with Cllr. McGinley that this area is in serious need of proper lighting as it is the busiest pedestrian area in Maynooth. Unfortunately there is disagreement between the County Council and Waterways Ireland as to who is responsible for the provision and maintenance of the lighting. In order to try and resolve the impasse Cllr. McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

"That the following policy be adopted for the existing and proposed new public lights at The Harbour, Maynooth:

- That Kildare County Council accepts responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the existing and the proposed new lights for the area.*
- That Waterways Ireland proposal for the 11 new lights from Straffan Road to the Harbour be accepted i.e. Waterways would contribute €8,000 and Kildare County Council would contribute €3,000 (see their letter to Cllr. McGinley dated 7 December 2004)*
- That Waterways suggestion that the opportunity also be taken to upgrade the existing lights from Leinster Street to the pedestrian bridge over the canal also be accepted."*

Lack of Pedestrian walkway at the back of the Health Board Houses

Since Newtown Grove was closed off to facilitate the building of new houses at Meadowbrook Lawns residents of Old Greenfield, Meadowbrook, Brookfield and College Green have to use the potholed road at the bottom of Old Greenfield and the mud path at the back of the Health Board houses to make their way to the Rail Station or Main Street. As hundreds of pedestrians have to use this "walkway" every day Cllr. McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

"That a temporary footpath be constructed at the back of the Health Board houses at Newtown, Maynooth and that the potholes on the road outside Michael O'Riordan's house be repaired in order to facilitate the hundreds of pedestrians who have to use it daily as a result of the closure of the roadway at Newtown Grove. Furthermore, that levies from the new houses at Meadowbrook Lawns be used for this

purpose."

Bond Bridge looks set to start in May

A Titanic Struggle Spearheaded by Cllr. John McGinley looks set to finally close in May 2005 when construction work on Bond Bridge will commence.

The Realignment of Bond Bridge is the first project to be funded under the new Council Development Contributions Scheme.

Since October last John has been pursuing C.I.E. in relation to procedural issues associated with the construction work and C.I.E. have confirmed to John that the consents required have been furnished to Kildare Co. Council. The Co. Manager also advised John at the Budget Meeting of the Council on December 17th last that all procedural issues had now been cleared and that construction was to commence in May 2005 when the Meadowbrook Link will have been completed.

This is great news for the people of the Newtown Area and Maynooth in general and both Paddy Mac Namara and Emmet Stagg are proud to be associated with John's success on this campaign.

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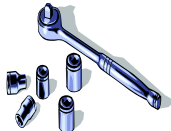
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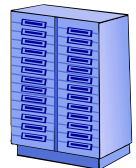
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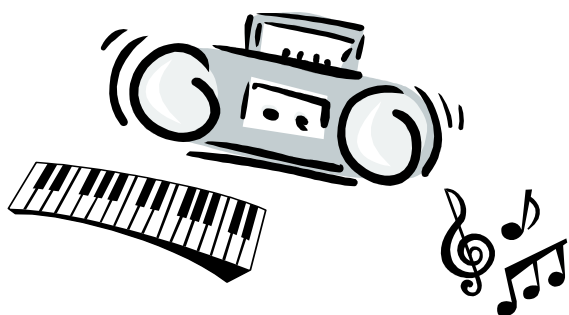
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K 'N' B MUSIC **The Square Maynooth**

Recently relocated from the Main Street, Maynooth, proprietors Ben and Ken Pearson have opened a fine and spacious new music shop in the square. The new facility offers a comprehensive range of CD's covering Irish/Rock/ Pop / Hip Hop / R&B / Heavy Rock / Classic Rock / Chart Albums / compilations. The shop also stocks a comprehensive range of musical equipment including electrical guitars and drums.

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Proprietor's of K' n B Ben and Ken Pearson



K' n 'B now located in The Square in Maynooth



Cllr Catherine Murphy
Independent

Independent Councillors seek N7 Express Bus Route Pilot

Kildare Independent Councillors, Catherine Murphy, a candidate in the upcoming by-election and Mary Glennon, welcome the recently announced initiative to open up the hard shoulders on motorways and dual carriageways to speed bus times into the city centre. They are calling on the Minister, Mr. Ivor Callely and the National Roads Authority to make the beleaguered N7 Naas to Dublin route the pilot for this study.

"There couldn't be a better time for this scheme to be introduced since the upgrading work is just commencing. There is absolutely no doubt in our minds that this move is essential on the Naas Dublin route to cut down dramatically on car use and to make the daily commute more bearable. "At the moment it is taking up to two hours each morning for the bus to get to Dublin, a journey of a mere 20 miles that less than ten years ago took 35 minutes.

Prior to the upgrade the busses were using the hard shoulder and the Gardai seemed to be sympathetic to the plight of the bus drivers trying to meet schedules as in the main they turned a blind eye to it. However it was not ideal as the surface was far from perfect and its narrowness meant that part of it was not suitable, so the buses were forced to move in and out of traffic if they were to meet their schedules. "But now because of the upgrading, the hard shoulder is not available and the hundreds of bus commuters are arriving late on a daily basis for work and study in the capital."

The Department of Transport has not yet announced to the NRA the actual detail of which roads are to be included in the pilot scheme. "We are listening daily to heartfelt cries for help from commuters who say that the N7 from Naas to Dublin is more like a car park than a dual carriageway. We think this is the opportune moment for the NRA to take the initiative and ask that this route be used as the pilot scheme. The work currently underway on the Naas Road allows for the hard shoulder width of three metres, which is the preferred width for bus usage. We are told by the firm who are commissioned to carry out pilot studies that this is ample space to allow for a bus lane. "If it is put on the long finger it will be both costly and a huge nuisance to commuters."

Catherine Murphy in her role of Chairperson of the Strategic Policy Committee on Transportation in the last Kildare Co. Council was a fierce advocate of the improvement of public transport. In line with this Councillor Murphy in Kildare Co. Council and Councillor Glennon at Naas Town Council level have both been active in promoting the idea of Park and Ride sites being identified as part of an overall package of measures to encourage people to switch from private car use to public transport. Quality queuing arrangements must also be provided along the route and this could be in place when the third lane opens. County Kildare and Naas Development Plans are nearing completion so this is an opportune time to identify suitable park and ride locations.

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Political Game Playing Disenfranchises Electorate

The constituencies of Kildare North and Meath have been deprived of full representation in the Dáil since the departure of Charlie McCreedy, Fianna Fail, and John Bruton, Fine Gael, last November.

According to Kildare County Councillor, Catherine Murphy, "this delay of almost three months in calling the by-elections to fill these vacancies seems to have more to do with party political games than upholding the democratic right of the public to be fully represented."

Party Political

The Constitution sets down the ratio of TDs to the population, but there are no fixed rules on the timing of by-elections. Indeed by-elections have been delayed for up to 18 months, solely for party political reasons.

Despite substantial resources at the disposal of the two largest parties, Fianna Fail and Fine Gael have not selected candidates for Kildare North. Neither party seems to be in a rush to have the Dáil pass the writ to hold the by-election.

Cllr Murphy sees this delay as a cynical, essentially anti-democratic exercise. It is designed to strengthen the position of the main parties prior to the next general election which will see additional TDs in both constituencies. Kildare North will expand from three seats to four, while Meath will split from one five seater to two three seater constituencies. The general election is due in 2007; therefore, even with the current number of TDs, the population in both constituencies is under represented. Delaying the by-elections only adds to that disadvantage.

In a democracy, the public decides who should fill the vacant seats. Yet, the main political parties act as if they in some way 'own' these seats. Cllr Murphy concludes that it is time to end game playing which denies the electorate their right to representation; the by-elections must take place without further delay.

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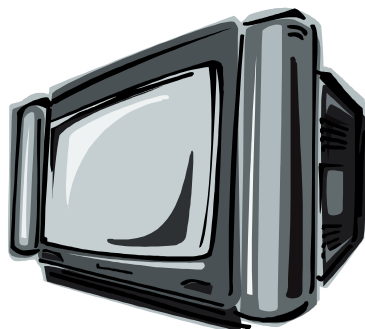


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