

Maynooth Newsletter

For all the people of Maynooth September 05

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- **Irish Sport hero—Peter O'Connor**
- **Maynooth Golf Society**
- **Interview with new Lord Mayor**
- **Emergency Contact List**



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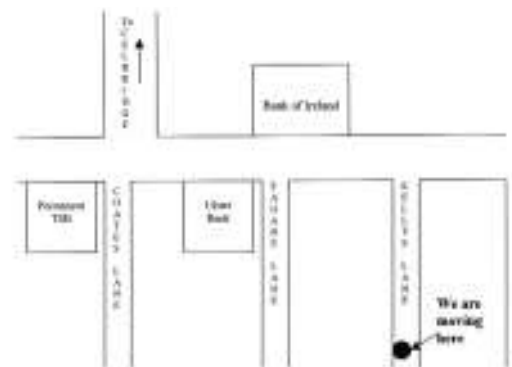
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Editorial

Just a short editorial this month to compensate for my rather long one of last month.

Briefly, I will touch on a number of issues that will be on the agenda in the next while.

1. The next meeting of the Community Council takes place early September and now is a good time to ask and encourage more representation from the Residents Associations to our monthly meetings. Regularly we find that about 15-18 members attend every month but that means there are many areas not directly represented each month. In the next short while, I will be contacting all the Residents Associations with a view to attending their meetings in order to ask for such increased representation. Better representation, better attendance means different ideas and perspectives on all the issues affecting Maynooth and our future.
2. Another issue to be addressed very shortly is the erection of Christmas lights. This year we need the help of some of the business people located on the Main St to facilitate the erection of new boxes at various junctions on the Main St, so we can conform to new electrical safety standards. I am currently meeting with some of those business people and hope to be successful. Otherwise it will be impossible to repeat the success of last year.
3. At time of writing a number of traffic lights are being erected in connection with the new Mill Shopping Development. We await with some trepidation the effect these will have on our traffic flows. I said last year and I stick with the basic principle that traffic lights stop traffic and do not facilitate traffic flow. Surely it is breathtakingly obvious that Roundabouts facilitate traffic flow – shortly we will see the evidence accumulate.
4. Lastly the issue of the Community Centre must take centre stage again. Of particular worry is the length of time been taken to ensure the complete handover of amenity lands as per agreements made between Kildare County Council and landowners. The site for the Community Centre is included in the Carton Avenue Action Area Plan and the people of Maynooth are entitled to ask why this is taking so long to complete.

Brid Feely
Chairperson
Maynooth Community Council

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Planning Permissions

FILE NUMBER	APPLICANT NAME	APPLICANT ADDRESS	APPLICATION TYPE	APPLICATION RECEIVED	DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION	DEVELOPMENT LOCATION
05/1733	P.J.Reilly	Spring Valley Summerhill Co. Meath	P	19/07/05	Two storey semi-detached dwelling utilising existing domestic entrance from public road, with new foul water and storm water connections to existing public sewers and new watermain connection to existing public watermain and all associated site work	48 Meadowbrook Avenue Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/1747	Maynooth Town F.C.	Newtown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	21/07/05	Erection of single storey clubhouse building, installation of proprietary effluent treatment system, upgrading of existing vehicular site access from public road, car parking and all other associated site works	Newtown Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/1779	Joseph Murphy	6 Leinster Park Maynooth	P	25./07/05	Demolition of existing dwelling house, construction of two storey block, 12 no. two bedroom apartments, parking area, refuse bin store/bicycle	Edmund Rice House Leinster Park Maynooth
05/1788	Clive & Fiona O' Hagan	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	R	26/07/05	Relocation of a previously approved skylight from south facing to west facing together with a mirror image of the previously Bungalow (ref: 00/141) along its North/ South axis	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/1863	Dulcedo Developments	RBK House Irishtown Athlone Co. Westmeath	R	03/08/05	Development for the retention of an amendment to the ground floor of a previously permitted development (Kildare County Council Reg. Ref. 2220/01 An Bord Pleanala Ref. PL09.130667). The amendment consists of: the subdivision of the previously etc.	Manor Mills Kilcock Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/1870	Noel Forster	Barberstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	04/08/05	A bungalow, small wastewater treatment unit and raised mound percolation area.	Barberstown Upper Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/1922	Siobhan McNulty	744 Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	11/08/05	Divice existing site in two and to construct a new three bedroom dormer house with a roof light to a part of the roof at ridge level and tow dormer type windows to the rear. All works to include necessary boundary walls and landscape treatments etc.	744 Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare

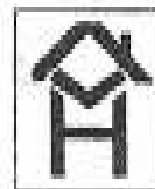
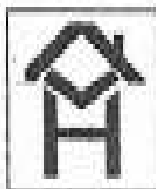
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05/1940	Eugene Mara	Doctor's Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	12/08/05	Demolition of single storey store to rear and construction of new two storey extension to side, consisting ground and first floor offices together with associated site works	Doctors Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/1952	Pat & Theresa Mooney	83 Main Street Leixlip Co. Kildare	P	12/08/05	The development will consist of laying of outfall surface water and foul drains from residentially zoned lands etc	Dunboyne Road Maynooth Co. Kildare

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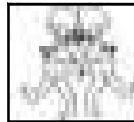


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Question

I am applying for a Fuel Allowance under the National Fuel Allowance under the National Fuel Scheme. If I am eligible for it how much will I receive?

Answer

The National Fuel Scheme, operated by the Department of Social and Family Affairs, is intended to help people who are dependent on long term social welfare or Health Service Executive payments as their sole income and who are unable to meet their heating needs.

Under the scheme people who qualify for the Fuel Allowance receive an extra €9.00 per week. If you qualify for the basic Fuel Allowance you may also qualify for an extra €3.90 per week for smokeless fuel, if you live in an area where there is a ban on smoky coal.

The €3.90 may also be payable to those receiving Disability Benefit or Unemployment Benefit/Assistance for at least 13 weeks and to those receiving Family Income Supplement, who do not qualify for the basic allowance. From October 2005 those getting Occupational Injury Benefit for at least 13 weeks may also qualify for the smokeless fuel allowance.

In order to qualify for the Fuel Allowance you must satisfy a means test. You and the members of your household cannot have more than €51.00 per week in combined income above the appropriate maximum Irish contributory pension/benefit rate or savings/capital of €46,000.00 or more above it. For example, someone without any savings receiving a Widow's or Widower's Contributory Pension of €154.30 per week should qualify if his/her weekly income does not exceed €154.30 plus €51.00 i.e. €205.30.

However, if you are already on a means tested payment you will not be subject to another means test for the Fuel Allowance. Where two or more people living in the same household would qualify for the allowance, only one allowance will be paid.

The allowance is paid for 29 weeks from the first week in October to late April. If you think you are eligible you should apply immediately as the allowance will not be backdated if you apply after the start of the heating season. Applications forms (NFSI) are available from any Post Office or your local Social Welfare Office.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre.

Question

I believe that people aged 65 or over can now get their passports for free. Is that true?

Answer

Yes it is. From August 2005 people aged 65 or over no longer have to pay for their passports. However, they have to apply like everybody else and have to pay for An Post's 'Passport Express' service should they use it.

The cost of a passport for different age groups is as follows:

- Standard ten-year passport for people aged 65 and over
Free
- Standard ten-year passport for people aged 18 - 64
€75.00
- Large ten-year passport for very frequent travellers
€100.00
- Five-year passport for children 3 - 17
€25.00
- Three-year passport for children under 3
€15.00

There are additional fees for urgent and for out-of-hours emergency applications.

The application for (APS 1) for people living within the State is available from your local Garda Station and from post offices. With your application you must provide:

- Two recently taken passport ... the back of each photograph and the witness section of the form must be signed by a Garda Síochána.
- Proof of citizenship - if it is a renewal application your most recent passport is sufficient.

If you are born in Ireland and it is your first application or you are under 18 years of age the long form of your Irish Birth Certificate is required as proof of citizenship. Children born in Ireland since the start of this year and people born outside Ireland will require additional or alternative forms or proof. Information on what is required depending on your circumstances is supplied with the application form.

You can apply in person to the passport office for a passport or by post. You can also apply via the 'Passport Express' service, available through the post office, which guarantees receipt of a passport with ten

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working days where applications are completed correctly with proper documentation. The additional fee for this service is €7.00 per application or €10.00 for up to four applications sent together for a family.

For further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre.

Question

I bought a camera when I was in France recently. When I got back to Ireland I discovered it was faulty. I have written to the shop where I purchased it and received a reply denying any liability. Is there anything else I can do besides taking legal action?

Answer

Yes there is. You should contact the European Consumer Centre Dublin (ECC). The ECC will tell you what you are entitled to and it will try to resolve your complaint through direct contact with the shop.

If your complaint is still unresolved the ECC will refer your complaint to an Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) body in another member state. Alternative dispute resolution is a cheap and easy way to resolve consumer complaints without going to court. The ECC will deal with any complaint arising out of a consumer purchase in any of the 25 EU countries as well as Norway and Iceland.

Problems with deliveries, faulty products or products that do not fit their description will all be dealt with by the ECC. The ECC will inform you of the length of time that a case will take and the cost of taking any alternative dispute resolution procedure and whether the decision of the ADR body is binding or not. They will also keep you informed of how your case is progressing if you agree to go ahead with your complaint.

Contact the ECC with proof of purchase of the item that you bought and any copies of correspondence that you have had with the shop. The ECC will advise you of the best course of action.

The can be contacted at:
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Tel: (01) 809 0600, Website: www.eccdublin.ie

Question

A friend of mine moved to Ireland about three years ago. How long must he be living here before he can apply for Irish citizenship?

Answer

Becoming an Irish citizen based on your residence in Ireland is known as naturalisation. The conditions are as follows:

- You must be at least 18 years of age (or married if younger than 18)
- You must be of good character
- You must have been continuously resident in the State for a year immediately before the date of application and, in the 8 years previous to that, have been in residence for a total of 4 years
- You must intend to continue to reside in the State after naturalisation
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- You must make a declaration of fidelity to the nation and loyalty to the State.

If you are married to an Irish citizen and living on the island of Ireland you may meet special conditions for naturalisation, based on your marriage. In addition to certain other conditions you must be married for at least 3 years to your Irish spouse. Also, you must have been continuously resident on the island of Ireland for a year immediately before the date of application and, in the 4 years previous to that, have been in residence for a total of 2 years.

Those married before 30 November 2002 may be entitled to become an Irish citizen by making a declaration of post-nuptial citizenship. However, the latest date for making a post-nuptial declaration of marriage is 29 November 2005.

When calculating periods of residence certain periods may be excluded, such as those where your presence was not properly documented, where the permission to remain was for study purposes or while having a claim for asylum examined.

Application forms, along with information notes on what supporting documentation is required, are available from the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform, 13/14 Burgh Quay, Dublin 2

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If your application for naturalisation is approved you may have to pay a fee. For a refugee, a stateless person or a programme refugee there is no fee. The spouse or widow/widower of an Irish citizen will have to pay €126.97. For most others the fee is €634.87.

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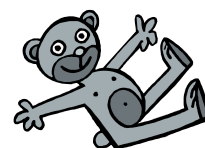
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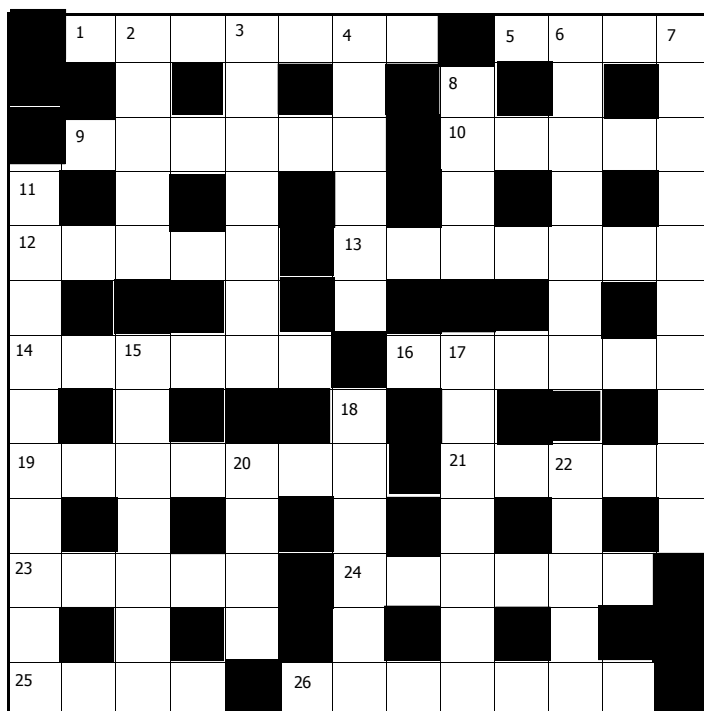
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Across:

1. Australian marsupial (7)
5. Jamaican fruit (4)
9. Crater (anag) (6)
10. US state, capital Boise (5)
12. Share out (5)
13. Alkaline metal, symbol CS (7)
14. Slovenly (6)
16. Old British Coin (6)
19. Pilot (7)
21. Sugar-tree (5)
23. Homer's epic poem (5)
24. Improvement (6)
25. Singer, _ _ _ Mouskouri (4)
26. Wood shavings (7)

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Down:

2. Month (5)
3. Found (7)
4. Russian beetroot soup (6)
6. Pane-fitter (7)
7. Hardware merchant (10)
8. Freshwater fish (4)
11. Greeting (10)
15. Training (7)
17. Restricted (7)
18. Emotional upset (6)
20. Fuss (2,2)
22. I love _ _ _ , song from Can-Can (5)

Across:

1. Confuse, **5.** Tuba , **9.** Parrot, **10.** Chant, **12.** Abyss, **13.** Fibbing, **14.** Camber, **16.** Kismet, **19.** Lunatic, **21.** Ochre, **23.** Twill, **24.** Abacus, **25.** Rage, **26.** Ordered

Down:

2. Ovary, **3.** Foresee, **4.** Set off, **6.** Uranium, **7.** Altogether, **8.** Scab, **11.** Calculator, **15.** Mending, **17.** Isolate, **18.** Eclair, **20.** Talk, **22.** House.

Doodle Box

Common things with uncommon uses

Tea

Facial:

Keep used herbal tea bags to make fragrant steam treatments for your face. Empty the contents of the bag into a saucepan of boiling water, put a towel over your head and lean over the saucepan for 5 - 10 mins.

Hair brightener:

For golden highlights in red or brown hair, rinse your hair with orange pekoe tea after a shampoo.

Plant tonic:

Help ferns and other house-plants to thrive by watering them once a week with a weak solution of tepid tea.

Pet soother:

If your dog has wet, red skin eruptions, soothe the sore spots by putting cold, damp tea bags on them; consult the vet as soon as possible

Lacquer shine:

Wash black lacquer pieces with strong tea and then wipe them dry with a soft cloth to bring out their deep shine.

Dust damper:

Keep dust down when you clean out a fireplace by sprinkling moist tea leaves over the ashes first.

Dental aid:

A cool moist tea bag pressed against a bleeding gum with your finger will help to stop the blood after an extraction.

Eye relaxer:

Save the moist tea bag after making a cup of tea and place it in the refrigerator. Then, when you have a spare moment, squeeze out the excess liquid and lay the bag over hot, itchy or tired eyes for 15 minutes or so.

Timers

Prod:

Set the timer to remind you to make a telephone call, or to call again if the line is engaged.

Organiser:

When working in blocks of time, set a timer to prompt you to move on to the next task at the right moment.

Memory jogger:

Use a timer to remember to turn off the garden sprinkler, or to set the video to record a television programme.

Mediator:

When youngsters can't resolve whose turn it is to play with a toy, give each one 15 minutes with the desired object. When the buzzer sounds, their turn is ended.

Eggshells

Mini funnel:

Poke a hole in half an egg-shell, then pour the liquid through it into a container.

Brown eggs:

Poke a small hole in both ends of an egg (the hole at one end should be slightly larger than the other). Then with your lips at the smaller hole, gently but firmly blow out the contents. Leave the shell to dry, and then paint and decorate with scraps of material or sequins. To use as a Christmas tree decoration, attach a ribbon or string to one end.

Planter:

Fill half an eggshell with soil, moisten it with water and then plant a seed. Support the shell in an egg box.

Fertiliser:

Sprinkle crushed eggshells around garden plants to discourage slugs. Toss any extra eggshells into the compost heap for the same reason.

Pot scrubber:

When cleaning pots and pans while camping, a handful of broken eggshells is a good substitute for steel wool.

Mosaic:

Paint the inside and outside of eggshells a variety of colours, and then crush them in a paper bag. Draw a picture on cloth or paper and spread slightly diluted white glue over it; sprinkle appropriately coloured shells over the glue. Protect your picture with several coats of acrylic sealer.

Garden aid:

Sprinkle freshly planted seeds with crushed eggshells to mark the rows; they may also help to keep the birds away.

Hair Dryers

Wax remover:

If candle wax drips onto a table, allow it to harden and then scrape off as much as possible with a spoon or blunt knife blade. Soften the remainder with warm air from a hair dryer, and then lift it off with a paper towel or blotting paper.

Invisible ink revealer:

After writing a message on a piece of paper with lemon or onion juice, make it invisible by drying it with the hair dryer on Low. Make the writing visible again with a dryer set on High.

Traveller's aid:

Hang just-washed garments on a towel rack or shower curtain rod and blow-dry.

Bandage remover:

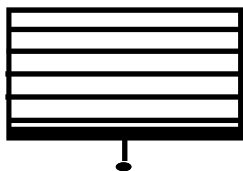
Ease an adhesive bandage off a wound by blowing warm air onto the plaster.

Trainer dryer:

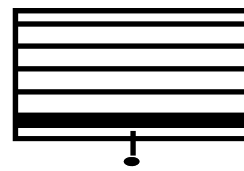
If the toes of your trainers never seem to dry, aim the nozzle of a dryer set on Low into each shoe for about 5 minutes.

Duster:

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All Come Here That Have Tried Elsewhere

Cllr. John McGinley: Mayor of Kildare and Chairman of Kildare Co. Co. (Interview)

Cllr. John McGinley was elected Mayor of Kildare and Chairman of Kildare County Council on July 12th 2005. The ceremony took place at the council chambers in Naas County Kildare. For those present the ceremony was unpretentious, simple and impressive. For many of us who had no previous experience of being in the council chambers or hearing the contributions made by councillors, it was impressive to see how business was conducted in a dignified and professional manner.

There is a feeling, which is widespread that community progress is stifled by bureaucracy and that councillors are frustrated by the management system within the County. To a limited extent that continues to be true but it is also a fact that great progress is being made in Kildare due to the continuous professional work being done by our councillors. We at the Newsletter got a good insight into their work when the newly elected Mayor kindly agreed to our request for an interview. We were welcomed into John's home in Maynooth and over the following hour or so we were given a good insight into the life of a public representative. We were led through the procedures that have to be gone through, without excitement or hysterics to procure those projects, which are necessary for the improvement of the town of Maynooth and its Community.

The one feature that shone through our discussions was the optimism that John has for the future of our town and the conviction that representations made regarding the future developments in our area will fit in with the overall framework that befits the only university town in Ireland. The following were some of the matters discussed, which impact on the daily life of the town and its citizens.



Rail and bus service.

There has been great progress in this area. For those who travelled on the first commuter rail service nearly twenty years ago the current service is in the luxury class. However with the number of new housing developments in the area it is now clear that additional resources are required. John is pressing for a more frequent timetable and some Maynooth/Leixlip direct to Connolly runs. He is also lobbying for a later slot than 10.30 PM for the last train to Maynooth from Pearse. The area could do with more buses especially new routes. He is not in favour of private operators being given existing routes serviced by Dublin Bus but would not object to them tendering with Dublin Bus for new routes. He was happy to advise that the proposed car park at Louisa Bridge is now on track and work will begin in the near future. In all of these matters John and his colleagues are continuously in touch with CIE and it is from these contacts that progress will continue to be made.



New playgrounds

Work has already commenced on the new children's playgrounds in the Harbour Field. John has been campaigning for this project for quite some time. The design is the most up to date available and the contractor has experience of building similar facilities in the North and the UK. Kildare County Council have made the funds available to build a playground for 0-6 year olds and a facility for 6-12 year olds. Funds have also been made available for a playground for 12-18 years of age but more consultation is necessary with community groups before this project is started. It is envisaged that there will be a skateboard area within the older play area.

Cllr. John McGinley Interview (contd.)

New Community Centre and Theatre

This project is very important for the development of the community. There is as yet no community agreement as to the best way forward. However, the availability of development funds for the town of Maynooth means that there are now no financial barriers to the development of community facilities. John envisages that the Community Council Offices could be centralised in a new community centre at the Geraldine Hall. He would like the Geraldine Hall to be restored and extended to also house a new community theatre for use by community groups. He would also like to see a new scouts den developed on the site in the vicinity of the new children and teens' playgrounds at The Harbour Field.

Traffic

One of the most significant achievements from John's point of view was the re- routing of heavy goods vehicles (HGV's) out of Maynooth. With the ring roads in place it is no longer necessary for such vehicles to go through the centre of the town. This is a great step forward and Maynooth is one of the first towns in Ireland to successfully re route HGV away from its town centre.

These are only some of the areas that John and his colleagues on the County Council are continuously working to improve the quality of service to the public. Another area that John is involved in is seeking increased contribution from Central Government for Kildare County Council. Conscious of the rapid growth in population in Kildare, Meath and Wicklow, the Government per capita grant is falling behind the rest of the country for these counties. The three counties have commissioned a consultant

to prepare a report on funding and are confident that they can put forward a balanced case for increased contributions from central Government. Maynooth is developing at a rapid rate. With the increased land being made available for development, the builders have had to supply a corresponding area for parkland and community development e.g. playing fields. There is now a strong possibility of a regional theatre being built in Maynooth on land adjacent to the Tesco site.

On the issue of educational facilities in the town John and his labour colleagues will continue to press for funding for new schools and building extensions as the town population increases. It is of interest to note, that John backed by the Maynooth Branch of the Labour Party put a motion to Labour Party National Executive Committee in 1994 calling for the abolition of Third Level fees and the introduction of free University education for all. This motion was adopted and subsequently implemented by then Labour Minister for Education, Niamh Bhreathnach.

With the interview at a close John generously gave his time to show the writer the site of the new playground development in the Harbour Field. He also pointed out suitable locations within the field for further community development. It is true that in recent times elected representatives have not got a good press. But it is also true, that, with the exception of a few bad apples the vast majority of our councillors are out there working very hard for their communities. Without them the country would be poorer for their absence.

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Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee 1965 - 2005 Celebrating 40 years of Caring

The sixties were a turbulent time and 1965 was as eventful as any part of that decade. In politics, Sean Lemass headed north to meet Terence O'Neill, while in Rhodesia (South Africa) Ian Smith headed south with the white vote.

Dublin was at a stand-still with buses, bakers, newspapers and telephones on strike. In fact all that moved were protesters and army lorries.

In show business, the Beatles met the Queen to receive and M.B.E. Butch Moore walked the streets in the rain in Europe, while Julie Andrews kept the hills alive with The Sound of Music.

This was also the year that Princess Margaret caused a stir in Abbeyleix. The travellers caused a stir in Carlow and Princess Grace caused a stir everywhere else. In sport, Galway beat Kerry in the all Ireland football final and Tipperary beat Wexford in the hurling.

In religious circles Bishop Conway got a new hat and the Mass got a new look.

All these news worthy events received great attention from the media, (when not on strike). However, there was another event taking place that did not command such a high profile but impacted on society with great effort.

The International Red Cross designated 1965 as the "Year of Old People", while the term 'old people' is not politically correct by today's standards, it opened the door to a better society where discrimination ceased to be acceptable. On May 24th, inspired by the world stage, Maynooth branch of the Red Cross, held a public meeting which was attended by interested groups and individuals. Dr. Brendan O' Donnell, County Medical Officer, explained the context in which the Red Cross had instigated the move. He went on to say that the relative number of older people in Ireland was on the increase. In 1900 the proportion of people over 65 was 3%, by 1965 it had grown to 11% and it was estimated that it would reach 15% by the year 2000. How far seeing this man was.

A committee was formed on that occasion. The Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee, as we know it today was born and the rest, they say, is history. We have seen a lot of changes through the years and have achieved much, not least the fact that our committee, have stood the test of time. While many of the events, which I highlighted at the outset of this article, have faded with time, the Senior Citizens Committee is as vibrant as ever.

So with that in mind we felt we had something to celebrate and this we did in style on Sunday June 19th. We started our day with a special healing Mass in our Parish church, concelebrated by Msg. Ales, Frs. Paul, Liam and Pat Joe.

This was the first event we held in our own church and I thank Frs. Alex and Paul for all their help in making it happen. It was lovely to have Fr. Liam back with us as he served on our committee in the early seventies.

Before foreign climes beckoned and Fr. Pat Joe who gave us a lot of his time down through the years. The occasion was attended by all our Senior Citizens, committee members past and present, benefactors and friends. It was also a privilege to have with us on the day, Mary Cullen, Marie Kelly and Carmel Reilly, who were influential in the formation of the first committee and responsible for its continuance over many years. There were, of course, a few of the present committee around then, but we were only apprentices.



L-R: Bridget Nolan, Lily O'Riordan & Rita Kilduff

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped to organize this event and thank you to Nicola and Dave who designed and printed our Mass Booklet. We completed the day with dinner in the Glenroyal Hotel and danced the evening away to the wonderful music of Brian McDermott. Many thanks to all the staff of the Glenroyal for their excellent service and courtesy to all. In fact a big thank you to the whole community who supported us fiscally and physically over the past forty years.

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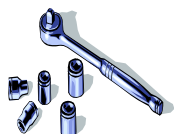
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The vibrancy of the committee, which I mentioned earlier, was sustained over the years, by younger people taking over the helm and new member joining. However, that trend has slowed down. So in order for the work of this committee to continue, we need an injection of younger blood. Are there people out there who like a challenge and perhaps could keep it all going for another 40 years ?. Someone with time on their hands who might like to learn the ropes, so to speak, and ease in gently to a very worthwhile organization. Perhaps you have thought about it but did not know enough about what we do. So just in case that is so, allow me to tell you a little of where we're right now. You might even see it as an investment in your future.

What are we:

Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee is a support organization for older people and their families in the Maynooth and Ladychapel area. Meetings take place on the first Tuesday of each Month at 8pm in the Health Centre in Leinster Street. Of the events, which I highlighted at the outset of this article, have faded with time, the Senior Citizens Committee is as vibrant as ever. So with that in mind we felt we had something to celebrate and this we did in style on Sunday June 19th

Aim and objectives:

- To assist older people to retain independence and autonomy over their own lives.
- To encourage and enable older people to remain involved and active in their community in so far as they wish to do so.
- To eliminate isolation through visitation and social activities.
- To alert society to the right of older people to be treated equally as citizens

How is this managed:

We do this by providing opportunity, through a social club environment, to meet their friends, to access information on rights, entitlements, health issues, diet and safety and security.

We provide opportunity for pleasure and healthy exercise, social outings, theatre, dancing, holidays and religious activities.

We provide a voice, particularly for the most vulnerable, by representation through the political system or through submissions to the National Senior Citizens Parliament to which we are affiliated.

How many are catered for?:

About 200 older people benefit directly from our work, in one way or another, plus the added benefit to family/carers in terms of support and respite. We try to meet and cater for all needs, be it through the social club for the more active, or services to the immobile or house-bound or those in Nursing Homes.

Services:

Safety and Security:

We provide personal monitored alarms, safety chains, door and window locks, smoke alarms, spark guards and lanterns (to discourage the use of candles during a power failure) and undertake small repairs. This part of our work inspires confidence and peace of mind.

Fuel Provision:

Fuel is provided during the winter months. This comes in many forms e.g.: solid fuel, bottled gas or an allowance towards electricity payments. Heat is an essential component in the life of older people as hypothermia is a real danger.

Visits:

There is a committee member to cater for, and keep in contact with, each area. No amount of alarms and locks can replace personal contact.

Transport:

While we encourage all our people to walk when they can, without transport many of our people would be isolated.



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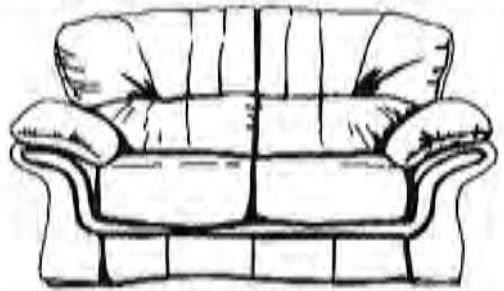


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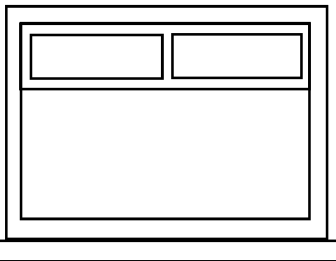
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Fund raising:

Our main fundraising event is our Annual Sale of Work, which takes place in November. Our annual collection takes place in March and the Labour Party organizes an annual sponsored walk which is a legacy left to our senior citizens by Tony Smith. Other monies come out our way through donations, local raffles and some state grants.

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Hopes and Expectations:

The Years Ahead:

As our work is an ongoing process we do not see it in terms of giant leaps but small steps of steady progress. We would hope that one of those steps would be the acquisition of a suitable premises for our activities.

On the wider issue of equal opportunity, we would like to see policies more user friendly, (e.g. a bus pass is superfluous where there is no bus. A taxi voucher perhaps?). Or an acceptable income that eliminates the need for concessions. Where attitudes towards older people in society would change to give us the foresight to see a human resource and not a social problem. We would like full participation of older people in a society that respects all it's citizens and maybe, just maybe, ageism along with all other discriminatory ways would become distant memory.

A lot of progress has been made over the past forty years. People are living longer, are more active, healthier, more involved and more independent. This progress is mainly due to the many organizations lie ourselves who highlight the discrepancies in our system. The voluntary sector is an integral part of any community as it is difficult for the state to sustain all the necessary services. However the statutory sector needs to recognize the pivotal role, played by



40th Anniversary Celebrations - Cutting the Cake made by Patricia Cusker.

L-R: Marie Kelly (Former Chairperson), Mary Cullen (First Chairperson), Josephine Moore (Present Chairperson) & Imelda Delaney (Former Chairperson).

volunteers and the monetary saving in so doing.

That said the real progress will be when intervention from organizations such as ours is no longer necessary. When social inclusion becomes the norm. When all our citizens have choices instead of concessions. When we are heard without being patronized. When we can speak for ourselves, whatever our age, and not have to apologize. In a just and fair society, we are all equal.

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L-R: John Walsh, Margaret Walsh & Eilish O'Malley



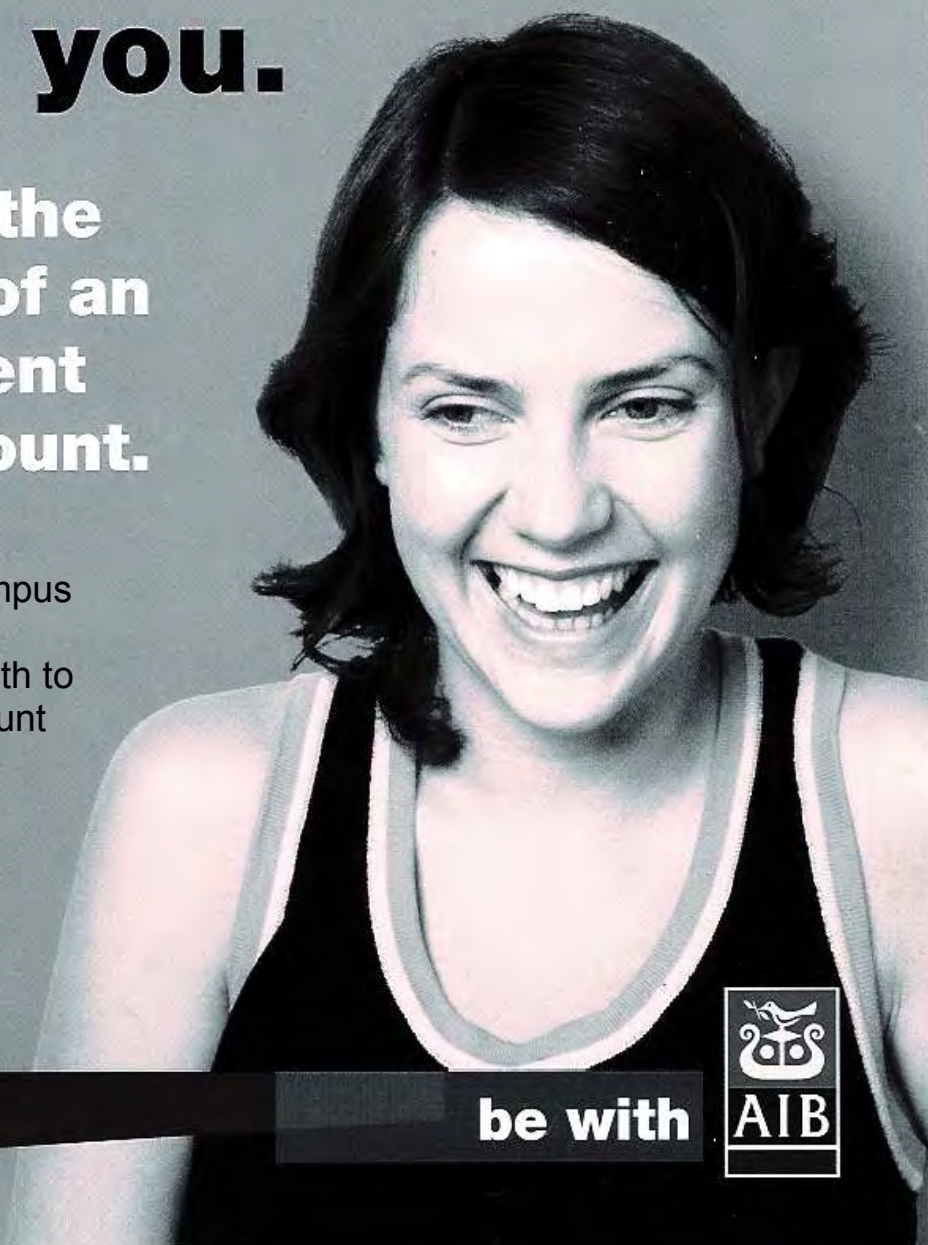
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Waiting for you to be seen
A ball of fire forever be
All your rays gleam and gleam.
O precious day I have all to say
Your natural elements all survive
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Children play their hearts away
In a world of such fantasy
On a wonderful day come what may
Their little worlds so very free
On wakening time of nature grow
With pleasant scenery for to see
A beautiful day I cherish so
In my heart long may it be
Treasure a day in a special way
With a memory of what has been
A special day within to stay
And have many a happy dream.

Family

A family united as one
To cherish and to care
A homely feeling of well being
Growing up to be strong and stern.
Much happiness in their dream
With a great joy to learn.

What else is a family about
But to live love and learn each day?
Mum and Dad with no doubt
Discipline must have its say
To give and take is all
For parents to live in harmony
A want of love in their call
Is the very way it should be.

To feel secure each every day
And prosperity for them shine
One day in life to have their say
To an adventurous and fulfilling time
Bless all the family home
Good fortune be with you
To be reared until grown
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Liffey my River

I dream of my childhood along a river
so old
Swimming and laughter with my silent
thought
The sun was hot, but the water so cold,
Such natural ecstasy my Liffey it
brought,
I fished on the river for trout and pike
A cherished time soon with a surprise
catch
Along the river side with fish I much
like
Such God-given food you never can
match.

Clean white swans float on a river so
free
Building their nest on an island of their
own
A precious beauty of nature they were
to me
With cygnets so agile and quite grown
A world of mine - a river of peace
Flowing to its destined home at the sea
Its constant hushing tumble never cease
A river of destiny forever to be.

What makes my everlasting flow ?
A force carrying its way all the time
To its destined homeland onward it go
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Low-Fat Recipes for September

Starter

Vegetable and Pasta Soup

Serves 4

Preparation time: 15 mins

Cooking time: 25 mins

250g/8oz carrots, diced
250g/8oz courgettes, sliced
2 large celery sticks, chopped
1 large onion, finely chopped
125g/4oz cabbage, shredded
600ml/1pt chicken stock
300ml/½ pint tomato juice
1 garlic clove, crushed
125g/4oz small dried pasta shapes
Salt and pepper

1. Place all the vegetables in a saucepan with the stock, tomato juice and garlic. Bring to the boil, then reduce the heat, and skim off any scum that rises to the surface.
2. Add the pasta and season with salt and pepper. Cover the pan and simmer for 15–20 minutes or until all the vegetables and the pasta are tender.
3. Serve the soup piping hot in warmed individual soup bowls

Main Course

Pork Fillet with Grapefruit Sauce

Serves 6

Preparation time: 15 mins plus marinating

Cooking time: about 10 mins

250g/8oz pork fillet, cut into 5mm/¼in thick medallions
3 spring onions, finely chopped
Finely grated rind and juice of ½ grapefruit
1 teaspoon soft light brown sugar
2 tablespoons chopped parsley
1 tablespoon olive oil
150ml/¼pt unsweetened apple (see below)
150ml/¼pt chicken stock
2 grapefruit, peel and divided into segments, pith and membrane removed
Salt and pepper

To make the apple purée, put 500g/1lb peeled, cored and sliced cooking apples into a saucepan with 2 tablespoons of water. Cover and cook until they form a purée. Beat or liquidize until smooth.

1. Place the pork medallions in a shallow dish with the spring onions, grapefruit rind and juice, brown sugar, salt and pepper to taste, and the parsley. Turn to coat well. Cover and chill 3 - 4 hours.
2. Drain the pork medallions, reserving the marinade. Heat the oil in a frying pan and fry the medallions briskly until sealed on all sides.
3. Mix the apple purée with stock and reserved marinade and pour over the pork. Cover and simmer for about 7 minutes until the pork is tender. Stir in the grapefruit segments and heat through.

Desserts

French Apple Flan

Serves 10

Preparation time: 15 minutes plus chilling

Cooking time: 35 - 40 minutes

1kg/2lb cooking apples peeled, cored, thinly sliced and puréed
2 red-skinned dessert apples, thinly sliced
50g/2oz caster sugar
4 tablespoons apricot jam
2 tablespoons lemon juice

Pâte sucrée:

150g/5oz plain flour

50g/2oz caster sugar

1 egg and 1 egg white, beaten together

Few drops vanilla essence

1. To make the pâte sucrée, sift the flour on to a cool work surface. Make a well in the centre and add the butter, sugar, egg and egg white and vanilla essence. Using the fingertips of one hand, work these ingredients together, then draw in the flour. Knead lightly until smooth, then cover and chill for 1 hour.
2. Roll out the pastry very thinly on a floured work surface and use to line a 25cm/10in fluted flan ring. Fill the case generously with apple purée, then arrange an overlapping layer of sliced apples on top. Sprinkle with the sugar. Bake in a preheated oven, 190°C (375°F). Gas Mark 5, for 35 - 40 minutes.
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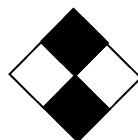
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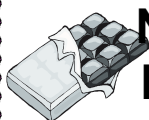
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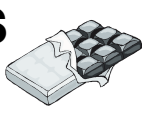


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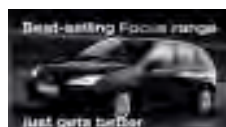


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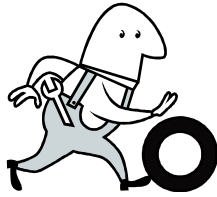


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The winner of the Captains prize was Barry Desmond with a score of 39pts closely followed by Dave Kinlon on 38pts. Congratulations to Tom Nolan and to all the committee who made this a memorable outing for the society and a wonderful day's golf.



Winner of the Captain's Prize Barry Desmond (middle) receiving his prize from Tom Nolan, Captain (left) with Kevin Loftus (right)

Result Sheet **Tom Nolan's Captains Day**

1st Prize	Barry Desmond	39pts
2nd Prize	Dave Kinlon	38pts
3rd Prize	Colm Loftus B9	35pts
4th Prize	Liam Farrelly B9	35pts
5th Prize	Derek Murray B6	35pts
6th Prize	Don O' Sullivan	35pts
7th Prize	Niall Byrne	34pts
8th Prize	David Weafer	33pts
9th Prize	Norman Kavanagh	32pts
Front 9	Kevin Loftus Snr	17pts
Back 9	Albert Harrigan	20pts
Visitors	John Hynes	
Nearest the Pin	Dave Mahony	
2's	D. Murray, K. Loftus, D O' Sullivan x 2	

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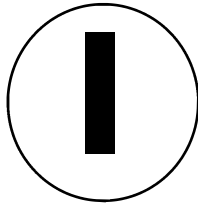
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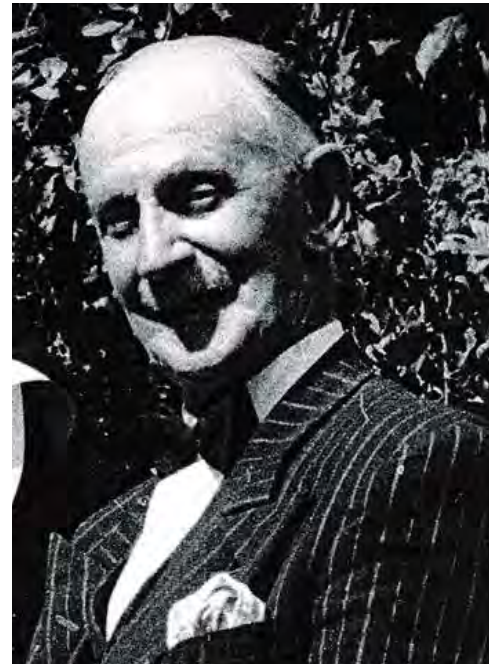
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What is generally not known is that one of the greatest exponents of the long jump and the triple jump was Irishman Peter O'Connor. In 1901 Peter set a New World record for the long jump that was to remain unbeaten for nearly twenty years. At Ballsbridge Dublin on August 5th, he cleared 24 feet 11.75 inches. It was the fifth time that he had improved the then official world best, and when the IAAF was established, this was accepted as their inaugural world mark. What makes his feat more praiseworthy was that his successes were achieved despite primitive training conditions and lack of financial and logistical support. His world record was to remain on the book for over twenty years before the American Ned Gourdin beat it.

Peter O'Connor was born in Cumberland England on October 24th 1872. His father Edward, was a skilled artisan. He was one of a select number of shipwrights selected to build a ship at a new shipyard in Millom, Cumberland. He moved his young family and his wife then pregnant with Peter from their home in Wicklow to Cumberland. On completion of the contract the family returned to Wicklow town.

Highly intelligent and progressive, Peter attended school until he reached fourteen years of age. His family was not in a position to fund secondary education and he eventually gained employment as a solicitor's clerk. His experiences in national school gave him an enduring dislike of British and Unionist rule in Ireland. An educational system that rooted out a native language and replaced it with a limited vocabulary of English left the Catholic youth of Ireland severely handicapped in gaining professional employment. Driven by the loss of a second level education in his youth, he subsequently qualified as a solicitor. He established a successful law firm in Waterford City and was appointed Vice President of the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland in 1933. His political dislike of British rule in Ireland led to many clashes with the Irish athletic ruling body, dominated by unionist officials. It also led to one of the great Olympic "incidents" of modern times. In 1906 representing the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in the Athens interim Games he climbed the flagpole to prevent the Union flag being



Last portrait of Peter O'Connor, taken in 1956 when he was 84, in his garden at "Upton"

raised at his silver medal winning ceremony. He replaced it with a green flag with the words "Erin go Bragh". Peter although wearing an Irish blazer with shamrock crest was not accredited to Ireland. Since the Country was technically part of the UK, the Greek organising committee would not recognise Peter's right to compete for his homeland. There is no doubt that British and American officials behaved shamefully at those games to rob Peter of the long jump gold medal. In an extraordinary situation, Halpin, the American team leader was left in sole control of both take off and landing area of the jumping pit after a British official absented himself from the competition. There is no doubt that this was done, as a direct response to Peter's desire to compete for Ireland. Halpin called Peter's winning jump a foul and handed the title to a fellow American. Justice was done however when Peter won the gold medal for the hop, step and jump (triple jump) beating fellow Irishman Con Leahy with a winning jump of 46 feet 2 and one eight inches. To add to his satisfaction he beat the American Myer Prinstein who was handed the gold in the long jump three days before.

In the history of athletics, Peter O'Connor was nicknamed "the Irish antelope". He inherited a natural suppleness and spring, and although he was over twenty before taking a serious interest in athletics he would by all accounts try to improve his triple and long jumping for fun. Peter O'Connor wrote of his training "I never had a coach or anyone to

instruct me, but I conceived an idea of my own, that to cover a big distance you must, in addition to speed, rise high in the air". It was his concentration on the essentials of the event, which helped him to the world record. Peter did not compete in the British championships until 1900 when he was twenty-eight years old. He finished second to the great American Alvin Kraenzlein. A week later Kraenzlein won the Olympic title in Paris. At the end of August that year Peter jumped 24 feet, 7.75 inches to set a New World best. The following year 1901, was Peter's great season. At the end of May he jumped 24 feet 9 inches and in the first week of July won the first of six consecutive British AAA Championships. A week later he reached 24 feet 11.25 inches and added another quarter inch on July 28. All these were New World marks. Then in August he set the new official world mark, recognised by the IAAF, of 24 feet 11.75 inches.

Following his retirement from competition Peter was drawn into jurisdiction problems, which bedevilled Irish athletics following partition. These problems ran right through the twentieth century and were only satisfactorily settled in the eighties. Although a supporter of the GAA, the forerunner to the NACA he was against the ban on foreign games believing it was counterproductive. An avid supporter of athletics he travelled to a number of Olympics including those held in Los Angeles in 1932. Peter died at the family home on November 9th 1957.

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Emmet Stagg T.D.

Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

The Maynooth Branch of the Labour Party congratulates our chairman John McGinley on his historic election as Mayor of Kildare. As chairman of the Branch, John has proved himself to be a hard task master and always positive in his approach in tackling issues in the community. As members, we have seen over the years how tenacious John is and no matter how problematic and drawn out the issue is, he will persist to the end to ensure that it will be resolved to the benefit of the community at large. With these qualities alone, we can be certain that Kildare will be well served under his stewardship. John's election as Mayor has not only bestowed a great honour on the Branch but also on the town itself.

Bond Bridge Update

Council Officials have advised Cllr. John McGinley that tenders for the project were opened on August 12th and the Council expect to be signing the contract in the first or second week of September. The contractor will be on site as soon as the contract is signed.

Public Lights in The Square being Repaired

The public lights in The Square, Maynooth have regrettably not been working for some time now and vandals have taken the opportunity to smash the lights with a sledgehammer.

Cllr. John McGinley is pleased to report that agreement has finally been reached between the interested parties and the ESB were on site in mid - August carrying out works that will enable the public lights to be put in working order again.

Construction of Maynooth Playground Started on August 8th

Construction of the €355,000 Children's Playground at The Harbour Field, Maynooth is now well underway and will be completed this September. As requested by Cllr. John McGinley a new secure gate has been

fitted beside the ICA Hall entrance and the unsightly mound of clay can be removed as a result.

The funding for this state of the art playground will come from the Council's Development Contributions Scheme. Cllr. McGinley was successful in ring fencing these levies for Recreational, Amenity and Community use in the area in which they were levied.

When John began his campaign for playgrounds some five years ago there wasn't a single playground in the county. Now in addition to Maynooth the Council have signed contracts for playgrounds in Leixlip, Celbridge and Kildare town.

Great credit is due to Maynooth Playground Action for bringing the project to a finality. Without pressure from them there would be no playground.

Safety in the Skies over Maynooth

A number of Maynooth residents have expressed their concern to Cllr. John McGinley about the noise, low height and massive increase in the number of aircraft flying directly over Maynooth. Accordingly, John has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

"That Kildare County Council demand of the owners of Weston Aerodrome and the Irish Aviation Authority that they implement noise abatement and safety procedures at Weston aerodrome in line with those in place at most airports large and small worldwide. The appropriate procedures with regards to Maynooth are that aircraft exiting Weston aerodrome to the west should track south of the M4 Motorway, and that aircraft approaching Weston from the west should track north of Maynooth. Furthermore, all aircraft operating out of Weston aerodrome should be instructed to fly no lower than the regulation 1,500 ft. (QNH altimeter setting), which equates with approximately 1,750 ft. above sea level at Maynooth. Adherence to these procedures will

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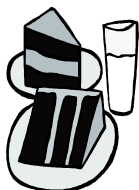
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considerably enhance the safety of the residents of Maynooth. We further demand that the Irish Aviation Authority and Weston aerodrome put monitoring procedures in place to ensure that these noise abatement and safety procedures are fully complied with. Moreover, as there is no systematic procedures in place to monitor the activities of aircraft out of Weston aerodrome in the skies over Maynooth, we demand that a monitoring regime is put in place to ensure that all aviation regulations and local noise abatement and safety procedures are fully complied with"

Meadowbrook Link Road

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following "Progress Report" on the Meadowbrook Link Road at the Leixlip Area Meeting on July 15:

"This scheme is now complete. However, some issues (mainly relating to lining and signing) as identified in the road safety audit will have to be implemented before the road is open to the public. The necessary statutory procedures relating to its taking in charge have been approved by the full Council.

In addition, in relation to Beaufield, works will commence in the coming days in relation to the traffic calming scheme as recently circulated to the area members. Such works will involve ramps, fencing, line markings, signs and tree pruning. Amendments to the scheme (in the form of an additional pedestrian crossing) have been incorporated into a revised scheme, as requested. I will be in a position shortly to announce the opening date for the Meadowbrook Link road."

As no traffic calming has yet been put in place on Beaufield Road Cllr. John McGinley has again asked the Council to carry out this essential work with some urgency.

In addition John has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee:

That traffic lights be installed at the junction of the Meadowbrook Link Road/Straffan Road in order to facilitate ease of exit from the new Link Road and that measures be taken to prevent the parking of caravans on the greens adjoining the new Link Road."

Footpath Repairs at Entrance to Old Greenfield

Following representations from Cllr. John McGinley the Council have repaired the dangerous section of footpath on the right hand side on the way into Old Greenfield.

TESCO HGV's still going Through Main Street, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley sent the following E mail to Michael Sullivan, Manager TESCO Ireland on 27 July:

*"It is extraordinary that TESCO HGV drivers continue to break the "No HGV's Through Maynooth" law. As you know I drew your attention to this some time ago and you told me that you would advise all of your drivers to use the M4 INTEL Link. I would ask that you do so again and also tell them that by going through Maynooth they are not only breaking the law, they are also **adding 16km to their journey**. The INTEL Link from the motorway is the direct route to TESCO Maynooth."*

Mr. Sullivan responded immediately, even though he was on holidays, and apologised profusely. He stated that all drivers would again be instructed to use the direct route to TESCO, Maynooth and that members of the public should note the registration numbers of any vehicles that break the law by going through Main Street, Maynooth

O2 Planning Application Declared Invalid for a Second Time

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been advised by Kildare County Council that the planning application by O2 for retention of the unauthorised communications mast at Maynooth G.A.A. Grounds on the Moyglare Road, Maynooth, has been declared invalid for a second time.

The Planning Application was declared invalid on August 5th because the site notice and the newspaper notice did not match and because no site notice was in place following an inspection by the Council.

Deputy stated that it was incredible that O2 were unable to lodge a planning application properly and in his opinion they were playing with the Council. Last December the Council issued a warning letter to O2 calling on them to remove the unauthorised mast. Nine months later and the unauthorised mast is still in place.

Deputy Stagg stated that it was time that the Council got tough with O2 and he indicated that he was now calling on the Council to take Court Proceedings against O2 to remove the unauthorised mast.

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Gardening Tips for September

September weather, no less than that of any other month in Ireland, can be changeable, but on the whole it is drier than August, and mild spells permit a good harvest. Latitude, proximity to the sea, and altitude combine, however, to affect the duration of sunlight received each day, and must increasingly be taking into account in timing gardening operations. The further north, the further inland and the higher a garden, the earlier autumn and winter are likely to visit it, and pre-winter tasks, usually need to be advanced by 1 to 3 weeks.

The Flower Garden:

- Dead-head border flowers as they fade, and cut back stems while green to make compost. Divide spring and early summer-flowering border plants if overcrowded. Discard the older central parts and replant the younger ones.
- Start bulb and corm planting this month, particularly the smaller bulbs of chionodoxa, fritillaria, irises, muscari, Narcissus species, ornithogalum puschkinia and scilla. Broadly, the earlier they are expected to flower, the earlier they should be put to bed. Plant the corms of crocus and the tubers and rhizomes of Anemone species, eranthis, erythronium and ranunculus as soon as possible, especially in the north. They dry out quickly when left in the air. Hyacinths, large daffodil and narcissus bulbs and tulips can wait until October - November, if necessary, but lose nothing by being planted earlier. Place at a depth equal to twice their own width in the soil. Set on a layer of same in clay soils.
- Plant the flowering onions (Allium species) this month and next, in sunny positions and humus-enriched soil. Give the large bulbs of crown imperials (fritillaria imperialis) a sunny south aspect, in a deeply worked and rich soil. Set them on their sides, to prevent moisture collecting in the dimple, 15cm (6in.) deep.
- Plant out herbaceous perennials, and pinks raised from cuttings earlier this year, where they are to flower. Begin with planting out biennials to their final flowering positions in the latter of the month. Make sowings of hardy annuals such as calendula, cornflower, eschscholzia, gypsophila, larkspur, mallow, scabious, love-in-a-mist, Shirley poppy and pansies on open sites to provide early colourful spring bloom next year.

The Vegetable Garden:

Continue to lift potatoes this month and next when the haulms start to yellow, as there will be no further growth in the tubers.

Lift mature root crops towards the end of the month. Remove tops close to the crowns, and store beetroot and carrots layered in sand in boxes and bins, placed in a cool cellar shed. Safeguard from mice and rats by enclosing in fine-mesh netting, or put down a suitable bait. Carrots can also be stored in an outdoor clamp. Parsnips, salsify and scorzonera can be left in the ground until needed.

Earth up celery and leeks being grown in trenches. Stake plants of Brussels sprouts and sprouting broccoli exposed to wind.

Harvest all the tomatoes from outdoor plants at the first hint of frost, or when night temperatures drop below 10°C (50°F). Simply place green fruits in paper bags in a warm room to ripen: since warmth, not light, ripens them, it is a waste of time putting them in rows on the window-sills

David Slattery

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The Enemy by Lee Child

In this military serial murder novel written in the comic detective style of Mickey Spillane. The plot hurtles along faster than an FI 5 eagle armed to the teeth in a kamikaze dive.

A two star general is found murdered in a seedy motel on New Year's eve. Military investigator Reacher is put on the case and enlists side kick Sommers help. Why did he go 598 miles out of his way? Who stole his briefcase that contained the agenda of a top brass conference that he carried? Why is the military keeping secret the agenda of the conference?

Detective Reacher begins the investigation with sidekick Sommers, but On the Dead General's "widow" trip the pair arrive only to find the generals wife also murdered in what is made to look like a burglary.

Was someone looking for the elusive briefcase with the conference agenda... and why?

....Why is the army top brass telling the investigator to shut the case down, and that there was no agenda for the conference.

There is always an agenda and our hero's smell more than a few military rats covering their collective backsides. As they say in the army, "if your agenda is just o take a leak... you better get a request form son and I need in in triplicate.

Reacher gets involved in a brawl at the site of the generals murder and the delta force guy who reports the brawl is found murdered in the base woods. Evidence is going missing. Even the Army coroner

and the Psy Ops instructor look like suspects, if not as the perpetrators, then as part of the cover up.

Sommers the side kick try to get Reacher to confront those covering up but under threat of both of them being dishonourably discharged from the army.

Meanwhile in one of the sub-plots Reachers mother is dying of cancer she has decided that some battles cannot be fought and has resigned herself to her fate. Now she must make her peace with her two sons and prepare to bid them farewell.

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