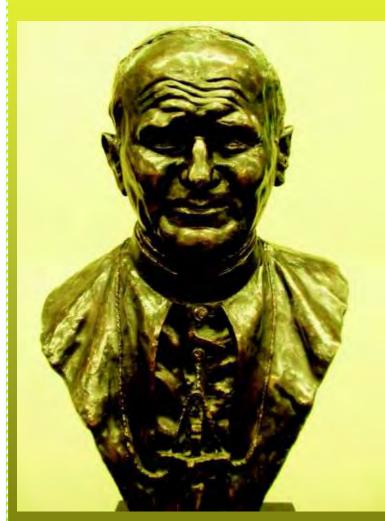
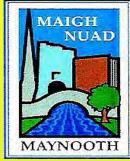
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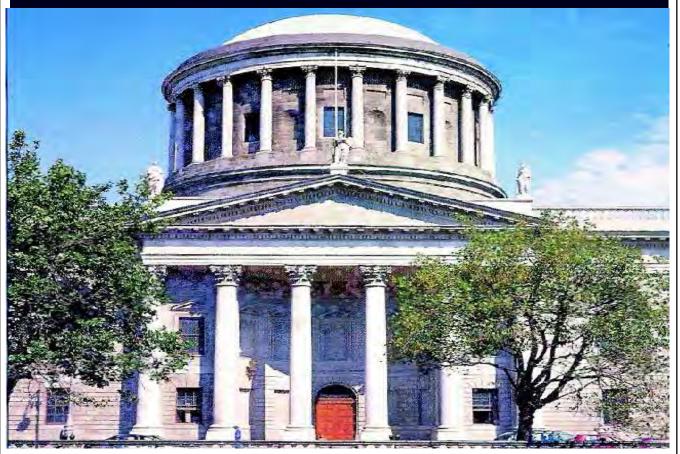
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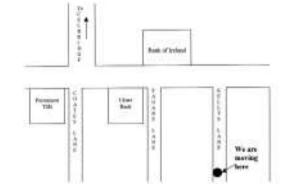
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Editorial

A "Big Hello" to all our readers and welcome to our May edition.

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Terry Nealon and I am the new Editor for the Maynooth Newsletter. I regard it as a great privilege to be associated with this publication which keeps the people of Maynooth informed of the good and the not so good in our ancient town .As our previous editor Susan Durack and her team covered so well in the December issue, the Newsletter has a long and colourful history. This goes back to the first edition in 1969 and our first editor Ted Kelly who was joined later by Liam Bean and John Read.

It is my intention to allow the Newsletter to reflect the changing times we live in and to encourage more debate from our local people, young and old.

Over the coming weeks Maynooth will be receiving a lot of exposure and coverage due to the Nissan Classic.

The town will be in "Festival Mood" with the pubs supplying music and bar extensions, An Nuadha Players will premier Tina Reilly's new play" Is this Love?" and overall the "craic" will be great.

It would be nice with all of this exposure if the people of Maynooth could develop an even better sense of civic pride in their town. Maybe we could all take just a few minutes to think about what we and our families do with our bits of paper, cigarette butts, and cans etc.which are so conspicuous around the town at present.

We welcome all comments, articles, and letters.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Terry Nealon, Editor

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MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES

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

Chairperson Brid Feely called for one minute silence to commemorate the memory of Pope John Paul II and also in memory of Stephen Hyland. Michael Dempsey and Padraig Thorton.

New Chairperson Brid Feely thanked all for appointing her. She said she will work hard for the next year or so.

She said her objectives were:

- Community Centre for Maynooth
- Town Council status
- To get new residents and other groups to attend meetings.

She also commented that it was Brid Feely and not the Fianna Fail Party that was chair of the Maynooth Community Council. She said to make it clear Maynooth Community Council is a non political organization.

Nissan Irish Open

Andrew McMullon said that they are having ongoing meetings. He also noted that business people in the town are cleaning up outside their shops. Many pubs will be putting on entertainment. It is envisaged that the town will take on a festival appearance.

New Town Centre. Framework Plan

It was noted that nothing at present is final. Plans go on display soon. Senan Griffin stated that Kildare County Council Managers report was rejected. He said he could foresee difficulties with the plan

A number of points were raised:

Traffic - It can take up to 30 minutes to get from the motorway to the town.

People awareness - How best to get people to know what is going on.

Integrated Framework Plan for land and Transportation - This document was considered to have no resemblance to Maynooth or to sorting out the traffic problem.

Brid Feely suggested a Public Meeting, also that Kildare Councillors should attend. It was agreed that a Public Meeting should go ahead.

Maynooth Community Centre

A long discussion took place. There were a lot of points raised here.

Tony Bean—"Maynooth Community Centre Partnership", stated that a lot of meetings had taken place. He also noted that Maynooth Community Church got involved in 2004. While it was agreed that some people might be wary of church control, it was also noted that it was a good plan. Tony also said that MCCP have done a lot of work . He said that their plan and ideas were incorporated in the Community Church plans.

Sean Cushen raised the question that there should be money available from levies and from building developers to build a Community Centre.

Peter Connell suggested that meetings should take place and report to June meeting of Maynooth Community Council.

It was decided to have a meeting with all interested groups, while we have the Maynooth Community Church option. It was also felt that we could have more than one option through development funding.

Senan Griffin also noted that the transfer of these "Doyles" lands to Kildare County Council has still to be done.

Terry Nealon—Maynooth Drama Group raised his concerns regarding a theatre. He said the Harbour Field has been sited as a possible location for a theatre, but now there seems to be plans that a regional theatre could be put here. This would cater for the greater southern Dublin are as well as north Kildare.

In the submission by Maynooth Community Council for the Harbour Field area a theatre was also suggested.

Tidy Towns

Paul Croghan said their plan this year is to get to the 12 point mark. He said they have already started the clean-up. They are planning a clean-up on the Straffan Road and would be grateful for support.

Flower baskets will be ready to go out 1st May.

MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOTES(contd)

Editor - Newsletter

Terry Nealon has been appointed as editor. Terry was congratulated. He said he is looking forward to the challenge.

Festival

Andrew McMullon said the festival will take place in July. Again lots of support will be needed. Anyone who wishes to come on board can contact the office 01 6285922, 01 6285053.

Person of the Year Award

Paul Croghan said it is planned to have this event organised for later in the year. Again we hope that people will put themselves forward to work on this project.

St Patrick's Day Parade

Chairperson Brid Feely thanked John McGinley and Committee and all involved with the St Patrick's Day Parade. It was generally felt that the Parade this year went very well.

Local Matters

Des Matthew, Meadowbrook, raised the point about the opening of the Meadowbrook link. Senan Griffin

said while there had been some problems, it now looked that the link road would be open early May.

Bus turning point, Straffan road

Cyril McAree, Carton Court, said there was a lot of damage done here and that it was repaired in concrete and not brick. It was agreed to write to Kildare County Council.

Next Maynooth Community Council Meeting: 9th May, 8:30 Glenroyal Hotel.

PRO Marie Gleason.



Members of the Tidy Towns Committee during the recent clean-up

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Planning Permissions

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05/592	Brendan Neville	16 Moyglare Abbey Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	24/03/05	Single storey extension to side and conversion of garage to habitable space	16 Moyglare Abbey Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/597	S. Porter Siteworks Ltd	Oakley Park Kells Co. Meath	Ρ	24/03/05	Modifications to previously permitted Development Plan ref. no. 04/767 to include 1 No. 1 bed apartment No. D33 and 3 No. 2 bed apartment No's D34, D35 & D36 at Second Floor Level at Block "D" and the inclusion of Accommodation Design within etc	Mill Street Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/169	Derrinstown Stud	29 Earlsfort Terrace Dublin 2	P	24/03/05	Demolition of the existing house and garage and the removal of the existing septic tank and the construction of a new staff accommodation comprising a two storey dormer house together with septic tank and percolation area	Ard Na Ri Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/624	John Murphy & Andrew Ryan	25 Parklands Crescent Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	29/03/05	1st floor domestic extension consisting of construction of two rooms above existing playroom and utility room currently to side of house	25 Parklands Crescent Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/628	Declan & Chris Grant	516 Newtown Cottages Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	29/03/05	3 bedroom bungalow with site entrance and associated site works	Newtown Cottages Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/651	Nollin O' Hora	112 Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	30/03/05	To demolish existing single storey garage to side, construct a single storey extension to side and rear, comprising three bedrooms two ensuite, kitchen, storm porch and internal alterations to existing house	112 Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/661	John Jeffries	ESB Jamestown Road Inchicore Dublin 8	Ρ	31/03/05	To construct 2 no. 38kv 12 metre Line Ternination Masts under the Leixlip- Mooneycooley 38kv Line	North Salt Dowdstown Co. Kildare
05/663	Shane & Patricia Clyne	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	31/03/05	Single storey (with habitable area in roof space) two bedroom Granny Flat dwelling adjacent to existing dwelling in lieu double garage structure previously permitted under pl. ref. 01/1698 and to include for a minor increase in size etc.	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/666	Carton Demesne Ltd	Carton House Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	01/04/05	Minor modifications to existing permission 91/441 as amended. The revisions include changes to internal configuration from two hotel suites as previouslu permitted, to provide three hotel bedrooms with en suite bathrooms etc	Carton House Carton Demesne Maynooth Co. Kildare



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05/683	Newtown Inn & Restaurant Ltd	Ardfield House Old Lucan Road Lucan Co. Dublin	R	04/04/05	Incorporation of the existing adjoining unit 8 of Newtown Shopping Centre as part of Inn Public House etc	Beaufield Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/686	John & Kathleen Fitzsimons	Kilmacredock Upper Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	04/04/05	Alter and extend existing tow storey dormer style dwelling house, including new canopy to front porch, new single storey extensions to front room and new family room to rear, alterations etc.	Kilmacredock Upper Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/696	Farrell O' Boy	Greenfield Mooneycooley Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	05/04/05	A) Demolition of existing sub- standard single storey rear extension to existing two storey and end of terrace house. B) Construction of two storey rear extension to existing two storey end of terrace house. C) change of use of existing two storey house etc	1 Pound Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/702	Kevin & Pauline Barrett	Dowdstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	05/04/05	Two storey family dwelling with connecting two storey parent accommodation, three car two storey garage with storeage area and provision for new recessed gated entrance an installation of proprietary waste water treatment etc	Moneycooly Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/708	Martin & Valerie McHugh	15 Woodview Castletown Celbridge	Ρ	06/04/05	Dormer bungalow with part front elevation being one and half storey with 3 no. loose boxes, tackroom and dungstead. Also to include a separate dormer style double garage with Biodisc system	Clonagh Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/714	Teresa Heeney	49 Parklands Crescent Railpark Maynooth	Ρ	07/04/05	Erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion with kitchen area extended below and also a single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling house.	49 Parklands Crescent Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/760	Boldnote Developments	Carton Demense Carton Maynooth Co. Kildare	Ρ	12/04/05	Revisions/modifications to approved tourism/leisure development scheme	Carton Demense Carton Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/780	Thomas Mc Keon	22 Kingsbry Maynooth Co Kildare	р	14/04/05	Conversion and extension of existing single storey dwelling to dormer style dwelling with rear dormer extension to include provision of dormer extension above existing garage and increase size of attached garage and upgrading of existing septic tank.	Wyndom Clpnfert Maynooth Co Kildare
05/757	Glenkerrin Properties	Glenroyal Centre Maynooth Co Kildare	р	12/04/05	Second floor extension over existing two storey conference centre and bedroom wing to contain an additional 14 bedrooms with ensuite bathrooms and ancillary accommodation to the south and rear of the existing hotel and leisure centre	Glenroyal Hotel Straffan Rd Maynooth Co Kildare



Crossword

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Entries before: **9** th May 2005 **Name**

Address:_____

Across:

- 6. Loud, flamboyant (12)
- 8. Provide commentary (7)
- 9. Javelin (5)
- 10 Damsel (4)
- 12. Tittle-tattle (6)
- 14. Hurdler, _ _ Jackson (5)
- 15. Lump of gold (6)
- 16. Fairy (4)
- 19. Let in (5)
- 21. Curl of hair (7)
- 22. High-ranking policeman (12)

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- 1 British money (8)
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- 4 Assignment (7)
- 5. Star Wars hero, _ _ _ Skywalker (4)
- 6. Decorative (10)
- 7. Owner (10)
- 11. Container (3)
- 12. Card game (3)
- 13. Small breed of pony (8)
- 14. Part of a franc (7)
- 17. Sweeper (5)
- 18. Out of training (5)
- 20. Frame of mind (4)

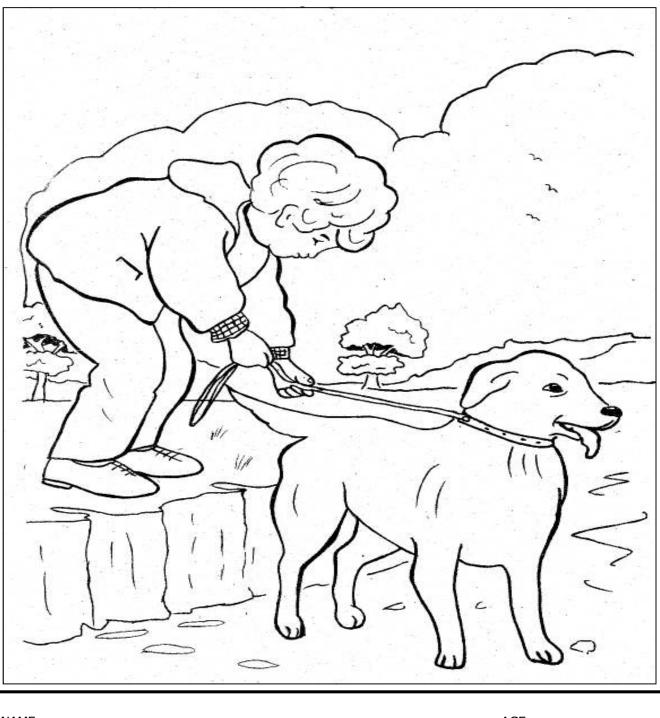
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Iraq, 12. faucet, 14. Irwin, 15. Enlist, 16. Arms, 19. Liszt, 21. Akabusi, 22. Preposterous,

Down:

Downfall, 2. Decoy, 3. Scone,
 Brendan, 5. Long, 6. Vermicelli, 7. Statistics,
 Art, 12. Fit, 13. Corduroy,
 Isotope, 17. Balsa, 18. Rated, 20. Sark

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IS THIS LOVE?

Local Author Martina Murphy, who writes under the pseudonym of Tina Reilly, hopes to have the same success with her new play as she has had

with her novels. "Is this Love" adapted from her best selling paperback will be staged by An Nuadha Players and directed by Martina.

Dealing with the harrowing problem of domestic violence, secrets and lies, in a family that is definitely not the Walton's. Two sisters whose lives and loves have taken very different paths find themselves thrown together in their childhood home, forced to confront painful truths. Martina gives us a collection of characters spanning three generations, resulting in a family damaged and in denial. The play strikes a cord even in today's informed and progressive times.

Martina has completed her second book with the publisher Time Warner. "Wedded Blitz" is set in the world of hairdressing showing the strength of family ties and gives the reader some colourful and memorable moments. It's in the shops and going well. She has just signed for a further two books with Time Warner, but as Martina likes to stay ahead, the next book is completed.

"Tracing Jason" looks at a single mother with an eight –year - old daughter who comes home crying from school. She is being taunted by the other children for not having a father. The mother sets out to find Jason even though she is not sure if she will be able to do so.

The story is about looking for Jason and is told in the present tense with a diary of events between the two characters being told in the past tense.

With looking after a young family, running the Maynooth School of speech and drama, directing with An Nuadha Players and writing a book every year, Martina / Tina would not have it any other way.

Is This Love? will be staged in the Band Hall Maynooth 17th---21st May 05

Terry Nealon.



Recipes

Starters

Parsnip & Carrot Soup

Serves 4 People

Ingredients 250g/8 oz parsnips, chopped 250g/8 oz carrots, chopped 1 onion chopped 600ml / 1 pint Chicken stock Salt & pepper Natural yogurt, to garnish

- 1. Place the parsnips, and the onion in a large saucepan with the stock and season with salt and pepper. Bring to the boil, cover and simmer for 20 minutes, or until the vegetables are tender.
- 2. Remove from the heat and allow to cool slightly, then purée in a food processor or blender until smooth, or press through a fine sieve.
- 3. Return the soup to the cleaned pan and reheat, serve hot in individual warmed soup bowls, garnished with yogurt.

Main Course

Stir— Fried Beef with Peppers

Serves 6

Ingredients

- 1 Tablespoon olive oil
- 1 Onion, thinly sliced

1 Large garlic clove, cut into thin strips 500g /1b fillet steak, cut into thin strips 1 red pepper, cored, deseeded and cut into matchstick strips

1 green pepper, cored, deseeded and cut into matchstick strips

- 1 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 tablespoon of dry sherry

1 tablespoon chopped rosemary Salt & pepper

- 1. Heat the olive oil in a wok or deep frying pan and stir— fry the onion and garlic for 2 minutes.
- 2. Add the strips of beef and stir- fry

- Add the soy sauce, sherry, salt and pepper to taste and the rosemary, and stir—fry for a further 1– 2 minutes, serve piping hot.
- 5 Serve with brown rice or egg noodles for a satisfying meal

Desert

Melon Ice Cream

Serves 4

1 Large melon (Ogen or Charentias) 300 ml/1/2 pint natural yogurt

- 1. Halve the melon and scoop out all the seeds, scoop the melon flesh into a food processor or blender and work until smooth.
- 2. Mix the melon purée with the yogurt.
- 3. Transfer the melon and yogurt mixture into a shallow freezer container, and freeze until firm.
- 4. Serve the melon ice cream in scoops.
- 5. To achieve the 2 different colours, use 2 different types of melon: Charentais melon for peachy orange ice cream and ogen for green.



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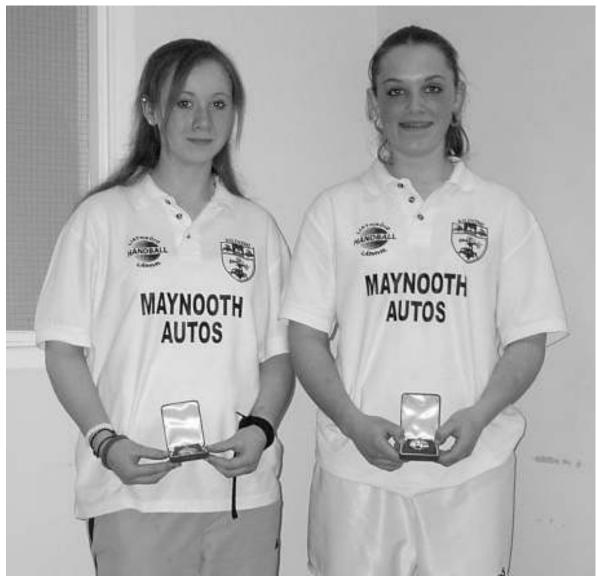
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Kildare Girls Secures 2005 All Ireland Handball Title



Roisin Gorey & Louise Walsh from Kildare (Maynooth G.A.A.) defeated the Mayo team (Mary Duffy and Stephaine Coleman) in the 40 X 20 U14 's All Ireland Doubles Final at Gortnamona in Belfast on Sunday 17th April 2005 in a well fought contest which went to a tie breaker with a fine score of 15-5, 14-15, 15-5 securing the title for the Kildare girls.

The girls held their composure and worked well together to win showing power and skill. They were unlucky not to have clinched the match in the second set having come back from being 6-13 down to go into the lead at 14-13 and loosing match point on a loose ball having broken the Mayo girls serve on three occasions. Their growing confidence showed in the tiebreaker leaving onlookers in no doubt that they were good enough to win the match. The Maynooth duo are certainly a pair to watch out for in the coming years.

Their pathway to the final was in defeating Carlow, Kilkenny, Westmeath and Wexford to secure the 2005 Leinster title. They went on to defeat Donegal in the All Ireland Semi-final at Leixlip G.A.A. Club.

Roisin Gorey also won the 2005 National Plate U13's singles in April 2005 and Louise Walsh will be competing in the U15's singles FBD National Final on 2nd May 2005 and we wish her every success.

All credit to the girls for an outstanding performance and many thanks to the Maynooth coaches and the coaching team of Vinny Rynn and Fiona Healy from our neighbouring club Leixlip who also gave the girls additional tuition.

Maynooth Post Primary School News

Post Primary School – Annual Concern Fast

Over the last eleven years students from Maynooth Post Primary school have participated in the annual Concern Fast. The Fast takes place in early December each year and it is part of a worldwide effort to support the work of Concern in many third world countries.

This year in school over 500 students fasted for twenty-four hours. After receiving sponsorship from family and friends, they raised Euro 7806.80, which is the highest sum raised to date. The whole effort was co-ordinated by the Religious Education Department and particularly by a group of transition year students.

These students volunteered to distribute cards, collect and count money – all very time consuming work. They can be proud of their efforts to assist in supporting Concern, and the very important work done worldwide.



L-R: Grace Lavelle, Brian Collopy, Karen Corrigan, Ms. Claire Doherty, Eoin Corcoran & Julie Harris (Concern)

Post Primary School Maynooth / Temple Street Children's Hospital

Local School turns trash into cash

Individuals and companies in Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge were urged to save office materials that normally end up in the bin - toner, printer cartridges and old mobile phones- helped to raise money for Temple Street Children's Hospital

The 2nd year students of Maynooth Post Primary teamed up with leading recycling company Eurosource in an innovative fundraising scheme. Every time someone donated a cartridge or old mobile phone, the hospital will receive a cash donation.

Maynooth Post Primary students said" throwing away an old mobile phone or printer cartridge is not very environmentally friendly. Some mobile phone batteries contain cadmium and other dangerous and toxic substances. Once dumped in landfill sites, the phone casings corrode and the cadmium can leak into the soil

Very few printer cartridges are recycled. The rest are buried in landfill sites. They have helped our fundraising efforts. It takes more than 1.5 pints of oil to make a new toner cartridge and in the last decade it is estimated that millions of Euro worth of printer cartridges were dumped"

Readers were asked to collect unwanted mobile phones, chargers and phone batteries, plus used inkjet and toner cartridges from friends, relatives and neighbours and from the workplace.

Cian Taylor.

The following supported the initiative by providing collection points. Post Primary School, Maynooth Credit Union, Maynooth Library, Maynooth Bookshop, Super Value and Nuzstop. The collection finished April 29th.

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

I.C.A NOTES

Our April meeting was held on Thursday 7th with our President Mary presiding. We had a very informative meeting but it would be nice to have more members attending.

Bog Oak Classes commences on Wednesday 6th of April and will be completed in May.

Kildare week at An Grianan is from the 4th to the 8th of July.

Coffee Morning, Cake and Bric-a-Brac Sale was changed to Friday 15th due to the Popes death.

Crafts continue every Monday night at 8 p.m., and Badminton in Parish Hall

Mondays 11 - 12.30 p. m and

Thursdays 10.30 - 12 p. m.

Competition was on the spot. 1st Eileen Flynn

2nd Bernadette Raftery 3rd Jo O' Connell

Our Annual Outing is arranged for Saturday 28th May to the Folk Park in Omagh. Our A.G.M. will be on 5th May at 8 p.m. Looking forward to a large attendance

Maynooth Ladies Golf Society

The Maynooth Ladies Golf Society held their second outing of the 2005 season at Newbridge Golf Club on Saturday 9th April. 17 members of the society played. The winner on the day was Deirdre Glynn. The society has been in existence since 2003. 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 Saturday 7th May in Elm Hall Golf Club, Celbridge. If you are interested in joining the society contact Deirdre Glynn, Chairperson at 086 8509725.

Maynooth Golf Society

Here are the results of the Maynooth Golf Society Outing on 16 April to South County Dublin Golf Course which was sponsored by David Mahony Heating & Plumbing.

1st Prize	Mick Fahy	40
2nd Prize	Gerry McTernan	37/B9
3rd Prize	Tom O'Haire	37/B6
4th Prize	Kevin Loftus (jnr)	37/B9
5th Prize	Niall Byrne	37
6th Prize	Dave Kinlon	36/B9
7th Prize	Derek Murray	36
Front 9	Tom Flatley	20
Back 9	Liam Farrelly	21
Visitors	M Shields	27
Nearest the pin	John Carroll	
2′s	John Carroll-Sean Farrelly	

Next venue: Trim Golf Club on 14th May



Mich Fahy Overall Winner of the golf outing to South County Dublin being presented with his prize by David Mahone Sponsor and Kevin Loftus of Maynooth Golf Society



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Gardening tips for May

May, like April has long sunny days that boosts plants into more active growth and warms the garden soil. But there is always the danger at night, however, of the frosts of spring to which the Irish climate is liable, and which can devastate tender leaves and flowers. Nevertheless , daily temperatures should be mounting above 16°c.

The Flower Garden

Make additional outdoor sowings of hardy annuals where needed as soon as possible. Use a seeddressing to improve germination. Thin seedlings sown in April as soon as they are large enough to handle. Move hardy and half-hardy annual seedlings sown in the greenhouse to cold frames to harden off. Close the frames at night, but increase ventilation by day in step with the temperature, watering early in the day. Transplant to flowering positions in 2-3 weeks' time. Plant out hardened-off half-hardy annuals after rain, if possible, or in water in, from mid-May, but have cloches or some form of cover available if night frosts are expected. Delay planting out until late May or





early June in cold, exposed or northern gardens.

- Snip off faded flower heads from earlyflowering bulbs and daffodils unless the seeds are needed. Leave the seed capsules on crocus and snowdrops which want to increase naturally.
- If spent early-flowering tulips must be lifted because their bed is needed, take them up carefully with roots and soil intact. Place in a prepared trench on spare ground, cover with soil and leave until the leaves wither, before sorting for storage.
- Replant indoor bulbs that have finished flowering outside in a shelter corner. Keep them intact and let them finish growing before sorting for size and storing for outdoor planting in the autumn. They will need two two to three years of growing to make top-size flowering bulbs again. Small offset bulbs and corms need to be grown on separately in fairly rich soil.

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A Century of Irish Sporting Heroes

Johnny Carey (1919-1995) Captain: Rep. of Ireland and Manchester United

Dublin born Johnny Carey must rank as one of the best bargains in the history of association football transfers. Manchester United bought him for £250 from St James' Gate FC in November 1936 and in the following seventeen years he was to win almost every honour available to him in the game. His signing was purely by accident as Manchester United chief scout, Louis Rocca had been chasing Bohemians star Benny Gaughan but lost out to Glasgow Celtic. On a recommendation made by Billy Behan, Rocca then watched Carey playing with the "Gate", the rest is football history. Carey's firstteam debut for United came on September 23, 1937. Tom Jackson wrote the following in the local Manchester newspaper of the teenage inside forward "those who saw the game were unanimous in their view that he has the makings of a valuable player; his footwork at times would have done credit to an experienced man"

In his first season he helped Manchester United to make an immediate return to Division One of the Football League and won international caps for the Rep. of Ireland against Czechoslovakia, Norway and Poland. He went on to play for Ireland on thirty seven occasions, but the highlight of his International career came in May 1947 when he was chosen to play at righthalf and captain the rest of Europe against Great Britain in Hampden park Glasgow. A year later Carey took Manchester United to the Cup Final. They went in at half- time a goal down to Blackpool but a chat from the skipper in the Wembley dressing room steadied the side and they ran out winners 4-2. A league championship medal was longer in coming. For four consecutive seasons from 1948 to 1951, Manchester United finished second in Division One of the Football League. Johnny Carey missed only twenty matches in those four frustrating seasons. Reward finally came in 1952 when they took the championship by four points from Tottenham Hotspur. In the meantime Johnny Carey received another honour - in 1949 he was voted footballer of the year and impressed everybody with his address of thanks.

After the war Johnny Carey moved from inside forward to wing- half and then full- back where he consistently played a thinking, constructive game, his undoubted skills augmented by an excellent physique. How well Johnny would have fitted into the modern game where forwards come back and backs push up when possible. He was among the best all rounder football has ever known. Sir Matt Busby in his first season as manager of Manchester United appointed him as team captain. In style, technique and authority he was comparable to Sir Alf Ramsey who in the same period exercised a similar influence in the Tottenham side. Sir Alf was later to manage the England team to win the World Cup in 1966.



Though a Dubliner and like many thousands like him, Johnny joined the British Army during World War Two. His duties took him to Italy where he found time to play with great success for certain professional clubs. He was known affectionately as "Cario" by the local fans. His versatility and his skills impressed the Italians, as were the fans at Stamford Bridge when, in a crucial game against Chelsea, he took over in goal from the injured Jack Crompton. United held on to win. Johnny Carey made 344 first team appearances for Manchester United (304 League) and would have made many more had the war years not intervened. He retired in 1953 and went into football management. After taking Blackburn Rovers to promotion to Division One of the Football League he went on to manage Everton for three years. He then joined Leyton Orient and was successful in winning promotion to the top division for the first time in the club's history. He subsequently managed Nottingham Forest for five seasons and then returned to Blackburn where he finished his managerial career. Johnny Carey was one of Ireland's best ever football players. He was highly respected at home and abroad and in the manner he played and thought about the game he was probably years ahead of his time.

Jim Healy



Farewell John Paul 2nd

Upon this earth a heavenly man Leader of nations with all his love He done the very best he can To give the message of our God above He travelled many of a place All mankind in his prayer With all of his gentle grace For the world he truly cared Living a life of Christianity Our very own Pontiff John Paul From pain and suffering set free With our God in his call A true Catholic leader was he In his voice spread the word A saintly man forever to be In the eyes of our good Lord Now his body lay in state For passers by to view Such was this man's fate And his dreams so very true This mans love of our Lady and our Lord

Was for others in his goal In reaping a Heavenly reward Lay deep inside his soul

Patrick Murray

Lest we forget

Our debt to Germany and France: The driving force for CAP

To those of us born long enough ago to remember tenements in Kevin Street and industrial concerns employing more than a thousand people numbered in single figures, the last thirty five years has seen a total transformation in the Country's fortunes. Dublin City shopping started in George's Street, took in Grafton Street and ended generally in Clerys and Arnotts in the City centre. Money was scarce and people did not buy on credit. The clothes people bought were considered essential and were generally saved for before purchase. Genuine poverty was widespread and many people did not get the medical attention they deserved because they could not afford the doctor's fee. It was a time that many Irish people did not expect that their fortunes would change in their lifetime. Hope was thin on the ground and many thousands of people left for England, the States and Australia. As we all learned in school at that time Ireland was mainly an agricultural economy and there lay our main problem. We exported the bulk of our agricultural products to Great Britain. It is important at this juncture to remember the reality of our economic relationship with that country between 1800 and 1921 when we were part of the United Kingdom and also the relationship between the Republic of Ireland and Great Britain between 1921 and 1973. While we were supposed to be an integral part of the United Kingdom, Ireland was the poorest country in Europe and Dublin was the slum capital of the British Empire. The taxes and duties raised in Ireland by the British government were repatriated to London and only a proportion was sent back for the running of the Island. It was during that period of our history that our population was cut in half by the famine. From 1921 onwards the position did not change. Britain operated a cheap food policy and each year the Irish Minister for Agriculture had to go to London to be told what our export quotas for agricultural produce was going to be. The prices paid to Irish producers were also fixed at those talks. This price was below the Irish cost of production and represented just over break even for the advanced agricultural economies of Europe and the British Commonwealth. The Irish people were then expected to pay more for their food than their counterparts in Britain in order to subsidise the small farmers on the land. The effect of the British cheap food policy was to leave no funds available for investment in Irish farming and the industry remained stagnant for many decades. It is a historical fact that the price of agricultural land remained relatively unchanged for over four decades from 1916. The lack of money in agriculture seeped its way through the whole Irish economy. There were no funds available to invest in added value projects. Our

former colonial oppressor was no help. Instead of helping to develop the economy of the fledgling free state, their political and economic policies were used mercilessly to hinder our development. Political decisions taken during the "Economic War" brought Ireland to its knees while the conduct of British Multinational flour Companies in monopoly trading positions were also questionable. The conduct of the British was in complete contrast to the behaviour of France towards its former colonies in North Africa. Once the French left countries like Tunisia and Morocco they maintained good relations by investing and developing the economies of the new North African countries. To this day they continue to protect the interest of their former colonies within the European Union. Our policy of neutrality during World War Two was never accepted by our neighbour or by the United States. The fact that the Irish Government would never have been able to win acceptance from the Irish people for a change in that policy cut no ice with the allies. As soon as the war was over our "friends" the British and the Americans moved to exclude us from the developing international community. Ireland was excluded from the Marshall Plan which was a development fund set up by the United States to help rebuild the European economy. How we could have done with those funds and the technical expertise that backed up the aid programme. The international isolation of Ireland orchestrated by these countries was merciless in its execution. We were excluded from the United Nations and were not allowed join until the mid fifties. What is extremely puzzling was the ineffectiveness of the Irish lobby in London and Washington. There were many millions of Irish Americans living in the States and their failure to change American policy at that time does them no credit. Their performance in helping their homeland comes a poor second best to the American Jewish community in helping their homeland, Israel. In all of this there was a development that was to

have a profound effect on the lives and fortunes of the Irish people. On May 9th 1950 French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman issued the following historic declaration. "It is no longer the moment for vain words, but for a bold act - a constructive act". France and Germany had torn each other asunder on three separate occasions in a seventy five-year period between 1870 and 1945. Millions of their young men lay buried in the muddy battlefield of Belgium and Holland. In making this statement Schuman was indicating that there had to be a new way forward. Konrad Adenauer, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany was a willing listener. The new beginning started with a coal and steel free trade agreement and within a short space of time Holland Belgium and Luxembourg embraced the concept with the Italians joining later. The most

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Our debt to Germany and France: The driving force for CAP (contd.)

exhilarating feature of the new concept was that it was to have no limits. Even at an early stage the participants were discussing a European Court of Justice, a European Commission and even a Federal Europe, their overriding aim was to eliminate conflict and hand a better future to the young people of Europe. Even at this stage our neighbour was making mischief. The French, although anxious to include the British, were convinced that the Government of the United Kingdom was not interested in participating in this new venture. A fundamental policy for the developing Union of States was the Common Agricultural Policy. A major industry in both Germany and France, agriculture was a major priority with both governments. They had a policy of making sure that the farmer got an economic price for his products and made enough money to keep himself and his family on the land. If that meant substantial subsidies from the European Union Finances, so be it. None of this was good news for the United Kingdom, learning nothing from their negative military involvement in Continental Europe down the centuries they continued to work against the coming together of European Nation States. Charles de Gaulle delayed Irelands entry to the Common Market, as it was conditional on the United Kingdom also gaining admission. This great Frenchman recognised the British potential to destroy this great adventure and continually vetoed the United Kingdom's application for entry for over a decade. It was only after he left office that France relented and Ireland was accepted for membership in 1973. For the next twenty-five years Ireland gained a new life. Successive Irish political leaders had warm and good relations with their counterparts in Germany and France. Ireland was perceived as pro European and grants from the European social fund necessary to develop our roads and rail services were giving generously. The changes brought about by the introduction of the Common Agricultural Policy into Ireland were fundamental. There was now a lot more money in circulation. We saw the development of the Irish multi national food industry. More people were getting jobs in their own areas as the country entered a new era in prosperity. Our entry to the Common Market was the best thing that ever happened to the Irish nation. Our economic misery when tied to our neighbouring island is now a thing of the past. It would be well for those elements within the current Government, who wax lyrical about the advantages of the "free market" as played out in Britain and the States, to remember where we came from, and who our real friends were when we needed to be taken out of our economic bog. There is no doubt that America and Britain have made important contributions to the development of Irish investments made by American society. The information technology firms have been substantial and have resulted in thousands of jobs. The success of many Irish people in the United Kingdom shows that provided you were good enough there were no barriers put in your way. We should be appreciative of that and thankful that both countries provided so many jobs for our emigrants. Our culture for better or for worst is now firmly entrenched in the Atlantic axis of Britain and the States. In the final analysis however it was Germany and France and the other members of the European Union who changed Ireland for the better. It was the economic policies of the Union especially in relation to the Common Agricultural Policy that made such a dramatic impact on the people of Ireland. For that we should be forever thankful.

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Farewell, the People's Pope

By Serj Merzliakov

Pope John Paul II, who died after a long-term illness on April 2, was an exemplary priest, a progressive Catholic and an extraordinary person. Ever since his coming to Papacy in 1978, he became known as the People's Pope.

Together with people all around the world, we are lamenting his death and in memory of the People's Pope, we would like to go back in time to autumn 1979, when the Pontiff came over to Ireland. It was an unforgettable time and it is particularly memorable to us due to his visit to Maynooth on October 1, 1979.

During his 26-year pontificate John Paul II constantly travelled and visited over 100 countries. He was bringing over the message of peace and reconciliation, and acted as an ambassador, reuniting churches and peoples all over the world.

His visit to Ireland was a short 3-day stay, but will be remembered by two and a half million people who attended the Masses in Dublin, Killineer (Co. Louth), Galway, Knock (Co. Mayo), Maynooth and Limerick. The Mass in Dublin's Phoenix Park alone gathered over 1.25 million people, and it was assisted by nine cardinals and a hundred bishops.



Statue of John Paul II

The message the Pontiff was bringing was the one of peace, and in the Ireland of 1979 this message was truly welcome and taken to the heart. The visit of John Paul II happened shortly after killings in the Donegal Bay, and the Pope addressed this in his appeal against violence:

"On my knees I beg you to turn away from the paths of violence and to return to the ways of peace <...> Further violence in Ireland will only drag down to ruin the land you claim to love and the values you claim to cherish. <...> To Catholics, to Protestants, my message is peace and love."

Freland sher Paul I

Handwritten message from John Paul II



Pope John Paul II in St.Patrick's College Used under permission of The Irish Times

The controversial situation and security reasons prevented the Pope from visiting Northern Ireland, and this called off the Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Armagh. This again was reflected in the Pontiff's appeal to the young people at a youth Mass in Galway:

"Do not listen to voices which speak the language of hatred, revenge, retaliation <...> The true courage lies in working for peace."



Founation Stone blessed by the Pope

During his visit to St. Patrick's College in Maynooth, John Paul II addressed the seminarians, religious brothers and sisters, and thousands of priests who gathered there. The Pope spoke about the mission of the priest and recalled the life of Saint Patrick:

"The destiny of an entire people, – your people – was radically affected for time and eternity because of the fidelity with which St. Patrick embraced and proclaimed the word of God, and by reason of the fidelity with which St. Patrick pursued his call to the end." He concluded: "To all of you I say: this is a wonderful time in the history of the Church. This is wonderful time to be a priest, to be a religious, to be a missionary for Christ."

The Pontiff's visit to Maynooth was also marked by the blessing of the foundation stone for the new library. This stone of the blue limestone was donated to the college by the community of the Cistercian monastery of Mount Melleray in Co. Waterford.

The John Paul II Library, which today proudly bears the name of the late Pontiff, became an important place for seminarians of the college and lay students who pursue their education at the university of Maynooth. Speaking of the future of St. Patrick's College, the Pope addressed it as **"a school of priestly** holiness, an academy of the theological learning, a university of Catholic inspiration".

The Pope's visit to Maynooth was long-awaited and was attended by over 70,000 people who came over for a vigil night and the Mass. Although it did not last long, the visit of the Pope John Paul II is remembered today, over 25 years later.

Mass services all over the country were served to commemorate Pope John Paul II. Millions of people from all over the world came to Rome to say farewell to the People's Pope. The Church officially mourned the death of John Paul II for nine days and his burial took place on April 8.

People from the local community who have attended the Mass in 1979 shared their memories of the Pontiff's visit:

Marie Kelly, local resident:

They had opened the college grounds on that day. It was a misty morning and his arrival was delayed. The Pope was brought over by the helicopter and was driven to the Chapel.

Firstly, he went over to speak to all the students and professors and after that went over to the red podium installed at the back of St. Mary's. The Pope was not talking for a long time and his stay in Maynooth was not long either. But everybody was afraid he wasn't going to visit us, and when he arrived it was truly great!



John Paul II Library, NUI Maynooth Pictures taken under kind permission of John Paul II Library, NUI Maynooth

Monsignor Alexander Stenson:

In fact, I was in both, Dublin and Maynooth during the Pope's visit. In the Phoenix Park, I was responsible for the Holy Communion on that extraordinary day. The Pope's visit gathered over a million people.

I have a very special memory of our Maynooth visit. At that time I was a staff member of the Clonliffe College. We travelled down to Maynooth on the morning of October 1, 1979. I was in the Chapel with the students. James Galway with the New Irish Chamber Orchestra was playing that morning. The night before there was a vigil prayer from 11 pm until 7am in the morning. Students and priests were up all night praying.

As I recall, there was a delay in the visit and everybody was afraid the Pope wouldn't arrive. Nevertheless, when he entered the church doors and the students gave him a huge reception. They welcomed him so enthusiastically, and I thought they would never stop. Then the Pope gave them what I would call 'a powerful look' and finally managed to get them quiet. I believe we were truly graced to have such a great Pope, in his person we had a living embodiment of Christ, the priest, the teacher and the shepherd.

May be it will be interesting to know about the return visit, which happened in 1980. As you know, the Pope had such a great welcome in Ireland, so the young Irish people were welcomed to come over to Rome, and thousands of them went. Late Archbishop Ryan and Bishop Forristel accompanied these young adults during the visit. Many priests went as well and were all given groups of 30-40 people to look after. I myself lived in the Vatican for 3 years, and like many of us was a guide to all the young people. Within a week, we visited Rome, concelebrated mass with the Pope John Paul II and were at the Barbecue in the Papal Palace.

Special Thanks to Susan Durack in NUI Library, Peter Thursfield in The Irish Times and Monsignor Alexander Stenson of St. Mary's Ladychapel for help in collection of material and photographs.



Barbecue at the Papal Palace in Italy, 1980

Useful Tips

Grease spots

- If you're in a hurry to remove a grease stain, apply shampoo to the stained fabric, then rinse and blow-dry.
- Absorb the grease from a fresh stain with corn flour or talcum powder. Leave on the spot for up to 12 hours, brush off, then wash the fabric.
- To remove grease stains from washable fabrics, wash in a detergent solution as hot as the fabric will bear. Use a commercial stain remover on carpets or on stubborn stains.
- Get rid of grease stains on white shoes with nail polish remover. (Be careful not to remove the shoe's finish.) for other colours, use a commercial shoe stain remover.
- Wash car oil from hands with laundry detergent and water. Swarfega Hand Cleanser works too, and can be rubbed into heavy grease marks on fabrics before washing. Rub away grease and tar on hands with cooking oil.
- To remove greasy heel marks from vinyl or linoleum floors, try silver polish or furniture wax.

Ring stuck on your finger

- Don't try more than a couple of times to pull the ring off your finger. If you inflame the knuckle it will swell and make the ring more difficult to remove. Simply moistening your finger in your mouth should do the trick.
- Drip some olive oil around the ring, massage some petroleum jelly into your skin, or rub soap around the ring and wet it slightly. Then try to ease it off.
- If your finger or knuckle has swollen, soak it in iced water to reduce the swelling, or put an ice pack around it.

Mice

- Block up your mouse holes! Gaps around pipes, broken air-bricks and ill-fitting doors will all let mice through.
- Kill them with kindness, with a bait of mouse killer. Some brands send them to sleep before they die.
- If mice persist, call your local Environmental Health Officer or a pest control company.
- If you use standard snap traps, don't fall for the old cartoon cliché of baiting them with cheese. Use small pieces of peanut butter, nut chocolate or cooked bacon instead; mice seem particularly fond of them.

Dog chasing

- Cyclists and joggers can take a few precautions to protect themselves against being chased by dogs.
- Carry a folding umbrella to shoot open in the animal's face.
- If you can't outdistance a pursuing dog on your bike, dismount and use the bike as a shield. If necessary, try squirting the dog in the eyes with your water bottle.
- Keep dog treats, such as biscuits, in your pocket. Throw one in the direction of an approaching dog as far as you can.
- Carry a personal 'dog alarm'. This is a pocketsized alarm which emits a high-pitched noise that arrests the dog's behaviour. It is an aerosol and is sold with refills.
- Speak to the dog in a commanding but calm tone.
- Draw the owner's attention to the fact that his dog is a nuisance and it is his responsibility to put the dog on a lead or train it not to chase people.

Puffiness

- If your hands are puffy, hold them over your head for a couple of minutes; repeat at least three or four times a day. Lift swollen feet and keep them raised for a minimum of 15 minutes.
- If too much sun causes your lips to swell, use a sunblock (spf 15) specifically designed for lips.

Around the eyes

- Since many moisturisers plump up the skin, apply them sparingly around your eyes or try using a special eye cream.
- The cause of your puffiness may be water retention; cut down on salt and eat more bananas and grapefruit, which are natural diuretics. Raise the head of your bed or sleep on two pillows to keep your head elevated.
- Apply soothing compresses of cold milk, cucumber slices, borage tea, or a mild astringent over your eyes for 15 minutes at the end of each day.
- Throw away your frosted eyeshadow it accentuates puffiness.



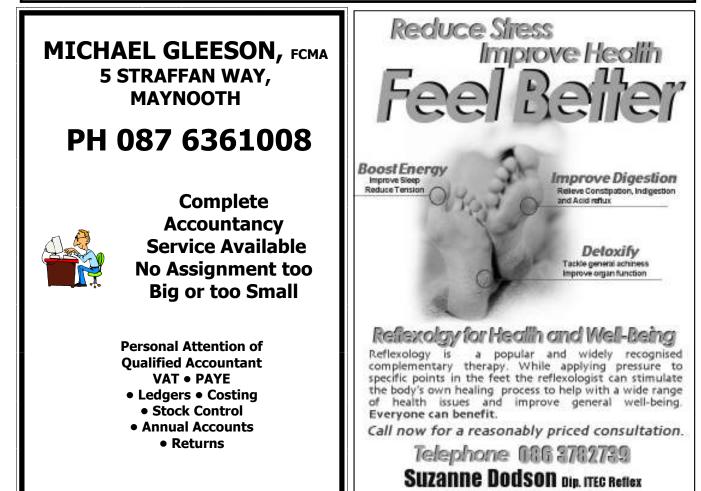






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Since its foundation in 1988, the NCNA has worked to support and improve the quality of day-care in Ireland and to increase awareness nationally of the importance of quality in the provision of childcare.

The aims of the NCNA

- 1. To emphasise the importance of early childhood experiences through education, information and support of all involved in the sector.
- 2. To work consistently to improve the quality of day-care in Ireland.
- 3. To highlight the need for and the value of nurseries in providing support for families.
- 4 To increase the standards of provision of daycare by educating owners, staff and parents and legislators.

The NCNA currently has over 600 members countrywide. A listing of these member nurseries is available from the NCNA office and web site: <u>WWW.NCNA.NET</u>

Each of these member nurseries has passed very strict membership criteria and receives an annual visit from their regional support worker.

Sharon Regan Kinder Crescent Nursery



Jade Davis, Annmarie Cawley, Lorraine Gaffney & Sharon Regan



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Features

Kinder Crescent Nursery / Make-A-Wish Foundation

Sharon Regan kindly organised a pyjama party morning at the Kinder Crescent Nursery on Friday the 15th April to support the work of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The tiny tots were in great form and cheerfully smiled for the photos, some of which are on the following pages. The aims and objectives of the Make-A-Wish Foundation are shown hereunder. We are also pleased to publish the aims and objectives of the National Children's Nurseries Association. The letter from Eoin beautifully captures the joy and the happiness brought to children with life threatening illness by the activities of the Foundation.

Make-A-Wish Foundation

It all began in 1980 when a seven-year old boy suffering from leukaemia wanted to be a policeman. His local police force granted his wish by giving him his own badge, custom made uniform and helmet. They even gave him a miniature motor bike. From that one small child's delight, the Make–a–Wish foundation was born

Mission Statement

To ensure that every child, who is living with a life threatening illness is given the opportunity to have their wish granted.

Make-A-Wish around the world

- Make-a-wish around the world operates in 28 affiliate countries
- The purpose is to grant a special wish for any child living with a life threatening illness
- 25,000 volunteers around the world
- 120,000 wishes granted worldwide.

Make-A-Wish Ireland

350th Irish wish granted in July 2004

Wishes

Typically, wishes fall into 1 of 4 categories:

- 1. I wish to go
- 2. I wish to meet
- 3. I wish to be
- 4. I wish to have

Granting Wishes

A wish referral can come from

- The child
- The child's parent(s)/ legal guardian(s)
- Doctor, nurse, social worker or carer.

Who is eligible?

Any child aged 3 to 18 years of age living with a life threatening illness.

Identifying the Wish

Wish team visits the child and asks a simple question.

" If you could have one wish what would it be?" and then the magic begins.

How you can help

Become a volunteer Make a donation Donate gift or services Tell people about Make-A-Wish

A Wish Child's Letter – Eoin McCaith

"My trip to meet Tom Morello (Guitarist of Rage Against the Machine and Audioslave)"

When I was asked what my wish would be I was certain straight away. One of the best moments was when my parents told me it was actually going to happen. I was so happy my family was overwhelmed as well. We flew to LA a few days later and on the day of the wish I woke at 6.00AM. The limo picked us up at 12.00 and when we got to the studios I was uncontrollably shaking.

I could hear guitar playing from outside. The minute the door was opened Tom was there. He jumped out of his seat and hugged me. We took out our guitars and then he said, "do you want to play mine" I took it and held it as if it was worth its weight in gold. We played and experimented for about two hours. He showed me his famous techniques and how to make my guitar sound like DJ's deck. Then he stood up and said "we have a few things for you." He said, "I hear you are a fan of Metallica" and took out a box of autographed merchandise and a letter. He gave me an Audioslave bag full of CD's, DVD's and clothes.

He then took out an Ibanez guitar!!! It was all black and signed with a message from Tom. And then he took out an Audioslave Platinum Album framed and with my name on it. These are the framed discs that only the band get when they sell a million copies of their album. He got this specially made, just for me, indescribable. We keep in touch with each other and if Audioslave come to Ireland then we have invited them to our house. It was the greatest week of my life and I have learnt from the indescribably generous and thoughtful man that is Tom Morello. So, thank you Tom, thank you Make-A-Wish for making my greatest wish come true, I will never forget it.





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Castle Keep Art Group Maynooth 7th Annual Art Exhibition 2005

The Castle Keep Art Group held its 7th Annual Art Exhibition in the Post Primary School on 2-3 April. There were 100 paintings on display in various media. It was an impressive output by 15 local artists. A diverse range of subjects was represented—landscapes, seascapes, still life, as well as flower, figure, equine subjects and local scenes. Over 50% of the works on display were sold including commissions. A local gallery owner identified and requested other art works for display at her premises. Over the weekend a good number of visitors took the opportunity to spend some time to leisurely view the works on display.

We are grateful to Mr. Terry Nealon, Chairman of the Maynooth Arts Forum and a member of the Nuadha Players in Maynooth, who formally opened the exhibition on the Friday night. Appropriately, he outlined need for an Arts Centre in the town and highlighted progress made so far. A large number of invited guests attended and it proved to be a very enjoyable night for everyone.

Carton Golf Club, Remax Maynooth and the Glenroyal Hotel sponsored the event and Kildare County Council provided grant aid. This support was very much appreciated and certainly gave the group a boost to see local businesses taking an interest in and backing cultural development in the town.

The continued support of the Post Primary School has played a large part in the group's survival—thanks to VEC and Senan Griffin for providing the venue. Also thanks to Brain, Caroline and Sheila for their help with the arrangements in the school.

We are very thankful to all those who visited and supported the exhibition and you will be glad to know we are already planning for next year! Keep an eye on the calendar, our exhibitions happen on the week after Easter.

Members of the group get together on a weekly basis for a 'meet and paint' session. Whenever possible some tuition is organised throughout the year. If you wish to join the group or want to find out more about us please contact Susan at 6289349. We welcome new members.

Susan Durack Secretary Castle Keep Art Group

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G.A.A Race Night

As part of its Fundraising Activities Maynooth GAA Club is holding it's Annual Race night on Friday May 6th in GAA centre, Moyglare Road. The cost of sponsoring a race is \in 250 while the purchase of a horse costs a mere \in 25. The club caters for Football, Hurling, Camogie and Handball and has a flourishing underage section. The cost involved in running these activities imposes a significant financial burden on the club. We would ask the local Community to please support the Race Night.

Intermediate Hurling League Date 31/3/05

Ardclough 1-14 Maynooth 0-7

Maynooth Intermediate League campaign got off to a disappointing start when they were well beaten by Ardclough. The game was a very even affair for the first 20 minutes and at that stage Ardclough held a slender one point advantage with the score at 0-4 to 0-3. However in the remaining 10 minutes Ardclough completely took over and added a further 6 points while Maynooth just raised one more white flag from T. J Curran. Leaving the half time score Ardclough 0-10 Maynooth 0-4, Maynooth were unable to reduce the deficit in the second half and when Ardclough scored the only goal of the game midway through the second , the game was over as a contest.

In fairness to Maynooth, they never stopped hurling and were just beaten by a more accomplished side.

In addition the beaten side were short a few of their regulars and did not have the substitutes available to make any changes during the course of the game.

Maynooth Team was:

Damien Travers, Seamus Cummins, Fergus Devereux, Peter Sheehan, Fergal Scully, Colin Cushen, Mark Nugent.

Alan Sweeney (0-1) Eoin Nevin

Mark Cummins (0-2) Donna Hoolin (0-1) Paul Meyler, Sean Lennon, T J. Curran (0-3) Morgan Sweeney

Intermediate Hurling League Date 7/4/05

Maynooth 0-12 pts Naas 2-7

It was a game that Maynooth should have won but failure to take scoring opportunities cost them dearly in the end. The game was played at st Mary's Park in winter- like conditions with the howling breeze making hurling difficult for both sides. Maynooth got off to a better start and were leading by 0-4 pts to 0-1 midway through the first half.

The Crom Abu side were dominant in most sectors of the pitch but their full forward line in particular were guilty of missing relatively easy changes and in addition the Naas goalkeeper brought off a number of excellent saves. Against the run of play Naas drew level in the 2nd minute with a goal after the Maynooth defence failed to clear their lines. This goal had the effect of bringing the best out of the Maynooth side and they added a further 3 points before half time from T. J. Curran, Mark Cummins and Morgan Sweeney leaving the score at the interval Maynooth 0-7 pts Naas 1-1 pts Within 3 minutes of the restart Naas had drawn level with their 2nd goal.

Maynooth and Naas shared the next 4 scores to level the sides level 2-3 to 0-9 pts after 12 minutes of the second half. For the first time in the game Naas began to get a grip in midfield and in the half forward line and scored some fine long range points to ease into a 3 point lead with 5 minutes remaining. Maynooth did not relent however and 2 points from T.J. Curran and Alan Sweeney left the minimum between the sides.

The home side were unable to get on level terms despite having a number of changes and so Naas held on for victory.

Maynooth Team

Fergus Devereux, Pierce O' Reilly, Colin Cushen, T.J. Hogan, Eoin Power, Eoin Nevin, Peter Grannel

Alan Sweeney (0-2) Paul Meyler

Mark Cummins (0-3) T.J. Curran (0-5) Donna Hoolan, Morgan Sweeney (0-2) Seamus Cummins, Mark Nugent

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SENIOR HURLING LEAGUE

Confey Too Strong For Maynooth

Maynooth 0-8 pts Confey 2-12 pts

The result does not reflect the closeness of this contest, yet Confey were fully deserving of their *(contd. from p 46)*

Intermediate Hurling League

St Mary's Park Maynooth 3-11, Eire Og/Corrachoill 0-8

After 2 consecutive defeats Maynooth got their league campaign back on track with an impressive victory over EIRE OG/CORRACHOILL PLAYED ON 14/4/05. Both teams were not at full strength but Maynooth backboned by Colin Cushen, Eoin Nevin, Alan Sweeney, Noel Carey and T.J. Curran never allowed their rivals settle and it was obvious from an early stage that they were more likely to emerge victorious.

SENIOR HURLING LEAGUE

victory. One of the main turning points in this game was the dismissal of Maynooth centre back Eoin

Powers in the 20th minute of the first half. Up to that point Maynooth showed great composure and determination matching Confey in every sector of the pitch. The reduction to 14 players completely upset their rhythm and gave Confey the impetus to express their hurling prowess and go on to win the match.

Confey led by 1-5 to 0-5 pts at half time. A second goal by Daragh Nolan sent Confey 7 points clear midway through the second half and for the remainder of the game Confey held the upper edge.

Although Maynooth created a number of scoring cpportunities but were unable to avail of them.

Maynooth team and scores

Seamus Cummins, T. J. Hogan, Colin Cushen, Peter Sheehan, Eoin Nevin, Eoin Powers, Alan Sweeney Noel Carey, Hugh Nevin (0-1) Fergal Molloy, Conor Diggins (0-1), Mark Nugent, David Comerford, Morgan Sweeney (0-1), Mark Cummins (0-5)

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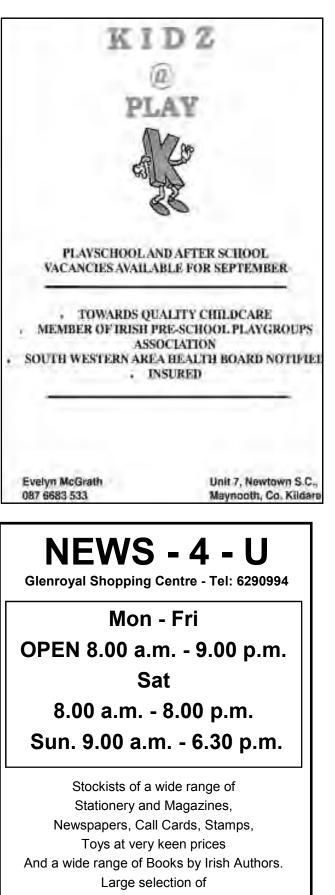
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Maynooth Citizens Information Notes.

Question

Can you please give the new rates of payment for Child Benefit?

Answer

Child Benefit is paid monthly by the Department of Social and Family Affairs for each qualified child normally living with you and being supported by you. You must satisfy a habitual residency condition or be entitled to it under EU law. Generally, if you have been resident in Ireland, Northern Ireland, England, Scotland, Wales, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man for the two years immediately prior to applying you are considered habitually resident.

To qualify a child must be dependent on you and must also be:

- Under age 16 or
- Aged 16,17 or 18 and attending full-time education or a FÁS Youthreach course or have a physical or mental disability.

The payment is generally made to the mother of the child. Where the parents are living separately it is paid to the parent with whom the child lives the majority of the time. If the child is not living with or being maintained by the parents, the it may be paid to the person who is caring for the child. From April 2005 the Child Benefit rates are as follows:

Number of Children	Monthly Rate
1 Child	€141.60
2 Children	€283.20
3 Children	€460.50
4 Children	€637.80
5 Children	€815.10
6 Children	€992.40
7 Children	€1,169.70
8 Children	€1,347.00

Child Benefit claimants paid by electronic methods receive the increased rate in full from April 2005. those on book payments receive the increased rate through a special payment in May, backdated to April.

Application for Child Benefit is made on Form CB1 for children under 16 years of age and on Form CB2 for a child aged16 or over. Claim forms area available from your local Social Welfare Office, Post Office or from the Child Benefit Section, Social Welfare Services Office, Tel: LoCall: 1890 400 400.

Question

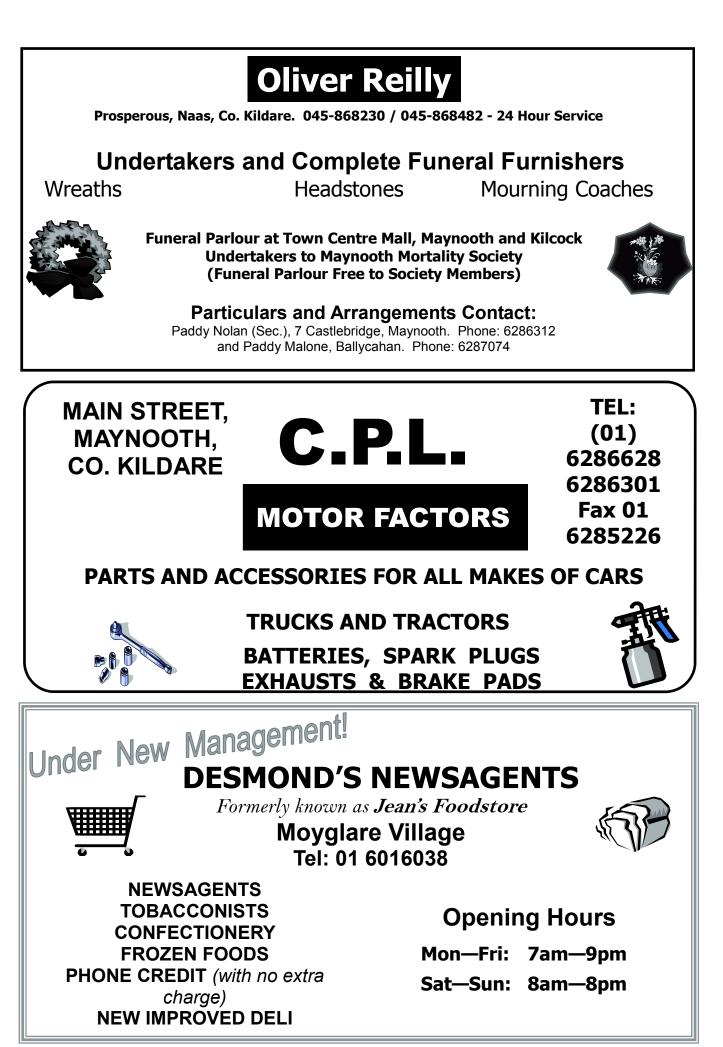
I heard there are changes to the means test for Carer's Allowance. What are they?

Answer

Carer's Allowance is a means tested payment from the Department of Social and Family Affairs for carers of certain people in need of full-time care and attention. The person must have so severe a disability as to require continuous supervision and frequent assistance throughout the day in connection with their normal personal needs and to require the care for at least 12 months. A carer normally resides with the person being cared for, but a non-resident carer may qualify for the allowance. The carer must also satisfy a habitual residency condition.

There are a couple of changes to the means test for the payment the most significant of which is the change to the assessment of capital/savings. From the 7th April 2005 capital/savings are assessed as follows:

Capital	Weekly Means Assessed	
First €20,000	Nil	
Next €10,000	€1.00 per €1,000	
Next €10,000	€2.00 per €1,000	
Balance	€4.00 per €1,000	



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Maynooth Citizens Information Notes. (contd)

(This formula for assessing capital/savings will be extended to all other social welfare payments apart from Supplementary Welfare Allowance from June 2005.)

Under these new rules a single person with no other income can have savings of just under \in 28,000 and still get a full Carer's Allowance. This is doubled in the case of couples. The maximum rate of payment for 2005 is \in 153.60 if caring for one person and \in 230.40 if caring for more than one, plus extra amounts for child dependents.

The other change relates to income from work. A carer receiving Carer's Allowance can work for up to 10 hours per week, providing they get approval from the Department. From April 2005, the weekly income disregard increases from \in 250 to \notin 270 for a single person and from \notin 500 to \notin 540 for a couple.

In June 2005 recipients of Carer's Allowance will receive a Respite Care Grant of \in 1,000 for each person being cared for.

Applications forms for Carer's Allowance are available from you local Social Welfare Office, Post Office and LoCal Leaflet Line: 1890 202 325.

Question

My son occasionally misses school. Am I obliged to inform his school about his absence? How may days can he be absent in a year?

Answer

Yes, you must inform the school. The Education (Welfare) Act 2000, which set up the Nation Education Welfare Board (NEWB), places certain legal obligations on both schools and parents in relation to school attendance. The Act also raised the minimum school leaving age to 16 or on the completion of 3 years of post-primary education, whichever is later.

Under the Act, where your child is absent from school on a school day you must notify the principal of the school of the reason for the absence. It is best to do this in writing. Schools are required to keep a daily record of attendance for each student attending the school, including the reasons for nonattendance.

If a student is missing for more than 20 days in a school year the school principal must inform the NEWB. if your child is sick or is absent for other

good reasons, the NEWB will take no action. However, if there is concern about your child's attendance at school or about the reasons given, you may be visited by an Educational Welfare Officer who will discuss your child's education with you. The role of the NEWB is to ensure your child receives his entitlement to an education.

Further information about the NEWB and school attendance is available from the NEWB's LoCall Education Helpline 1890 363 666, or on their website at www.newb.ie and from the Citizens Information Centre.

Question

We have to buy certain specialised equipment such as aids for eating for my son who has a disability. Can I get any financial assistance towards buying them?

Answer

You should be able to get a refund of the VAT you have to pay for the specialised equipment.

Under the Value Added Tax (Refund of Tax) (No. 15) Order, 1981 a refund of VAT is available on certain aids and appliances bought for use by a person with a disability. The aid or appliance must be for the exclusive use of the person concerned. Where the refund of VAT is claimed by another person with a disability and is in his/her sole possession.

The relief applies to the purchase of goods, which are aids and appliances designed to assist a person with a disability to become more independent in daily living and work. Examples of eligible goods range from eating and drinking aids designed solely for the disabled to large items such as specialised hoists and lifters. You can also claim a VAT refund on a computer required so that a person can pursue a course of education or carry out duties at work. You can obtain a claim form (VAT 61A) from:

VAT (Unregistered) Repayments Section, Revenue, Kilrush Road, Ennis, Co. Clare

Tel: (065) 684 9000 or LoCall 1890 202 033

It can also be downloaded form Revenue's website at www.revenue.ie.

You will have to submit the original invoices for all goods in the claim and medical evidence of a disability may be requested.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre.

Tel: (01) 6285477.

Citizens Information is also available online at <u>www.oasis.gov.ie</u> and from the Citizens Information Phone Service LoCall 1890 777121

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Maynooth Community Games

Maynooth Community Games

On Friday 15th April the Art Competition was held in the Boys School. Lots of boys and girls came along to enter these exams.

Results as follows:

Boys-Maynooth West

U/8

- 1 Óisin Devereaux
- 2 Fiachra O'Sullivan
- 3 Peter Donaldson

U10

- 1 Seoirse Murray
- 2 Óisin O' Sullivan

Girls—Maynooth West

U/8

- 1 Amy Walsh
- 2 Katie Geraghty

(results contd)

U/10

- 1 Sophie Geoghegan
- 2 Eleanor Geraghty
- 3 Aoife Richardson, Louise Ng

U/12

- 1 Meadbh Donaldson
- 2 Laura Donaldson
- 3 Chloe Devereaux

U/14

- 1 Clara Murray
- 2 Grace Soon
- 3 Niamh Richardson, Roisin O'Riordan
- U/16
- 1 Jennifer Feehan

Boys-Maynooth East

U/8

- 1 Conor O'Reilly
- 2 Thomas Feeney
- 3 Jack Gallagher, Conor Dooley

U/12

1 Dylan Lynam

Girls—Maynooth East

U/8

- 1 Aoife Horan
- 2 Sophie Gitzgerald
- 3 Molly Lynam

U/10

- 1 Sarah Curran
- 2 Niamh Feeney
- 3 Sarah Jennings

U/12

- 1 Katie Curran
- 2 Bronagh Fitzgerald
- 3 Holly Meade

Congratulations and **well done** to all. Good luck to any who represent Maynooth in the Kildare County Final in the Curragh on May 28th.

Date to note

Athletics : GAA field Friday 27th May at 6:00pm

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I would like to sincerely thank you for your support in the recent by-election. I was heartened with the response that I received in Maynooth. During the campaign many issues were raised with myself and my canvassers. I would like to assure you that I will continue to work and try and resolve these in the coming months. Should you wish to raise any matter with me, please do not hesitate to contact me. *Aine*

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Maynooth Tidy Town Notes

Maynooth Tidy Towns enter National competition 2005

The application to participate in the National Tidy Towns Competition 2005 has been received from the Department for Environment, Heritage and Local Government and the closing date for entries is May 11th. The application is used by the committee to sell the best side of Maynooth and to identify and propose solutions to solve environmental and heritage issues in the town. The Tidy Towns judges will visit Maynooth on one occasion between the 1st June and July 31st and appraise the town under the various categories in the competition and award us a score. The committee is aiming for a score of 232 points this year an increase of 14 over our 2004 score. It is down to what the judges find when they come to town, so your support particularly for those eight weeks would be very much appreciated. The whole town benefits when the score is good.

Tidy Towns Clean up in 2005

Maynooth Tidy Towns' committee programme for 2005 includes a number of Clean Ups around the town. After the IBAL rating achieved in 2004 the committee felt that the best way to tackle the litter problem is to start with a once off clean up of the entire town. Clean ups continued in April with a major clean up on the Straffan Road behind the wall. This area is a bit of a dumping ground and we are looking at putting forward plans to Kildare County Council to deal with this unused area. The Clean up took place on Saturday 9th April and started at Manor Court and extended up to and included Silken Vale. The photographs capture some of the work in progress. The committee and friends sorted all the waste that was gathered up and recycled all the bottles and cans in the recycling centre in the town car park. Remaining clean ups will take place on the Dunboyne Road and Celbridge Road later. Then it will be back to repeat the process throughout the town again. If you would like to get involved in any of the upcoming clean ups, please contact any member of the committee. We will be contacting the residents associations in each area in the anticipation that we will be able to get some help.

Hanging Baskets in 2005

The committee is making plans to provide the attractive floral displays that have been in place for the Summer months in past two years. However, the cost of undertaking this project has escalated substantially over last year's amount. In addition, the committee had hoped to put them in place earlier than previous years because of the Nissan Irish Open taking place in mid – May at Carton. However, we need the financial support from the businesses in the town to undertake this plan and we will be contacting our generous supporters again this year. The committee has also applied to Kildare County Council for a grant towards this project and we are awaiting a response.

Residents Association work is welcomed by Maynooth Tidy Towns

Maynooth's score in the National Tidy Towns Competition has remained reasonably constant in terms of the points awarded for the condition of residential areas. This is due to the ongoing quality standard of maintenance supported by residents. We know that the funds for this work are coming directly from residents and congratulations to everyone for their support. One estate that comes out for special mention this month is Cluain Aoibhinn estate who undertook a revamp of their entrance. Well done to all and the photograph has been submitted as part of the Maynooth Tidy Towns application.

Paul Croghan Maynooth Tidy Towns





Maynooth Tidy Town Notes













Features

Where Siva meets Medb

Leinster Print Studio exhibition in Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge, County Kildare

Thursday, 6th April—Saturday, 7th May

Leinster Printmaking Studio, with the patronage of His Excellency, the Indian Ambassador, Mr Kumar, has organised a travelling fine-art contemporary art exhibition on the theme of cross cultural connections between Ireland and India. This exhibition begins its tour in Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge, where it is on display from Thursday 7th April to Saturday, 7th May.

The show, titled *Where Siva meets Medb*, celebrates two of the great legendary figures in the respective mythologies of the two people. The manner in which the individual artists have responded to the challenge of the Indo-Celtic *Where Siva meets Medb* theme, are as various as art itself, veering from the art-historical to feminist, to the environmental.

This is a pioneering venture for an Irish print studio in looking beyond the conventional preoccupations of Irish art, towards a multicultural world.

Catalogues available.

The Leinster Print Studio

The Leinster Print Studio, founded in 1998, follows in a type of succession in the proliferation of Irish printmaking studios, as artists who have learned their craft in one major studio, leave to establish a new studio somewhere else in the country. In this manner, Margaret Becker, as one of the founders of the Leinster studio herself, began printmaking at the Graphic Studio in 1972 and worked there for many years. Each studio as it becomes more professional, develops certain areas of interest, either in traditional print practices or in new media. Both approaches can be seen in this exhibition, where the more familiar media of intaglio and relief prints are shown side by side with carborundum and digital media, newcomers to the field of printmaking.

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Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Collinstown Major Town Centre in Amended County Development Plan

Despite massive opposition from the County Manager and his Consultants, Cllr. John McGinley's and Cllr. Paul Kelly's motion, "that Collinstown be the major Town Centre instead of Maynooth", was passed overwhelmingly by the full council.

The Amended Draft County Development Plan has gone on public display until April 29 so that the public will have a further opportunity to make their views known.

The Council must approve the new Plan before May 22.

Meadowbrook Link Road

As residents will be aware the scheduled opening date from the new link road was the end of March. Cllr. John McGinley expressed his disappointment at the Leixlip Area Meeting on April 15 that the deadline had not been met and he demanded that the Council do everything possible to have it opened before the end of April. The link road is being constructed by Albany Homes in lieu of development levies on their Straffan Woods houses and Cllr. McGinley was advised that there was no contract in place. The Council are relying on the condition in the planning permission that states "The road and all associated works are to be completed and opened to the public before any of the proposed development units are occupied." At Cllr. McGinley's insistence the Council Officials have agreed that in future there will be a written contract for such works i.e. work in lieu of levies.

The "Taking in Charge" process of the link road was advertised in the local papers on April 14.

Dumping at the Maynooth Recycling Centre

Cllr. McGinley proposed at the Area Meeting of the Council on April 15 that the recycling centre in the Council car park in Maynooth be closed down unless a proper management structure is put in place immediately. That means that CCTV cameras must be erected and the Council must follow up and fine the people who are doing the dumping. Cllr. McGinley has asked the Council to approach Tesco with a view to getting a state of the art recycling centre at their complex on the Dublin Road.

The Avenue entrance/Dublin Road/Doctors Lane

Cllr. John McGinley has been campaigning for some time to have the work at the Avenue entrance completed and to have the hard shoulder and footpath reinstated from Hands Corner to Leinster Park entrance. John got the following progress report at the Area Meeting on April 15:

" This matter was addressed by the undersigned at a meeting of the Area Committee some time ago. In brief terms, there were three drawings circulated.

- (a) Charter House Scheme Proposed bus lay-by and traffic calming
- (b) Proposed one-way system for Doctor's Lane
- (c) Dublin Road proposed pavement and parking scheme.

A total of €90,000 was available from development levies as reported previously. It had been hoped that the Charter House scheme would be grant aided by the Dublin



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Transportation Office and that the levy funds could, therefore, be used to carry out of development. further phase а Regrettably, as previously pointed out, D.T.O. funding was withdrawn and the levy was spent in its entirety on the Charter House Scheme. The total cost of the scheme was estimated at €105,000, the balance of €15,000 being defrayed from revenue sources. Copies of the relevant drawings have been forwarded to the Meetings Administrator. These two further schemes remain prioritised but are contingent on funding being identified".

Cllr. McGinley stated that there is no shortage of funding for such work in Maynooth and that he did not want the issue of funding being used as an excuse. He pointed out that there are levies available from developments in the area to cover such works i.e. Tesco, Glenmoy Developments on the Dunboyne Road (€756,000) and the Apartment Development at Charter House.

Drawings were produced for the introduction of a one way system at Doctors Lane, inwards from Dublin Road to Geoghegans Lane and two way from there to Straffan Road. Cllr. McGinley asked if the proposal was consistent with the Integrated Framework Plan for Land Use and Transportation (IFPLUT) for Maynooth. The Officials agreed that this was an important issue and they will check the INPLUT proposals for this location.

Cllr. McGinley would appreciate if members of the public made their views known to him.

Transfer of Amenity Lands to the GAA & the Schools At the time of writing it would appear as if the long awaited transfer of lands on the Moyglare Road from the landowner to the Council has now taken place. Hopefully, there won't be much delay in drawing up leases so that the GAA and the Schools can use the land.

There will be a report for the next Area Meeting on the progress being made on the transfer of lands between Carton Avenue and the Boreen to the Council for the new public park.

Harbour & Carton Action Area Plans

A meeting has been scheduled for the May 4 in order to agree on the outstanding issues arising from the submissions from the public. Cllr. John McGinley has stated that there should be no approval of the Action Area Plan until the land at Carton Avenue is transferred to the Council.

There will be a meeting at the end of May to consider the submissions on the Harbour Action Plan.

Improvements Works at O'Neill Park, Maynooth

As a result of Cllr. John McGinley's motion the Council have agreed to carry out the following works at O'Neill Park:

- 1. Put a cul de sac sign at the entrance.
- 2. Remove the stump of the broken bollard at the entrance to the estate.
- Top the three beech trees on the grass verge within the estate.

The Council will investigate the following additional works asked for by ClIr. McGinley:

- 1. Resurface the road at the entrance to the estate.
- 2. Refurbish the copings
- 3. Resurface the Square

Moyglare Abbey "Taking in Charge"

It was agreed at the Area Meeting on April 15 that Moyglare Abbey estate would be taken in charge. The decision will go for full Council approval on April 25.

Dumping of Rubbish at Kingsbry behind the bus stop Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to remove the rubbish dumped here and to fine those responsible.

As requested by the Residents' Association John has asked the Council to remove the shrubs from this location and also to remove damaged trees and any others that are deemed necessary. The shrubs have completely overgrown and are out onto the road in front of the houses. Their removal should deter people from dumping rubbish here.

Dumping Rubbish at the Obelisk

Following a request from Cllr. John McGinley the Council have agreed to remove the rubbish dumped at the Obelisk at Barrogstown. John has also asked that the OPW be asked by the Council to ensure that the area is kept litter free in future.

Rat Run Through Railpark Estate

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It is unfortunate that parents taking their children to the Gael Scoil on the Celbridge Road are using Railpark estate as a rat run. Speeding through a housing estate will inevitably lead to someone getting injured or worse. At the Area Meeting of the Council on April 15 Cllr. McGinley asked the Council to write to the Principal of the school asking that parents be advised not to use Railpark as a rat run to get to or from the school.

Road Markings at Kilcock/Moyglare Roads Junction

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to put the box junction and the other road markings in place without any further delay at this very busy junction.

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New Book By Maynooth Authors

Hanging Crimes: When Ireland used the Gallows

The idea for this book came about when a small number of post-graduates who had just completed their MA in local history, got together to decide what the "next project" was going to be. It soon emerged that we all had come across murder cases or cases involving other capital crime while doing previous research. Through contacts in the 'local history network' at NUI Maynooth, other contributors were included which resulted in ten stories in *Hanging Crimes.*

Stories come from Kildare, Kilkenny, Cavan, Roscommon, Tyrone, Dublin, Wicklow and Sligo ranging from 1799 to 1893. The narratives deal with those crimes which have an 'agrarian' context and those so called 'ordinary' crimes. Each story has been researched using a variety of primary sources. The narratives give a valuable insight into the lives and communities of ordinary people and the landlord class. Raymond Gillespie, NUI Maynooth, provides a valuable introduction that set the stories in context.

The 'agrarian' tales of Sean Bagnall, Joe Clarke, Frank Sweeney, Margaret Urwin and Patrick Vesey share striking common characteristics. Poverty and destitution form a backdrop in which a downtrodden tenant community strove to survive under the harsh treatment and scrutiny of an overbearing landlord or land agent, be it man or woman. An incident or event finally pushed tensions to their limit that acted as a catalyst which resulted in violence and prosecution. With the exception of Margaret Urwin's story, 'approves' were instrumental in the undoing of the assailants.

In the 'ordinary' murder cases and rape cases personal motivation was the underlying impetus, although economic circumstances played its part. Theft, dispute over land, relationship difficulties, and insanity in the stories of Catherine Mullan, Susan Durack, Austin Stewart, Seán Ó Sullivan and Edward Wylie-Warren proved to be motives that had catastrophic consequences for the individuals, families and communities involved.

All of the stories give some insight into the legal procedures in dealing with such crimes during the nineteenth-century. Comparisons in the extremes of treatment and outcome are best showed in two stories. The evidence against the accused in Austin Stewart's story, Thomas Lidwell, of Osberstown House, a well-connected man of property was accused of the rape of Sarah Sutton, wife of his friend. After long consideration the jury found Lidwell guilty but recommended mercy. He was sentenced to hang, which was later commuted to transportation for life. There is no record that he ever served his sentence. Certain lines of questioning were not pursued at the trial that leave the reader with a doubt about the crime and the parties involved

About the crime and the parties involved. Evidence from other studies suggest that for the higher classes it was not the guilty verdict that was shameful but the actual serving of a sentence with common criminals which was frowned upon. Family honour and the protection of property were the overriding concerns.

The book will appeal to a general readership and particularly to those interested in crime, local history and life in nineteenth-century Ireland. The book is edited by Frank Sweeney, is available in the Maynooth Bookshop, published by Mercier Press and retails at €12.95.

Susan Durack

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