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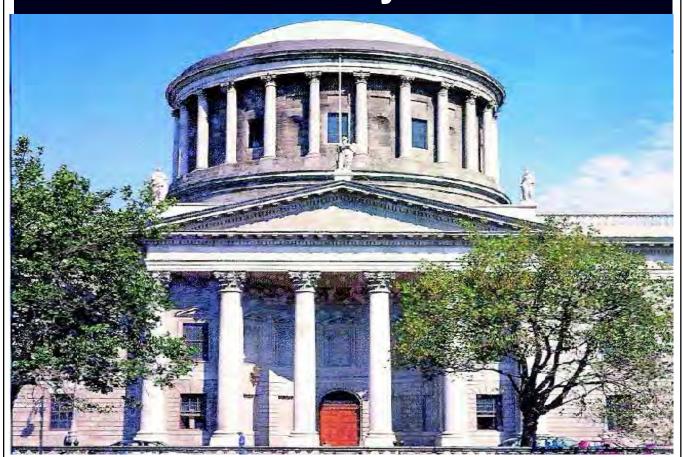
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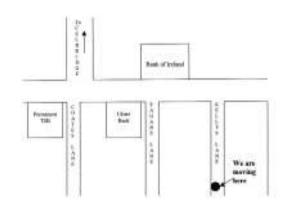
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Editorial

Well the stressful time of the exams is over and we congratulate the students in the schools and the colleges. There are parents as well as teachers and professors on the end of another year .

You all did great so enjoy the summers holidays. We would like to wish the Leaving cert. students well in whatever course of action they take in the future.

Maynooth Geraldine Community Festival July 21st to July 24th

This year Maynooth has a fun packed festival from music nights to singles night. This is your festival so I would ask you to get involved and support the festival. For more details see inside.

Children's Playground

Maynooth has a new playground and is being built in the Harbour Field. It is going to cost €355,000 and it is the centre piece of Kildare. We are very lucky to have it in our town and for the younger generation of Maynooth to use. It is hoped to have it built by the end of August of this year. Congratulations to Deirdre Bristow and the Maynooth Playground Committee for the hard work that they have put into it.

The Maynooth Newsletter is going through a revamp and I would encourage all of you to send in your comments and ideas that you might have as it is your Newsletter and for your enjoyment.

Andrew McMullon

Please support your local festival from 21st - 24th July, also the Tesco 7 a side inter-estate soccer tournament from 12th July - 24th

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MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

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

Festival

Festival Committee to be organised. Andrew McMullon gave an outline of events:

Festival 21 July—25 July.

The 7 a side soccer—starting 11th July.

Roost: 25 Card night.

Table Quiz.

Car Treasure Hunt.

Family Day—Harbour Field

Council Car Park Market—International theme.

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Drama Group will do a tour of the pubs.

Tug of War—Council Car Park

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Ryder/Nissan Classic 2006

While it became clear there were mixed feelings about the benefits to Maynooth from the Nissan Irish Open 2005, it was decided to form a committee. For next years event it was suggested that maybe the business people in the town might lead this with assistance from the Community Council.

Senan Griffin thought Maynooth got world attention, he said you have to look at the bigger picture. A lot of work went into this.

Andrew McMullon thanked Brid Feeley, Cyril McAree, Ray Grehan, for help putting up and taking down bunting in the town, this was done at 5 o'clock in the morning. It also gave an insight as to the huge amount of trucks that are passing through the town at this time of the morning.

Community Centre

We are still waiting for sign over of land to Kildare County Council. Senan Griffin told the meeting that there is a hold-up of transfer of Doyle's land. Councillors won't talk until land is in the hands of KCC.

John McGinley said that we should push on with plans for the Geraldine Hall, also decide on what type of building we want here.

Playground for Maynooth

John McGinley showed a very impressive plan of the playground.

The playground will cater for children 0-6, 6-14 yrs. The playground will be finished by end of August 05, with a cost of €355,000. This is in conjunction with Playdate and Kildare County Council. It was also noted that the local playground action group were very involved with this.

Weston Air Drome

Cyril McAree and John O Shea expressed concern about air space activity over Maynooth.

Cyril said Maynooth is being used as a flight path. It was also stated that the run-way is being extended to have big planes landing there.

It was suggested that a meeting should take place between MCC , Minister Willie O'Dea, KCC, Irish Aviation Authority and South Dublin County Council.

It was also noted Dublin Airport Traffic low flying. All this is causing great disturbance to people of Maynooth. It was suggested that we should talk to people in Lucan and Leixlip.

Rubbish Collection

Sean Cushen pointed out that people are calling to homes offering to take people's rubbish away. It was felt that these people are dumping rubbish around the area—so be warned! Hugh Gallagher also noted that Waste Collectors should have permits.

Laraghbryan Graveyard

People were advised at the meeting that it was not safe for people to go to the graveyard on their own as a person has been reported hanging around there intimidating people

Sub Committee

It was suggested by John O'Connor that Maynooth should twin with some town in Africa. A small group was set up to look at all aspects of it.

Tidy Towns

Paul Croghan said their collection went very well, way up on last year. He also thanked Tesco for work done here. He said the next 7 weeks are very important. The Committee is very committed to this work.

It was suggested that business people could put out flower baskets.

MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES contal.

Sean Cushen said that 5 bags of rubbish were taken from the canal. A plea was sent to young people not to throw bottles in the canal.

Paul also said that there are new bins around the town. These were funded by Tidy Towns supported by Kildare County Council.

Community Games

Matt Callaghan said their collection went very well. Matt asked for more people to get involved with Community Games.

Next Meeting—11th July—Venue Glenroyal Hotel Marie Gleeson, PRO

News Release - Maynooth org. site been redeveloped

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05/996	Patrick Mullhern	Timard Maynooth Co. Kildare	0	09/05/05	Sought to erect dwelling, secondary effluent treatment system and associated site works.	Timard Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/997	John William Mullhern	22 Woodlands Naas Co. Kildare	0	09/05/05	Sought to erect dwelling, secondary effluent treatment system and associated site works	Timard Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/1033	Peter & Margaret Gisbey	22 Parklands Lawns Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	12/05/05	To erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house with kitchen area, extended below, garage converted to a habitable space, a single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling house and single storey extension to front etc.	22 Parklands Lawns Rail park Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/1035	Barton Enterprises	Straffan Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	12/05/05	The removal of conditions no. 3 and 12 of planning permission granted for Bus Park (Reg.ref.04/1275).	Greenfields Maynooth Co. Kildare
	Newtown Inn & Restaurant Ltd	Ardfield House Old Lucan Road Lucan Co. Dublin	R	13/05/05	Incorporation of the existing adjoining unit 8 of Newtown Shopping Centre as part of an extension to the Newtown Inn Public House. The unit has been modified and extended at the rear to provide additional toilets for the public house etc.	Newtown Public House Beaufield Rd., Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/1052	Colm Kennedy	Apt 23 Phoenix View St. Laurences Park Chapelizod Co. Dublin	P	13/05/05	Two storey extension at the side including a single storey kitchen extension at the rear	1 Meadowbrook Crescent Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/1052	Com Kennedy	Apt. 23 Phoenix View St. Laurences Park Chapelizod Co. Dublin	P	13/05/05	Two storey extension at the side including a single storey kitchen extension at the rear	1 Meadowbrook Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/1054	Don & Kate Moore	13 Woodlands Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	16/05/05	To construct a single storey extension consisting of ensuite bedroom and utility room etc	13 Woodlands Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/1091	Boldnote Developments Ltd	Carton Demense Carton, Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	20/05/05	Revisions/modifications to approved tourism/leisure development scheme PA ref.441/91 and An Bord Pleanala PL 9/5/88418. and associated outhouses, stables and yards are currently listed under the development plan and are protected structures etc.	Carton Demense Carton, Maynooth Co. Kildare

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05/1098	Sheila Higgins	24 Parklands Close Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	20/05/05	Extensions to side and rear of existing house at ground and first floor level and for retention of single storey extension to rear of existing house etc.	24 Parklands Close Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/1226	Andrew and John Murphy Ryan	25 Parklands Crescent Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	31/05/05	First floor domestic extension consisting of construction of two rooms above existing playroom and utililty room currently to side of the house.	25 Parklands Crescent Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/1239	Deidre & David Leahy	7 Parklands Close Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	01/06/05	A first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion and also a single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling house	7 Parklands Close Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/1243	Peter Kennedy	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	01/06/05	A dormer bungalow, Puraflo treatment system and septic tank and retention of temporary accommodation subject to the completion of doemer bungalow, Puraflo treatment system and septic tank etc	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/1246	Padraig McCabe	63 Rockfield Lodge Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	01/06/05	Development consist of a first floor extension to the side of existing house	63 Rockfield Lodge Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/996	Patrick Mullhern	Timard Maynooth Co. Kildare	0	02/06/05	Sought to erect dwelling, secondary effluent treatment system and associated site works.	Timard Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/997	John William Mullhern	22 Woodlands Naas Co. Kildare	P	02/06/05	Sought to erect dwelling, secondary effluent treatment system and associated site works	Timard Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/1261	Emmet Savage	32 Charter House Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	03/06/05	Bungalow and Septech 200 effluent treatment plant etc	Cormackstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/1320	Mary Murphy	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	Р	09/06/05	One and half storey house and Septech 200 effluent treatment plant etc	Mooneycooley Maynooth Co. Kildare

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Opening Doors to Learning By Serj Merzliakov

Maynooth Adult Day-time Education (MADE) is celebrating the 20th anniversary this year. Started in early 1985, MADE helped many people to go back to learning and even to grow through it.

Today I am meeting with Lise O'Farrell, the Chairperson of the Maynooth Adult Education Committee.

Lise, could you please tell how it all began?

Lise: It all started 20 years ago, when a group of people were doing a part-time course in Maynooth college and decided to establish a day-time education centre to help others to return to education. Their efforts grew with time and finally they managed to start MADE with the help of Kildare VEC. Today it is run by a committee of volunteers from the local community.

Originally, the Maynooth Education Centre ran over 10 classes a week – classes in French, Spanish, Maths, History, various art classes, Creative Writing and others. Sharing large facilities allowed us to vary courses as well as being open to the needs of people. This, in particular, resulted in opening a course in computer literacy, which we managed to run using computers in the local school.

What is the idea behind Maynooth Daytime Education Centre as opposed to evening classes?

Lise: Originally, the aim of MADE was to get people to learn something, to make new friends and better

themselves in some way. One of the classes was called "Get out of the house!" and gave a chance to many women to go back to education. I would like to mention that in some cases MADE helped them progress in their learning — some of them went to third level institutions and graduated with college degrees.

I know that recently you had to change your location, could you tell us about it?

Lise: The prefab next to the Post-Primary school, which we used to occupy, was a good facility and thanks to grants, we managed to maintain it. We would like to thank Intel, Kelt and Kildare VEC for helping us to do it. However, the situation changed and we had to relocate. For over a year we did not run courses, and finally restarted in September 2004. We are located in the building behind 'Three Pin Electrical' and run classes on the second floor of ACOL House.

What courses do you run now and who will be your students today?

Lise: At present, we run two classes – English for Non-Nationals (Mondays) and Yoga Classes (Wednesdays). We welcome students from any background and of any lifestyle, as it helps to have a diversity of people. We have students of all ages - our senior student is 80 years old and enjoying the yoga classes – we are glad to have such a mix! In the future, we are planning to open more classes, and hope to grow.

As you have touched upon it, what will be your aspirations?



Opening Doors to Learning at MADE

Features

Lise: At present we need more people on the committee and will welcome any help. As for the future, I hope that when a Community Centre in Maynooth is build it will help us to run more courses.

I would like to thank you for the interview; I sincerely hope that the Community Centre will be built in our town soon.

Lise: I would like to thank you, my colleagues Bernadette Duffy and Mary Farrell as well as Maureen Spain, coordinator of Community Education from Naas.



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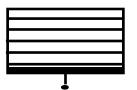
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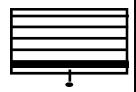
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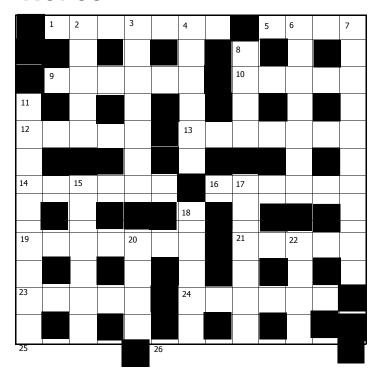
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- Smokeless explosive (7) 13.
- 14. Breathe in (6)
- 16. Entry (6)
- 19. Comprise (7)
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- 24. Sour-tasting (6)
- 25. Grassed area (4)
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- 2. Circular (5)
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- Man-made (10) 11.
- Metal Cutter (4-3) 15.
- 17. Pad (7)
- 18. Disconnect (6)
- Arm bone (4) 20.
- 22. Expertise (5)

Across:

1. Obviate, 5. Acid, 9. Weaken, 10. Hates, 12. Romeo, 13. Embrace 14. Hasten, 16. Tanker, 19. Ivanhoe, 21. Rifle, 23. Harpo, 24. Behind, **25.** Pawn, **26.** Crumpet

Down:

2. Bream, 3. Irksome, 4. Tandem, 6. Cutback, 7. Dishearten, 8. Ahab, 11. Archbishop, 15. Sparrow, 17. Abraham, 18. Member, 20. Hook, 22. Fence.

Colouring Competition



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New Orleans:

In the US state of Louisiana and situated on the Gulf of Mexico, New Orleans is one of the most fascinating cities in America. The city is famous for it's French influenced architecture, Cajun recipes, scenic cemeteries, voodoo tours and annual Mardi

Gras parades. Like most parts of the South, the people are more laid back and have more time for tourists as opposed to their northern counterparts. The streets are lined with scenic buildings done in the style of 17th century France, and as quaint as San Francisco's famous colonial "painted ladies". If you prefer older cities than modern high rise ones such as New York and LA, New Orleans is a good choice. Giving it's European influence it has retained it's original skyline unlike many of it's Anglo-Saxon counterparts in the rest of the country. Restaurants are plentiful and cheap, with Cajun serving restaurants never out of reach. The city is famous for it's jazz scene, with jazz musicians performing on the streets as well as in bars and clubs. The city also has voodoo tours which take you around the city and through the beautiful scenic cemeteries. Even if you find the idea laughable, it's still a great experience and you'll learn so much about the city and it's past. Jackson square is another must see in the city, with it's famous church. You can also tour the Mississippi river in the old 19th century style steam boats, with their famous large turbine wheel at the back. If you want to get out of the city for a while, Cajun country to the north is well worth a visit. For more information on the city of New Orleans search the travel agents and internet.

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- 1 Each panel will consist of not more than ten players. A player may play for only one team in the tournament. Players must have been reared in Maynooth or have lived here for the last 12 months.
- 2 The committee reserve the right to refuse any entry.
- 3 Teams to consist of players not currently playing competitive soccer. (Currently means this year.) Does not apply to players who are under 18.
- 4 Names of players and entry fee must be submitted with the official entry form. The team must be named after a housing estate e.g. Old Greenfield.
- 5 Fifteen minutes will be played each way and three substitutes may be used.
- The format of the competition will be decided by the committee.
- All games must start at the stated time, in the event of a team being late the match will be awarded to the opposition, under no circumstances will any postponement be given.
- 8 Any team playing players not included in their entry form will be removed from the tournament.
- 9 The organising committee will not be responsible for any articles lost or damaged.
- 10 The organising committee will not be responsible for any injury to any player.
- 11 All protests will be dealt with by the organising committee.
- 12 Protest, together with fee of ∈10.00, refundable if protest is upheld, must be lodged with the Secretary of the organising committee within thirty minutes of the finish.
- 13 Teams will not be included in draw unless entry fee is paid ∈50.00
- In the competition studs may be worn but must confirm to F.I.F.A. standards. Shinguards must be worn. Match referee's decision will be final in this matter. Flat footwear must be of proper standard, be safe for wearer and not constitute a danger to other players. Referee's decision is also final in this matter.
- 15 In the event of an objection it will be up to the team allegedly guilty to prove that they are innocent.
- 16 In the event of a walk-over or an objection the other team will be rewarded a 2-nil win.
- 17 The committee's decision is final in all matters.

John McGinley (Phone 6285293) Secretary Organising Committee
Entries before 1ST JULY 2005

TESCO 7-A-SIDE SOCCER TOURNAMENT 2005 OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM 12Th JULY - 24th JULY

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Maynooth Citizens Information Notes.

Question

I understand the Respite Care Grant is being extended to all full-time carers. Can you please give the details?

Answer

The Respite Care Grant is paid once a year to certain carers of people in need of full-time care and attention. In previous years it has been paid by the Department of Social and Family affairs to those getting Carer's Allowance, Caret's Benefit, Constant Attendance Allowance or Prescribed Relative's Allowance. It has also been paid by the former Health Boards to those getting Domiciliary Care Allowance.

From June 2005 the grant of €1,000 will be paid to those getting one of the payments mentioned above as well as certain other carers providing full-time care. To qualify, if you are not receiving one of the payments, you must be:

- Aged 16 or over and ordinarily resident in the State
- Caring for the person on a full-time basis
- Caring for the person for at least six months this period must include the first Thursday in June e.g. 2nd June 2005
- Living with the person being cared for or, if not, be contactable quickly by a direct system of communication e.g. telephone or alarm

You do not qualify if you are working more than 10 hours per week outside the home, if you are getting an unemployment payment or if you are signing on for unemployment credits. You also do not qualify if you are living in a hospital, convalescent home or similar institution.

If you are caring for more than one person a grant is paid for each of them.

The person being cared for must have so sever a disability as to require full-time care and attention and must not be receiving it from someone else. He/she must not normally live in a hospital, convalescent home or similar institution. Attendance at a non-residential training course or day care centre is allowed.

If you are receiving one of the above carer's payments you will be sent the grant automatically. If you are not, you should apply on Form TDG1 which is available from your Social Welfare Officer or

Citizens Information Centre. If you are caring for more than two people you will also require Form RCG1 (a).

Further information on this and other carer's entitlements is available in the new edition of Comhairle's publication *Entitlements for People with Disabilities* which is available from the Citizens Information Centre.

Question

I will be claiming a full Contributory Old Age Pension from the Department of Social and Family Affairs shortly. My wife has no income in her own right but has capital of 60,000. Will I be able to claim for her on my pension?

Answer

Although the Contributory Old Age Pension is not means-tested pension, you will only receive a payment for your wife, called a Qualified Adult payment, if her weekly means are assessed as do not exceeding €220.00 per week. How much you receive will depend on how much her weekly means are assessed by the Department to be. Means include income and any capital or savings.

The formula used for the assessment of capital/savings for all means-tested social welfare payments, including Qualified Adult payments, changed from June 2005. under the new formula, capital/savings are assessed as follows:

First €20,000 is disregarded

Next \in 10,000 assessed at 1 weekly means for each \in 1,000

Next €10,000 assessed at 2 weekly means for each €1,000

Balance assessed at 4 weekly means for each €1,000

Note: this formula does not apply to Supplementary Welfare Allowance.

Under this formula your wife, who has capital of €60,000 and no other income, will be assessed as having a weekly means of €110/00. under the previous formula she would have been assessed as having €124.43 weekly means.

To receive a full Qualified Adult payment the maximum capital your wife can have is just under €55,000. as your wife has capital of €60,000, you should get a reduced Qualified Adult payment of €97.90 if your spouse has not yet reached her 66th birthday or €113.70 if she is 66 or over. Prior to the change you would have received €87.10 or €101.30 respectively. Anyone already receiving a social

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welfare payment on the basis of the assessment of capital should qualify for an increased payment following this change in the formula for assessing capital/savings.

Question

I have an elderly aunt who lives alone. Am I entitled to any tax relief if I employ a carer for her?

Answer

You may be entitled to claim a tax allowance if you employ a carer to care for a family member who is totally incapacitated. You will no be eligible for the tax relief if the carer is employed as a housekeeper only.

The Tax Allowance for Employing a Carer is claimed at your highest rate of tax (i.e. 42 % or 20 %) and you can claim for the cost of employing the carer less any amount recovered from a Health Board/Health Service Executive, etc. Where two or more persons employ the carer the allowance may be shared between them.

Since January 2004, the maximum amount that can be claimed is the lower of either .

The actual cost incurred or

- €2,500 for each month the person was totally
- incapacitated i.e €30,000 for the year.

Previously the person had to be totally incapacitated for the whole year to be eligible for the tax relief. This is no longer the case.

The carer may be employed on an individual basis or through an agency. Any member of the wider family who engages the carer may claim the tax allowance against their own income. The wider family includes a blood relative, a relative by marriage or a legal guardian.

To claim the allowance you should complete Form HK 1, available from your local tax office. If you are a PAYE taxpayer, your Certificate of Tax Credits will be increased to include the relief due. If you pay tax under self-assessment, the Form HK1 should be attached to the tax return and relief will be given in your Notice of Assessment.

As it is necessary for you to employ a person to qualify for the allowance you will have to register as am employer, and deduct PAYE/PRSI. In certain circumstances, where the care is provided by an agency and the agency pays the carer directly, the agency will normally be responsible for deducting PAYE and PRSI. You will still be eligible for the allowance and should submit your claim on Form HK1 as usual.

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Question

I am leaving school and starting my first job next month. What should I do so that I do not have to pay too much tax?

Answer

To ensure your tax is dealt with properly and that your employer deducts the correct amount of tax there two things you must do.

- You should give your employer your Personal Public Service Number (PPS No.). This number is your unique person identification number for the public services in Ireland. Your employer should then let your tax office know that you have started work and that they are your employer. If you do not know your PPS No. or you wish to apply for one contact your local Social Welfare Office.
- You should apply on a Form 12A for a 'Certificate of Tax Credits and Standard Rate Cut-Off Point' to your district tax office. If your employer does not have a Form 12A, you can get one from any tax office or by telephoning LoCall 1890 306 706.

To ensure that your employer and the tax office have time to have everything sorted out before your first pay-day, it is advisable to do all this as soon as you accept an offer of a job (even for part-time or holiday employment). The tax office will the forward you a detailed statement of your tax credits.

Your own personal circumstances dictate the amount of tax credits you are entitled to and therefore how much tax you must pay. All workers have tax credits - for example, a single person has a Personal Credit of €1,580 and an Employee Credit (previously PAYE Credit) of €1,270 in the tax year 2005. if you are single your tax is calculated on your gross pay at 20% of your earnings below €29,4000 and at 42% of the balance. This gives you your gross tax liability. Your tax credits are then subtracted from this figure and the remainder is the amount of tax you will pay. The tax you pay is spread over the tax year so that you receive approximately the same wages each week.

Further information for school leavers starting work is available in the new edition of Comhairle's leaflet *Information for School Leavers* which is available from the Citizens Information Centre.

Tel: 01 6285477

Citizens Information is also available online at www.oasis.gov.ie and from the Citizens Information Phone Service, LoCall 1890 777 121.

Attention!

If any clubs or organisations would like to submit any upcoming events, would they please contact the Maynooth Community Council office at Tel: 01 - 6285922
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Vatican Award for Good Merit

On Saturday 12th March, Seamus Byrne was awarded the Vatican Award for good Merit, the Benemerenti Medal and Certificate. Cardinal Desmond Connell presented the award to Seamus after evening mass which was concelebrated by Monsignor Stenson, Fr. P. Coyle and Fr PJ O'Connor.

Seamus received the Benemerenti Medal for his fifty years service to Maynooth Parish. He was involved in the running of the bingo in the Parish Hall for over 41 years, and also organised fund raising events for the Parish. He also helped with the dances and plays held in the parish over the years. Seamus would drive around Maynooth passing out envelopes for the weekly envelope collection and served at mass.

Seamus' sons, daughters, grandchildren, sisters, brother, sister in laws, brother in law and many friends were with him to celebrate this special occasion. Seamus was honoured to receive the Benemerenti Medal a week before Pope John Paul passed away.

A reception was held in the Parochial House by Monsignor Stenson for Seamus and his family after the mass.

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Useful Tips

Tents

- Before taking a new tent on a camping trip, practise putting it up and taking it down. You may arrive at your campsite at night and you will need to know how to assemble it.
- out. Mend them with a patch of ready-proofed nylon, sewn on with polyester thread. Cut the patch about 2in/50mm bigger than the hole and stitch it to the inside of the tent. Do not pin the patch to the tent first, because this will puncture the fabric more than you need to. On the outside, cut the corners of the excess material diagonally, no more than 1in/25mm, turn the fabric under to make a hem and stitch it all round. Treat the stitches with wax and seal the edges of the patch with seam sealant.
- When you go camping, carry nylon repair tape, seam sealant and patches of ready-proofed material with you for temporary repairs. Beeswax or a stick of llip salve will seal small leaky areas where the hole is not visible. Patch any holes from the inside, except near or over seams - these should be patched from the outside.
- If your tent has a multi-section frame or poles, devise a system of marking the ends that fit together with coloured adhesive pvc tape. Either use the same colours on matching sections, or wrap the same number of tape strips around the ends that go together.
- Every 3 years or so, reproof your tent with a waterproofing product. Spread out the tent, outside up. Dip a brush into water and then into the reproof and brush on the solution. Allow it to dry and them finally work wax sealant into the outside seams.
- Avoid mildew or mould by folding up your tent only when it is completely dry. If this is not possible, make sure you put up the tent within the next 2 days and let it dry out.

Improvising a tent You can improvise a fairweather tent with a 10 x 10ft/3 x 3m waterproof groundsheet, a 10ft/3m rope, and a couple of poles, waterproof capes and shoes laces. Remember that this tent will be fragile and unable to withstand high winds or heavy rain.

- Drive a pole (a straight, sturdy 5-6ft/1.5 1.8m stick will do) into the ground so that it stands erect. Centre the groundsheet over the pole and lash a shoelace around the top.
- Weigh down one edge of the groundsheet with rocks. Place the other pole under the opposite edge of the groundsheet to form a door; lash it with the other shoelace.
- Guy the top of the front pole to the ground with rope. (If you don't have a peg to secure the guy rope, tie the end to a stick and bury

it.)

- Secure the sides of the groundsheet with more rocks.
- Drape both capes over the door, hanging them by their hoods from the pole.

Sea sickness

There's no cure for sea sickness once it strikes, but there are measures you can take to prevent it from happening or to relieve it.

- Take travel sickness pills half an hour before you start your journey. Check with your doctor or chemist that any medication you are already taking is compatible.
- Don't drink alcohol and don't travel on an empty stomach. Eat bland, easily digestible food.
- Try to keep yourself occupied by talking, playing games or listening to music.
- Get up on deck if possible. Fresh cool air and wind help to reduce nausea.
- Try eating crystallised ginger it settles the stomach.
- You can buy wrist bands with a little knob that presses on a point on the inside of the wrist just above the hand. These are said to be based on Chinese methods of treating illness by using pressure points. They are available from chemists.

Nicotine stains

- Are your fingers stained with nicotine from cigarettes? Rub lemon juice onto them, or gently scrub the skin with a pumice stone. Then smooth on some hand cream.
- Has the nicotine from heavy smokers marked your walls and ceiling? Scrub the surfaces lightly with a soft brush and diluted washingup liquid. Do the ceiling before washing the walls. If it is not possible to shift the discoloration, you may have to cover the surfaces with aluminium sealer and then paint the room again.

Mattresses

- To keep a mattress from sliding around on its foundation, put a nonslip rubber mat between the two.
- To even out the wear, turn a new mattress over and reverse it end to end every 3 weeks for 3 months - and every couple of months thereafter.
- Don't use the handles on the mattress to lift it.
 They're not designed to take the full weight but only to move the mattress around while it's on its base.
- Air a mattress in the sun occasionally to keep it fresh and clean smelling.

Poetry Corner

Priesthood

A true follower of God is a priest Spreading Gods bible word of truth As for Apostles of last supper feast I give all my thoughtful youth

Preaching the word of God to everyone
Is the duty that he portrays
Preparation until the soul is gone
So begins mankinds happy days

A man of faith in everyway Preparing for heavenly place It is of his heart to pray To make all evil finally cease

Yet he is just an ordinary man
With a voice to speak his mind
He tries to do best he can
For a more close and peaceful mankind

O' Father I say to you my friend May your message be true to all So the word of God will never end In your voice I hear Gods call

THE VILLAGE STREET

Busy cars travel all day in the street
Buses, trucks and vans are on their way
Local people in friendship fondly greet
With warm hearts and plenty for to say
A busy bridge holding traffic without fail
Where the Liffey flows inevitably gushing
along

Its rippling waters with scenery fells its tale Gazing into the river my whole self is gone Many shops are in trade for each family Buying groceries and many odds and ends Constant chat and going on seem forever to be

Everyone in peace and harmony seeking friends

But what a bore is my familiar street With routine ways that just get me down A sense of comfort is there without defeat

It is at times familiarity makes me frown

Sweet papers blow everywhere on the pathway

While stray dogs feed on remnants along

the ground
It seems that my street is forever to stay
As I walk along with no where really
bound

The future time I cannot foresee at all And what will happen to my busy place
This street is indeed so very small
But a sanctuary for the local to embrace

Pony Girl

Trot along my friend on your way, Along the ripe meadows onward go, A faithful creature you always stay, More of your presence long to know, We will gallop along a grassy trail, Just me and you as nature provide, To reach our destination without fail, You really make me feel good inside.

Ride along Lady with utmost delight,
With adventure your senses flow,
You really look such a wonderful sight,
Your four-legged friend treasure so
Down by the river glen speedily along
On such a canter a joy to be
Together in unity you both belong
On a brisk bright morning a joy to see.

As graceful to me as can be,
Each gallant move tells its tale.
Your presence I am on one bended knee,
Do all I say without fail.
With trust we live in harmony,
My fond one, you are my pride.
When I ride my spirit is free,
Galloping along the whole country wide.

So unique pony girl, my previous one,
So distinctive in a special way
A mistress like you, nothing go wrong.
Your natural beauty all to say
Ride with the wind both you go.
On to your stirrups hold tight,
A task you so easily undergo
By the riverside peaceful and bright

Patrick Murray

Gardening tips for July

If the warm summer days are not too dry, even masochistic gardeners should be able to enjoy the fruits of their labours and relax.

Compost: A compost heap started now and carefully managed will be ready for use when digging in the early winter. This means gathering and economically and efficiently rotting down the organic and plant waste of garden and home into humus-forming manure. Raw materials are organic animal and plant residues, soft plant stems, leaves, lawn mowings, soft prunings, spent flowers, discarded leaves and stems of crops, hay, straw, shredded newspaper, kitchen waste, crushed eggshells, wool, even sawdust - but now flowering or seeding weeds, tough perennial weed roots, diseased plants, woody plants or prunings, man-made fibbers, plastic or metal.

Build the heap square in shape. A 1.5m (5ft) cube is a good size to aim for in most gardens. Make a container of wire netting attached to corner posts, or use one of the ready-made compost bins. It is important to admit enough air all around the heap. Water each layer and treat with an activator to speed up the process of decompo -

sition. Use a proprietary substance according to the manufacturer's instructions or sulphate of ammonia at 15g (½0z) per layer. Put a layer of weed-free soil on top.

The Flower garden:

Lift tulip bulbs as their foliage fades. Dry them off in an airy shady place, and sort through them for replanting in October-November. Discard and burn any burn any bulbs showing sings of tulip fire- rotten tissue and black fungus-bearing spores. Dust healthy bulbs with thiram before stroring.

Lift and divide old clumps of bearded irises as soon as flowering is over, replanting the younger rhizomes and roots immediately in moist, organically enriched soil. In dry weather, however, leave the plants alone until autumn.

The Vegetable garden:

Life garlic and shallot bulbs as the tops turn yellow. Choose a fine day; dry out in the sun, and store in a cool shed.

Plant out seedlings of 'Late Purple' sprouting broccoli, savoy cabbages and cauliflowers.





Recipes

Sweet potato fritters

Serves 4 - 6

450g sweet potatoes and boiled
2 large eggs, beaten
3tbs chopped fresh coriander
or parsley
1tsp lemon juice
1/2tbsp ground cumin
1 -2 tbsp plain flour
salt and black pepper
vegetable oil for deep frying
sweet chilli dipping sauce

Method

Drain the sweet potatoes. Mash them, and stir in the eggs, coriander, lemon juice and cumin. Add 1 tbsp flour and season. Heat oil in a deep fryer or a wok over a moderate heat until it reaches 186°C.Drop in a few spoonfuls of the mixture and fry until golden. If the fritters start to break apart as they cook, stir another tablespoonful of flour into the batter and fry in spoonfuls, Drain well on crumpled kitchen paper and serve hot with a sweet chilli dipping sauce.

Pork fillet with mojo sauce

Serves 6
125ml olive oil
up to 8 cloves of garlic, crushed
125ml freshly squeezed orange juice
125ml fresh pineapple juice
1/2tsp chopped fresh oregano leaves
salt and black pepper
1kg pork fillet
fresh coriander or parsley to garnish
Method

Make the Mojo sauce first. Heat the oil in a saucepan. Add the garlic and stir until it turns a light golden colour. Add the orange and pineapple juices and the cumin. Bring to boiling point, then take off the heat and add the oregano . Season to taste. Put half the sauce in a shallow dish and add the pork fillet. Cover and set aside for 2hours, or leave overnight in fridge.

Preheat your oven to 200°C/gas mark 6.Transfer the pork and the sauce to an ovenproof dish. Roast for 40 minutes, or until cooked through. Cut the pork into thin slices and drizzle with the reserved sauce. Garnish with fresh coriander or sprigs of parsley.

Roasted Vegetables

Serves 6
12rbsp olive oil
2 medium - seize aubergines, cubed,
salted and rinsed
2 red peppers, seeded and cut in strips
1punnet baby corn
sprigs of oregano
pinch of ground cumin

1tsp ground coriander
2 cloves of garlic, crushed
salt and black pepper
sweet potato fritters or pork fillet
Method

Preheat your oven to 200°C/gas mark 6. Heat 3tbsp of the oil in a roasting tin in the oven. Take it out of the oven and add the aubergine cubes. Toss well . Return the tin to the oven and roast for 15 minutes. Take the tin from the oven again and add the peppers,baby corn,oregano,cumin., coriander and garlic. Toss well to coat in the oil. Roast for a further 25 - 30 minutes until all the vegetables are tender. Season to taste and serve hot.

Passionfruit creme brulee

Serves 6
500ml cream
vanilla pod, split
5 eggs yolks
4tblp sugar
2tsp cornflour
caster sugar
Method

Preheat the oven to 150°C/gas mark 2. Place the cream and split vanilla pod with seeds into a small saucepan. Bring to the boil,remove from heat ans allow to infuse for 20minutes.

Beat the egg yolks and sugar together for

3 - 4 minutes until pale and thick. Beat in the cornflour, then stir this mixture into the cream Pour into a small bowl, place over a saucepan of simmering water and stir slowly and continously until the custard thickens. Keep custard well under simmering point. Remove from the heat and stir for 1-2 minutes to cool. Strain and stir through the passionfruit pulp.

Pour into 6 small ramekins and stand them in a shallow baking pan filled with water 1/3 of the way up the sides of the ramekins.

Lift carefully into the sides of the ramekins . Lift carefully into the oven and cook for 30 - 40 minute until set and a thick skin forms on top. Do not allow to colour.

Refrigerate overnight or for at least 4 hours. Sprinkle surface of custards lightly and evenly with caster sugar. Caramelise with a domestic blowtorch or under a hot grill. Allow sugar to melt and from a toffee glaze.

Serve once the Carmel is set.

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Maynooth Ladies Golf Society

The Maynooth Ladies Golf Society held their fourth outing of the 2005 season at Kilcock Golf Club on Thursday 9th June. Twenty one of the thirty three members played. The society has been in existence since 2003. it includes members from Maynooth and outlying areas including Leixlip, Celbridge and Lucan. It is open to lady golfers of all ages and abilities and is at present accepting new members. Beginners are especially welcome. Group golf lessons are organised for beginners and improvers on an ongoing basis by the society in Celbridge and Lucan. It is open to lady golfers of all ages and

abilities and is at present accepting new members. Beginners are especially welcome. Group golf lessons are organised for beginners and improvers on an ongoing basis by the society in Celbridge Golf Range with Louise D'Arcy (Golf Professional). The next outing is on Thursday 7th July in Ladyhill Golf Club. If you are interested in joining the society contact Deidre Glynn, Chairperson at 086 8509725

The results of the Kilcock outing are as follows:

Overall Winner: Karen Kelly (33)

Category A Winners: Anne Connellan (32) and Brigid

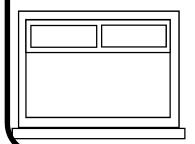
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Category B Winner: Sheila Lee (21)

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Maynooth Community Games 2005

Event	Place	East	West
Boys U10 200m	1st	Louis Harnett	Darren Maguire
	2nd		Cal Gaffney
	3rd		Oisin O'Sullivan
Boys U12 100m	1st	Tim Finnegan	Robert Maguire
	2nd	Fawaz Oduyebo	Alex Birchall
	3rd	Patrick Murray	
Boys U12 600m	1st	Tim Finnegan	Robert Maguire
	2nd	Fawaz Oduyebo	
Boys U14 100m	1st	Brian Murray	Andrew Birchall
	2nd	Credo Hemryhing	David Toner
	3rd	Shane Lynch	
Boys U14 800m	1st	Credo Hemryhing	Andrew Birchall
	2nd	Denis Stewart	
	3rd	Shane Lynch	
Boys U 13 Walking Race	1st	Tim Finnegan	
	2nd	Fawaz Oduyebo	

Good luck to all athletes in the County Finals weekend 24th/25th June in Newbridge.

Art Competition

On Saturday 28th May boys and girls headed off to the Curragh for the County Finals bringing home the following results.

U14	Clara Murray	Gold Medal	
U14	Grace Soon	Certificate	
U12	Katie Curran	Bronze Medal	
U16 Jenifer Feehan Silver Medal			
Congratulations and well done			



Eoin McCormack age 9 who won the Under 10's backstroke swimming competition in Athy. He will compete in Mosney All Ireland representing Kildare in August.

Swimming

On Saturday 4th June boys and girls packed their bags and headed off to Athy Swimming Pool for the County Finals and did Maynooth proud. The following are the results.

U8 Freestyle	Laoise Miller	Bronze
U10 Freestyle	Shane Monaghan	Gold
U10 Freestyle	Tadgh Forde	Bronze
U10 Backstroke	Maebh Walsh	Bronze
U10 Backstroke	Owen McCormak	Gold
U12 Freestyle	Sean McKnight	Gold
U12 Breaststroke	Cian Forde	Bronze
U14 Breaststroke	Siobhan Kelly	Gold
U16 Freestyle	Claire Skelly	Certificate

Well done to all the boys and girls who competed and good luck to all the gold medal winners who will be competing in Mosney at the end of August.

Maynooth Community Games 2005

Maynooth Community Games held the local athletic events on Friday May 27th at 6 o'clock in Maynooth GAA Centre.

Lots of boys and girls turned up to enjoy a lovely evening. All the tiny tots enjoyed running their events and went home with medals to encourage them as future athletes.

Results as follows

Event	Place	East	West
Girls U8 60m	1st	Edel Murray	Sarah Toner
	2nd	Sophie Milner	Katie Geraghty
	3rd	Elaine Healy	Ann Ward
Girls U8 80m	1st	Edel Murray	Sarah Toner
	2nd	Sophie Milner	Ann Ward
	3rd	Elaine Healy	Katie Geraghty
Girls U10 100m	1st	Katie Milner	Kelly Cooke
	2nd	Ciara Hewson	Laura Cooke
	3rd	Jane O'Connor	Louise Qualter
Girls U10 200m	1st	Katie Milner	Kelly Cooke
	2nd	Ciara Hewson	Laura Cooke
	3rd	Jane O'Connor	Louise Qualter & Eleanor Geraghty
Girls U12 100m	1st	Elaine Kelly	Heather Gaffney
	2nd	Emily Milner	Aoife Dunne
	3rd	Ruth O'Connor	Katie Cooke
Girls U12 600m	1st	Emily Milner	Heather Gaffney
	2nd	Ruth O'Connor	Katie Cooke
	3rd		Lorna Noone
Girls U14 100m	1st	Aoife Dunne	Karen Feehan
	2nd		Ciara Murray
Girls U14 800m	1st	Aoife Dunne	Karen Feehan
	2nd		Ciara Murray
Girls U16 100m	1st	Alison MaAuliffe	
Girls U13 Walking Race	1st	Elaine Kelly	Aoife Dunne
	2nd		Heather Gaffney
	3rd		Aoife Reilly
Boys U8 60m	1st	Daniel O'Sullivan	Patrick Hever
	2nd	Thomas Feeney	Paul Maguire
	3rd		Denis Gaffney
Boys U8 80m	1st	Daniel O'Sullivan	Patrick Hever
	2nd	Mjbarak Oduyebo	Paul Maguire
Boys U10 100m	1st	Jack O'Hagan	Cal Gaffney
	2nd		Curtis Walsh
	3rd		Darren Maguire

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Last meeting before summer holidays took place on 2nd May 2005.

An invite to attend the 40th celebrations of the senior citizens was received by the I.C.A and the President and another member will attend.

A donation was made to the Little Way Cancer Support Centre and Maynooth Community Unit following a bring and buy sale. This was greatly accepted by both parties. Maynooth I.C.A. run a yearly function for charities.

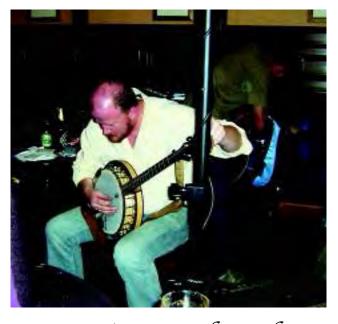
Federation quiz will take place on 28th June 2005 in Kill. We will have a team or two in this competition. The National competition for I.C.A Pitch & Putt takes place during June 2005.

Fifty five members will set off from Kildare for the I.C.A. college for a weeks holiday the first week in July 2005. Each member will also take part in a course e.g. Pitch & Putt, Line Dancing, Painting and Cookery etc., during the week. A similar weekend will take place in October 2005 in the I.C.A college - An Grianar, Termonfechin, Co. Louth.

For the interested person the I.C.A has lots to offer so why not join us on the first Thursday in September 2005 when we return after the holidays.

The weekly craft class and playing of badminton will also start back.

See you then. Norah McDernott



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PRESS STATEMENT!

Murphy keen to see Town Council status conferred on Maynooth and Celbridge.

Deputy Catherine Murphy has sought a commitment from the Government on when the establishment of Town councils in Celbridge and Maynooth is likely to be facilitated.

In response to a question by the newly elected North Kildare TD, the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government stated that he "will be pursuing consultations with local government interests" with a view to setting up a local government commission which will, in turn, oversee the Town Council creation process.

In a separate statement Deputy Murphy, while expressing some disappointment at the Minister's failure to provide a specific timeframe for the Town council creation process.

In a separate statement Deputy Murphy, while expressing some disappointment at the Minister's failure to provide a specific timeframe for the Town Council application process, found Deputy Roche's response "encouraging".

Murphy went on to say "the Minister has clearly demonstrated a personal commitment to and belief in the expansion of the Town Council network and the local government system in general, which is a very positive place from which to start the ball rolling".

A veteran of the local government system, Deputy Murphy was one of the original members of Leixlip Town Commission in 1988 where she remained a member until required to resign due to her election to Dáil 'Eireann in March of this year.

In a determined response to the Minister's invitation to speak about the issue "outisde the House", Muprhy candidly remarked that she has "every intention of accepting the invitation sooner rather that later".

Details of the full Dáil debate can be had if you log onto the following website:

http://debates.orieachtas.ie/Ddebare.aspx? F=DAL20050519.xml&Node=H13-3#H13-3

Minister's commitment to investigate illegal air traffic movements at Weston

Commenting on the Minister for Defence, Mr. Willie O' Dea's commitment to further investigate alleged illegal aircraft activity at Weston Aerodrome, backweston, Co. Kildare. Deputy Catherine Murphy (Ind) welcomed the Minister's response and agreed to provide documentation and video evidence to assist in his enquiries.

Speaking in the Dáil yesterday, Deputy Murphy (Ind) asked the Minister for Defence, what contact his Department has had with the Irish Aviation Authority, South Dublin and Kildare County Council's, and what sanctions are available in the event that unaurhorised use of the facility is proven to be taking place.

In his response, the Minister expressed surprise and concern on learning that unauthorised use of the stopway/clearway for runway purposes was taking place.

Mr O' Dea, TD went on to inform the House that although his department had been aware of a dispute regarding unauthorised developments at the facility (the resolution of which falls within the remit of the local planning authorities concerned) he had not been aware that illegal air traffic activity had been taking place.

He went on to request that Deputy Murphy forward any documentation in her pocessession that could shed light on the situation, and demonstrate that illegal aircraft movements were taking place. The newly elected North Kildare TD agreed to cooperate fully with the Department of Defence in this regard.

Weston Aerodrome is currently llicensed to operate a class 1 runway, the length of which may not exceed 799 metres. However, due to the recent addition of a paved stopway/clearway to the existing runway, the new length is 1410 metres.

Any use of this portion of the paved surface for landing and takeoff purposes, according to correspondence received by Kildare County Council in April 2005, is "contrary to the planning permission granted" and "would constiture unauthorised use of the facilities"

In further correspondence to Kildare County Council it was stated that "the GOC Air Corps, in his role as Director of Military Aviation, would have a major light

PRESS STATEMENT (contd)

problem in relation to the larger aircraft which "facilitted by use of the stopway/clearway for runway purposed, a co-ordinated effort involving improved communication between each authority concerned is required to ensure that Weston operates with the terms of it's license.

Unconvinced of Government's commitment to tackle obesity problem.

Minister John O' Donoghue has confirmed in the Dáil that grant aid has been approved for only 1 swimming-pool project this year, and that, general applications for swimming-pool funding have not been accepted by his department since 31st July 2000.

In a reaction to this statement, Deputy Catherine Murphy has expressed dissatisfaction at the level at the level of service provision of developing areas like her North Kildare constituency, asserting that "social and leisure facilities must be planned for and provided in line with with population growth, not just a reaction to it".

While the Minister informed the Dáil that "55 projects have or are being dealth with" only 15 have been completed, with another 10 at construction stage. This "is simply unacceptable" said Murphy, who went on to express concern that "it takes 18 months to build a swimming facility but only 15 projects have been completed in the last 5 years"

In light of the high cost of using private swimming facilities (The National Aquatic Centre costs €12 for adults and €10 for children under 12, students and pensioners) and the low number of public swimming pools, concern has also been expressed regarding the governments commitment to counteracting rising levels of obesity in Ireland.

"On one hand, they repeatedly broadcast concern at rising obesity levels, and on the other drag their feet in providing facilities that will encourage increased activity levels among people of all ages, abilities and social backgrounds" said Murphy in a statement commenting on Mr. O' Donoghue's answers to two parliamentary questions she had tabled earlier.

The re-opening of the swimming pool programme is, according to Minister O' Donoghue, likely to be considered following an Expenditure Review, the conclusion of which is expected to occur at the end of the year.

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"Any review of the programme must also consider the estimated €500 million spent, by Health Authorities, an obesity related illness annually. We have to think ahead, increased activity will help prevent such illnesses and wind up saving money for the exchequer as opposed to creating additional costs", concluded Murphy.

Move to 'Pay by Weight' Bin Tax saves Government Millions in Tax Refunds.

The government is set to save millions in Tax Refunds as a consequence of the move to pay a by weight system according to Deputy Catherine Murphy.

The Kildare TD cited the example of her own constituency where the Local Authority charge's in 2004 for a standard bin were €380 and the entire amount attracted tax relief at the standard rate.

Due, however, to the move towards a pay by lift system, as introduced earlier in 2005, the amount considered for tax relief is now capped at €195 despite a sizeable increase in the cost for a similar level of service to last year.

In response to a parliamentary question tabled by Deputy Murphy, the Minister for Finance, Mr. Brian Cowan informed her that the estimated cost of refuse charge tax relief in 2002, to the exchequer, was €5 million (2002 figures being the most recent relevant information available).

The pay by weight system is set to reduce considerably the amount refunded to individual taxpayers according to the Deputy.

Deputy Murphy, in a statement, has called on the Government to invest without delay the savings made from tax relief reductions in development and management of recycling facilities. Last year, for example, Kildare developed a recycling facility in Athy, which lay idle for much of the year because the Council did not have the resources to staff the facility.

If taxpayers are not to be short-changed by the reduction in tax relief available to them the revenue retained by the government must be re-invented in the development of locally based recycling opportunities.

PRESS STATEMENT (contd)

Special Needs Assistants in Employment Limbo

Special Needs Assistants (SNA's) have expressed uncertainty at whether their jobs will continue to exist after June 2005.

At a SIPTU organised public meeting held in Naas and attended by approximately 500 people, SNA's, teachers and the parents of children with special needs highlighted the problems such uncertainty causes. Particular concern was raised about the non-specific, temporary nature of the SNA's contracts and of the Department of Education's failure to inform them of whether or not their jobs will continue to exist into the next school year.

Many of these SNA's, who have invested their own resources in further developing skills, accused the State of minimising their role by failing to give certainty of tenure. Another sentiment that was strongly expressed was that although the work carried out by those Education workers is vital to the development of children with special needs, the government has placed little value on the work performed.

Deputy Catherine Murphy, having attended the meeting, accepted that the number of SNA's has grown considerably over recent years. However, stated that the inclusion of children with special needs in main-stream education cannot be "done on the cheap", instead insisting that a long-term investment would pay off for all.

The North Kildare TD Called on the Minister for Education to put in place a structure that gives some certainty to SNA's. "It is simply unacceptable that people who have built up valuable experience in the classroom and who have invested their own funds in training should face such an uncertain future", said Murphy, "SNA's are clearly here to stay, structuring their employment is a must.

Minister for Finance and FF MEP publicly disagree over reallocation of C.A.B profits.

Mr Eoin Ryan TD and MEP (FF) yesterday called

Minister Cowen, in response to a parliamentary question tabled by Deputy Catherine Murphy (Ind) earlier this month, candidly stated "if it were agreed that projects in communities affected by drug abuse should be funded by ring fenced revenues, it would set a precedent that would make it very difficult to refuse other representations that might be made in the future to earmark revenues."

Murphy (Ind) has strongly backed Deputy Ryan's (FF) call for reinvestment of the proceeds of yesterday's auction involving, notorious criminal, Martin Cahill's former residence into community programmes, stating that she wants to see similar profits devoted to drug prevention and rehabilitation programmes throughout the country's worst affected areas.

"It is imperative that we begin to shape behaviour instead of just reacting to it. If we reinvest the monies collected by the C.A.B. in facilities that, in turn, will help to reduce the instance of drug related crimes, surely the savings to the state and society will far outweigh any initial monetary investment." stated Murphy (Ind) today.

While admitting that she was "encouraged" by Deputy Ryan's statement, Deputy Murphy affirmed that, even in the absence of such sentiments, she is fully committed "to the ring fencing of C.A.B. receipts for community focused projects" citing a holistic approach to crime prevention "as a necessity, should the government truly wish to see a long-term reduction in crime figures".

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Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Contracts for Bond Bridge Due for Signing on Friday June 17.

Unfortunately, the signing of the contracts was called off at the last minute as one of the signatories stated that he was unable to attend. Hopefully, any problems can be resolved speedily.

Kildare, Meath and Wicklow to make Joint Case for More Funding from Government.

Kildare County Council is one of the poorest funded local authorities in the country. The County Manager and his Director of Finance have been making the case to Government for increased funding for many years now without any degree of success despite the fact that the Minister for Finance, Charlie McCreevy, was from the County. The adjoining counties of Meath and Wicklow are also coming under severe resource pressure in keeping up with the level of services required by an expanding population.

At the June meeting of the Mid-East Regional Authority (MERA represents Kildare, Meath and Wicklow) a proposition was made by the three County Managers that a joint submission be made to Government for increased funding to meet the needs of the counties over the coming years. Consultants will be engaged to prepare the case and to support and strengthen the submission it will be necessary to undertake a well-defined analysis of the issues involved. The study will encompass the unique geographical, social, service and quality of life issues that prevail in the Mid-east Region and will be the first of its kind to specifically examine Local Authority needs on a Regional basis.

Cllr. John McGinley, who is a member of MERA, in seconding the proposal, asked that the submission

be presented to the three County Councils before it is submitted to Government in September.

Contract Signed for €355,000 Children's Playground

The contract for the state of the art Children's Playground at The Harbour Field, Maynooth was signed in mid-June following a presentation on the design to the Maynooth Playground Action Group. Cllr. John McGinley also attended the presentation by the designer/contractor and Kildare County Council staff. The playground will initially have two modules i.e. one for 0 to 6 year olds and one for 7 to 13 year olds. The contractor stated that it was his intention to make the Maynooth Playground the benchmark for the country and that it would be similar to the playground provided by Mo Mowlan in the grounds of Stormont Castle in Belfast.

Everything going according to plan the playground should be opened for use in September.

The intention is to add the third module for 14 to 17 year olds next year when Council staff will have a better idea on what is required. Cllr. John McGinley advised Council staff that in his view it should incorporate skateboard areas in addition to "hang out" areas. John would welcome the views of teenagers and parents on what should be included in the third phase.

Harbour Action Area Plan

Getting agreement on the new road and underground section is still causing a delay in finalising the Harbour Action Area Plan. A meeting has been scheduled between the Planners, Roads Design and the Developers for June 22 and if agreement is reached it is hoped that the Leixlip

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Area Committee would meet before the end of June to finalise the Plan.

Cllr. John McGinley has asked that Maynooth Scouts be provided with a site for their new den/hall. Following discussions with representatives of the scouts, John has advised the Council Planners that the area behind where the Canal Amenity Group containers are at present would be the most suitable location.

Meadowbrook Link Road

Despite the fact that ClIr. John McGinley alerted the Council, last September, of the need for safety measures on the Beaufield Road, when the Meadowbrook Link Road opens, the Council have still not carried out a safety audit. It borders on the ridiculous that the Council should wait until the Link Road is nearly completed before carrying out the safety audit on the Beaufield Road.

An Independent Consultant carried out a safety audit in May on the new road and the Council will be obliged to implement the findings before opening the Link Road to traffic. Of course if they had carried out the safety audit on the Beaufield Road when Cllr. McGinley asked them to do so last September the Link Road would now be opened to traffic, thereby making life much easier for motorists and pedestrians at the Roost junction.

Problems for Drivers with a Disability at Public Car Park behind Caulfields

Cars are illegally parking on the platform beside the two Spaces for drivers with a disability in the car park behind Caulfields and this is stopping wheelchair users from using the dish to the platform.

In order to stop this anti-social activity Cllr. John McGinley asked for two bollards to be installed either side of the dish to the platform. This will prevent cars from parking on it while still allowing wheelchair users access to and from the car park. The Council's Area Engineer has agreed to John's request and the bollards will be installed ASAP.

Pedestrian Crossing on Celbridge Road, Maynooth

Despite the fact that approval was given last year for this much needed pedestrian crossing from Rockfield to Laurence Avenue the Council are still dragging their heels. Cllr. John McGinley has been raising the issue at all monthly Area Meetings of the Council and at the May meeting he was told that

"have prioritised this work as part of the 2005 traffic schemes."

In order to get the lights in place before the Gael Scoil re-opens for the new school year in September Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the June meeting of the Leixlip Area Committee.

"That confirmation be given to the Area Committee that the much needed pedestrian lights for the Gael Scoil on the Celbridge Road, Maynooth will be installed and operating before the new school year begins in September 2005."

The reply given at the meeting was positive.

Northern Relief Road from Moyglare Road to Meath/Dunboyne Road

Residents will be aware that work is progressing steadily on the MYCETE houses at Moyglare Hall. In order to establish what progress has been made on providing the much needed Northern Relief Road Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following question for answering at the June Leixlip Area Committee Meeting:

"What progress has been made on the Northern Relief Road from Moyglare Road to the Moygaddy Road in Meath e.g. particularly on the CPO of the land in Meath?"

The reply was that significant progress has been made but that CPO of the land won't come into question until the final design is agreed.

Back Lane to Houses in Old Greenfield

The proper drainage and re-surfacing of the Back Lane was part of the contract for the two new Council houses at Old Greenfield. The houses are completed and Cllr. John McGinley was advised by the Council's Director of Services that the work on the road would be completed in April. As this has not happened John has submitted the following question for answering at the June Leixlip Area Meeting:

"When is the Back Lane, that services the two new houses in Old Greenfield, being resurfaced?"

The reply given at the meeting was that the work will be carried out at the end of June.

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Recycling Centre in the Public Car Park at Super Valu

In a reply to a motion from Cllr. John McGinley the Council stated on 30 March 2004 that they would be purchasing CCTV equipment for this re-cycling centre in the very near future. It is now 15 months later and there is still no sign of the cameras. Shamefully uncaring people continue to dump their rubbish at will. It is Cllr. John McGinley's view that the only way to stop this crime against the community is through hefty fines. John has submitted the following question for answering at the Area Committee meeting on June 17 and if the answer is not to his satisfaction he will again be asking that the recycling centre be moved to the Council depot at the Harbour.

"When are the CCTV cameras being installed at the Recycling Centre in Maynooth and what additional steps are being taken to stop the indiscriminate dumping that is taking place there continuously at present?"

The reply given at the meeting was that the CCTV cameras would be in place in a matter of weeks.

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley Appeal Lyreen Partnership Decision to An Bord Pleanala

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have appealed the appalling decision of Kildare County Council to grant planning permission for 4 storey apartment blocks on the former pitch and putt course at Dunboyne Road, Maynooth. It is their view that the proposal will cause irreparable damage to Maynooth village's unique architectural heritage and that the scale and shoddy design of the buildings is simply unacceptable.

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Features

Maynooth Golf Society

Maynooth Golf Society played at Portarlington Golf Club on Saturday 4th June.

42 players attended, which was a large outing for a bank holiday weekend. The winner on the day was Steve Greenwood with a score of 39 pts, runner up was Vice Captain Philip Doyle with 35 pts. The weather was pleasant except for one bad shower of rain during the round.

Barry Desmond who sponsored the outing, presented prizes in Brady's that evening. Thanks to all who attended.

Next outing at Kilcock GC on Thursday 23rd June for Joe Murray Cup.

ISC PHZE	Steven Greenwood		39 pts
2nd Prize	Philip Doyle		35 pts
3rd Prize	Joe Edwards	В9	34 pts
4th Prize	Liam Farrelly		34 pts
5th Prize	David Weafer	В9	33 pts
6th Prize	Tom Flatley		33 pts
7th Prize	Gerry McTernan	В9	32 pts
Front 9	Marty Maguire		19 pts
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Maynooth G.A.A News **Junior Camogie League**

Maynooth flattered by victory margin.

Maynooth 4 - 3 St. Laurences 1 - 2

Maynooth advanced by the Junior League final with an unconvincing victory over their long time rivals played at St. Laurences on 16/05/05. in the first half the standard of camogie was mediocre and Maynooth took a long gime to get into their stride. Their cause was helped by the concession of the two rather soft goals by the St. Laurences net minder who failed to deal with 2 ground shots from Anne Comerford and Brid Byrnes. Two further goals from Elaine McNamara and Claire Barry gave Maynooth a commanding lead at half time on a score of 4 - 0 to 0 - 1. Maynooth improved their performance in the second half but a change of goalkeeper for St. Laurences kept the Maynooth forward line at bay as she brought off a number of excellent saves. Maynooth added a further 3 points to their tally in the second half and defended stoutly to prevent any St. Laurences revival. However they will have to improve significantly on this performance if they have ambitions to claim the league title.

Team and Scores

Jenny Reid

Denise Bambrick Sharon Malone Marian Hennesy Annemarie Farrell Mary Hawkins Margaret Farrell Niamh Mulready **Eimer Connolly**

Elaine McNamara 1 - 0 Michelle Gillick Claire Barry 1 - 0 Anne Comerford 1 - 1 Brid Brynes 1 - 2 Caoimhe Ni Neil

Subs: Tara Concannon for Caomhe Ni Neill

First Honours of 2005 for Camogie Team

Junior Camogie League Final

Maynooth 3 - 4; Celbridge 1 - 0

The Maynooth Ladies brought the first silverware to the club with an impressive victory over arch rivals Celbridge played at Straffan on 30/05/05. Defences were on top early on in this game and a tight reign was held on both forward lines. However, Maynooth had the greater number of scoring opportunities and eventually got on the score sheet courtesy of 2 excellent points from Elaine McNamara and Nicki

Carew. Celbridge tended to come more into the game in the latter stages of the first half but they squandered a number of scoring changes and the Maynooth 0 - 2; Celbridge 0 - 0. midfielder Michelle Gillick increased her teams lead early in the second half when she latched onto a pass from Ann Marie Farrell and from fully 50 yards slotted over an excellent point. The first real goal scoring chance fell to Celbridge in the 8th minute and they duly converted the opportunity with aplomb. Maynooth realising that Celbridge were not going to give up easily raised their game in all sectors of the field and 2 goals from Brid Byrnes and Ann Comerford gave them the cushion which they would never relinquish. A further goal direct from a free by Brid Byrnes and further point by the same player put the icing on the cake and though Celbridge played heroically to the end Maynooth were not to be denied and there were scenes of jubilation and delight among the Maynooth players and supporters when Captain Anne Comerford received the cup from camogie chairperson Joan O' Flynn.

Team and Scores

Marian Hennessy Naomi Devereux Sharon Malone Denise Bambrick Ann Marie Farrell Mary Hawskins Margaret Farrell Niamh Mulready Michelle Gillick 0 - 1 Nicki Carew 0 - 1 Brid Byrnes 2 - 1 Anne Comerford 1 - 0

Subs: Caoinhe Ni Neill, Tara Concannon

From Thomas Coffey, Joint Pro Maynooth GAA				
Maynooth GAA Club Weekly Lotto Draw 22/05/05 This Weeks Jackpot €2,300.00 Winning Numbers				
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Winner: No winner Address: Ticket Seller Next Weeks Jackpot €2,400.00				
Consolation Prize Winners of €25.00				
Marie Lawlor, Eoin Creavy, Mark Nugent, Colm				

Hoban, Martin Connolly

Maynooth Fianna Fail News

Maynooth Presentation Girls National School gets go-ahead to progress through the Architectural Planning Stage.

Aine Brady has been informed by the Minister for Education Mary Hanafin, TD that the proposed extension to the Maynooth Presentation Girls NS has being authorised to progress through the architectural planning process with immediate effect.

'I am delighted that the Minister has given approval for the proposed extension to the Maynooth Girls school to progress to the architectural planning stage. Great credit is due to the Principal Breda Boylan for her focus and persistence and the parents for continuing to highlight the requirement for this extension' Aine Brady stated.

Taoiseach Visits Maynooth to thank Fianna Fail Canvassers

An Taoiseach Bertie Ahern TD visited Maynooth on Friday 6th of May to thank the Fianna Fail supporters that canvassed in Aine Brady's by-election campaign. A large crowd of over 200 attend. The Taoiseach paid tribute to Aine Brady and hoped she would be on the Fianna Fail ticket the next time. She deserved great credit for topping the poll after just three weeks campaigning.

Aine Brady thanked the canvassers for their time during the by-election campaign. She said that she had a great foundation laid for the next general election and hoped to be a candidate again. She was greatly heartened by the response she received from the general public.

Contact Aine Brady – aine@ainebrady.com 087 2881000 or 01 6285269.

Cumann Organise Community and Sporting Groups to meet Minister for Arts, Tourism and Sport, John O'Donoghue TD.

Maynooth Football Club John O'Regan and Club officials outlined their plans to develop their

current facilities to the Minister. Cumann members Maurice Cowhey and John Dolan attended the meeting.

Maynooth GAA Club's Fergus Deveroux and club officers met and outlined their future plans for the club. Fianna Fail Cumann members Brid Feely, Michael Caden and Peter Finan attended the meeting.

The Community Centre Action Group under the chairmanship of Tony Bean meet with the Minister to press for a Community Centre for Maynooth. Cumann Members John Conroy and Mark Jennings attended the meeting.

A delegation, headed by Cllr Paul Kelly, from the Leixlip Amenities Group also meet with Minister to discuss their plans.

The Maynooth Cumann with Aine Brady, Cllr. Paul Kelly and Brid Feely will continue to highlight with Minister John O'Donoghue the requirements for Maynooth.

Maynooth Cumann working for the Community on the following issues:

- A playground for Maynooth
- · A Community Centre for Maynooth
- · Adequate footpath (on Rathcoffey Road)
- Traffic Calming measures
- · Car Parking in Maynooth
- Balanced Development for Maynooth

Would you like to join the Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann?

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