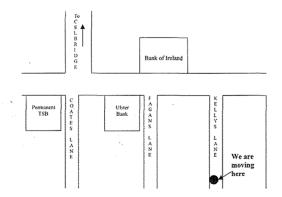
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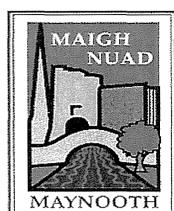


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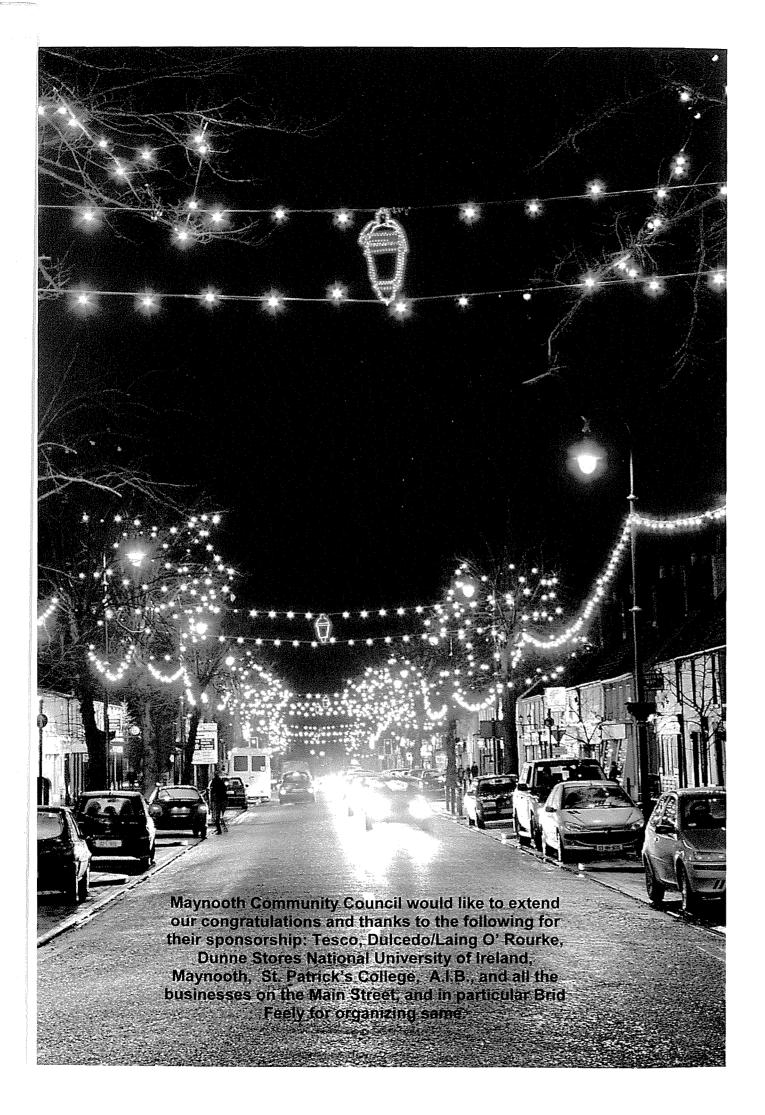
Cllr. Paddy McNamara, Mrs. Ellen Leavey, Cllr. John McGinley, Josie Moore and Deputy Emmet Stagg at the presentation of the cheque for the Tony Smith Memorial Walk

Christmas Scene in Maynooth





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#### **Editorial**

#### Editorial

Maynooth never looked better than it did for Christmas 2004. Thanks to the Maynooth Business Association and their sponsors (mention them here) for funding and organising the Christmas Lights and Tree.

When working on the anniversary issue the editorial board became increasingly aware of the wealth of material that appeared in previous Newsletters down through the years and of the importance of having a newsletter in a community. It is a record of the social history the town and its people. As a result it is planned to include more articles and photographs from past issues in our future issues, as far as possible. The editorial welcomes any suggestions for inclusion from our readers in this regard. It was interesting to see that the first issue of the Newsletter in 1975 featured an article on the need for a children's playground, which is still an issue today.

We are making a special plea for articles from young people. We would especially like to hear from those are travelling and working around the world.

The Newsletter wishes all our advertisers, contributors, readers and retail outlets a Happy New Year.

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# **Maynooth Community Council Notes**

The November meeting of the Maynooth Community Council took place on the 8th November, 2004 in the Glenroval Hotel.

#### **Maynooth Community Centre Partnership** Maynooth Community Church - "Information Pack" on possible New Church/Community Centre Development in Maynooth.

Tony Bean gave this presentation. Tony clearly stated that this is for information only to bring people up to

He said Maynooth Community Centre Partnership M.C.C.P was set up to look at facilities for the youth of Maynooth. They worked with both M.A.S. and M.C.C then becoming M.C.C.P. They held a public meeting in April 2002 in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Tony also noted that they had met with other groups: Maynooth GAA Club who at that time was making plans for future development. They also met with local Art Group Rep. Terry Nealon, also Maynooth Community Church. He also noted that an Anchor tenant would have to be in place and that the Centre would prove to be multi functional.

Tony stated that from the Public Meeting certain needs were identified.

#### **Outdoor Activities:**

Roller Blading, Tennis, Basket-ball, Playground.

#### Indoor sport:

Soccer, Gymnastics, Irish dancing, Martial Art, Swimming Pool, Gym.

#### Small area:

Snooker

#### Indoor other:

Scouts, Youth, Senior citizens, Art/theatre/Multi Media Miscellaneous:

Anchor Tenant, Library/Citizen info. One step shop. Others:

2 Centres, Interconnected buildings combined with other Community groups to avoid overlap of facilities.

Here a brief Presentation was given on behalf of Maynooth Community Church. Maynooth Community church is a new church development project arising out of the ministry of Lucan Presbyterian Church. Since its establishment in 1876 LPC has seen a great deal of development both in itself and in surrounding area. It was because of this expansion that a decision was made to initiate a new congregation in Maynooth.

#### **Our need for New Premises**

At present services are held in Maynooth Post-Primary School with offices and meeting rooms in our Resource Centre, Main Street. It was stated that their plan would be to build a multi purpose facility that would cater for both their own needs and other groups to meet, Keith pointed out. The congregation in Adelaide Road has recently completed a five million euro rebuilding project which has provided them with this type of facility.

In May 2003, they made enquiries with Kildare County Council about possibilities for a site to build such a facility and were introduced to Maynooth Community Centre Partnership who had been campaigning for the same facilities for some time.

A meeting was held with M.C.C.P and out of this the possibility now exists to make a joint proposal to Kildare County Council for support in erecting a new Community Centre in Maynooth Community Church.

#### The Drawing up of Concept Plans.

Through their contacts in the Church they have drawn up some concept plans for what a Church/ Community Centre facility could look like. This work was done by S & P Architects. The plans can be viewed in M.C.C office. At this stage Maynooth Community Council was thanked for allowing both presentation.

Co-options to Maynooth Community Council, Rosemary Hanley, I.C.A. John McCarthy, Moyglare. Margaret Tyrell, Leinster Park.

#### **Auctioneers Signs**

Paul Croghan said signs have been removed from Moyglare Village. It was also noted that Moyglare Abbey have written to Auctioneers about signs at entrance to the estate.

#### **Christmas Lights in Maynooth**

The question of whether Maynooth will be in the dark again this year was raised. Brid Feely on behalf of the Business Association stated that this was only a new association, but agreed to look at it.

#### **Band Stand**

It was noted that the Band Stand is to be relocated to Donadea Park.

#### **Tesco Maynooth**

It was noted at the time of the Presentation for the New development at Tesco's, that pathways were to be planted with trees. Local Residents fear that this will not happen M.C.C. is to look into this.

#### **Maynooth Community Award**

Chairperson, Hugh Gallagher said that a benefactor has come forward with a donation of €1,000 for the benefit of people of Maynooth. A Community Award was our way of recognizing the work done by the people of Maynooth. After some debate it was decided to give Maynooth a huge 'Christmas tree' for Christmas. However it took a lot of volunteers to make this happen. It was also noted that Coonans Auctioneers had donated the €1,000. they were thanked on behalf of Maynooth Community Council.

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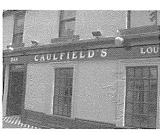
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# **Maynooth Community Council Notes**

# Draft Action Area Plan for Land at Maynooth Harbour.

#### Submission by 29th November.

The civic building planned here seems to be well advanced. It was noted that the I.C.A. Hall is to be removed to facilitate a new road along Leinster Street. Rosemary Hanley, I.C.A. wondered where the new site would be situated. Over the question of the exit at the Glenroyal, it was felt a round-about would be better here and open up the old pathway. Tony Bean felt that there should be an exit at Bond Bridge. This should be included in the plan. Cllr. John McGinley felt that it is money shortage not planning that is the problem here.

Cllr. Senan Griffin also noted that a round-about at the Glenroyal may not be the best idea here. A lot of school children use this road and traffic lights may be the best he said. He also noted that Waterway's Ireland will do a lot of work here, this is very undeveloped and it would open up the whole area. It was also noted that underground car-parking will be for residents and businesses. Muireann Ní Bhrochlaín suggested that we keep an eye on the plan for an archaeological study.

#### **Sub-Committees**

Tidy Town Awards Night. Paul Croughan said their awards night will take place on the 11th November at 8.00 p.m in the Glenroyal Hotel.

#### Newsletter

The Newsletter is celebrating 30 years with a bumper edition. It will be a stroll down memory land for a lot of people. So enjoy this very special Newsletter. Many thanks to the Committee and office staff and supervisor Christina Saults.

#### St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Artist Marion O' Donnell will design a float for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. It was felt that businesses in the town should be putting floats in the Parade. Some years ago floats were spectacular, and this is what is needed again.

#### **Local Matters**

Kavanagh Mills

Paul Croughan noted the dreadful traffic problem here. It was noted that no permission was granted to allow entrance to site at Mill Street. It was decided to write to the site manager regarding licence, as licence are renewed every month.

#### Phone Mast - GAA Club.

It was stated that the GAA Club may give agreement to this. Paul Croghan said that this is only fund raising and feels that the GAA are not operating in good Community spirit. It was also noted that no planning permission was given for the first mast.

Maynooth Community Council is to write to the GAA Club.

There is a new design for the road at Kilcock Road and the slip road at Boys National School, stated Cllr. Griffin. Peter O' Connell raised the dreadful condition of the path at the rear of the Health Board House at Newtown. A lot of people use this path, also that there is no lighting and it is a health hazard.

#### Meadowbrook Link Road

John O' Connor raised the point about the opening of the Meadowbrook Link Road. It was stated that the new date will now be March 2005. It was also felt that when the new road opens it will be a very busy junction on the Straffan Road.

#### **Kingsbry Estate**

Robert Wilson remarked on the new ramps on old Greenfield. However Cllr. McGinley stated that he had wrote to the Residence Secretary.

#### **Information Sign Carton Avenue**

Tony Bean said a lot of wok was done here but he said that they had looked for a hand stand for the information sign.

#### Re - Sign at Supermac's

Write to Regional Tourist Board regarding having it updated rather than moved.

Next Community Council meeting 13th December in the Glenroyal Hotel

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# **Maynooth Community Council Notes**

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

Tom McMullon, Vice-Chairperson, offered our appreciation and congratulations to the Maynooth Business Association for the wonderful Christmas lights and Christmas tree this year.

#### **Community Award**

It was stated that this award would take place next year. It was noted that Coonan & Co. are supporting this award.

Brid Feely felt that other businesses could also get involved.

Also that it could be viewed as a means to supporting the Kildare Person of the Year.

#### Pathway-Newtown

The dreadful state of this path was noted by Peter Connell. The path runs at the back of the Health Board houses. The new housing here has made this path the only access point. Maynooth Community Council will write to Kildare County Council and also to the Students Union for support.

#### Mast at Maynooth G.A.A. Grounds

This matter was raised by Paul Croghan. The 10th December was the date for submissions to Kildare County Council. He said a lot of people were concerned about this. He also said that he would be addressing the G.A.A. Annual General Meeting.

#### **Maynooth Community Centre.**

Tom McMullon stated that at this stage it would be best to have round table discussions to include M.C.C.P., M.A.S., M.C.C. and K.C.C.

Tony Bean on behalf of M.C.C.P. said that they have a plan ready now and are very advanced with it. He said the time is now right to get the views of the community.

#### **Sub-Committees**

#### **Tidy Towns**

Paul Croghan noted the bad rating Maynooth received in the IBAL ratings. There is a league of 30 towns involved. He felt it was good to measure the town's progress in this regard. He felt there was a lack of coordination between Kildare County Council and the Business Association in the town. A round table meeting should take place with these groups.

Brid Feely said the new Business Association would be willing to play their part.

Maynooth has a huge movement of people and many don't have a good community outlook.

Tony Bean questioned if it was litter only that let us

down. He said we need to show off the town's features better. It was felt that people coming into the town working etc. leave a lot of rubbish behind them. Paul Croghan pointed out that you have to maintain the work you do. He also felt that people who work in the town sometimes don't care about the place they work in.

Muireann Ni Bhrolchain said the town looked well now even if we have a floating population, it is improving all the time.

Sean Cushen pointed out that part of the canal is very overgrown. He also stated that Kildare County Council said he could not use a strimmer on the canal, it was noted that some environmental damage could be done here.

#### **Dumping on Straffan Road**

John O'Shea, Carton Court, said that they were assured that it had to be removed inside three months, but that this had not happened.

Des Matthews wondered if Tesco putting back the bottle bank. He also suggested that the Harbour Field area could look very well if people got together to do work here.

#### **Maynooth Newsletter Anniversary Issue**

Congratulations were extended to Susan Durack, Editor, and office staff for all the hard work involved.

#### **Local Matters**

#### **Arts Forum**

Terry Nealon stated that they are happy with plans for the Harbour Field, that will also include a theatre.

#### **Water Disruption—Carton Court**

It was noted that on Sunday 12th December water was shut off from 9 a.m.—6 p.m. Cyril McAree felt that the work could have been carried out without cutting off the whole area altogether..

#### **New Train Timetable**

Paul Croghan informed the meeting that a new timetable was out from today 13th December.

#### **Castle Committee**

Tony Bean said that they are working towards using the Castle more often. They are also trying to get toilet facilities and to introduce lunchtime concerts etc. He also noted that the lights were off for the Winter but that they should be on.

Thanks were extended to the Glenroyal Hotel for mince pies and mulled wine which was enjoyed by all after the meeting.

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04/2524	Simon & Maria Black	2 Parklands Grove Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	20/10/04	A proposed first floor level extension (Bedroom and Bathroom Extension) at the side of the house over existing study and utility room	2 Parklands Grove, Maynooth, Co. Kildare
04/2568	Peter Twomey	Newtown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	Р	28/10/04	4 no. detached two storey houses with garages for domestic use and associated use and associated site works	Newtown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare
04/2611	Albany Homes Ltd.	Estuary House, New Street, Malahide, Co. Dublin	Р	02/11/04	Alterations and additions to approved layout (reg ref 03/1192) currently under construction to provide single storey kitchen extension to rear of approved houses on the following sites etc.	Straffan Wood, Maynooth, Co. Kildare
04/2645	Sharon & Colin Fitzpatrick	9 Vessey Park Lucan, Co. Dublin	Р	05/11/04	A bungalow (222 sqm) with biocycle treatment system and percolation area with vehicular access through existing road entrance landscaping berm and associated works to site previously granted permission (PL Ref 1989/03	Cloverhill Newtownmacabe Co. kildare
04/2656	Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Ballyeeran Athlone Co. Westmeath	P	05/11/04	An extension on two levels to existing book repository total area of extension 348 sqm.	Mariavilla Townland Moyglare Road, Maynooth
04/2694	Myles Healy	76 Moyglare Village Maynooth Co. Kildare	p	11/11/04	A 4 bedroom detached 2 storey dwelling and an increase in the width of the existing entrance to the site to create a shared entrance for the existing and proposed development	76 Moyglare Village Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/2866	David Thompson	354 Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	26/11/04	Erection of dormer type bungalow with connection to public services and use of existing entrance. File Ref: 94/1382 to rear	354 Greenfield Cottages Maynooth Co. Kildare
04/2890	Ballygoran Developments	Celbridge Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	Р	01/12/04	For neighbour centre to include: a crèche (289 sqm.) at ground and first floor and play area (93 sqm.), 3 no. retail units (158 sqm.), etc.,	Moneycooley, Celbridge Road Maynooth
04/2892	Caitriona Corrigan	Ballynare Kilcloon Co. Westmeath	P	01/12/04	For change of use from existing taxi cab office to takeaway coffee shop	Unit 2 Castle Stores, Castle Street, Maynooth
04/2897	Thomas Milner	28 Rockfield Park, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	P	02/12/04	Two storey dwelling house with detached garage, new entrance on to cul-de-sac, Aswaflow waste water treatment system and associated site works	Ballyteige Donadea Naas
02/2210	P & J Cronin	141 Upper Leeson St. Dublin 4	Р	03/12/04	Change of use of ground floor from off licence to restaurant with element of take-away	Desmond House, Maynooth Co. Kildare

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04/2922	Ballygoran Developments Ltd.	Celbridge Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	P	06/12/04	Alterations to the existing planning permission PI Reg Ref 02/1872 for a housing scheme. The alterations are to House No. 10 only and include (a) the omission of permitted rear extension and bay window and their replacement with a larger single etc	Moneycooley Celbridge Road, Maynooth
04/2989	Gerard & Mary Jones	Laragh, Maynooth Co Kildare	Р	13/12/04	For a two storey rear extension and for retention for a garage	Laragh Maynooth Co Kildare
04/3004	Carton Demesne Ltd	Carton House Maynooth Co Kildare	Р	15/12/04	For modifications to the existing permission for the kitchen wing to Carton House, Ref 01/1626 & 91/441. the revisions include the change of use from stores to public toilets, etc.	Carton House Maynooth Co Kildare
04/3008	St Vincent de Paul	St Pauls Moyglare Road Maynooth Co Kildare	Р	16/12/04	To construct a multimedia centre with a chapel of adoration consisting of 310 sq mts	St Paul's Compound Moyglare Rd Mariavilla
04/3022	Carton Demesne Ltd	Carton House Carton Demesne Maynooth Co Kildare	P	17/12/04	Minor modifications to the existing permission for Carton House ref: 91/441 (ABP Ref 9/5/88418). The revisions to include the change of use from public passage/gallery and engineers office to public toilets in Rooms BF-207 &209 at basement level etc.	Carton House Carton Demesne Maynooth
04/3040	Carton Demesne Ltd	Carton House Maynooth Co Kildare	P	17/12/04	For the change of use in three first floor rooms in the East wing of Carton House, from Hotel offices to bedroom accommodation, to create two bedrooms, involving the insertion of lightweight stud partitions, etc.	Carton House Carton Demesne Maynooth
04/3045	Ciaran Gallagher	C/O 4 Rockfield Close Railpark Maynooth, Co Kildare	Р	17/12/04	For one and a half storey house with integrated garage / poultry house and glasshouse	Railpark Maynooth Co Kildare

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The Scottish vocal ensemble, Canty, with William Taylor, medieval Irish harp, will visit Maynooth in February 2005 as part of a tour of the UK and Ireland to celebrate the launch of their CD, Flame of Ireland. Medieval Irish plainchant for St Brigit of Kildare (Sanctuary Classics, London 2005), Following concerts in Edinburgh, Glasgow and London, they will perform in Maynooth College Chapel on 2 February, the day following Brigit's feast; in St Brigid's Parish Church, Kildare Town on the 3rd (where they will contribute to the week-long Féile Bhríde); and the chapel of Trinity College Dublin on the 4th.

Canty are the female vocal quartet from one of Scotland's leading professional early music ensembles, Cappella Nova, which is Ensemble-in-Residence at the University of Strathclyde. They are collaborating with Dr Ann Buckley (Music Dept, NUI Maynooth) who is directing a major international research project on medieval Irish liturgical chant, funded at NUI Maynooth by the Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences. Its aim is to publish editions and recordings of the complete corpus of liturgical chant for the veneration of Irish saints which survives in manuscripts from all over Europe. There are in excess of 300 manuscripts still in existence. dating from the 9th to the 17th centuries, with liturgies for over forty different Irish saints including Brendan, Brigit, Colm Cille, Columbanus, Fintan, Fridolin, Fursa, Gall, Kilian, Maglorius, Malachy, Patrick, and Laurence O'Toole (also known as St Laurent d'Eu because he died at Eu in Normandy in 1180 where his relics survive, and where he is still venerated today).

The manuscripts used for reconstructing the Brigit programme include an antiphonary and two breviaries, all from the Leinster region. They date from the 15th century and are now housed in the Library at Trinity College Dublin. As far as we know, this will be the first performance of these chants since the time of the Reformation, and so it represents an

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The CD will be on sale at a specially reduced price of 18 Euro on the evening of the concert.

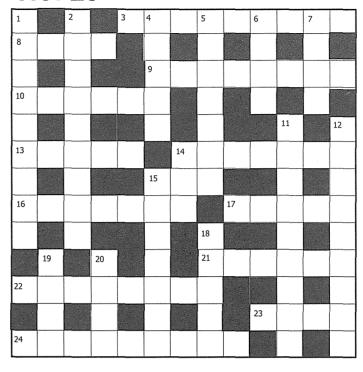
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#### Crossword

#### No: 29



Entries before: 16th January 2005

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- 14. Remunerate (3)
- 15. Celebrity status (7)
- Press, TV etc. (5) 18.
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- 13. Spain, 14. Revolve, 16. Uranium,
- 17. Swore, 21. Nasser, 22. Populate, 23, Vera,
- **24**. Memorable

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- 14. Rim, 15. Sultana, 18. Kneel, 19. Pose, **20.** Juno

#### Features

#### GARDEN TIPS FOR JANUARY

- Although wintry conditions confine the gardener indoors, life in the garden goes on. Frost is a very good soil conditioner particularly of clay. The clods and lumps expand as the action of freezing pushes the particles of soil apart. When the thaw comes the earth breaks down into smaller crumbs that are easily raked to a fine surface tilth for sowing and planting. Ahead of the frosts, use every hour of mild weather to dig, rotavate and turn over the soil before it is needed for sowing and planting
- Avoid threading on lawns when they are brittle with frost, this bruises and damages the leaves of grass.
- In frosty weather check that the soil has not started to lift up around autumn-planted stock. Firm it down without waiting for a thaw, when the soil will be too wet.
- In mild weather protect the growing tips of bulbs and corms from slugs and snails with ashes. Slug pellets should be covered with polythene to safeguard wild life or pets.
- When the ground is not too hard with frost, herbaceous borders can be cleared of dead top growth and then top dressed with well rotted manure or compost
- Weed out roots of dandelions, nettles, thistles and perennial weeds.
- ♦ SOWING
- Let the soil temperatures be your guide to first sowings. Buy a soil thermometer. Do not sow in recently frosted soil or after heavy rains, when seeds will rot, or, if they sprout, be vulnerable to fungus diseases
- Set seed potatoes to sprout as soon as available. Place them eye-end up in

- shallow trays or pulp-board eqq trays. Leave them to sprout where they will be in a steady temp. of 5-7° C. A frame or spare room would be suitable, and some light is necessary to encourage short, sturdy embryo shoots from each eye.
- Complete winter spraying of fruit trees early this month before buds begin to swell. Clear weeds and fallen leaves from around fruit trees and bushes before applying fertilisers and organic mulches
- A final tip would be to heap and compost mixed fallen leaves for use in top-dressing lime-intolerant shrubs such as rhododendrons.
- Plants in flower at this time— Christmas Rose, Crocus and Snowdrop.

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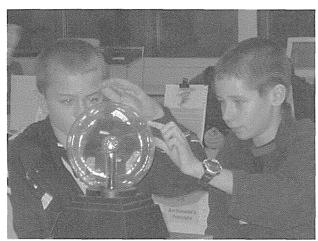
#### **Features**

# Science Week in National University of Ireland

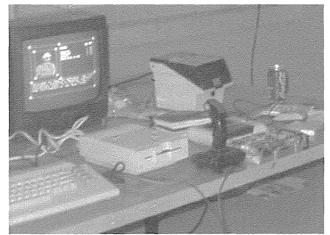
By Serj Merzliakov

Q: Do you know what is this  $\rightarrow$ ? A: One of the first home PCs.

Using a television set as a monitor and cassette tapes for recording games, this Commodore PC was a dream of a teenager in the mid-1980s. Do you know that biological centres grow and release parasites to resume equilibrium in certain regions of the planet? Or that the most amazing astronomic observations do not demand serious skills, knowledge or professional equipment? These and many other exciting things and facts of science were on view to guests and visitors of the Science Week in National University of Ireland, Maynooth.



Graham and Donnal (Salesian College, Celbridge) trying to solve the mystery of plasma globe



The dream of the 1980s...

The Science week in Maynooth wasn't an exception – the National University of Ireland welcomed guests from our town as well as neighbouring Celbridge, Leixlip and even Dublin. We could see people of all ages getting excited at the sight of the plasma globe and meters of all shapes and sizes, trying to play games on 'ancient' Commodore computer, participating in various biological tests, as well as analysing the DNA and substances under the microscope.

Science takes time and we could see how the guests were carried away by the whole atmosphere and how boys from the Salesian College from Celbridge were attentively listening to the explanations of immunological researcher Dr. Derek Doherty.



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Sound experiments by Aine and Niamh (Maynooth)

And there was no shortage of people trying to get into the live testing of Eye Tracking, the unique project which may improve the reading skills and was tested in the local schools.



Eye Tracking - a unique international project

The week was a huge success proving that science is not only a serious academic matter but also a lot of fun!



Immunology is vital! Dr. Derek Doherty

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#### Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Notes

#### Question

If a public holiday falls on a weekend are you entitled to a paid day off?

#### Answer

There is no specific provision in law governing what happens when a public holiday falls on a weekday, employees are entitled to paid leave on the day or one of the following alternatives:

- A paid day off within a month of the public holiday
- An additional day of annual leave
- An additional day's pay
- The nearest church holiday to the public holiday as a paid day off

When a public holiday falls on a weekend, most employers tend to take the following Monday off as the paid day off. This Christmas it is expected that most employers will take Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th December as the paid days off (for Christmas Day and St. Stephen's Day). However, an employer may choose any of the alternatives mentioned above. Under the Organisation of Working Time Act 1997, you may ask your employer, at least 21 days before a public holiday, which of the alternatives will apply to you. Your employer should respond to you at least 14 days before the public holiday.

Complaints in relation to your entitlement may be referred to the Rights Commissioner at the:

Labour Relations Commission, Tom Johnson House, Haddington Road, Beggar's Bush, Dublin 4.

Tel: (01) 613 6700. LoCall 1890 220 227

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre.

#### Question

My employer has told us that a number of employees may be made redundant. Can you please let me know what I am entitled to ?

#### Answer

What you may be entitled to under legislation depends on how long you have worked for your employer and your normal weekly earnings. From 1st January 2005, the limit on how much of your normal weekly earnings can be taken into account in calculating your redundancy payment increases. However, you may negotiate a redundancy, rising to eight weeks for those with at least 15 years of service. The Redundancy Payments Acts 1967 - 2003 oblige employers to pay redundant employees their "statutory redundancy entitlement". To be eligible, you must be between the ages of 16 and 66 and in continuous employment at least two years with your

employer.

The lump-sum redundancy payment is calculated as follows. Subject to a maximum week's pay of €507.90 per week (€600 from January 2005):

- Two weeks' pay for each year of reckonable employment regardless of age
- Plus an additional week's pay.

In calculating reckonable employment, ordinary sick leave over and above 26 weeks, occupational injury over and above 52 weeks, maternity leave over and above 18 weeks and career breaks over 13 weeks in a 52 - week period are excluded.

There is no tax payable on the statutory redundancy lump sum.

Further information 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 or LoCall 1890 201 615 and from the Citizens Information Centre.

#### Ouestion

I understand that adoptive leave has been increased. How long can someone take?

#### Answer

You are correct. It has increased by two weeks.

And adoptive mother or sole male adopter in employment is entitled to a minimum of 16 consecutive weeks (was 14 weeks) of adoptive leave starting on the day of placement of the child, providing the leave started on or after the 19th November 2004. There is no obligation on employers to pay someone on adoptive leave. However, you may be entitled to 16 weeks Adoptive Benefit. In the case of a foreign adoption, some or all of this 'unpaid leave' can be taken immediately before the day of placement, for the purpose of familiarisation with the child.

Four weeks written notice must be given to your employer and, except in the case of a foreign adoption, a certificate of placement should be supplies to your employer within 4 weeks of the day of placement. You must inform your employer, in writing, at least 4 weeks beforehand of your intention to take the additional unpaid leave.

Your absence from work on adoptive leave does not affect any of your rights related to your employment apart from being paid, and you have the same rights to return to work as with maternity leave. You must give at least 4 week written notice of the date you intend to return to worry.

Further information is available from the Equality Authority, Clonmel Street, Dublin 2.

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# Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Notes (contd).

#### Question

I heard that landlords must register their rented accommodation with the Private Residential Tenancies Board. Can you please give details?

#### Answer

Under the Residential Tenancies Act 2004 each residential tenancy must be registered with the Private Residential Tenancies Board (PRTB) before the 1st December 2004. New tenancies will have to be registered within a month. Previously, landlords were obliged to register rental dwellings with their local authority.

The legislation does not apply to owner-occupied accommodation, social housing, the formerly rent-controlled sector, long occupation equity tenancies. Business lettings, holiday lettings, "rent a room" or other arrangements whereby the landlord also resides in the dwellings where the landlord's spouse, child or parent is a resident and a lease or written tenancy agreement has been signed.

The registration fee is €70 per tenancy and there is a composite fee of €300 where a landlord is registering a number of tenancies in the one building at the same time. A double fee applies for late registrations. Failure to register may result in a fine of up to €3,000.

Tenants must supply landlords with the information they need to complete the registration form, including their Personal Public Service Number (PPS.NO).

From the 6th December 2004 the PRTB will operate a Dispute Revolution Service for landlords and tenants and will use the registration data for resolving certain types of dispute. Tenants should therefore ensure that their tenancy is registered. If your landlord does not register your tenancy you should contact:

PRTB, Canal House, Canal Road, Dublin 6.

Tel: (01) 888 2960,

Email: Tenancies Board@environ.ie

You can contact the PRTB for a registration form or down load it as well as a guide to the Residential Tenancies Act 2004, from the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government website at www.environ.ie

Further information is available form the Citizens Information Centre below.

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#### **MAYNOOTH SWIMMING CLUB**

Hope all had a Happy Christmas and are looking forward to a brilliant New Year.

Hope Santa was good to all of you.

The new term starts 15th January 2005.

Children aged 7 and under should have an adult at the poolside at all times.

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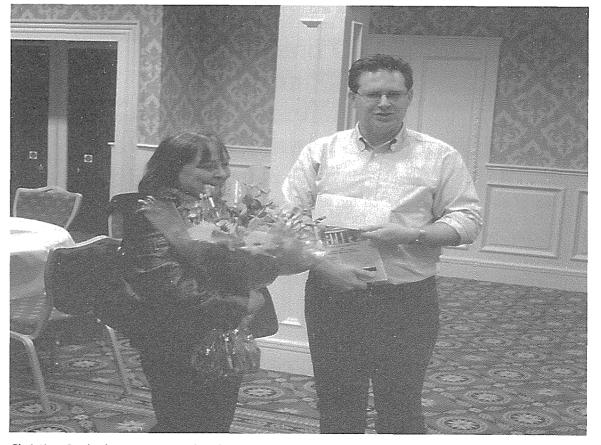
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Christina Saults been presented with a bouquet of flowers from Hugh Gallagher, at the launch of the 30th Anniversary of the Newsletter "Reeling in the Years".

# Andy Mac Pasta Dishes

#### GREEK MACARONI SUNSHINE BAKE

INGREDIENTS: (serves 4)

1 onion2 tbsp vegetable oil

450g/1lb minced lamb

400g/14 oz can chopped tomatoes

2 tbsp tomato purée salt and black pepper

150ml/¼ pint lamb stock

1 tsp dried mixed herbs 225g/8 oz macaroni

500g/1lb 2oz Greek yoghurt

1 tbsp cornflower

2 eggs

6 tbsp. halloumi or Parmesan Cheese, grated 1tbsp chopped fresh oregano or 1 tsp dried

#### **METHOD**

Finely slice the onion. Heat the oil in a large frying pan and fry onion until softened. Add the minced lamb and fry over a medium heat until the meat turns pale and starts to brown.

Add the tomatoes, tomato purée, seasoning, stock and herbs and bring to the boil. Lower the heat and simmer for 25-30 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the excess liquid has evaporated and the sauce becomes quite thick.

Meanwhile, cook the macaroni until al dente (follow packet instructions). Spoon the meat mixture into a shallow ovenproof dish. Preheat the oven to 180° C/350°F/Gas 4.

Beat together the yoghurt, cornflower, eggs, 3 tablespoons of cheese and the oregano. Mix a third of this mixture with the pasta and pour onto the meat.

Spoon the rest of the yoghurt mixture on top and sprinkle over the remaining cheese. Bake for 25-30 minutes, or until golden and bubbling. Serve immediately.

PAPPARDELLE WITH HAM AUSTRALIAN STYLE

INGREDIENTS: (serves 4)

400g/14 oz pappardelle salt chives or sliced spring onion tops, to garnish

#### FOR THE SAUCE

125g/4½oz Parma ham 75g/3 oz cooked ham 60g/2½ oz butter 284ml/10fl oz pint double cream pinch of grated nutmeg white pepper 75g/3 oz freshly grated Parmesan cheese

#### METHOD

For the sauce, cut the Parma ham and the cooked ham into stripes with a sharp knife, or scissors, then dice finely.

Melt the butter in a shallow saucepan and add the diced ham. Cook briefly, then add the cream and reduce the heat. Cook for 8-10 minutes, or until the sauce thickens and then season with the nutmeg and white pepper.

Stir the Parmesan cheese into the sauce and simmer for a few minutes over a medium heat.

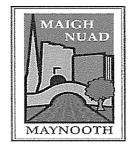
Meanwhile, cook the pappardelle in a large saucepan of salted, boiling water until al dente (see packet for instructions). Chop the chives or spring onion tops finely.

Drain the pappardelle in a large colander then divide between four warmed plates or bowls. Pour the hot sauce over the top, sprinkle with the chopped chives or spring onion tops and serve hot.

#### **INGREDIENTS TIP**

Instead of Parma ham, you can use any other mildly smoked ham or cooked bacon, or add cooked seasonal vegetables, such as broccoli or garden peas.





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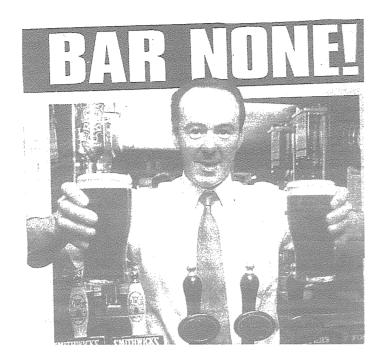
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Beaufield
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#### John Tiernan



Sadly John Tiernan died last October and will be missed by all of us. Being an owner and manager of Caulfields Bar & Lounge he was high respected for his charm and personality and in dealing with customers and friends each and every day. He had the knack whereby he could tell an individual's mood upon entering the premises whether he be a friends or a stranger. If a friend he would look up and give a nod, pull your pint. If a stranger, he would slowly approach and determine whether the individual wanted a drink, use of the facilities or simply directions to wherever he or she wished to go. No matter who you were, he made the time to go over and have a chat with each individual or sit down with the many small groups sitting in the pub.

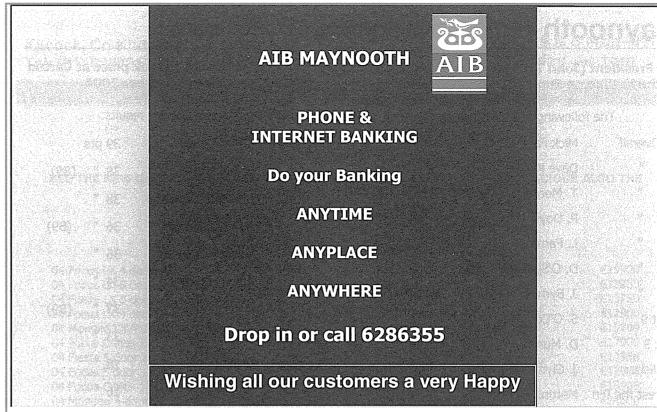
John was an avid golfer and would play two or three times a week. Every Tuesday and Thursday—weather permitting—a golf outing would be arranged. Being President of the Maynooth Golf Society, he took great interest being involved in the society's events. He sponsored one outing each year and took pride ensuring everyone (40 or more) received a prize. He loved horse racing and would have a small flutter every so often.

John Tiernan is gone now but he will be long remembered for his great heart and charm.

So long John from all of us.



John Tiernan with his father in law and friend at the K Club Golf Outing



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# **Maynooth Golf Society**

# The President (John Tiernan) Prize took place at the K. Club on Sunday 17th October 2004.

#### The following are the results:

1st Overall		Mick Fahey 35 pts		(B9)		
2nd	w	Dave Kinlon	35	w		
3rd	"	T. Moore	34	w	(B9)	
4th	w	P. Doyle	34	"		
5th	w	L. Farrelly	33	"	(B9)	
6th	w	D. O'Sullivan	33	w	(B6)	
7th	w	J. Byrne	33	**		
Front 9		S. O'Connell	17	w		
Back 9		D. Murray	20	w		
1st Visitor		J. Glynn	37	W		
Nearest the Pin		Martin Foy 8'9"				
Longest Drive		Kevin Loftus (Jnr)				
Twos Club		Norman Kavanagh— S. Greenwood– M. Flynn Jnr.				



K. Club Outing John president President, Mick Fahy Overall Winner & Martin Foy ner of Nearest the Pin

# The Joe Murray Cup outing took place at Carton House on 13th November 2004.

#### The following are the results:

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1st Overall	Garry Moffat	39 pts			
2nd "	Derek Murray	38 " (B9)			
3rd "	Norman Kavanagh	38 "			
4th "	Barry Desmond	36 " (B9)			
5th "	Gerry McTernan	36 "			
6th "	Alan O'Brien	34 "			
7th "	Don O'Sullivan	33 " (B9)			
8th "	Mick Flynn (Jnr)	33 "			
Front 9	Philip Doyle	18 "			
Back 9	Tommy Campbell	16 "			
Nearest the Pin	Eamon Murphy				
Longest Driver	Dave Kinlon				
Twos Club	Barry Desmond—Sean Nolan				
Visitors 1st	B. Murphy 29 pts				
Visitors 2nd	E. Carthy 24 pts				
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#### "Liffey"

To Barbara and Liam:

I dream of my childhood along a river so old, so old Swimming and laughter with my silent thoughts

The sun was hot but the water so cold Such natural ecstasy my Liffey it brought

I fished on the river for trout and pike
A cherished time soon with a surprise catch Along the river bank with fish I much like Such nature loving food you cannot match

Clean white swans float on a river free
Building their nest on an island of their own
A precious beauty of nature were to me
With signets, so agile and quite grown
A world of mine to a river of peace
Destined to its homeland at the sea
Its constant rushing tumble never ceases
A river of destiny forever to be

What makes my ever lasting river flow
A force carrying its way all the time
To its destined homeland onward it goes
In rippling waters so busy but fine
I sit on the riverside without a care
Echoing its peaceful tone to my ear
Both senses of river and myself to share
Constantly calling to get rid of my fear

Two little babies brand new Awoken to this world in birth In mothers womb constantly grew Now infants born to this earth

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A miracle of nature to adore Birthday twins of this life Meant to be they were born May they be of little strife

Mother natures children to guide One day to be good and strong All over this whole world wide A family together they belong

Sleep away children of Mothers pride One day you will have your say Both of you Mum and Dad abide Share many of a sunshine day

Love

Patrick Murray

#### **Patrick Murray**

# Clubs, Organisations and Societies

#### **Maynooth Tidy Towns**

#### New Year—A New Challenge for €10,000

In terms of the care of our environment in 2004, there were mixed results for Maynooth. The good news was that we increased our score by four points in the National Tidy Towns Competition. The bad news was that Maynooth participated for the first time in the Irish Business Against Litter League (IBAL) where we slipped from 12th place to 28th place out of the thirty towns in the league during the year. The Chairman of IBAL, Dr. Tom Cavanagh joined us at our annual award ceremony in November to give us some encouragement and critical appraisal of Maynooth.

Maynooth Tidy Towns are looking forward to 2005 and we believe that with your support Maynooth can achieve better news this year. Maynooth Tidy Towns will be asking key stakeholders in the town to meet with us to plan for success in 2005. If motivation was ever in doubt we have been challenged to achieve twelve points in the National Tidy Towns competition for 2005 and we will receive a prize of €10,000.

#### **Annual Awards Winners 2004**

The Maynooth Tidy Towns Awards took place on the 11th of November in the Glenroyal Hotel and readers of the Maynooth Newsletter may not have seen the results. Congratulations to all our winners.

Joe Buckley
Mattie Callaghan
Moira Baxter, Mary Jennings and Aisling Kelleher for the Hanging Baskets in the town centre
Marie Kelly
Michael Wilson
NUI, Maynooth
Residents of Convent Lane
Carton House Golf Club
Maynooth Chiropractic Clinic
The Roost
Brady's Clock House
Lyreen Park
Castlebridge
Moyglare Meadows
Cluain Aoibhinn
Rockfield
Parklands
Rail Park
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#### Last WORD...

The IBAL Competition judging takes place three times a year. We are dangerously near the bottom where we would get the title of being Ireland's dirtiest town - a label that nobody forgets. The first judging will be in February so why not help to ensure that we do not slip any further. It's your town too.

Paul Croghan Secretary Maynooth Tidy Towns

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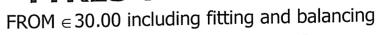
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The most important thing to remember is to keep tantrums in perspective. However embarrassing and upsetting the situation, temper tantrums are part of growing up.

- \* They are quite normal and are most frequent between the ages of two and four. At this time, most children indulge in fits of uncontrolled rage, and seem unable to respond to reason. It signals the child's realisation that he or she are separate to their mother, and is able to express personal likes and dislikes. Most children outgrow these outbursts by the age of five.
- \* Keep calm getting angry with the child will only make things worse. If you see a tantrum developing, try talking to the child. A good cuddle won't do any harm, either.
- \* It it's too late to stop the tantrum, try ignoring it and tell your child you'll talk about the problem when she calms down. If you're at home, pick up a magazine to read or continue with the housework, but stay within sight. If you're shopping, pick up your child and, if possible, continue around the shop. if not, take her home without creating a scene. The less attention you pay to her, the less effective the tantrum.
- \* Try anticipating scenes that cause tantrums. if they happen when your child's hungry, serve her meals earlier. If they occur when she's tired, increase her daily nap or do something quiet, such as colouring, rather than going out.
- \* Don't create problems for yourself. if she hates wearing that red coat, allow her to wear the blue one every now and then. Tantrums often stem from children wanting more control, so let her make some decisions. Save arguments for bigger problems such as insisting she takes important medication.

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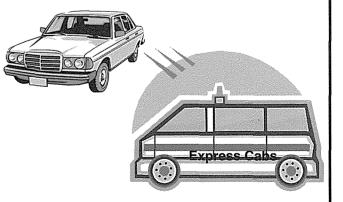
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# Thank you Owen March 2003

When I think of Owen Byrne, words such as 'legend' 'institution' or even 'icon' spring to mind. Then I think..... these are just words, meaning many things or sometimes meaning nothing at all. None of them can adequately describe the man or what he meant to this community.

My childhood memories are of trips to the sea-side at Gormanstown organised by Owen and his colleagues on the Pioneer Council. As teenagers growing up in the sixties this organisation kept us all on the 'straight and narrow' and taught us by their action and example that there was more to life than alcohol.

As the time went by I had the pleasure of serving on many committees and watching the 'master' at work. Further down the line my own children like many others experienced his guiding hand through activities such as the Swimming Club.

Whether it was an aspiring pioneer, a promising swimmer, a church function or a fundraiser, Owen was the one to get you through. A man with a big heart, endless energy and a positive attitude that assured you that all things could be accomplished.

I will remember Owen most of all for his warmth, his generosity and his diplomacy. He has touched, nourished and enriched so many aspects of this community that we are now impoverished by the void his passing has created.

My sincere sympathy to Nell and all his family who's loss is even greater than ours.

Go ndeaneadh Dia trocaire ar a anam.

#### Josephine Moore

Owen was one of the finest and most positive people that you could ever meet. He was always willing to help out, be it for individuals or community groups. He achieved the Honorary Mayor title through his fund raising activities for the Maynooth Swimming Club. It was in his Mayor of Maynooth role that he has led all of our St. Patrick's Day Parades, even when he was not feeling too well last year. As a mark of respect to Owen's memory, The Community Council has agreed to award The Owen Byrne Memorial Trophy to the Best Community Entrant at our St. Patricks Day Parade.

#### John McGinley

The Maynooth Swimming Club would like to express their condolences to the family of Owen Byrne who died recently. Owen had been involved in the Club for over 30 years. Owen started the Swimming Club with only a handful of children and it has successfully grown to what it is today with Owen as it's chairperson. He was always there to give advice when needed, and the children enjoyed meeting him year after year during our galas at which Owen always presented the medals. He will be dearly missed by the Club.

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# Clubs, Organisations and Societies

#### **ICA Notes**

At our November meeting we held our Service for deceased members which was arranged by Eilish O'Malley and Janet Aiton. We also visited the Knitting and Stitching Show in the RDS. Some of our members attended the Craft Day in Athy and participated in Glass Etching, Candlewick Embroidery, Cards, and Flower arranging.

#### **Competition winners for November:**

1st Mary Dunne 2nd M. Houlihan

3rd Rosemary Hanley, Teresa Brennan

At our December meeting, Debbie from Debonair who makes her own head pieces gave a lovely demonstration.

Guests from Kilcock, Leixlip, and Celbridge Guilds joined Christmas party. Mary Nolan from Kilcock Guild gave a talk on her work in Capetown.

#### **Competition winners for December:**

1st Mary Halton 2nd Angela Galligan 3rd Mary O'Gorman

Our Christmas night out was in the Springfield Hotel, a great time was had by all.

**Badminton** recommences on January 10th at 11am. **Crafts** on January 10th at 8pm.

**Next Guild meeting** on January 13th at 8pm. **Whist** will resume after guild meeting.

Best wishes for a happy and peaceful New Year.

#### **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST**

An Nuadha Player Players are swinging back into action with this year's pantomime, Beauty and the Beast. Rehearsals have been taking place since last October; lines being learned, songs being sung and dance routines being practised.

Yet again we are lucky to have Martin Higgins writing and directing for us. Martin has a wealth of experience behind him and knows just how to add that little extra special touch. We would like to congratulate him on the success of his version of Jack and the Beanstalk in the Gaiety theatre which has got such great reviews. Grace McGrath is putting us through our dance paces with her usual thoroughness and patience - and lets face it she needs a lot of patience with some of the left feet she is dealing with. How she always manages to smile and make us look so good in the end never ceases to amaze us!

We are joined this year by music director Kevin Walsh whom we are delighted to have with us. Kevin has had huge experience as a musical director both at home and abroad and will no doubt help the cast to show their vocal talents to full effect.

Many of the faces from previous pantomimes will be on stage again bringing their usual spark and enthusiasm. Some new members have joined us as well and we have no doubt, they will soon be firm favourites with the audiences.

The show opens on Sat. 29th January with performances at 2.30pm and 7.00pm. There is one performance on Sun. 30th January at 2.30pm. The following weekend there are also three performances: Sat. 5th February at 2.30 and 7.00pm. And Sun. 6th February at 2.30pm. Tickets will be available in Nuzstop on the Main Street and Donovan's Londis in Greenfield Shopping Centre.

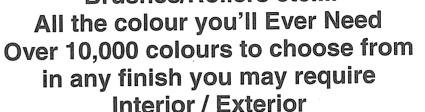
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Ann Kelly

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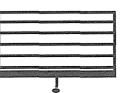
# The launch of "Reeling in the Years" Thirty years of the Newsletter



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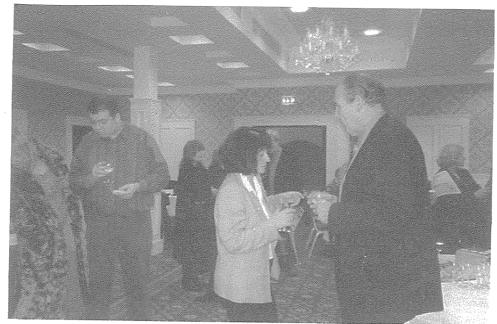


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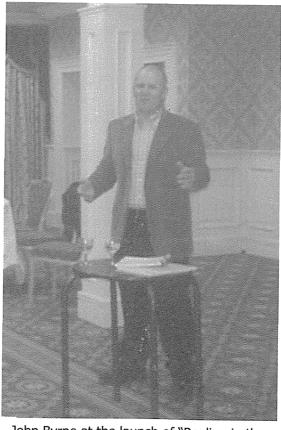
Andrew McMullon, Brid Feely and Tom McMullon



Bob O' Reilly, with Mattie Callaghan.

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John Byrne at the launch of "Reeling in the Years"







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# Clubs, Organisations and Societies

#### Fianna Fail Maynooth Cumann Notes

#### Tree Preservation

A request has been made that a tree preservation order be made on the trees from the bottom of Carton Lime Walk Avenue to St. Patrick's College gates, Maynooth.

As there is an Action Plan for Carton Ave. the landscape management plan for the Action Plan includes the treatment of these trees, it would not be appropriate at this time to prepare a separate tree preservation order for these trees.

#### **Amenity Lands, Maynooth**

The apparent lack of progress which has been made on this issue is of great concern to the committee seeking to establish a Community Centre in this part of the Amenity lands at Carton Avenue. It is the understanding that work could not commence until the land had been transferred. Paul Kelly is to pursue this matter for a conclusion at the earliest date

#### **Bottle Banks, Maynooth**

A report from the Environment Section and the members noted that this area in the public car park at the Glenroyal Shopping Centre would be an ideal spot for a pilot project for CCTV cameras. Maynooth Cumann would urge all users of the area to do so with consideration of the fact that leaving bottles, cans and boxes adjacent to the glass receptacles defeats the whole purpose of recycling and caring for the environment

#### **Bond Bridge**

Paul Kelly reported that the members discussed a report from the Roads Department and identified key areas they would like a progress report on:

- 1) If a meeting could be set up with CIE rather than writing
- 2) Wayleaves
- 3) Information on the issues delaying Irish Rail

#### **Meadowbrook Link**

This work was started in July of 2004 and it was envisaged that it would take circa 9 months to complete this project. The contractor working for the developer has suggested that it might be completed before December, 2004. In light of the fact that there is still substantial culverting and

accommodation works to be carried out it remains firmly the view of the Roads Construction department that these works will indeed take nine months to complete as initially announced.

#### **Junction at Moyglare Road**

It was a condition of planning for the Dulcedo development that the details for the proposed upgrade of this junction be agreed with the planning authority. Details of the junction of Mill Street/Kilcock Road/Moyglare Road are not yet finalised. The respective Boards of Management of adjacent schools will be advised of the agreed proposals in due course. The proposed new road junction lay-out will be subject to a full safety audit prior to its implementation.

#### Parking in Pound Lane, Maynooth

Realistically, this problem can only be resolved in the context of a comprehensive approach to traffic management in Maynooth. Accordingly, it will be examined in the context of the future review of the bye-laws.

#### **Doctor's Lane to Leinster Park, Maynooth**

The road in this area was dug up recently by a contractor working on behalf of Tesco for the purpose of pipe laying. This has been repaired temporarily (2.11.04). The final reinstatement will be carried out by the contractor within the next few weeks

#### Car-parking - Maynooth

It is accepted that the lack of car-parking arrangements in Maynooth need to be revised. Certainly, the introduction of a new system in Newbridge has conveyed considerable benefits in a number of respects as follows:-

- Benefits to the local economy in terms of trade.
- 2. Benefits in terms of residential amenity.
- Better traffic flow.
- The introduction of a more orderly system.

Brid Feely would urge the earliest opportunity for this revision to take place in order to resolve the situation of ongoing all-day parking and lack of adequate casual parking for shoppers using the services on and adjacent to the Main Street. A proper plan would also considerably relieve the congestion and frustration experienced by residents in the lanes backing onto Main Street.

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#### **Harbour Action Area Plan**

The Leixlip Area Committee expects to finalise the Maynooth Harbour Action Area Plan on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November. The plan will be placed on public display for inspection locally for one month after it has been agreed: that is until 31st December, Since December is such a busy time for everyone, I will be seeking to have the plan displayed up to the middle of January to give as many people as possible an opportunity to express their views on developments in this particularly sensitive part of the town.

#### Wall at Pound Park, Maynooth

I have informed the Council of concerns expressed by residents about the safety of the wall between Pound Park and the Band Hall. Their response was less than satisfactory:

> The wall is bordering a green area (Pound Park) at the Band Hall. The Roads department do not maintain such walls. The matter should possibly be referred to the Architects/Parks department.

I am pursuing this issue on the grounds of public safety; I have asked the Council to consider applying a dangerous places order.

#### **Traffic in Maynooth**

The number one factor affecting the quality of life in Maynooth is the appalling traffic situation. The various large-scale developments already underway are adding to the daily gridlock and chaos. I believe we must look at the total picture in Maynooth rather than adopting a piecemeal approach to each development. Here is the response I received from the Council to my question on this issue:

#### **Ouestion:**

Have the Planning and Roads Department combined

the road/transportation aspects of recent planning permissions into an action plan?

#### Reply:

The Town Plan sets out infrastructure and zoning objectives for the town, the recent planning permissions being referred to, all would have included conditions that require the applications to either provide the infrastructure objectives or to make significant contribution to their provision. Conditions of planning permission in some cases require that the necessary infrastructure be provided prior to the occupation of the development. In others, the development was to be carried out in a phased basis in conjunction with phased provision of infrastructure.

Despite this 'reassurance', the Mycete development on the Moyglare Road, where 500 houses are to be built, before any additional relief roads are provided, demonstrates that the Council's current approach is, to say the least, flawed. I now intend to table the following motion seeking a different approach. Because of the extent of residential and commercial development in Maynooth this Council develops an action plan on the issue of new road infrastructure, traffic management and transportation provision.

#### **Development Levy**

Scheme Development levies are paid on every new development and are designed to provide community facilities and infrastructure to support additional housing development. Because of the amount of new development taking place in Maynooth considerable sums are being paid to the Council. During discussions on the new development levy scheme, I have been seeking a prioritisation scheme to ensure that this money is spent in Maynooth, and not diverted into a central fund applied by Council Officials to their priorities.

According to the Council the Prioritisation Scheme has been scheduled into the work programme in early 2005. I will be raising this matter at the full Council in order that extra assurances are given that there will be no slippage in the time frame which has been promised.

#### **Bond Bridge update**

Work on Bond Bridge is due to commence in May 2005. This issue has been a standard item on the Leixlip Area Agenda and the Committee are anxious that there are no further delays. Final agreement with Irish Rail is still outstanding. The fifth stage in the project (Bridge Agreement) is currently being addressed. According to the Council:

the intention is to commence works in May of 2005 in order to ensure that all necessary preliminary work is

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runs from November, 2005 to February, 2006. Meetings have taken place with the relevant agencies [e.g. Iarnród Èireann and Waterways Ireland].

#### Traffic crossing at the Gael Scoil

I have proposed that a traffic crossing be placed at the Gael Scoil on the Celbridge road, to be funded from development levies. The following progress report was submitted to Leixlip Area Committee:

Resolved: On the proposal of Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor McGinley the scheme be paid for from development levies.

Action Taken: As previously indicated, the costs of this scheme is €22,670. I have requested the Roads Administration department to carry out a trawl of planning files relating to Maynooth to establish if any special roads levies can be identified. It should be Contact noted that the County Council has already incurred I am happy to assist with any issues or queries, or to expenditure of €58,407 to provide a footpath from the existing footpath in Maynooth to this site. Any future permissions on the school site should include contributions for road improvement works, footpaths and pedestrian crossings required to facilitate the Email: murphycatherine1@eircom.net development of a school at this location.

As the amount of money involved is relatively small I have proposed that the Council go ahead with ordering the lights to be paid from the 2005 budget.

#### **Proposed Mast on GAA Lands**

While I fully accept the need to expand broadband facilities. I have lodged an objection to the proposed mast on the GAA lands on the Moyglare Road for the following reasons:

I believe site selection for masts is critical if new technology is to co-exist with new and established communities. It seems site selection in this instance was influenced by the possibility of income generation for the local GAA club. This was used as a bargaining tool to allow the application. I believe these are the wrong reasons for selecting a site for a mast.

Masts by their very nature are visually obtrusive, and even though much of the proposed mast is behind buildings, it will still be visible. While there is no established scientific evidence that this technology is harmful, neither can it be conclusively stated that it is not harmful. It is reasonable therefore to take care to locate masts in areas well away from homes, schools or locations where people congregate, particularly children. I believe the precautionary principle should apply in this case.

carried out before the canal closure period which 'When an activity raises threats of harm to human health or the environment, precautionary measures should be taken even if some cause-and-effect relationships are not fully established scientifically.' (from the January 1998 Wingspread statement on the precautionary principle)

> Maynooth GAA will gain significantly when lands zoned for amenity use in the context of the Maynooth Development Plan are provided for their use. The counter balance of this community gain was the zoning of land for residential purposes. Development has already started on in excess of 500 houses. There was, and is, significant concern about the residential zoning, particularly from a traffic perspective. It is all the more important that the GAA ensure they are perceived as good neighbours to their closest neighbours on and in the vicinity of Moyglare Road.

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#### Taxi Regulator must move to end the North Kildare Taxi Rip off

The Christmas taxi rip off is well under way according to Kildare County Councillor Catherine Murphy.

A metered taxi fare between Dublin city centre and Leixlip should cost no more than €30, yet passengers are being charged anywhere between €40 and €70 for this eleven mile journey. Because the Dublin taxi meter area coincides with the artificial line that is Dublin County boundary, taxi drivers can charge whatever fare they like for journeys beyond the boundary. Taxi drivers are also entitled to refuse a fare beyond the taxi meter area, and this situation occurs frequently at peak times.

Kildare County Council adopted a policy in 2003 which would have included the North Kildare Towns (Leixlip, Celbridge, Maynooth and Kilcock) in the Dublin taxi meter area. The rest of County Kildare, including Naas, was to form a new taxi

#### Kildare County Council again faces a "No Can Do" budget in 2005

Kildare County Council will again be unable to provide a range of services in 2005 because of inadequate and unequal funding from central Government. According to ClIr Catherine Murphy other counties with smaller populations will receive higher per capita funding. Kildare, with 164,000 residents, will receive €23,780,654.00 to fund its services, while Galway, with 20,000 fewer inhabitants, receives €10m more, and Donegal, with 27,000 fewer people, receives €16M more.

The stark reality is that services available in other counties are simply not available in Kildare because of this funding shortfall. Cllr Murphy sees this shortfall as nothing short of daylight robbery.

Government is failing to recognise the fact that building and maintaining successful towns and villages requires finance. Cllr Murphy argues that it is no longer tenable that Kildare, with its increasing urban profile, cannot afford to employ the necessary staff to support an adequate maintenance programme for its towns and villages. Street cleaning, grass cutting and general maintenance must be financially supported. The withdrawal of many Community Employment schemes over the past few years means that shortcomings in these areas are now glaringly obvious. Unlike other counties, Kildare does not have a Parks Department, and there is no finance at present to establish such a department in the foreseeable future.

As a consequence of funding shortfalls, the Disabled Persons Grants in Kildare have temporarily been discontinued. The absence of these grants will rob elderly people of the opportunity to remain safely in their own homes, or detract from the quality of life of residents with a disability.

Expansion of the waste recycling programme is being held back by lack of finance. Kildare people have demonstrated their willingness to separate waste, yet the Council cannot set up new Bring Centres, or offer more frequent collection of recycling bins. Instead, the Council is forced to bury household waste regardless of its suitability for recycling

Traffic management and traffic calming are also dependent on adequate funding. Despite the huge demands on its road system by the increasing growth in road users, Kildare can only scratch the surface of the demands.

The Council will begin considering its 2005 Budget on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Yet again there will be increases in commercial rates to make up shortfalls; however these increases are invariably passed on to the customers, mostly Kildare residents.

According to Cllr Murphy, these examples of lost opportunities for Kildare are directly caused by our cash rich Government refusing to provide equitable funding. No amount of spin by the new Minister will mask the very obvious absence of critical services. She points out that the electorate in Kildare will have an ideal opportunity in the coming months to respond to this shoddy treatment.

#### **Murphy Launches Website**

Kildare County Councillor Catherine Murphy has launched her Website <a href="http://www.catherinemurphy.info">http://www.catherinemurphy.info</a>

While this site is in its modest beginnings the intention is for the site to become a useful resource for people seeking information on a range of topics Cllr Murphy has an involvement with.

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meter area. Before this policy could be implemented, Government changed the rules. Responsibility for taxi services was moved from local government to the new office of the Taxi Regulator which was established in September 2004.

The minority of taxi drivers who are ripping off North Kildare residents are giving the whole industry a bad name. According to Cllr Murphy "It is wrong for the public to be held to ransom in this way." She calls on the taxi industry to tackle the issue without delay. If it is not prepared to do so, it is essential that the new Regulator wastes no time in tackling this problem. Otherwise, the price will continue to be paid by the commuting public, who will lose any respect or

# Lack of Gov. investment is compromising reliability of Bus Services.

Kildare Councillor Catherine Murphy in demanding increased Government investment in bus services. In a statement she has highlighted how reliability of the bus services to North Kildare is being compromised because of shortage of funds. "There needs to be recognition of the fact that Bus Services provided in the main by Dublin Bus remain the workhorse of public transport."

According to Cllr Murphy the move of the 25, 66 & 67 services to the Phibsboro Garage from Cunningham Road is compromising the reliability of the Service. While the buses are based in Phibsboro they are controlled by Cunningham Road. The reason appears to be that no investment has yet been made in the equipment necessary for Phibsboro to control the buses from that location. Complains of buses turning up late or worse still not turning up at all are emerging. Reliability is critical if use of public transport is to be seen as an option for commuters. Immediate investment and installation of control equipment at Phibsboro is needed.

Of the 1060 Buses operated by Dublin Bus 1010 are on the road each day which leaves no room for increased services. Dublin Bus have a programme of renewal of their fleet but adding numbers to that fleet would require investment by Government. An example of the effect of this is the recent move of the 66, 67, 25 services from the temporary Wood Quay terminus to Pearse Street. Because Pearse Street is a heavily congested area buses are taking longer to reach their destination a new schedule is needed to take account of this however, ClIr Murphy has been told a new schedule to deal with the problem will require more buses.

The welcome investment in Luas and Arrow services in the recent past are in marked contrast to Government attitude towards the bus services. Government seems fixated on who runs the services rather than focusing on the quality of service being provided, the outcome is decision making paralysis. There is little point in providing bus lanes and road improvements if they are not filled with buses. Investment in infrastructure should mean more buses and adequate control equipment. Minister Martin Cullen must take urgent action on this if we are not to see people abandoning the bus service in favour of using their cars.

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Cllr. John McGinley

#### **Bond Bridge**

In October Cllr. John McGinley was advised by County Council officials that they were having great difficulty in getting the necessary approvals from CIE for the construction of Bond Bridge. Cllr. McGinley wrote to the Chairman of CIE asking him to speed up the process and he got the following reply dated 26 November:

"Thank you for your letter of 30<sup>th</sup> October 2004 concerning the consents required from CIE, and the associated approval required from the Railway Inspectorate at the Interim rail Safety Commission, for the construction of Bond Bridge.

Since receiving your letter I have asked the Iarnrod Eireann management to look into the matter. They have been able to confirm that a draft Bridge Agreement will shortly be sent to Kildare County Council by the CIE Solicitor. I also understand that the railway Inspector has now given approval for the scheme.

I consider that good progress is now being made to put all the necessary consents and approvals in place to enable this Bond Bridge reconstruction to proceed."

At the Budget Meeting of the Council on 17 December the County Manager advised Cllr. McGinley that all of the procedural issues had been cleared and that construction of Bond Bridge was scheduled to begin in May 2005 when the Meadowbrook Link will be opened to traffic.

#### **Meadowbrook Stream**

Residents will be aware that surface water drainage is entering the Meadowbrook Stream from the new houses at Straffan Wood. Cllr. McGinley was concerned that this could to contribute to flooding and he submitted the following motion to the Council:

"Given that surface water drainage from the Albany Homes Development (Planning Ref: 1192/03 is entering the Meadowbrook Stream, what assurances has the developer given the Council that the Meadowbrook Stream can cater for this development and is the Council satisfied with these assurances?"

Cllr. McGinley was given the following written reply at the Area Meeting on 16 December:

"The developer submitted compliance information regarding the surface and storm water for the development, as per conditions for the grant of planning permission. This submission is with the water Services Section for their report. To date this report is not available but the Members will be informed when received."

Cllr. McGinley stated that it was completely unacceptable that the development should be allowed to proceed without agreement on such a serious issue as surface water drainage. Indeed there is already a breach of the planning permission as Clause 45 states "The surface water is to have attenuation provision to Dublin Corporations SUDS requirements. No works are to commence until such is agreed in writing."

Cllr. McGinley asked that this issue be given urgent attention by the Water Services Section.

#### Maynooth Parking By Laws/ Car Parking

Cllr. John McGinley has asked that residents only parking be allowed on Cross lane, Double, Back Lane and Pound lane in view of the serious problems that residents are having with inconsiderate motorists. When he asked when the draft of the review of the By Laws was due he was given the following reply:

"It is unlikely that this issue can be reached in the short term due to pressure on staffing resources relating to the proposed metrication and general review of the speed limit bye-laws. It is proposed, however, that the

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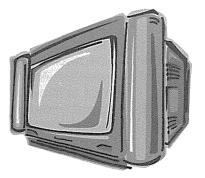


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matter will be reached as part of 2005 work programme and a further report will follow in the matter. The

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prospect of "Residents Only Parking" can only legally be considered within a pay parking area."

Cllr. McGinley stated that it was news to him that "Residents Only Parking" can only apply if there is a pay parking area and he asked that this be investigated further. He also stated that he would be opposed to pay parking being introduced until there was sufficient off street parking provided. He asked the Council to consider providing a high quality multi-storey car park (one underground and two storeys above ground) at the existing public car park at the back of Caulfields. This is an ideal location and Cllr. McGinley recommended a design similar to the car park at the MBNA Offices in Carrick-on Shannon.

#### **Action Area Plan at The Harbour:**

The Draft Action Area Plan for Lands at The Harbour was approved to go on public display by the Leixlip Area Committee at a meeting on 30 November. This was endorsed by the full Council on 20 December and the public will have until mid February to make submissions. Cllr. John McGinley asked that Council Officials should make a public presentation of the Draft Plan in Maynooth in January. The Draft Plan will be available for viewing in The Library in Maynooth and Cllr. John McGinley would appreciate your comments on these very important proposals for central Maynooth.

#### **Bus Bays at the Girls School**

Cllr. John McGinley is very pleased to have been of assistance in getting the much needed bus bays in place and thereby improve safety for the school children. Following representations from Cllr. McGinley the Council will shortly be erecting signage which takes account of school opening hours. The following has been agreed with the school authorities:

"Bus Only Parking Monday – Friday – 8.30 – 9.30 and 13.30 – 15.30 – January to June and September to December"

This will enable the public to use the bus bays for parking outside the times listed.

# Removing Bollards at the Bottom of Old Greenfield

Cllr. John McGinley has asked that the bollards at the bottom of Old Greenfield be removed as soon as the Meadowbrook Link road opens. The bollards were put in place initially to prevent motorists from using the Old Greenfield road as a rat run. When the Meadowbrook Link Road opens it makes no sense preventing the residents of Old Greenfield from gaining access to it and of course the Old Greenfield road would no longer be used as a rat run as the new Link Road will be shorter.

## Dangerous Wall at The Band Hall and Pound Park

Following requests from the Lyreen Residents' Association and St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band, Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to remove the trees next to the Band Hall and to re-build the wall. The roots of the trees have caused the wall to move a number of inches and it is collapsing in places. It is only a matter of time before it falls and this could result in serious injury to anyone in the vicinity at the time. John has asked that development levies from the new apartments be used to fund the work.

# Lack of Pedestrian Walkway at the back of the Health Board Houses

Since the closure of Newtown Grove, hundreds of pedestrians use this "walkway" every day to get to the College and the Main Street. This "walkway is a muddy path and it is a serious hazard for those from Meadowbrook, Brookfield and Old Greenfield who have to use it. As Newtown Grove was closed off to facilitate the building of houses at Meadowbrook Lawns, Cllr. John McGinley has asked that development levies from this development be used to construct a temporary footpath at the back of the Health Board Houses.

# Broken Public Lights on the Way to the Train Station

There are six public lights not working from Leinster Street to the pedestrian bridge across the canal to the station. The heads of the lights were broken by vandals. This is a highly pedestrianised walk and it is now in total darkness. Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to issue an order for the repair of the lights to the ESB. The cost of the repairs is €1,560. Incredibly the local Area Engineer has stated that as the lights are on the property of Waterway Ireland they are not the responsibility of Kildare County Council. Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Director of Services in the Council to have the lights repaired as a matter of urgency in the interests of public safety.

#### Removal of Dilapidated Tourism Sign on the

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#### footpath at Supermacs

Following representations from Cllr. John McGinley the Council removed this eyesore sign from the footpath at Supermacs.

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Potholes on Kilcock Road at the Church, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to carry out repairs on the very bad potholes on the Kilcock Road at the Church.

# Stagg Lodges Objection to Mast at Maynooth GAA Grounds

Deputy Emmet Stagg has lodged an objection with Kildare County Council, along with his colleagues Cllr. John McGinley and Cllr. Paddy MacNamara, calling for planning permission to be refused for the proposed 15 metre 3G mast at Maynooth GAA Club on the Moyglare Road.

Deputy Stagg described the proposal as totally unacceptable in an area which is heavily populated and which has over 1,200 pupils located in two schools. Outlining his objections to the proposal Deputy Stagg stated:

- The proposal does not comply with the Maynooth Development Plan 2002 (MDP 2002) which states that Telecommunications Masts will not be permitted in the vicinity of schools or residential areas.
- The Site is zoned Open Space and Amenity under the MDP 2002 and Council Policy is to protect such areas from encroachment by other uses.
- Kildare County Council have stated that the existing O2 Mast does not have planning permission and they have commenced Enforcement Proceedings. The fact that the existing mast is unauthorised weakens substantially the case made by Hutchinson 3G for their new mast.
- The mast is not required for use by the local community and as such the community should not have to suffer where there is no benefit to them. The applicants state that the need for the Mast arises mainly to provide extra coverage and capacity for the University of Maynooth and the campus. While the University Authorities have stated that they have no use for it.
- The proposed mast at 15 metres in height is in excess of the permitted height for such masts under the Planning and Development Regulations 2001.



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