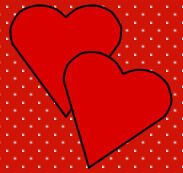


Maynooth Newsletter



Senior Citizens xmas party

Maynooth Flower



Review of BNS "Finding Christmas"!



and Garden Club
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Editorial

The New Year opens with two good news stories for Maynooth town. In the first place, the playground in the Harbour Field area has been completed and is now open to the young public that it will serve. It has taken extraordinary efforts on behalf of residents and the local councillors to have this state of the art facility provided in the town. We would like to extend our thanks and our congratulations to all those involved in the work that led to this development.

Secondly, all the groups involved in the planning for the provision of a community arts centre have agreed that this should be built around the Geraldine Hall. The Community Council agreed at its January meeting. The local councillors again have been actively engaged in the negotiations with Kildare County Council and after decades of debate, both the Harbour Field and the Geraldine Hall are now in the possession of Kildare County Council.

The Hall will be used to provide much needed facilities for the people of Maynooth. An architect's plan, put together at the behest of the Community Arts Forum, shows the versatility of the space involved. This will include, hopefully, a dedicated theatre that would attract professionals in all the performance arts as well as a venue for local talent. It would also provide a permanent base for such activities as art exhibitions, local art groups and local writers groups. It could accommodate other requirements such as snooker, a youth club and individual facilities for different groups such as the senior citizens, residents association meetings, music rehearsal rooms and a creche. At a national level however, the news is not so good. The port tunnel and the Luas are both proving problematic and closer to home the truckers are boycotting the expensive tolls on the newly opened M4 for which two tolls are planned. The case went to court on January 12th and judgement is due on 1st March. Campaigners never wanted to resort to this action, but the obstinacy of the government in the face of huge opposition to the route chosen left no option but to go to court. The Government-funded Discovery Programme spend years researching the Tara complex but now the same Government sees fit to destroy the landscape of this precious area which is set to include one of the largest interchanges in the country situated in the Gabra Valley, the putative site of the last battle of the Fianna. Obviously, Fianna Fail (the soldiers of destiny) has forgotten the origin of their very own name. On top of the Hill stands the Lia Fail, (stone of destiny), looking down on the literary graves of the Fianna.

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

Community Centre for Maynooth

A full discussion took place on this. The fact that there are two sites to consider for the Community Centre i.e. Carton Avenue and the Harbour Field, we will also have to decide what we want in them. It was also noted that the Geraldine Hall is ideal to house a Community Theatre and other possible outlets. The situation of the Geraldine Hall makes it ideal and is central to the town. Hugh Gallagher said it would be better if Maynooth Community Council were to stay in the town.

Peter Connell - re - Maynooth Action Strategy, gave a brief report on the survey that they carried out two years ago. He said that it was very positive for Maynooth. He said people felt a sense of community living in Maynooth, but it also pointed out a lack of certain facilities like cultural and entertainment outlets in the town.

It was decided to have a meeting with representatives of Maynooth Action Strategy and Maynooth Community Centre Partnership and their findings on board and hopefully come up with a positive plan for the community centre and the findings reported to next community council meeting.

LOCAL MATTERS

Christmas Lights

A quote of €27,000 was needed to put up Christmas Lights this year. New safety boxes had to be installed. It was felt it will have to be a community venture next year. It was also sad to see no Christmas tree this year, the wooden structure is considered unsafe.

Hugh Gallagher reminded everybody to be very watchful as there had been an attempted abduction in the town. Ann Burns noted that at pedestrian's crossing the surface is very knobbly.

Hugh Gallagher - re - Celbridge Road said there is a need for more paving out this road.

Mary Joyce re- Turning right at Crinstown Cross, this road is in a dreadful condition with ridges both sides, this road is now being used a lot since Bond Bridge closed.

John O' Connor - re- Lyreen River is very discoloured.

The Glenroyal Hotel was thanked for providing mince pies and mulled wine after the meeting.

Next Community Council meeting is 12th January 2006

PRO Marie Gleeson

Poetry Corner

As Winter Fades

As Winter fades and Spring's lips open
New beginnings then are spoken
And tiny lambs bleat first breath
In fields now green as you can get

Flowers start to push through
As the soil renders up its treasure
Children pick them easily
Indeed in no small measure

And Mothers greet February
In a fashion that is merry
Time to book that holiday
Now's the time come what may

A new energy blooms forth
In everyone I see
Children in the Spring sunshine
Happy running free

Spring cleaning lifts the Winter dust
And every corner of the house
Is shined and polished
That's a must!

This season now close to my heart
Will be over as soon as it did start
Next is March and chocolate treats
The Easter bunny then we'll greet

Dara Lakes

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

I.C.A. Notes

The Guild has been very busy since October. The craft nights continue every Monday night and badminton every Monday and Thursday. Upcoming competitions are Guild of Kildare competition - Shadow Quilting - Rag Doll Making - Eleanor Gibbons Competition (dramatise piece of poetry or song). Members attended the Federation meeting in Ardlough and also attended a Conference on cancer organised by Little Way, Clane in Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge. A sum of €2,586.00 has been raised by the Federation for cancer research in Galway. At the October meeting an auction was organized for part scholarships to An Grianan. The winners were Felicity Satchwell and Mary Deane. Raffle winners on the night were Mary O'Gorman, Mairead Scanlan and Rosemary Hanley.

At the November meeting Mary O'Gorman was congratulated on getting third place in Ireland for her rag doll and the doll was on display at the Knitty and Stitchy Show in the RDS in November. Winners of the November competition were 1st. Betty Moore, 2nd. Mary Halton, Joint 3rd. Mary O'Gorman, Mary Halton and Teresa Corcoran. Members attended the national Council meeting in Ennis and also Federation meeting in Kill in November. "Christmas Child" shoeboxes were also collected from all Maynooth members. The Federation President Eileen Bateson from Suncroft attended the November meeting.

At the December meeting the President welcomed two new members Kathleen O' Reilly and Maura Brown to the Guild. On international matters a Polish night will be organized by Kilteel Guild in Kildare in April next. Two Maynooth members have been invited to the Senior Citizens Christmas dinner. From 3rd to 7th April there will be craft workshops at An Crianan in Drogheda (ICA College). Another competition i.e., organize dinner for two adults and two children using lots of vegetables and fruit. In addition to this there is a set dancing competition for Patsy Lalor shield and also a singing competition for the Beaumon Shield. There is also a competition for brown bread sponsored by Cuinneog members of buttermilk, butter etc. The Guild competition for January is a slice of Christmas pudding. The Federation hope to organize a trip the Chelsea Flower Show. In November there was a leader programme day organized and Mary McNamara attended this. A sports day is also organized by Kildare Sports Partnership for ICA members for December and takes place in December.

Federation meeting will be held on 23rd March 2006 in Derrinturn and next Council meeting will be held on

4th March 2006 in Tullamore. Kildare week in An Grianan will take place from Monday 10th to Friday 14th July 2006 and the weekend from Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd October 2006. There is also a Craft Day in Athy on Saturday 25th March 2006.

Some Guild members also attended a cookery book launch at the request of Leixlip Guild. A lovely night was had by all with refreshments being served. Members will attend a Christmas lunch in the Orchard in Celbridge on Friday 9th December. Raffle winners at the December meeting were Betty Farrell, Teresa Corcoran, Margaret Ball, Norah McDermott, Rosemary Hanley, Eileen Flynn, Mary O' Gorman, Mary Dunne, Veva Kearins and Mary Murphy. Competition winners for the handmade Christmas card was Rosemary Hanley who was presented with a cup for same. Second place was Mary Halton and third place, Mary Dunne. Members from Leixlip, Celbridge and Clane Tuils were invited for the Guild night where some great games were played, 'pass the parcel' being one. Did you ever try to open a parcel with big gloves and a knife and fork? It is possible, as we proved - even if it does take half an hour. Great fun was had by all on the night.

The January meeting saw the members back in business for the new year. The competition winner for best plum pudding was Veva Kearins with Margaret Houlihan taking second place and Betty Farrell in third place. The raffle was won by Margaret Houlihan, second, Madeline Stynes, third Mary Halton and fourth Mary McNamara. Next months competition is to create a dessert for two people using day old bread as the main ingredient. Crafts continue every Monday night at 8pm and badminton will start again on Monday 20th February. A guild of Kildare competition will take place on Tuesday 25th April in St. Coca's Scout Hall, Kilcock. The categories for this competition are drama, cookery, remake and model crafts, arts and comortas as Gaeilge. The theme of this competition is revamp, reuse, recycle so we should see great work of the imagination here. Great fun will be had by all.

As you can see we have a very busy year ahead and something for everyone to get involved in. Our next meeting will take place on 2nd February 2006 and all meetings after that will take place on the first Thursday of the month at 8pm. We would like to see some more new members so come along to the meetings in our hall in the Harbour, Maynooth

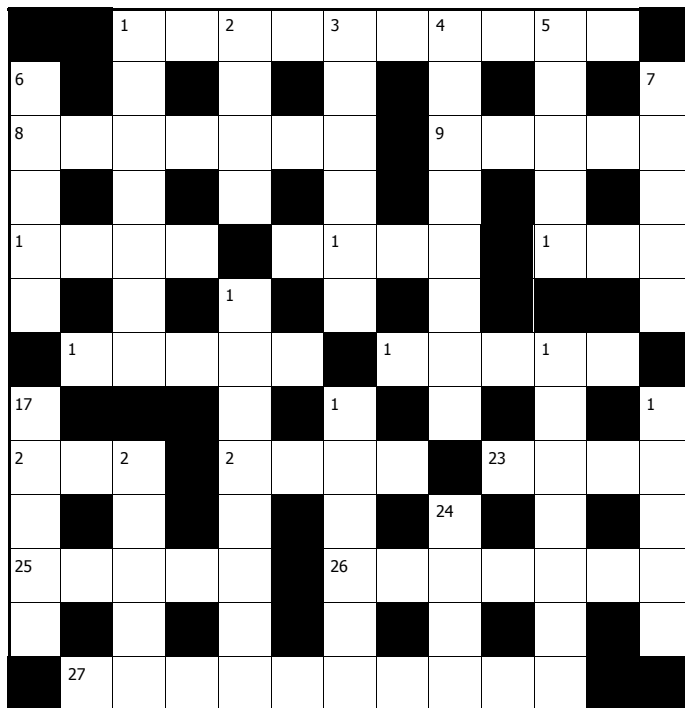
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FILE NUMBER	APPLICANT NAME	APPLICANT ADDRESS	APPLICATION TYPE	APPLICATION RECEIVED	DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION	DEVELOPMENT LOCATION
05/2696	A Twomey	110 Rail Park Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	16/11/05	Retain store at rear/side of house	110 Rail Park Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/2728	Willie Graham	Maharg House Silken Vale Maynooth	O	21/11/05	2 four bedroom dormer bungalows and associated site works. Existing planning grant 02/2006 for same, expires on 15/01/2006	Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/2735	Paul & Catherine Coyle	No.11 Parklands Rise Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	22/11/05	Alterations and two storey extension to two storey semi-detached house plus new garage shed plus widening of entrance from road	No. 11 Parklands Rise Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/2805	Thomas Burke	Taghadoo Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	29/11/05	Consisting of providing a new independent agricultural access road to farm of Mr. Thomas Burke	Taghadoo Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/2808	Brian & Joe McHale	Taghadoo Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	29/11/05	Construct 6 no. all weather sports pitches with associated netting (6 metres in ht) lighting (12 metre in ht) car parking area and new entrance. We also propose to construct a 300 metre driving range to include tee-off structure 920 no pods. Etc)	Taghadoo Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/2816	Colin & Christine Burns	32 Rockfield Park Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	01/12/05	First floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion and a single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling house	32 Rockfield Park Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/2884	Michael & Ita Loughnane	Leinster Park Mews Maynooth Co. Kildare	R	08/12/05	Gable bedroom window and recessed roadway entrance	Leinster Park Mews Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/2885	Gwen Leavy	2 Parklands Court Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	08/12/05	First floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion with new utility room created below and also a single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling house	2 Parklands Court Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/2925	Anne Quigley	Moyglare Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	13/12/05	Dormer bungalow, garage, Puraflor treatment system and septic tank	Baltracey Donadea Co. Kildare

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05/2928	Roger Young	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	14/12/05	Dormer bungalow, floor area 155 sq.m., complete with septic tank and treatment unit and including a new entrance onto the road. Area of site 0.205 hectares	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/2995	Peter Robinson	Crinstown House Crinstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	21/12/05	Replace existing roller entrance door with glazed door screen unit, replace existing single door with enlarged door screen together with the retention of an existing steel floor structure and installation of new stairs and first floor for use as etc	Unit 16, Block F Maynooth Business Park Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/3016	Paul & Catherine Coyle	No. 11 Parklands Rise Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	21/12/05	Alterations and two storey extension to two storey semi-detached house plus new garden shed plus widening of entrance from road	No. 11 Parklands Rise Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/3032	N Byrne	Clonfert South Maynooth	R	21/12/05	Garage as constructed and ancillary site works	Clonfert South Maynooth
05/3040	Mathew P. Carroll	Dillons Row Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	22/12/05	Dormer bungalow, incorporating an access drive to side of existing dwelling	Dillon's Row Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/3054	Tommy Durkan	79 Terenure Road East Terenure Dublin 6W	P	23/12/05	Demolition of an existing 2 storey high, 508 sq.m, former convent building and the construction of 2 no. 4 bed detached houses (147.48 sq.m each) 9. no. 4 bed townhouses (125.28 sq.m each), 8 no. duplex units (103.44 sq.m each, 22 no. 3 bed etc	Mariavilla Estate Maynooth Co. Kildare
05/3075	Roger Young	Clonfert Maynooth	P	23/12/05	Dormer bungalow, floor area 55 square metres, complete with septic tank and treatment unit and including	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2	Michael & Ita Loughnane	Leinster Park Mews Maynooth Co. Kildare	R	03/01/06	Unauthorised development comprising gable bedroom window and recessed roadway entrance	Leinster Park Mews Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/6	Boldnote Developments Ltd.	Carton Demense Carton Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	04/01/06	Revisions/modifications to approved tourism/leisure development scheme. PA ref: 441/91 and Bord Pleanala PL9/5/88418. Carton House and associated outhouses, stables and yards are currently listed under the development plan, and are protected etc.	Carton Demense Carton Maynooth Co. Kildare

Crossword No: 41



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8. Learned person (7)
9. Origin or foundation (5)
10. Unclean tax (4)
11. Become fuzzy (4)
12. Make an offer at auction (3)
14. Formal proclamation (4)
15. Absurd situation (5)
20. Pull behind (4)
22. Baking compartment (4)
23. Double sheet bend or reef for example (4)
25. Keyboard instrument (5)
26. Native of an Jewish state (7)
27. Not to be depended (10)

Down:

1. Escorted you, say and she ends up red (7)
2. Inactive (4)
3. Enters ones name (6)
4. Belonging on the edge of town (8)
5. Beat rapidly (5)
6. Apart from (5)
7. Covering for a lamp (5)
13. Beg from any available source (8)
16. Comply or surrender (5)
17. Simple backless seat (5)
18. Star sign (6)
19. Set of principles (5)
21. Police vehicle is after Paddy (5)
24. Insect lava for food? (4)

Across:

1. Nectar, 4. Creosote, 9. Roasts, 10. Scathing, 12. Axiom, 13. Impartial, 15. Elf, 16. Limit, 17. Fiasco, 22. Ordeal, 24. Cargo, 27. Elk, 28. Periphery, 31. Radar, 32. Scholars, 33. Tattle. 34. Senators. 35. Sherry

Down:

1. Normally, 2. Charisma, 3. Altimeter, 5. Recap, 6. Otter, 7. Origin, 8. Engulf, 11. Piffle, 14. Ass, 18. Alleys, 19. Cockroach, 20. Predator, 21. Courtesy, 23. Doh, 25. Spasms, 26. Urchin, 29. Pilot, 30. Error.

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Maynooth Citizens Information Notes

Question

I understand that the income thresholds for the Family Income Supplement have been increased in the Budget for 2006. Can you please details?

Answer

Family Income Supplement (FIS) is a weekly payment for families at work on low pay, including lone parent families. To be eligible:

You must be working 19 or more hours per week (38 hours a fortnight) and the work must be expected to last for at least 3 months. (Back to Work Allowance, Job Initiative, Social Economy Programme and Part-time Job Incentive are eligible for FIS, Community Employment is not.) Where your spouse/partner is also working, your working hours can be combined to satisfy this condition.

You must have one or more children (under age 18, or aged 18 to 22 in full time education) living with you and you must be supporting them.

Your average weekly family income must be below the appropriate income limit for your family size. Assessable income is net family income. It includes most social welfare payments, but not Child Benefit.

As of January 2006 the weekly income limits are as

If you have	Your family income is less than
1 child	€465
2 children	€510
3 children	€565
4 children	€630
5 children	€705
6 children	€775
7 children	€845
8 or more children	€905

follows:

FIS is calculated as 60% of the difference between your average weekly family income and the income limit for your family size. The minimum payment is still €20. it is paid for 52 weeks while you remain employed for at least 19 hours per week (38 hours a fortnight). At the end of the 52 weeks you should re-apply if you think you are still eligible. Claim forms are available from your local Social Welfare Office.

Question

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

Answer

From 1st January 2006 the statutory charge for attending Accident and Emergency increases from €55 to €60. If you are a medical card holder or have a letter of referral from your doctor you do not have to pay this charge.

The statutory charge for in-patient services in a public ward has also increased from €55 to €60 a day (subject to a maximum of €6000, i.e 10 days, in any 12-month period). If you stay in two or more hospitals in the course of the year and your stay in hospital exceeds 10 days overall, you should bring this to the attention of the last hospital you attend.

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

Hospital Category	Private	Semi-private	Day-care
HSE Regional Hospitals Voluntary and Joint Board Teaching Hospitals	€551	€432	€397
HSE County Hospitals Voluntary Non-Teaching Hospital	€469	€370	€329
HSE District Hospitals	€197	€168	€146

The charges for private and semi-private accommodation in public hospitals have also increased by 10%. The daily rates are as follows: These charges are additional to the public hospital statutory in-patient charge given above

Question

Can you claim any tax relief for employing a carer to look after a person with disability?

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Maynooth Citizens Information Notes (Contd)

Answer

You can claim a tax allowance if you employ someone to care for you or a family member who is totally incapacitated. You will not be eligible for the tax relief if the carer is employed as a housekeeper only. The Tax Allowance for Employing a Carer is claimed at your highest rate of tax (i.e. 42% or 20%) and you can claim for the cost of employing the carer less any amount recovered from the Health Service Executive. Where two or more persons employ the carer the allowance may be shared between them.

For 2006 the maximum tax allowance you can claim for is €50,000 for the full year. Since 2004 you can claim relief for the tax year in which the person becomes totally incapacitated. In this case, however, the maximum relief you can claim is reduced by reference to the number of months in that year the person is totally incapacitated e.g. 8/12ths of €50,000.

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

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

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

Question

Our 10-year-old child has a disability and is attending a residential special school. He comes home for holidays and weekends. Are we entitled to Domiciliary Care Allowance?

Answer

Yes, you should be entitled to a pro-rata Domiciliary Care Allowance providing your child satisfies the eligibility criteria.

Domiciliary Care Allowance (DCA) is a means-tested payment made by the Health Service Executive in respect of a child with a disability up to age 16. The child must require constant care or supervision that is substantially greater than that normally required by a child or supervision that is substantially greater than that normally required by a child of the same age and sex. The disability must be present at the time of the application and be likely to continue for at least a year. The care can be provided by the parents or somebody else.

Only the means of child, such as compensation payments, are taken into account. However, as such payments are normally held in trusts and the child has no direct access to the money, it is unlikely to affect eligibility. The means of the parents are not considered.

Payment is normally made to the mother of the child but it may be paid to the father or to the person who is providing the care. From January 2006 the maximum DCA is €250.90 per month. Where there is more than one eligible child in a family a full payment is made in respect of each child.

The allowance should not be stopped if the child is absent from his/her home for short periods up to 2 months in any 12-month period, e.g. on a holiday or in hospital.

A pro-rata DCA is payable in respect of periods spent at home, e.g. weekends and holidays, where an eligible child is normally maintained in an institution.

A Respite Care Grant of €1,200 will be paid in June 2006 by the Health Service Executive for each child being cared for. However, it will not be paid unless the child has spent at least 6 months in total of the previous 12 months at home.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Citizens Information Centre provides a free and confidential service to the public.

Tel: 01 6285477

Citizens Information is also available online at www.oasis.gov.ie and from the Citizens Information Phone Service:

Lo-Call 1890 777121

Recipes

Pancakes

Ingredients
Makes 10

150g (5½ oz) self-raising flour
1-2 tbsp caster sugar
1 egg lightly beaten
150ml (5oz) milk
50g (1.75oz) butter
1 lemon

1. Sieve the flour into a bowl, add the sugar and stir. In a separate bowl, whisk together the egg and milk, make a well in the centre of the dry ingredients, add the liquid milk and mix just until it comes together.
2. Heat a frying pan and turn the heat down to medium low. Put half of the butter into the pan and put tablespoonfuls of the mixture into the pan and cook for about 2 minutes, until bubbles appear on the surface.
3. Turn the pancake over and cook until firm in the centre and the bottoms are golden. Repeat with the rest of the mixture.
4. Serve straight from the pan with a squeeze of lemon and sprinkle on some sugar.

Poached salmon

Ingredients
Serves 4

1 large bunch of fresh basil
2 celery sticks, chopper
1 carrot, chopped
1 small courgette, chopped
1 small onion, chopped
4 salmon steaks about 50g/2 oz each
75ml/3 fl oz white wine
125ml/4 fl oz water
1 tsp lemon juice
15g/½ oz unsalted butter
salt and pepper
basil sprigs, to garnish

1. Strip the leaves off half the basil and set aside.
2. Spread the chopped celery, carrot, courgette and onion evenly over the bottom of a large flameproof dish or pan with a lid, place the salmon steaks on top and cover them with the remaining basil.

3. Pour over the wine and water and add salt and pepper to taste. Bring to the boil, cover and simmer for about 10 minutes. Transfer the salmon to a warmed serving dish.

4. Bring the poaching liquid and vegetables back to the boil and simmer for 5 minutes. Strain into a blender or food processor and add the cooked and uncooked basil. Blend to a purée and transfer to a saucepan.

5. Bring the purée to the boil and reduce by half to thicken.

6. Remove the pan from the heat, add the lemon juice and stir in the butter. Pour the sauce over the salmon steaks and serve, garnished with basil sprigs.

Strawberry Meringue Pudding

Ingredients
Serves 8

250ml (9 fl oz) cream
6 meringues broken up into 2-3cm pieces
250g strawberries
icing sugar to serve

1. Whip the cream until thick and then add the broken-up meringues and quartered strawberries.
2. Serve in little glasses and dust with icing sugar.



A Century of Irish Sporting Heroes - John Giles (1940 -)

John Giles, has been a respected soccer TV pundit for so long now that it might be easily forgotten that he was one of the best midfield players in Football League history. John, Dublin born and a youth player for Stella Maris was the midfield genius for Leeds and Ireland for over a decade in the 60's and 70's. John was by common consent the best of his time. Good soccer players as Eamon Dunphy might say are plentiful, great ones are rare. Due to saturation TV coverage of Soccer we have been privileged to see great mid field players of the modern era in action. Zidane of France and Figo of Portugal spring to mind as the best of our time. Their ability to hold the ball, create space for their players and rarely waste a pass gives them a class status above the rest. John Giles was just as good and he was playing at a time when the game was much more physical and the playing pitches not up to the standards of to day.



John Giles was a midfield artist of patience, guile and hidden aggression. The perfect cog in the midfield of a team. He had such good sense of positional play that he was always there when needed and nearly always followed the gaining of possession by passing a ball to a teammate with "Beckham" like accuracy. Rarely were his passes wasted, he was a great team player for his colleagues always there to get them out of trouble. Despite his small frame (5ft. 7in.) he was a difficult player to get the ball from. He was so nimble that he found the agility and turning capacity to create the space needed to control a game. "Hard men" tended to avoid him as he tended to dish out more

than he took. He controlled midfield, created space and dictated the pace of a game to suit his teammates. Players like Gerard and Beckham are very good but would fail to make the cut with Giles who always played a more "complete " game.

John one of the great soccer brains started his Premiership (Division 1) career with Man United in 1959/60 season. He started on the right wing and won a FA cup medal in 1963. The experience gained in this position gave him the confidence to hold the ball. So many "stars" of the modern Premiership do not have the ability to hold the ball, gain an instant picture of defensive formations and split them with well placed balls. Overhyped, they would not be in the same league as John. A short sharp quarrel with Sir Matt after the Charity Shield match against Everton in 1964 resulted in his immediate transfer to Leeds. Even the "greatest" make mistakes and Busby subsequently admitted to that one. John Giles joined a potentially great Leeds team. Captained by Jack Charlton with fellow English internationals Hunter, Cooper and Reaney, Scottish International and Giles midfield partner Billy Bremner. Perhaps Gary Spark, goalkeeper, was the only weak link in the team and that was debatable.

Due to bad luck, crowded fixture lists and lack of support from the English FA, Leeds United won only two Division One Championships. Leeds won their first championship in 1966 securing a record number of points (67) although recording the lowest number of goals scored (66) and conceding only (26). Peter Lorimer and Paul Madeley were the only members of the Leeds squad who failed to gain International representative honours for their countries. Goalkeeper Garry Sprake, who made his debut for Wales at 18, played in every game. In that successful bid for the Championship John Giles displayed his full range of skills from ice cool penalty kicks to precision placed free kicks that led to many goals for his team.

The 1969 season epitomises the kind of bad luck the team experienced. After a slow start, Leeds overhauled Everton in the table and seemed well set for the treble. Their European Cup exploits were going well and so were their efforts in the FA Cup. But eventually fixture congestion and a marathon semi final with Manchester United -3 games in thirteen days- robbed them of everything. In those days the English FA had no respect for European competition and made no allowances for English teams competing. On March 14th 1970 they drew 0-0 with Manchester United. Four days later they beat Standard Liege at Elland Road to secure a semi final place in the European Cup. Three days later they beat Wolves away to stay top of Division One. The replay with United the following

A Century of Irish Sporting Heroes - John Giles (1940 -)

Tuesday ended again 0-0. The FA in its wisdom fixed the second replay for two days later at Bolton. Leeds won, but Waterloo was facing them. The demanding Easter programme started Saturday where they lost at home to Southampton and they surrendered the Championship at Derby by fielding a reserve team on Easter Monday. Things got worst, they lost a famous two-leg tie with Glasgow Celtic in the European Cup Semi- final and lost the FA Cup to Chelsea in a replay. This sequence of events summed up a decade of football at Leeds. Champions yes, but Leeds United were unlucky not to win more trophies.

John Giles was capped 59 times for Ireland. We came agonisely close to qualifying for our first World Cup Finals in 1966. Spain edged us out in a Group Play off in Paris by 1- 0. Come to think of it who were the bright sparks in the FAI who agreed to Paris as the play off venue? John subsequently went to West Brom, America and returned to Ireland where he initiated a youth academy scheme at Shamrock Rovers. John, as well as his TV work also has a number of business interests in the UK.

Jim Healy



The Leeds United midfield man gets a centre past Chelsea's Eddie McCreadie at Wembley in the inconclusive 1970 final

Useful Tips

Valuables

To enable you to identify your property if it's ever stolen, mark each item indelibly with your postcode. Then, to make it unique to you, add the number of your house or flat, or the first two letters of your house name. Use invisible, fluorescent ink pens, ceramic markers or diamond-tipped engravers. These can be bought individually or in kits at art supply or craft shops.

Ask a professional valuer to assess the value of your jewellery, antiques and rare objects. Then make sure that your contents insurance covers the full replacement value of what you own. Remember, it will probably cost you far more to replace your old oak kitchen table than your originally paid for it.

Making a household inventory

- ◆ Compile a complete written inventory of your most valuable household belongings: keep one copy at home, another with your bank or your solicitor and a third with your insurance company. Although making the inventory may be tedious, it will be extremely valuable if you're ever the victim of theft, fire, flood or any other disaster and have to make a claim.
- ◆ Catalogue each room thoroughly; open every drawer and cupboard and carefully list anything of value. Write a description of each piece (including its serial number and brand name), the date you bought it and its price. Keep receipts and valuations for any very valuable items.
- ◆ Photograph each item against a plain background with a ruler by the side of it to give some idea of scale. Make a careful note of any distinguishing marks such as crests or initials. Small items are often difficult to mark and the photograph is a useful supplement to other precautions.

Winter clothing

Keep warm in winter with thermal underwear. Silk or synthetic thermal underwear comes in flattering styles these days and gives the warmth of several layers of thick clothing, so you can wear lightweight clothing over it and still be warm.

- ◆ Wear several layers of clothes rather than relying on one thick garment to keep your warm.
- ◆ Keep your extremities covered at all times. Thermal mittens, socks and wool mix tights make a great difference. Tie a silk scarf at your neck and wear a hat that pulls down well past your ears.
- ◆ Wear boots and fingerless gloves when working

outside or in cold, unheated rooms.

- ◆ If your jacket isn't waterproof and you need to go out into the cold, you can, at a pinch, use a large plastic rubbish bag as a windcheater. Cut head and arm holes and wear it under your jacket. Small bags over your socks and gloves will also keep out wind. (However, plastic will make you sweat, so don't rely on these measures for too long, or the moisture will cool down.) If you don't have plastic bags, put newspaper or foam under your coat or shirt, and inside your boots and hat.
- ◆ If your child gets a rash from his wool or wool-mix winter hat, attach a cotton liner to the inside of the hat.

Icy paths

- ◆ Use sand, sifted ashes or cat litter to improve a slippery surface.
- ◆ Spread rock salt before snow or sleet falls; this helps to keep ice from bonding to a concrete surface.
- ◆ Keep a path relatively dry and ice-free by digging shallow trenches along both sides. They'll trap rainwater and melting snow.
- ◆ On an icy walk, tilt your body slightly forward and set your feet down flat. Short steps also improve stability. If you fall, don't tense up; go limp and try to roll as you land.

Alarm Clock

- ◆ An electronic timer can serve as a backup alarm clock for home or travel. You can get one that times up to 10 hours and, with three separate channels, can even work a 'snooze alarm'.
- ◆ Ask a friend or relative to give you a morning wake-up call - and offer to return the favour.
- ◆ Set an automatic timer to turn on all the lights, the radio and the TV in your bedroom for the time you have to get up.
- ◆ On the night before you have to get up early, set out a breakfast that needs little preparation - fruit, cereal and rolls, for example. Invest in an automatic coffee or tea machine with a timer to make your early morning drink



Features

Rural Social Scheme

What is the Rural Social Scheme?

The Rural Social Scheme was initiated by the Minister for Community, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs Mr. Eamon O' Cuiv and launched on the 17th May 2004. the RSS has two main aims and they are to:

- Provide income support to farmers and fishermen
- Provide certain services of benefit to rural communities

Who can participate in the RSS?

To be eligible to participate in the RSS individuals must be in receipt of Farm Assist
OR

They have been allocated a herd or flock number from the Department of Agriculture and Food
AND

- Be in receipt of one of the following allowances from the Department of Social and Family Affairs
- Unemployment Assistance
- Unemployment Benefit (if previously on a CE Scheme)
- Disability Allowance

Can a spouse participate in the RSS?

If you are eligible under the criteria to participate in the RSS but do not wish to avail of it then your dependant spouse can take your place.

Will participants be able to continue their normal working activities?

Participants will be expected to work 19.5 hours per week. However this will be done in a way that will suit a farmer friendly schedule.

Annual leave will be calculated in accordance with the Organisation of Working Time Act 1997.

Will this job be on a permanent basis?

Participation in the RSS is not intended to be on a permanent basis. The operation of the RSS will always be reviewed after each twelve month term. If your application is successful, you will be included on the RSS for an initial period of twelve months

Rates of Pay

Single person: €173.20 Married Person: €271.90
Child dependent: €16.80

In Summary

Are you in Receipt of Farm Assist
OR

Have you got a Herd or Flock No.
AND

Are you in receipt of one of the following

- Unemployment Benefit (If previously on CE Scheme)
- Disability Allowance
- Unemployment Assistance

Then you may be eligible to participate in the RSS.

For further information or an application form
Contact: Suzanne

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What are the benefits of the RSS to rural communities?

The RSS will provide additional resources to maintain and improve local amenities and facilities in rural communities.

Communities will benefit from the skills and talents of local farmers and fishermen.

Participants will experience opportunities to improve existing, or develop new skills, and perform valuable work in the community.

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Did you know?.....

May - Day

From French (venez) **m'aider**,
(come) help me!

An international radiotelephone signal word used by aircraft and ships in distress.



~ Have Fun While Advertising Yourself ~

Take Part in:

Maynooth's St Patrick's Day Parade!

Application Form for Parade

Name of Business: _____

Organisation, Club or
Band: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Contact Person: _____

- All vehicles entering **must have a float**, preferably a **live band** with **traditional, rock or pop music**.
- HGV's, lorries or cars ***without a float will not be accepted***.
- Do you wish to do a demo (3-4 mins) at Reviewing Stand? Yes ☐ No ☐

Entrance Fee:

- Commercial Float ~ €50
- Club/Organisation ~ €20
- Bands ~ Free

The categories for which prizes will be awarded are as follows:

1 Best Commercial Float

Trophy

2 Best Club Float

Trophy

3 Best Band

Perpetual
Cup

4 Best Portrayal pf Irish Culture

Trophy

**5 Best Portrayal of International
Culture**

Trophy

**6 Best Portrayal of
Environmental Awareness**

Trophy

Applications with entry fee to be sent to Community Council Office before
Friday 3rd March or phone Christina Saults (office hours - 6285922 or 6285053) or
John McGinley (6285293 (H) or 7026536 (W))

Sam Feeney - Celbridge Road

It was a bright December morning when I called on Sam. The countryside that surrounds his home on the Celbridge road out of Maynooth looked better, thanks to a pale blue sky and sunshine that made a rare appearance in what was one of the shortest days of the year. The writer warmly welcomed by Sam and his wife of thirty-five years, Ann, adjourned to Sam's newly built conservatory. His preference for this sanctuary is well signposted. Magazines and newspapers are liberally spread across the table and Sam confirms that he much prefers to read and listen to the radio than watch television.



Sam relaxing at home

Sam was ten years old when he came to Maynooth with his family in 1959. Under a Land Commission programme farmers from the West moved to the richer pastures of Kildare and Meath leaving their holdings to be divided among those who continued to eke out a living from the rock strewn ground of the Galway Gaeltacht. On reaching his new home with its thirty acres of good farmland, Sam recalls that it was the opportunity to play his football in a field that was grassy and level that gave him the most joy in his new home. With his brother, Colm and his three sisters, Anne, Maura and Nora he quickly settled into his new way of life. He enjoyed his school years noting that his schoolmates were intrigued when he lapsed into Irish sayings or worst still, curses. He feels that he had a head start in school in some ways, as the School Principal in the Boy's National School was a Galway man and a keen supporter of the Irish Language. In those days you progressed to second level within the existing National School Building. Life was not all school and football however. Up at 4am each morning to milk the cows before filling the milk churns to be collected off a platform on the roadside by Dublin Dairies. Sadly his Dad, Sean, died in 1964 five years after he left Galway. Sam feels that his Father worked too hard and that was the reason why he died at a relatively young age. Trying to keep his

holding going in the West while holding down a job with the ESB took a lot out of his health. With the help of great neighbours, men like Pat Flaherty, Sean Nolan and Seamus Byrne, the family kept the farm going. Sam never did really like farming. In today's context where we have young executives working long hours and missing out on social and family life we have the new "in" numbers, 24/7. Farmers however have been working these hours since the beginning of time. Sam was mad keen on football and the social life that went with it. Running a farm meant that the socialising went out the back door as he hurried home to look after farm duties after a match. He played Gaelic football and hurling for Maynooth and won the county premier hurling minor final in 1965. He was sixteen years old. He also represented Kildare at minor level. Although he was passionate about Gaelic football at the time he did begin to play soccer. Sam feels that the growing availability of television at the time that England held the world cup in 1966 gave an impetus to soccer in Ireland. At that time there were two soccer teams in Maynooth. Maynooth St Mary's and his local team Ballygoran. The two clubs amalgamated in 1972 to form Maynooth Town AFC. Although the ban on foreign games was in force many players not only in Maynooth but all over Ireland played both codes. Examples were made and bans were enforced from time to time but it did not restrict the widespread pool of dual players. Maynooth Town AFC appeared in the Sheeran Cup Final but unfortunately lost the game. Sam recalls times where healthy living was the least on people's minds. Players liked their cigarettes and some lit up at half time never mind waiting for the game to end. Sam himself gave up smoking as he felt it was interfering with his fitness to play the game. Team players included Willie Saults who, he remembers, as a good left winger who had the ability to rise above the rest to head home. He remembers most of the names on the accompanying photos, good friends and players who played many a match and enjoyed the social life that went with it. He also remembers Tim Guiney, and Bartle Redmond who done Trojan work for the sporting youth of Maynooth.

Deciding that farming was not for him, he began his working life in the office in The Mill in Celbridge. The three floor mill building now used as small business centre processed wool for Navan Carpets. At peak production 400 were employed reducing to around 250 before it closed in 1982. He then joined RTV Rentals who had a total of thirty-eight shops. Sam worked in the office until 1994 when he joined Securicor. Suffering a heart attack in 1997 he called a halt to his working life and happily retired. During his working life Sam took an active interest in the running of Maynooth Town AFC. A decade and a half looking after the affairs of the club and helping to

Sam Feeney - Celbridge Road

oversee a ground lease that will protect the home ground of the club for decades to come.

Sam and Ann married in 1970 and have three children Garry, Shauna and Niamh. The early years of Garry's life proved most difficult as he suffered from cancer. It is not hard to imagine the stress caused to parents who live with the fear that they may lose their son at any time due to this illness. Thankfully and with the help of prayer and the grace of God Garry gained increasing periods of remission to the extent that he was eventually cleared of the cancer. Garry now works in NUI Maynooth in the IT /Computer area. Niamh is also employed in the University Campus.

Sam is a fluent Irish speaker. It is probably extraordinary that this is the language in which he readily communicates with his 86-year-old Mother who lives nearby with his Sister. During his lifetime the language nearly disappeared. It is timely to remember the sequence of events that rescued the culture of our ancestors and brought a new interest and respect for the traditions of the Irish Race. In the sixties there were signs of what was to come. Sean O'Riada composed the theme music for the Gael Linn documentary "Mise Eire" the story of the 1916 Insurrection and the War of Independence. This was the first attempt by an Irish musician /composer to take Irish music out its traditional roots and mould it into a classical art form. There were a number of subsequent traditional artists and groups who contributed to this development. Planxty and the Chieftains swiftly gained recognition abroad and Irish music was heard for the first time in cities as diverse as Peking and Paris. But it was not until "Riverdance" thundered across the stage at The Point Theatre that the true passion and majesty of Irish Music, Dance and Song was recognised as the personification of a New Ireland. To aid the renaissance of the Irish language the setting up of TG4 with its young presenters speaking Irish so articulately gave new-found prestige to the language. All of this might not have been possible had the language being lost before we had a chance to retrieve it. There is a strong case to be made that Sam Feeney, his family and their contemporaries made a significant contribution to this renaissance by keeping the Irish language alive as a spoken language. JH



Sam with his wife, Ann

Maynooth Flower & Garden Club

25th Birthday Celebrations

Maynooth Flower & Garden Club celebrated its 25th Birthday with a Fancy Dress Party in Moyglare Manor Hotel last October. Approximately 60 attended on the night, some founder members and past members who had served on the first committee 25 years ago. The evening commenced with the AGM and voting for new committee followed. This business was speedily dwelt with so that the festivities could begin. A beautiful buffet supper was served and enjoyed by all and a fancy dress parade followed. Prizes were awarded and each person received a memento of the occasion in the form of a pretty glass vase containing a rose. Mrs. Felicity Satchwell, Club President, was especially commended for her long-term commitment to the club, never having been off the committee in the 25 years. As usual, Mary Doyle baked the special 25th Birthday cake. Mary always bakes the cake for the club's birthday and if possible it seems to get better every year. AOIFA, (Association of Irish Floral Artists), members Kitty Gallagher, Nancy McKeever and Nuala Hegarty attended the party, all well known visitors to Maynooth Flower & Garden Club. The Flower & Garden Club meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 8 p.m. in Loftus Hall, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. New members and visitors always welcome. 4 includes refreshments.

**Jo O'Connell,
PRO.**

Successful Fundraising Event

The Moyglare Manor Hotel became the venue for a fundraising event last December to raise funds for victims of the recent catastrophes in Pakistan and Kashmir. The owner of the hotel, Mrs. Devlin kindly offered the use of the hotel for a Coffee Morning and her good friend Mrs. Felicity Satchwell, President of Maynooth Flower & Garden Club organised everything with the help of some members of the club. The day was very well attended and over €5,000 was raised. There were flower arrangements and cakes and bric-a-brac and items suitable for Christmas gifts. Mrs. Satchwell wishes to thank all who helped her set up for the morning and everyone who made the day so successful especially Mrs. Devlin, the Flower & Garden Club members and Bridge Club members and all who attended the event. Thank you all again.

**Jo O'Connell,
PRO.**



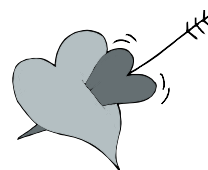
*Winners of Fancy Dress
L-R: Mary Strickland & Kathleen Travers*



*First Committee Members
L-R: Mary Costello, Mary Doyle & Betty Farrell*



L-R: Kitty Gallagher, AOIFA Chairman, Felicity



Senior Citizens enjoy the Xmas party at The Glenroyal



Maisie Knott & Peter Mullahey at the Maynooth Senior Citizens Christmas Party



Agnes Boyd, Santa, Mary Flanagan & Mayor John McGinley at the Maynooth Senior Citizens Christmas Party

Senior Citizens enjoy the Xmas party at The Glenroyal



Joan Branagan & Nina Karpenko at the Maynooth Senior Citizens Christmas Party



Rita Kilduff, Bridget Nolan, Margaret Walshe & John Walshe at the Maynooth Senior Citizens Christmas Party

Maynooth Boys' National School

Review of "Finding Christmas"

Maynooth Boys' National School treated us to another world premiere on December 17th - 19th as they presented a new musical, "Finding Christmas".

The show starred the pupils of Junior and Senior Infants and First and Second Class. Altogether 225 boys took to the stage.

Some boys from Sixth Class, Ben, Cian, Aaron and Rónán returned to the stage to act as narrators and compères and to work as stage crew. The role of Elvis Elf was brilliantly played by Joshua Miller appearing for the first time in Ireland. The band under the baton of Mr. Davis added so much to the show with their great rhythm and music that it was difficult to believe that they were from Fourth and Fifth Class. Well done to Daniel, Lorcan, Stephen, Caelan and the band leader, Peter.

"Finding Christmas" was written by teacher Seamus Grundy who had also written last year's "Cool Colin". The musical told the story of two boys, Sean and Peter, ably played by Conor Dooley and Ian Flattery, who write long letters to Santa asking for lots and lots of toys. Later as they watch the news (read by a boy who is sure to grace the comedy stages in years to come, Andrew Corrigan) they realise that they have been too greedy and that other children in the world have nothing. They immediately resolve to post themselves to the North Pole and tell Santa to give them just one toy each and to give the rest of their lists to the poor children. On the way to the North Pole they meet some singing and dancing Snowmen and Penguins and of course in Santa's workshop they meet his elves. However, their problems aren't over yet. When they reach the workshop a naughty elf, Erasmus (wonderfully played by Tomás Feeney) is causing havoc as he mixes up all the toys. Luckily Sean and Peter are on hand to catch Erasmus and on Christmas Eve every boy and girl gets the right toy.

The young performers each played their parts with such joy and enthusiasm that it was hard not to be carried away with them to Santa's kingdom. The sets and costumes, which were painted and sewn by parents of the boys, were so bright and colourful that they would do credit to any stage.

Many of the audience commented that between the songs (written by teachers Noel Davis, Seamus Grundy and Owen Creevey) and the story the show had perfectly captured the Christmas mood.

Great credit must go to the teachers, Miss Ring and Miss Flynn (Junior Infants), Miss McLoughlin and Miss Henderson (Senior Infants), Miss Buckley and Mr. Fenton (First Class), Mr. Davis and Mr. Murphy (Second Class) as well as Mr. Creevey (stage manager) who put so much energy and effort into getting the boys ready.

And as principal Mr. Coakley said "Our school shows highlight all that is best about our school. The teachers and parents work together, giving many hours of voluntary effort, to make the children's lives more enjoyable. Over the past months your son will have learned his lines, his songs and his actions but I hope you took a moment to teach him the most important lesson of our shows.....When a community works together we can and do accomplish wonderful things."



The Band



Elvis Elf

Maynooth Boys' National School



Elves



Elves



Snowman



Mr. Grundy



Penguins

Gardening Tips for February

Despite its reputation as a rainy month, February usually has more dry days than wet. From February to early May, take into account the effects of latitude, site and soil condition, available light and especially air and ground temperatures on outdoor operations.

- ◆ Finish any deep digging or trenching of vacant soil as soon as weather permits. Break up topsoil well with a fork, and leave it rough for frost and thaw to break up the clods.
- ◆ Use moist and very well-rotted materials for organic manuring, whether farmyard manures, compost, peat, leaf-mould, forestry bark or weathered sawdust, so that they can be well worked into the soil. Unrotted manure slows down fertility by needing the attentions of bacteria which normally release nitrogen into the soil for plants.
- ◆ Conditions heavy soils and clay with a calcified seaweed soil conditioner roughly raked in a few days before cultivating.

Lime. This is the month to apply lime as long as the soil has not just been organically manured. Leave an interval of at least two weeks between manuring and the application of lime, if lime is necessary for a particular crop or plant. Most garden plants thrive on soils that are slightly acid to neutral. The old-fashioned terms of 'sweet' for a soil with enough lime, and 'sour' for a soil needing lime, have little scientific accuracy. Too much lime can be as harmful as too little.

Lime improves the structure of heavy clay soils by promoting larger pore spaces, to the benefit of aeration and drainage. It also supplies calcium, a nutrient element essential to growing plants. Its key function, however, is to neutralise soil acidity so that mineral elements are made available as nutrients to plants.

The flower Garden

Delay sowings and lifting of plants for division to the end of the month or leave until March until the light strengthens and temperatures begin to rise. This means being two to four weeks behind gardeners in the south. Take into account the reaction of native plants to climatic conditions; the soil temperature and how quickly it begins to rise, which will depend on the aspect and texture, height above sea level, and exposure to the sun's warmth.

- ◆ Place glass or plastic cloches or hand-lights over early-flowering bulbs and corms and hellebores likely to be injured by adverse weather. Scatter a thin mulch of ashes, coarse sand or grit around the stems to keep slugs at bay.
- ◆ Take advantage of sunny mild days to lift and move deciduous shrubs, if necessary,

herbaceous plants and ferns to new quarters in the garden; lift with plenty of soil clinging to the roots and do not allow them to dry out before replanting.

- ◆ Plant lily of the valley (*Convallaria majalis*) crowns or pips with tips just below the soil surface. Choose a site in partial shade with well-drained soil enriched with leaf mould or well-rotted organic matter. They take a year to become established. The variety 'Fortin's Giant' gives larger, longer-stalked flowers a fortnight later than the type; 'Rosea' has rose-pink-tinted, strongly scented flowers and is less vigorous.
- ◆ Plant corm-like tubers of *Anemone coronaria* of the St. Brigid and De Caen strains, and *A. x fulgens* in most rich loam 5cm (2in.) deep, to give early summer bloom, a little later than the October planted tubers.
- ◆ Plant the claw like roots of the half-hardy *Ranunculus asiaticus* in the handsome colourful flowering forms of the Perisan, turban and peony-flowered varieties in the last week of the month. They need a sunny sheltered site and good loam soil and will flower in June.
- ◆ Take advantage of the first dry days to weed, refirm the roots, and rake in a light dressing of a nitrogenous fertiliser such as dried blood or hoof and horn meal to bedded-out stocks and wall flowers.
- ◆ As soon as the flowers drop, lift clumps of snowdrops that have become overcrowded, divide and replant immediately, without exposing the roots to dehydration by air. Space large bulbs 10cm (4in) apart. If replanted with care, the plants make vigorous leaf growth and are one of the few bulbous plants successfully propagated in this way.
- ◆ Check primroses, polyanthus, and autumn-planted pansies and violas for slug damage in mild weather. Slug pellets are effective but harmful to wildlife and pets; an alternative is to water in a solution of metaldehyde.
- ◆ Give a top-dressing of fine bone meal and well-rotted manure or compost to crown imperials (*Fritillaria imperialis*) early this month. A well-drained site is essential, and it is advisable to plant the bulbs on their sides to prevent water collecting in the depression on the top. The lemon-yellow variety 'Lutea' is outstanding and looks magnificent in full spring sunshine.
- ◆ Lift and divide hardy herbaceous border plants while still dormant, removing the roots of invading weeds such as couch grass, horsetails and binweed before replanting.

Features

HOMOEOPATHY EXPLAINED.

What is Homoeopathy?

Homoeopathy is a form of Natural Medicine using Homoeopathy Medicines or Remedies. Homoeopathic remedies are made from natural substances, they are safe and non toxic due to high dilution and therefore don't cause harmful side affects. It is a system of medicine based on ancient principles and developed 200 years ago by a German doctor called Samuel Hahnemann. It is enjoying renewed popularity as people appreciate its safety and the fact that the medicines are non-toxic. One in four European citizens used homoeopathy according to a recent survey.

How does it work?

Homoeopathy uses natural substances to stimulate the persons own healing response. Homoeopathy stimulates the body to heal itself by treating "Like with Like". This means that any substance that can make you ill can also be used to make you well. Put another way, any substance that is capable of producing symptoms of illness in a healthy person, is also capable of treating similar symptoms in a person who is sick. For example, an individual peeling onions may experience profuse watering, burning and redness of the eyes. Sneezing and a runny nose can also be part of the picture. This group of symptoms is very similar to those of the common cold. In Homoeopathy, a specially prepared extract of onion is used to treat the above symptoms in someone who is actually suffering cold symptoms. Hence the basic law of Homoeopathy, "let like be cured with like." the stimulus with homoeopathy strengthens the immune system and means an improved level of health with homoeopathic treatment.

What can it be used for?

Homoeopathy can be used to treat all the family, to treat both first aid situations and chronic illness as well as emotional states. It can be used safely for vulnerable groups such as babies and children-during pregnancy and childbirth and for elderly people. For recurring or chronic conditions treatment is best undertaken with the guidance of a qualified professional homoeopath.

How is it different?

Homoeopathy addresses the source of illness and restores balance to the whole system. It treats the person as a whole taking all the symptoms into account, understanding the body as a natural balancing mechanism which can be upset by various factors, including stress and inherited tendencies.

What happens during a consultation?

The first consultation usually lasts 1 - 1½ hours. In order to select the right remedy for you as an individual it is helpful to have an understanding of your complaint, along with details of the symptoms that you experience. Finding out about your overall wellbeing, general energy level, past medical history and your likes and dislikes are also important. This helps in selecting the most appropriate remedy for you at this time. Subsequent consultations usually last 30 - 45 minutes and take place a number of weeks after the initial consultation. This allows assessment of your response to the remedy and decides how treatment can best continue. All information is treated in confidence.

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A Message from Cllr. John McGinley, Mayor of Kildare

"Residents will be aware that the finest Children's Playground in the country, located at the Harbour Field, Maynooth, opened for use on Monday 9th January last. It has two distinct sections for age groups up to 6 years old and from 6 to 14 years. It is not designed for teenagers and adults. The children of Maynooth have had to put up with having no playground for far too long and it would be a sad reflection on us if the playground were to be used for purposes other than children's playtime.

Hopefully these fantastic facilities will be enjoyed by the children of Maynooth for many years to come and I have no doubt that the playground will be greatly appreciated by their parents. The community needs to act as guardian of the playground and it is up to us as a community to report any night time anti-social behaviour to the Gardai."

Thanks
John



Presentation of cheque to Senior Citizens for the proceeds of the Annual Sponsored Walk organised by the Maynooth Branch of the Labour Party.

L-R: Mayor John McGinley, Josie Moore, Imelda Farrelly, Toisin Farrell & Emmet Stagg, T.D.

Maynooth Golf Society

The last outing of the year was a fund raising Scramble held in Ladyhill Course Bodenstown. The sponsor for this event was Declan Kennedy/Brady's Clock House.

This was a very successful fund raising event for the Senior Citizens of Maynooth. Over 30 members braved the elements on this winter day to raise funds for the Senior Citizens of Maynooth and a substantial cheque for €1000 was presented by our Captain Tom Nolan on the prize giving night which was held in Brady's.

Thanks to all who took part to raise funds for the Senior Citizens and all who supported the Maynooth Golf Society throughout the year.



*Cheque for Maynooth Senior Citizens 2005 - Ladyhill Outing
(Main Sponsor Declan Kennedy, Brady's Pub)*

L-R: Tom Nolan, Captain, Norman Kavanagh, Treasurer & Kevin Loftus, Secretary

Christmas Scramble at Bodenstown on Sunday 11th December in aid of Maynooth Senior Citizens Sponsored by Brady's (Declan Kennedy)

1st prize	Don O'Sullivan Pa Conway Tom Flatley	63.1
2nd Prize	Tom Nolan John Hynes Tim Mullane	65.3
3rd Prize	Martin Deveney Joey Edwards Barry Farrell	66.3
4th Prize	Gerry McTernan Tom O'Haire Declan Kennedy	67
5th Prize	Mich Flynn (Snr.) Mick Fahy Norman Kavanagh	69



*Winners of Ladyhill Outing in Aid of Maynooth Senior Citizens
L-R: Tom Flatley, Pa Conway & Don Sullivan with Tom Nolan, Captain*

Match Play Results

The final of the match play proved to be a close encounter between two well matched teams. Gerry McTernan and Joey Edwards were taken to the 18th hole where they secured a victory and the trophy over the pairing of Michael Flynn (Jnr.) and Marty Maguire at Grange Castle.

Golfer of the Year Results Dave Kinlon (32 points)

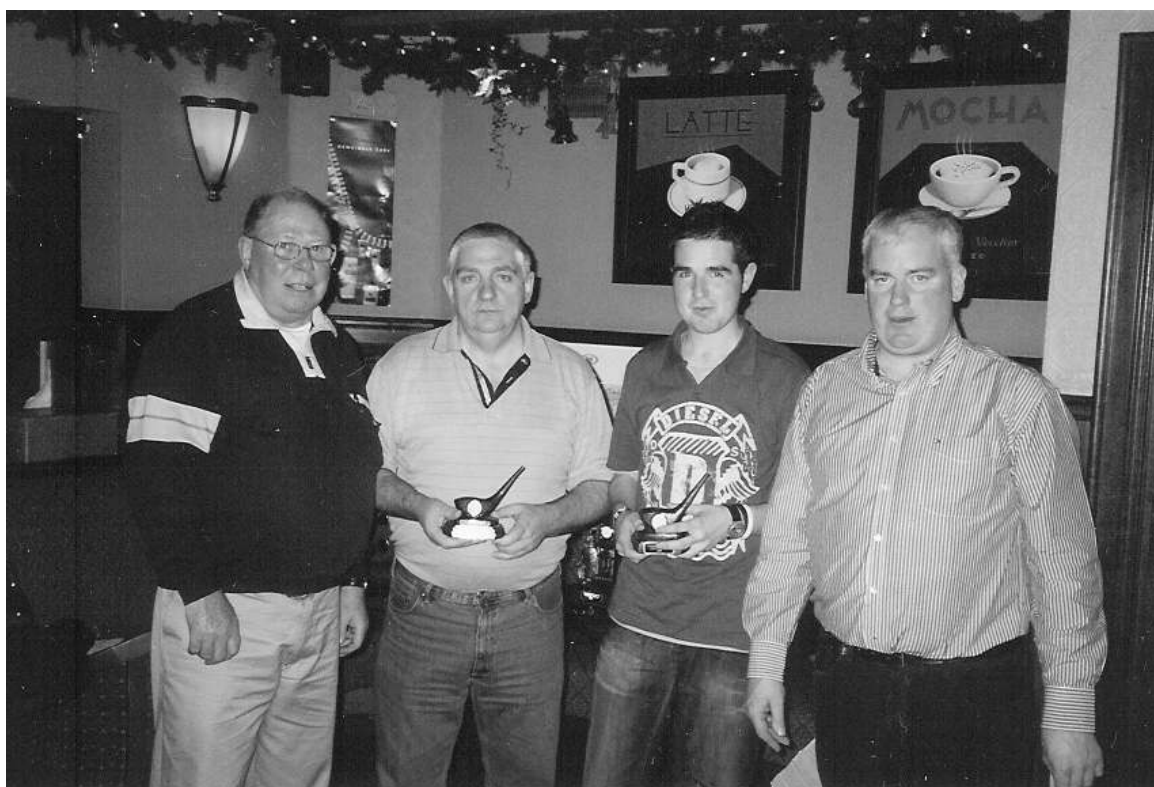
This was a well deserved win of the "golfer of the year" for Dave who is one of the lower handicapped golfers in the society and consistently scored well throughout the year. Runner was the senior player of the year.

Don O'Sullivan (27 points), Gerry McTernan (25 points), Liam Farrelly (25 points)

Maynooth Golf Society



Math Play Winners 2005
L-R: Tom Nolan, Captain, Joey Edwards & Gerry McTernan (Winners) & Kevin Loftus, Secretary



Match Play Runners Up 2005
L-R: Tom Nolan, Captain, Mick Flynn (Jnr) & Martin Maguire (Runners Up) & Kevin Loftus, Secretary

Maynooth Golf Society



Golfer of the Year 2005 Dave Kinlon being presented with his prize by Tom Nolan, Captain



Senior Golfer of the Year 2005 Don Sullivan, with Tom Nolan, Captain & Kevin Loftus, Secretary

Copy date for the
March Issue of the
Newsletter is
Monday 13th
February at 5 p.m.

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Fianna Fail Political Notes

Budget Outcome:

Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann are delighted that many of the issues raised by the members and submitted to the Ministers department were included in the Budget. These included the wide range of reliefs offered to the parents of children in childcare, the increases in social welfare allowances et. We believe that the incentives and benefits presented in the budget will build on and continue to support the strong position of the economy.

John Lonergan's Visit:

The turnout at the recent visit by John Lonergan, Governor of Mountjoy Prison to a public meeting in the Glenroyal Hotel was as usual treated to a very entertaining evening by Mr. Lonergan. He spoke widely and informatively in his own inimitable style, covering a wide range of topics from youth issues to prison reform and society in general.

Candidate Selection:

Hopefully by the next issue of the Newsletter the candidate selection process will have been completed and the nominees will have been chosen to stand in the general election. We wish all the candidates every success.

Bond Bridge and Meadowbrook Link Road:

It is great to see the work on the bridge continue at a pace and no doubt the good weather of recent weeks will help keep an early completion date on target. On a less positive note it is a concern that the Meadowbrook link road continues to have many public lights out of order. This is hardly acceptable on what is a new road but also one that is carrying a large amount of vehicular and pedestrian traffic. We would be particularly concerned that the pedestrians using this road to either Straffan Wood or any of the older estates are being put at risk while using this badly lit access road. We will be seeking an immediate lighting of all the lamps on this route.

Gael School Building Confirmed:

The announcement by Minister Hanafin last Friday that the Gael Scoil in Maynooth has got the go ahead for its permanent buildings is very welcome news indeed. The School has been operating with great success from its ever expanding temporary buildings and the prospect of a permanent structure will be of a great benefit to both teachers and pupils.



Emmet Stagg T.D.

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Allocation of Gardai to Carlow/Kildare Division Remains Disproportionately Low on Population Basis.

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Justice in the Dail in relation to the strength of the Gardai in the Carlow/Kildare Division and Nationally as of November 1st, 2005 and 30th September 2003.

The response from the Minister stated Deputy Stagg shows that since 30/09/03, whilst there have been 397 new Gardai appointed in the State, only 5 of these were assigned to the Carlow/Kildare Division. This represents 1.2% of new Gardai assigned. This is against the backdrop where 4.9% of the population of the State live in the Carlow/Kildare Divisional Area.

To further prove his point that the Carlow/Kildare area was undermanned Deputy Stagg stated that 3.2% of the Garda force was assigned to the area whereas the population of the area accounted for 4.9% of the Population of the State. It is acceptable that there will be a higher concentration of Gardai in the City and border areas but these figures show how undermanned the Garda Forces are in Carlow and Kildare.

Some examples are as follows:

Whilst the percentage differences might seem small

	% of Population	% of Gardai Nationally
Co. Clare	2.6%	2.6%
Co. Tipperary	3.6%	3%
Co. Mayo	3%	2.5%
Sligo/Leitrim	2.1%	2.6%

1% of the Garda Force Nationally equates to 103 Gardai stated Deputy Stagg. On this basis there should be at least an additional 100 Gardai assigned to the Carlow/Kildare Division and even more if the Government had kept its promise to provide an additional 2,000 Gardai

These figures stated Deputy Stagg prove beyond any



Cllr. John McGinley

doubt that the Carlow/Kildare region is severely undermanned even allowing for the fact that there is a higher concentration of Gardai in Cities and in Border areas and also allowing for geographical considerations.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that he intended to raise the undermanning of the Garda Force in the Carlow/Kildare Division with the Minister of Justice.

Traffic Management Problems in Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley has made the following points to the Council and their consultants, Faber Maunsell Transport Engineers, in order to correct the serious problems arising as a result of the new traffic management system in Maynooth:

1. Traffic turning right at the Square from the Straffan Road are given a green signal for 12 secs and this is resulting in cars having to queue back to the train station. It also means that the additional 50 secs given to the traffic turning left is unused, as these cars are blocked by those turning right. As well as increasing the time for those turning right I'm asking that the right turning lane be extended up to the Glenroyal (drivers are doing so illegally at present anyway) in order to free up the left lane. The box junction should remain at the entrance to Manor Court in order to facilitate entrance/exit from there. In addition the bus bay at Joe Buckley must be lengthened so that bus drivers can pull in properly. Most of them stop in the middle of the street at present and stop the traffic flow.
2. Traffic coming from Dublin road to the Square are given a green light for 22 secs and then they have to endure 90 secs of a red signal before they get another green signal. This is leading to chaos at peak times and the cars are queuing back to Blacklion at the evening peak time. This green time needs to be increased.
3. The timing of the green light for cars coming from/going to Parson Street/Main Street needs

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to be reduced to take account of the closure of Bond Bridge. This in turn will give more time for the other changes needed.

4. In the absence of traffic signals being turned on at the junction of the new Meadowbrook Link Road/Straffan Road, it is essential that a box junction is painted here so that drivers will be less likely to block it. Also, the design of this junction should be temporarily changed to create a right turning lane onto the Meadowbrook Link Road, until the new Bond Bridge is opened. This can be done by taking a section off the bus island at ESSO.
5. I again ask, for the umpteenth time, that the pedestrian phase of the lights at the Bank of Ireland be removed as they are surplus to requirements, hold up traffic unnecessarily and more seriously they are a hazard for pedestrians.
6. The pedestrian lights at Manor Mills gives priority to pedestrians i.e. as soon as the button is pressed the pedestrian gets a green light. These lights should be the same as those on the Straffan Road at the train station.
7. Cars are at present parking at right angles to the footpath at Mill Street and in doing so they are blocking both the cycle lane and part of the footpath. The car parking bays need to be marked at the junction of Mill Street/Pound Lane and at the Church on the Kilcock Road.

Cllr. McGinley has been advised by the consultants that all of these points will be considered as part of their review of the system in January and the consultants will be attending the February meeting of Leixlip Area Committee to advise on the actions taken or proposed.

140 Elderly People on Waiting List for Admission to Public Nursing Home Beds in Kildare

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Tanaiste and Minister for Health further in relation to the number of elderly people in Co. Kildare who were awaiting admission to a long term care bed in State nursing homes in the County.

The Health Services Executive responded to Deputy Stagg and indicated that there were 140 elderly people awaiting such places in the County. The total number of beds in State Nursing Homes in the Kildare Area including Peamount and Baltinglass stands at 349, which are all full. Therefore, Deputy Stagg, stated that there remains and underprovision of 40% which is similar to the position when he last raised this issue in May.

Deputy Stagg stated that this underprovision causes real hardship for elderly people and their families in a number of ways:

- Elderly people, living alone at home, who are incapable of independent living within the community are struggling to keep going with the support of relatives, friends and neighbours.
- In cases where there are two elderly people at home, one of whom requires long term care, the other elderly person has to struggle to act as a nurse and a carer.
- In many instances adult children are expected to take in their parents, give up their jobs and provide 24 hour care, without any backup, training or compensation.
- Finally, many elderly people are in acute beds in hospital awaiting a placement.

Deputy Stagg stated that this treatment of our elderly people, in their twilight years and having paid their taxes all their lives, shows how uncaring this Government is. It's a shocking indictment of this Government and with all the money they have they refuse to build additional Units such as the one in Maynooth, to ease the suffering of elderly people. A recent National Economic and Social Forum report has found that Government Spending on care for the elderly is running at only half the E.U. average and to bring Ireland up to the O.E.C.D. average would entail additional expenditure of €500 Million per year on care services for elderly people.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that he had requested information in relation to the cost of building the Maynooth Community Care Unit and the annual operating costs and he intended to fight for more Community Care Units once he had the financial ammunition to argue the case.

Maynooth Harbour Action Area Plan

The Action Area Plan for the Harbour Area is scheduled to go before the Full Council for approval on 30 January. The new road from opposite the Glenroyal entrance to Parson Street will emerge at numbers 13 and 14 Parson Street as outlined in the Draft Plan that went on public display.

Council officials will be discussing the future building requirements of the Irish Countrywomen's Association (ICA) as their current premises will be demolished to make way for the new road. Cllr. John McGinley is available to the ICA to assist them in their consideration of the options open to them.

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Carton Action Area Plan

Unfortunately, progress on this Action Area Plan has been held up by one of the landowners. However, as the County Manager has personally intervened and outlined the facts of life to the landowner in question it is hoped that there will be agreement shortly.

Minister Refuses to Budge on Setting Up New Town Councils

Deputy Emmet Stagg has criticised the inaction by the Minister of Environment, Heritage and Local Government for his failure to bring forward regulations under the Local Government Act 2001 to allow for the establishment of new Town Councils.

Deputy Stagg questioned the Minister in the Dail on November 15th in relation to the introduction of regulations to allow the establishment of new Town Councils. The Minister advised Deputy Stagg that he was considering the steps necessary to commence the relevant provisions of the 2001 Act, including the establishment of the Local Government Commission, and confirmed that he had met with both Celbridge and Maynooth Community Councils in relation to the issue. He also advised Deputy Stagg that he had initiated consultations with Local Government Interests, in regard to the creation of new Town Councils and their prospective functional responsibilities.

Deputy Stagg dismissed the Minister's response as anti-democratic. Whilst the Minister may only be in Government in 2001. Under the Act it is envisaged that Towns with a population of 7,500 at the preceding Census can make a proposal to establish a Town Council. A pre-requisite for this though is the establishment of the Local Government Commission which the Minister refuses to set up. Deputy Stagg also expressed concern that the Minister's consultation with Local Government interests, which in all likelihood include Co. Managers, will kill off the initiative as they will want to see power retained at County Council level.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that he would continue to raise this issue with the Minister until Local Democracy was established for Towns such as Maynooth and Celbridge which would qualify under the last Census and Clane which will probably qualify under the 2006 Census.

Motions for Leixlip Area Committee Meeting

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motions for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

1. Beaufield Estate:

"That the fence at Beaufield/Rathcoffey Road be repaired without any further delay and that the recently damaged new fence at Beaufield Green, opposite Newtown Shopping Centre, be repaired before vandals are encouraged to do further damage".

2. The Harbour Field

"That the contract for the grass cutting on the Harbour Field, Maynooth, be awarded to Maynooth Town Football Club in order to ensure that it remains suitable for playing both soccer and GAA sports."

Pedestrian Beacons at Newtown Stores on Beaufield Road:

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to activate the lights in the beacons at this new pedestrian crossing as until they are a serious hazard to pedestrians at night time when it is difficult for motorists to see the pedestrian crossing.

Taking HGV's of the Kilcock, Moyglare and Rathcoffey Roads to Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley got the following reply from Council Officials to his motion on the above:

1. *As part of the Bond Bridge project it is proposed to divert H.G.V's away from Meadowbrook Link in the interest of residential amenity and road safety. Accordingly, the Road Construction department have erected signs at Ladychapel directing H.G.V's to Tagadoc Cross. It should, however, be noted that this is a temporary measure pending the completion of the Bond Bridge Scheme.*
2. *An original signage plan was put in place last year diverting H.G.V.'s away from Maynooth town centre. By all account this would seem to have been a successful initiative. However, the possibility of progressing a similar proposal for the Kilcock/Moyglare roads is not feasible in view of the fact that the Council would be obliged to identify alternative routes. Such an option is not currently available.*

Needless to say Cllr. McGinley rejected the reply and in relation to the Rathcoffey Road he stated that it was very hard to fathom the logic in erecting signs diverting HGV's on a temporary basis and he demanded that the signs remain in place.

Banning HGV's from the Kilcock Road would also mean banning them from Kilcock village (something that Cllr. McGinley agrees with completely) and this would require the agreement of the Clane Area Committee. Council officials believe that the opening of the M4 Kilcock by-pass should eliminate HGV's from both the Kilcock and Moyglare Roads,

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Maynooth. Cllr. McGinley would welcome the views of the public.

Stagg Re-lodges Objection to O2 Mast Retention at Maynooth G.A.A. Club

Deputy Emmet Stagg has re-lodged an objection with Kildare County Council along with his colleague, Cllr. John McGinley, to the application by O2 Communications for the retention of their unauthorised Mast at Maynooth G.A.A Grounds on the Moyglare Road, Maynooth.

Deputy Stagg stated that this was O2's third attempt at applying for retention, one previous application having been declared invalid twice, and the other declared invalid also. The Council are now taking Injunction Proceedings against O2 under Section 160 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 seeking the removal of the Mast and Deputy Staff has been advised by the Council that the Legal Proceedings will continue even though this new application has been lodged.

Deputy Stagg has described the proposed retention of the Mast as totally unacceptable in an area which is heavily populated and which has over 1,200 pupils located in 2 schools within 200 yards of the site. Outlining his objections to the Mast Deputy Stagg stated:

The proposal does not comply with the Maynooth Development Plan 2002 (M.D.P. 2002) which states that Telecommunications Masts will not be permitted in the vicinity of schools or residential areas.

The site is zoned Open Space and Amenity under the M.D.P. 2002 and Council Policy is to protect such areas from encroachment by other uses.

The existing Mast has been Unauthorised for 3 years and the applicants have failed to examine other sites in the area or to look at sharing an existing mast.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that he looked forward to the commencement of Injunction proceedings against O2 and the rejection of the application for retention by Kildare County Council

Moyglare Village, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley's motion "That the €10,000 Bond on Moyglare Village Estate, Maynooth be used to rectify the serious problems with the main sewage system in the estate" got the following reply from Council officials at the Area Meeting on 16th December:

The companies registration office confirmed this week that Crewhill Properties Ltd. are still trading and the

status of the company is listed as normal. Kildare County Council took enforcement action last year in the form of an Enforcement Notice and we then referred the case to our solicitors for further action. We will follow this up with our solicitors as a matter of urgency. €10,000 would not cover the work required in the Enforcement Notice. It may not be enough to address the problem referred to above. However, the appropriate action at this stage is to seek satisfactory completion of the estate through enforcement of the planning permission. In the meantime one of our Development Control Officers can meet with representatives of the Residents' Association on site to discuss the problem referred to above. Please contact Stephen Cunningham, Paul Faughnan or Willie Hannigan in Development Control to arrange a mutually suitable date and time in the New Year for this meeting."

Cllr. McGinley has sent this reply to the Residents' Association. John also asked for a Progress Report on the taking in charge of all of the estates in the county and he was told that this would be available in January 2006.

Stagg Critical of 18 Month Wait for Children for Speech and Language Therapy Assessment - Staffing Levels Remain at 1998 Levels.

Deputy Emmet Stagg was contacted by a number of parents who were concerned that children of 2 years of age, who had been referred for Speech and Language Therapy assessment had to wait 18 months for the actual assessment at Maynooth Health Centre.

Deputy Stagg questioned the Minister for Health on the issue and she referred the issue to the Health Services Executive. The Principal Speech and Language Therapist for Kildare advised Deputy Stagg that the waiting time for assessment following referral was indeed 18 months and further stated that this was caused by inadequate speech and language therapy staff numbers. There are the same number of therapists working in this area as there were in 1998, despite the population increase in the area since then. At present there are 7 therapists working in this area where as an additional 14 therapists would be required to deal with the number of young children now living in Kildare. Without an increase in staffing the waiting list will remain as it is.

Launching a scathing attack on the Minister for Health Deputy Stagg stated that for all her mouthing about increased funding for health services and increased numbers of employees this is a vital area which she has neglected. With the population boom in Kildare, one would have thought that additional therapists would have been hired. But such is the ineptitude of this Government that they are happy to leave children

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without assessment in their early developmental years which are so important. In effect they are forcing parents into private assessment which cost €250 for the initial session. There are in effect blackmailing parents into paying for the service because it does not exist.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he intended to raise the issue further with the Minister for Health to find out why there has been no increase in the number of therapists since 1998.

Maynooth Northern Relief Road from Moyglare Road to Dunboyne Road

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following reply to his request for a Progress Report on the Northern Relief Road:

"preliminary designs have been prepared in respect of the Northern Relief Road Scheme (copy herewith). This has been formally forwarded to Meath County Council for inclusion in its County Development Plan. Drawings relating to the project are being circulated at the meeting. Perhaps, have seen these, members might wish to submit views on the proposals, whereupon a response (either by way of report or attendance) will be provided."

Cllr. McGinley asked for a report on the cost, funding, CPO's and timescale for the next Area Meeting.

Traffic Calming and Other Safety Measures for Meadowbrook Road

Cllr. John McGinley got the following reply to his motion for traffic calming and other safety measures for Meadowbrook Road:

"A detailed assessment and design has been prepared in relation to these works will be carried out as part of the Bond Bridge project."

Headlines Offences for First 9 Months Show Crime Explosion in Kildare - 13% Increase on 2004

Deputy Emmet Stagg sought information from the Minister for Justice in relation the Provisional Headline Offences recorded and detected in the Carlow/Kildare Division for the first 9 months of 2005.

The figures released to Deputy Stagg confirm a shocking increase in Crime in the Carlow/Kildare area. In 2004 there were 4,669 Headline offences committed, yet in the first 9 months of this year, 3,979 Headline Offences were committed. If we extend this figure for the full year it will bring Headline Offences in the Carlow/Kildare Area to 5,305 or a 13% increase over

2004.

In addition to the above figures the Detection rate in the Division has now fallen to 28% from 29% in 2004.

Whilst the Minister pointed out that the figures were provisional and liable to change, Deputy Stagg stated that they are recorded through the Pulse System which thankfully is nothing like the PPARS System in Mary Harney's Department.

Headline Offences cover murder, assaults, sexual offences, arson, possession of drugs for sale or supply, thefts, burglaries and robberies.

Deputy Stagg stated that on December 16th the Minister for Justice published the 2004 Garda Annual Report which showed a 2% drop in the Headline Offences in Carlow/Kildare between 2003 and 2004. The Provisional figures for 2005, with a 13% increase are an indictment of the under-resourcing of the Gardai in the Carlow/Kildare area

It's time Kildare got its fair share of Gardai concluded Deputy Stagg

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Deputy Catherine Murphy (Ind). News

Speech & Language Therapy Services in Kildare Unable to Cope With Demand.

Deputy Catherine Murphy (Ind) has expressed grave concern at the shortage in Speech & Language Therapy staff to service the needs of children in the North Kildare Area. She highlighted that when children move from primary school to secondary school they are losing these services completely due to a lack of resources. "It's incredible that parents who fought tooth and nail through the courts to get appropriate education for their children at primary level are seeing those services withdrawn when children arrive at second level for no reason other than the child is growing older is incredible, this opens up the prospect of parents returning to the Courts" stated Murphy.

The North Kildare TD as it stands, those primary school students who are diagnosed in need of Speech Therapy are entered onto a waiting list with the service provider and as soon as a space becomes available begin receiving this therapy. However Murphy is concerned that as soon as children finish their primary school education and move to, or attempt to move to, secondary school education the service is withdrawn from them and allocated to the next in line on the waiting list. "This poses all manner of problems for the therapy providers, children and their parents as this lack of continuity is disruptive to all concerned and seriously hinders the development of children" expressed Murphy.

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She went on to conclude that although the number of speech therapists has remained stagnant since its 1998 numbers the population of Kildare and its surrounding counties has increased consistently and significantly. This under provision of speech therapy service, she said, "appears to fly in the face of the Minister for Health & Children's own stance on the role of Speech Therapy as a tool to develop the potential and prospects of individuals who require them". Indeed the Minister's website states "thousands of people in Ireland fail to access education, social, economic and career opportunities due to communication difficulties

of one kind or another. Therapy services help people to maximize their communication potential and offer assistance with daily living".

Tiger Cubs Getting A Raw Deal Says Murphy.

Deputy Catherine Murphy (Ind) has today stated her strong concern that a whole generation of children are being passed by where recreational and leisure services are concerned. The North Kildare TD has emphasized that while there has been some movement on the construction of playgrounds for younger children, older children and teens are being left out of the fold. "I welcome the establishment of play areas for young children, they're a vital amenity however let's not forget that young people of all ages must be provided for. At the moment we're at best providing facilities for younger children but doing nothing for their older siblings or even for these young children themselves who'll soon grow out of these play areas" stated Murphy.

The TD's comments came on foot of the launch of a study conducted by the National Children's Office that highlights the emergence of a new trend whereby residents' groups are increasingly opposing the construction of playground facilities. The study also highlights that the majority of 12 to 18-year-olds believe there is little leisure provision for adolescents in their locality. According to Murphy "there's a serious lack of commitment on the part of Government in allocating funding and staff to provide these essential services for young people.

"I'm not at all surprised there's been increased opposition to the development of playgrounds, if you don't provide for older children they are of course going to begin congregating in the recreational areas that are there. Often however these areas are unsuitable for them. The Government's strategy needs to be multi-faceted on this issue if it's to be resolved. We need to see more support for after-school groups, and we need to see the construction of play areas for older children, however it's no good providing these things if the annual maintenance budget and staffing budget are not also provided. There are security issues in playgrounds at present because local authorities like Kildare County Council are overstretched but are not being allowed to take on extra staff to take care of these facilities. Until this changes we're going to see even more objections to playgrounds and unhappy children because of it", concluded Murphy.

Government Departments Reveal Concern For Decentralisation Plans

Deputy Catherine Murphy (Ind) has today revealed that in communications she received from 7 of the 10 Government Departments involved in Decentralisation

Senior Citizens enjoy the Xmas party at The Glenroyal



Sarah Burke, Mary Doyle, Nell Byrne & Mairead Bean at the Maynooth Senior Citizens Christmas Party



Josie Moore, Catherine Mulready & Carol Barton Members of the Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee at their Christmas Party in the Glenroyal Hotel.

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Staff Turnover has been expressed as a major concern. Furthermore, although figures have been released that would indicate the overall cost of the project will be in the region of €3billion only one Department when asked was able to provide an estimate of the costs that will be involved in the move. "This is worrying as anyone with experience in project planning and management will know that estimating the overall cost is only possible when each segment is accounted for. How do we know that this figure of €3billion wasn't just plucked out of the air, and it that's the case how can we be sure that overruns won't happen on a par with PPARS" stated Murphy.

The North Kildare TD went on to highlight her concerns that instead of spending much needed funds on increasing the numbers of Gardai on our streets, nurses and even beds in our hospitals "when the front-line services are stretched beyond all capabilities, decentralisation will increase the cohort of administrative staff which fly's in the face of the public service embargo which was intended to streamline the administration service of Government. The Government has it's priorities all mixed up on this one and it's important that we don't let them go ahead with a blank cheque on this project without some guarantees of service levels and reasonable costs" stated Murphy. She went on to demand that the Government put a bolt on the public purse strings until accurate budgetary information can be provided on the projected costs of this project. "I'm not satisfied that this is being carried out in a planned fashion, it's the same old haphazard exercise that's been the trademark of this Government".

Deputy Murphy made the point that the Decentralisation process was more like a dispersal process with little or no logical pattern to be seen. She highlighted that if the Government was serious about this project it would be establishing these Government Departments in Hubs and Gateways designated by the National Spatial Strategy as development centres. "It seems ridiculous to me to on one hand say the Government is promoting a policy of corporate development in Gateways and Hubs but on the other hand refuse to follow suit. It smacks of a do as I say, not as I do attitude", concluded Murphy

Patchwork Of Temporary Sewerage Puts Inhabitants And Development In Kildare At Risk

Deputy Catherine Murphy (Ind) has criticised the Department of the Environment for failure to act on 2 Proposals submitted to them by Kildare County council in 2002 requesting an upgrade of the country's sewerage. Following consultations with Kildare County Council County Officials, Murphy has also revealed that unless the entire sewerage treatments networks of North and South Kildare are upgraded development will have to dramatically decrease or come to a

complete standstill. The increasing instances of untreated waste spilling into the River Liffey due to lack of capacity commercial and residential Sallins, Co. Kildare are just examples of how pressure from consistent commercial and residential development can impact on existing infrastructure. "It's not good enough that a rapidly developing county such as Kildare is subject to a patchwork of temporary solutions to sewage management, stated Murphy "the county has experienced massive development over the past 30 years but investment in services such as sewerage has not followed suit. If something's not done immediately overflows will become the rule as opposed to the exception and we'll open ourselves up to all kinds of health risks".

The European Commission announced its initiation of legal proceedings against the Irish Government on 13th January 2005 due, inter alia, to its failure to address the upgrading of 8 sewage treatment plants in Ireland, and Murphy is critical that a year on no progress has been in relation to the upgrade of one of the countries most rapidly developing counties i.e. Kildare. "Its hard to comprehend the thinking of the Department of the Environment on this one. The EU have clearly highlighted that the immediate improvement of sewage treatment services in Ireland must be prioritised and they have initiated legal proceedings to make sure that the Irish Government complies. So how can the Department of the Environment justify letting two reports that state the critical need for an upgrade of the Upper and Lower Liffey Valley catchments sit gathering dust for over 3 years?", Murphy.

While welcoming the allocation of funding by the DOE to alleviate a local capacity issue in Sallins, Co. Kildare, Murphy has highlighted that the expanding town has been experiencing significant problems with sewage overflows as the upgrade to the towns sewage treatment facilities should have been undertaken years ago. "I'm hugely concerned at the complacency that the Department has shown where sewage treatment services are concerned. It stands to reason that these facilities must be upgraded where a significant change in user numbers has occurred. This is an environmental time-bomb just waiting to go off and it's not only the people of Kildare who'll suffer but everyone who depends on the River Liffey for their water supply" concluded Deputy Murphy.

Some Significant Problems With Budget Provisions But Pleased To See Childcare Highlighted - Murphy.

Deputy Catherine Murphy (Ind) speaking from the Dáil today on Budget 2006 welcomed some measures

Deputy Catherine Murphy (Ind). News (Contd.)

relating to childcare set out by the Minister for finance however criticised the overall package as failing to tackle the financial strains experienced by the majority of parents and childcare providers. "I'm pleased the Government has begun to address the issue of childcare and it's important to commend the people of North Kildare and Meath for raising it so vociferously on the doorsteps during the March By-Elections. I'm confident we wouldn't have seen childcare addressed in today's budget had those elections not taken place. Nonetheless there are negative aspects of Mr Cowen's announcements", stated Murphy.

She welcomed the additional child benefit of €1000 however strongly criticised that no provision was made for children over 5 or for children experiencing child poverty. "It's definitely welcome but to make absolutely no provision for children over the age of 5 is simply unacceptable. A lot of parents will feel extremely aggrieved at being passed by on this and while a targeted payment for younger children is an important step some provision must also be made for the over 5's, stated Murphy who further highlighted that "while benefiting all households the additional payment doesn't go far enough to tackle the fact that 1 in 7 children in Ireland live in poverty. An additional payment for those on lower incomes is necessary to tackle this problem."

The current low-level of funding provided by County Childcare Committees also featured in her criticism. Although Minister Cowen announced these Committees responsibilities for regulation and training of those providing childcare for up to 3 children workers in the home he didn't commit to increasing their funding. According to Murphy the number of childcare workers operating in informal settings is likely to grow given the allocation of a €10,000 tax exemption to those who choose to engage in such work, intensifying the problem. "I'm very apprehensive about this", stated Murphy "the €10,000 is going to draw childcare workers out of formal and into informal settings which will put a huge burden on County Childcare Committees. I'd have significant concerns relating to child protection here".

While concluding that expectations of this years budget were given the profile of the childcare issue over the past 9 months Murphy conceded disappointment was inevitable. She however stated she would continue seeking a guaranteed preschool place for all children, front-loading on training the additional 17,000 childcare workers, and further increases in paid maternity leave. "The one thing I agree with the government on is that they have a lot more to do."

TD Welcomes Announced Investment In Kildare Schools But Stresses Need For Further Funding.

Deputy Catherine Murphy has welcomed an announcement this week by Minister for Education & Science, Mary Hanifin that 6 Kildare schools, 3 of which are based within her constituency of North Kildare, will receive funding for major works such as refurbishments, extensions and, in some cases, brand new school buildings. However, while pleased that investment is being made in the educational infrastructure of the county Deputy Murphy highlighted the urgent need for increased funding in this area to provide for the expanding populations of both North and South Kildare.

"This is great news for the schools who'll receive funding from the Department of Education and I'm delighted for them but there are many towns and schools out there that have missed out on funding yet again. Kildare's population has been rising significantly for a number of years and educational facilities should be pre-empting or at the very least matching this growth. To have only selected 6 schools in a county such as Kildare's is just not good enough and while the Minister is heading in the right direction she needs to increase her expenditure in Kildare" - Murphy.

Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich (Maynooth), Gaelscoil Nás na Riogh (Naas) and Scoil Chóca Naofa (Kilcock), which are based within her constituency of North Kildare, were referred to by Deputy Murphy as "prime examples catering to expanding populations". And, although commending each on their successful efforts to secure funding as lacking transparency, strategic planning and speed. "Simply coming out with a list of successful applications at the beginning of each year doesn't give the public an understanding of what, if any, development strategy the Department of Education is applying. I'd like to see a situation where the N4/M4 Development Plan and its counterparts are used to determine when and where school building/upgrades takes place so that we can see what logic the Department is applying" concluded Murphy.



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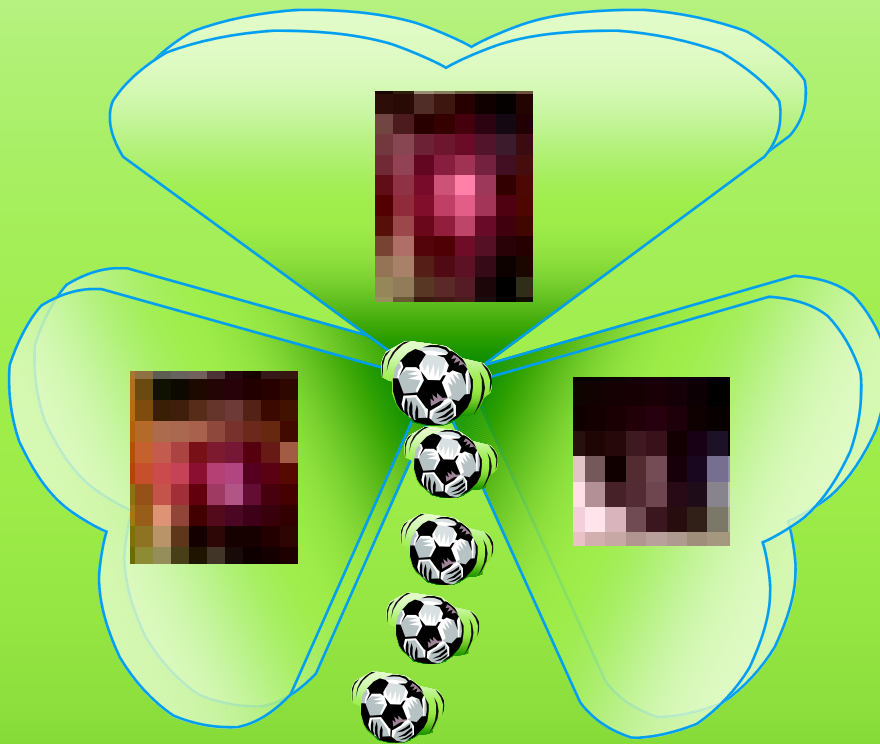
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Editorial

The Community Council is organising the parade in honour of our patron saint, Patrick and the Newsletter hopes that it will be as successful as others in the past. There will be one glaring difference this year - the absence of Mayor John McGinley who has been central to its organisation since the beginning. As Mayor of Kildare, John and his wife Mary, will be guests at the parade in New York. For once, he will be able to watch the proceedings without worrying about the order of floats or any other possible problems. His place will be ably taken by Willie Saults, another member of the parade committee.

Although we recognise three primary saints in Ireland, Patrick, Brigit and Colm Cille, as a nation we have chosen to honour the outsider, Patrick, as our primary national saint. We all know the story; he was brought to Ireland by a raiding party searching abroad for slaves. He escaped home but maintained that he heard the voices of the Irish calling to him and he returned here sometime in the middle of the 5th century to bring about Christianisation of Ireland. Although he left two written documents, in Latin, we know relatively little about him. Legends grew over the centuries, one associating him with Tara and the conversion of the two daughters of the high-king Laoghaire. Another story maintains that he used the shamrock to explain the existence of three gods in one and as a result we wear this tiny, insignificant plant as an emblem of our nationality. This is a late addition to the legends of Patrick and indeed there would have been no need for him to explain the trinity to the Irish whose pre-Christian pantheon contained many triadic gods and goddesses. Early iconography also depicted three-headed statues and triplicity is a constant underlying feature of early Irish literature.

The abortive 'Love Ulster' march in Dublin on 25th February and the ensuing riots calls into the question to wisdom of allowing such an event in the first place and the fact that the authorities appear to have been caught completely unawares. Those who chose to attack the gardaí and reporters were facilitated by the ready availability of missiles on O'Connell Street. There is a simmering undercurrent of violence in our society and perhaps, in the context of this event, it may not be a good idea to have the army marching down the same O'Connell Street in the revived 1916 commemorations. Surely there must be a better way to celebrate or commemorate?

I would like to wish our readers a happy and warm Saint Patrick's Day. If you not participating, join us in watching the parade.

Bainigí uile taitheamh as ár lá náisiúnta.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

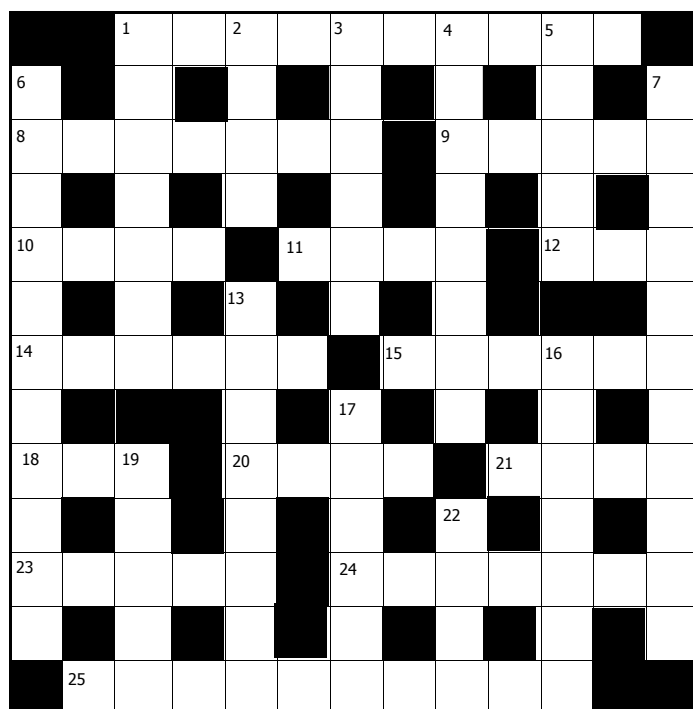
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Readers a
Very Happy
St. Patrick's Day***

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8. Indecent (7)
9. Body organ (5)
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11. *King* _ _ _ _ monster film (4)
12. *King* _ _ _ (3)
14. Bolt (3,3)
15. Mood (6)
18. Solidify (3)
20. Plunder (4)
21. Skirt length (4)
23. Film, _ _ _ *Coins in the Foundation* (5)
24. Kentish resort town (7)
25. Temperance (10)

Down:

1. Scorn (7)
2. Ranked player (4)
3. Character from *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (6)
4. Intricate ornamentation (8)
5. Watercourse (5)
6. Ugly sight (11)
7. Befriended the enemy (11)
13. Wealthy (8)
16. Monkey or ape (7)
17. Mutual (6)
19. Pulsate (5)
22. Grain refuse (4)

Across:

- 1.** University, **8.** Scholar, **9.** Birth, **10.** Dirt, **11.** Blur, **12.** Bid, **14.** Edict, **15.** Farce, **20.** Tow, **22.** Oven, **23.** Knot, **25.** Organ, **26.** Israeli, **27.** Unreliable,

Down:

- 1.** Ushered, **2.** Idle, **3.** Enrol, **4.** Suburban, **5.** Throb, **6.** Aside, **7.** Shade, **13.** Scrounge, **16.** Conceded **17.** Stool **18.** Gemini, **19.** Ethic, **21.** Wagon. **24.** Grub.

Doodle Box

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Maynooth Citizens Information Notes

Question

I am job-sharing in a local company and work on alternative weeks. My job-share colleague told me that there may be problems with our social insurance records because of the tax year. What does this mean?

Answer

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

If the 1st of January fell on a Thursday for example and you worked every second week you would still manage to pay PRSI contribution in each contribution week because the contribution week started in the middle of the week. Therefore you would have the full 52 PRSI contributions paid for the year.

In 2006 the 1st of January fell on a Sunday which means each PRSI week runs from Sunday to the following Saturday.

The 1st of January falling on a Sunday is particularly relevant if you are job-sharing with a week off as part of your work pattern because you will miss out paying a PRSI contribution for the week you are not working. If you work one week on and one week off you will pay only 26 contributions for 2006.

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

If your job-sharing arrangements requires that you work part of every week between the days Sunday to Saturday, you will have your full 52 PRSI contributions for 2006.

Question

I opened an SSIA in my local bank in May 2001 and it should mature soon. Is there anything I must do beforehand then?

Answer

Yes there is. You must complete a form for your bank before your SSIA matures.

The Government's SSIA scheme is a five-year savings scheme which commenced on 1st May 2001. To

participate in the scheme, savings accounts (called "special savings incentive account" or "SSIA's") had to be opened before 30 April 2002. Under the terms of this scheme, for every amount you saved in a special account, an additional 25% was contributed by the exchequer to your savings. So, for every 4 you saved each month, you got 1. The cash was credited each month directly to your savings account.

These accounts will mature during 2006 and 2007 depending on when they were opened. An account that was opened in May 2001 will mature on 31 May 2006.

Within the three months before your account matures you must complete and sign form SSIA4 and return it to the financial institution where your account is held. Therefore if your account matures on 31 May 2006 you must complete and return the form during the period 1 March 2006 to 31 May 2006. You will be supplied with form SSIA4 by your financial institution at the appropriate time.

The maturity dates and relevant periods for returning the forms are as follows:

Date opened	SSIA Maturity Date	SSIA Required in Period
May 2001	31 May 2006	1 Mar - 31 May 2006
June 2001	30 June 2006	1 Apr - 30 Jun 2006
July 2001	31 July 2006	1 May 2006 - 31 Jul 2006
August 2001	31 August 2006	1 Jun 2006 - 31 Aug 2006
September 2001	30 September 2006	1 Jul 2006 - 31 Oct 2006
October 2001	31 October 2006	1 Aug - 31 Oct 2006
November 2001	30 November 2006	1 Sept 2006 - 30 Nov 2006
December 2001	31 December 2006	1 Oct 2006 - 31 Jan 2007
January 2002	31 January 2007	1 Nov 2006 - 31 Jan 2007
February 2002	28 February 2007	1 Dec 2006 28 Feb 2007
March 2002	31 March 2007	1 Jan 2007 - 31 Mar 2007
April 2002	30 April 2007	1 Feb 2007 - 30 Apr 2007

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Citizens Information Notes (Contd).

Question

I am interested in fostering but know very little about it. How do I become a foster parent?

Answer

If you are interested in becoming a foster parent you should contact your Local Health Office in the Health Service Executive (HSE).

Fostering is caring for someone else's child in your own home and the fostering periods can vary from weekend/contact visits to long term periods lasting until the child reaches adulthood. Foster carers or "foster parents" come from all walks of life. They do not have to be married and single people can apply. The important thing is that they like children and can provide a safe, stable family environment.

Before the HSE puts you on a panel of people willing and approved to be foster carers you will undergo a lengthy and detailed assessment process. It will involve the HSE going into all aspects of your background and you will have to undergo a medical examination. Other members of your family will also be interviewed. During this assessment process you should express any preference you may have as to the length of the fostering period.

If you are approved, the HSE will provide training in such areas as parenting skills, dealing with difficulties, etc. Before a child is placed with you a contract is drawn up between the HSE and yourself and you will be provided with the child's details including why the child is in care. A care plan will be drawn up in consultation with you and the child's guardian(s).

The HSE will assign a social worker to your family to support you and children in foster care are entitled to a Medical Card. You will also be paid a Foster Care Allowance. From January 2006 the weekly Foster Care Allowance rates are:

Child under age 12 305

Child aged 12 or over 332

Further information is available from the

Irish Foster Care Association,

First Floor, The Pharmacy, Mayfield Terrace, Ballinteer, Dublin 16.

Tel: 01 2961083, Website: www.ifca.ie

Question

We have been receiving telephone calls from companies trying to sell us services and other things we haven't requested. How can we stop these calls?

Answer

"Cold calling" means that you receive unwanted sales calls in your home from companies that you have not had any dealings with until that time. You can register your preference not to receive cold calls using the national IDirectory Database. The National Directory Database is a list of all telephone numbers contained in public phone books or available through directory enquires.

To register your preference contact the telephone company to whom you pay a line rental charge and let them know that you do not wish to receive unsolicited marketing calls from companies. There is no charge for this. They will then ensure that your preference not to receive cold calls is recorded on the National Directory Database. This should be done within 5 working days of you notifying them. It can subsequently take up to 28 days for this information to filter through to the marketing companies who make cold calls. This register only applies to calls that are made within the Republic of Ireland.

If a company makes a cold call to your home and you have registered your preference not to be called more than 28 days before, you should, in the first instance, let the company know that you do not wish to receive cold calls. You can also complain to the

Data Protection Commissioner,

3rd Floor, Block 6, Irish Life Centre, Lower Abbey St., Dublin 1.

Tel: Lo-Call 1890 252 231, (01) 874 8544,

Website: www.dataprivacy.ie

If you are, or have recently been, a customer of the company who is calling you or you have indicated that you wish to receive these calls, the rules do not apply. A reputable company should, however, respect your wishes not to be called.

Ex-directory numbers do not appear in the National Directory Database. So if your number is ex-directory you cannot register your preference not to have companies call you. If you have an ex-directory number and would not like to receive cold calls, ask any company who makes calls to you to remove your details from their marketing database and not to call you again.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre.

Tel: (01) 6285477

Website: www.oasis.gov.ie

Lo-Call 1890 777121

Recipes

A Mother's Day Treat



Open breakfast sandwich

An open sandwich version of the classic French croquet madame, which hits all the right spots in the morning. Even better when brought to you in bed on a tray for Mother's Day.

Ingredients:

8 chunky slices country-style bread
50g/2oz softened butter
3 tbsp mayonnaise
8 slices smoked ham
100g/4oz cheddar, grated
2 tomatoes, sliced thickly
1 tbsp sunflower oil
4 large eggs
1 tbsp chopped parsley, optional

- 1 Heat grill to medium. Place the bread on a large baking sheet. Spread 1 side with butter and grill for 2 mins until golden. Turn over and spread the other side with mayonnaise, then top with the ham, cheese and tomatoes. Place under the grill for 3-4 mins until the cheese has melted and the edges of the bread are golden.
- 2 Meanwhile, place a large non-stick frying pan over a high heat and pour in the oil. Crack in 4 eggs, one in each corner, and turn the heat down to medium. Cook for 2 mins, then cover with a lid for 1 min and remove from the heat.
- 3 Divide the ham and cheese toasts on to 4 plates and top each plate with an egg. Scatter over some parsley, black pepper, and some salt if you like. For a more substantial brunch, serve the sandwich with potato rosti or hash browns.



Irish Stew

Ingredients:

1½ pounds lean boneless lamb shoulders,
Cut in ¾-inch cubes
12 fl. Ounces beer, or water
2 14 oz. cans broth
3 cups cubed potatoes
2 cups thinly sliced carrots
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 onion, coarsely chopped
1 teaspoon pepper
1 envelope brown gravy mix
Parsley, chopped, for garnish

Directions:

In 3-quart pan with cover, heat oil. Add onion and sauté until brown; stirring occasionally. Add lamb and sauté, stirring until browned. Stir in beer or water, and pepper. Cover and simmer for 30 minutes. Mix in broth and gravy mix. Add potatoes and carrots, cover and simmer for 15 to 20 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Garnish with chopped parsley if desired.



Maynooth ICA Notes

There was a great response to the Shoe Box Appeal in December, 3,500 boxes were organised by the ICA Country wide. As usual we have a busy year ahead with all our involvements. Federation Committee will take place on Monday 20th February and the Committee Meeting will take place on Saturday 4th March in the Bridge House Tullamore. Maynooth ICA Badminton will start again on Monday's and Thursday's from 20th February. Other competitions coming up are reporting on a Guild for ICA Trophy, Pencil Sketch for Beaumon Cup, an inter federation competition for photography, Cuiuneóg Brown Bread competition is another favourite, also Murial Gahan candle wicking competition and Patsy Lalor Set Dancing and a music competition for Shield. The big competition at the moment is Kildare's "Bringing New Life to Old" keeping in mind recycling.

The categories in this one are Drama (compulsory) Cookery using day old bread as main ingredient, remake a model bring new life to old garment, Crafts wall hanging using recyclable material, Arts, dinner table arrangement in a recycled container and Comórtas as Gaeilge, seriobh piósa beag as Gaeilge 150-200 focal.

A coffee morning will be held in May (date announced later) for our charities this year which are Guide Dogs Association and Multiple Sclerosis. We will also organise a summer outing and final arrangements for this at a later stage. Maynooth ICA are attending a lot of talks at the moment on the position of our Hall in the Harbour area as regards all the new development in this area.

These talks will be ongoing for some time and we will keep members informed on the situation.

The competition on the night was won by Rosemary Hanley and second was Mary O' Gorman.

The raffle was won by Mary Halton, second was Neva Kearius and third Norah Mc Dermot.

Next meeting will be Thursday 2nd March at 8 p.m. We welcome new members at all times.

Norah McDermot

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Useful Tips

Sharing a Home

- Choosing a flatmate or a lodger needs some care. When you interview a stranger make sure you have a friend with you at the time whose judgment you trust. Chat about smoking, neatness, television, music and your social activities to make sure your habits and tastes are reasonably compatible.
- When you move in with a new flat-mate, work out rules for bathroom times, overnight guests and dinner parties, TV and stereo noise, division of expenses including household costs and bills, housekeeping chores and refrigerator use, and how to keep the house secure.
- Arrange for itemised telephone bills, if possible. This will save endless haggling over the bill when it comes and avoid bad feeling.
- If you live with more than one person, put up a list of weekly household duties for each. The refrigerator door is a good place for the list.
- Develop an agreed method of airing problems and don't let annoyances fester. Humour can go a long way towards smoothing things out.

Shopping Lists

Follow this suggestion in order to speed up your weekly household shop - and you may well save money too, as it should curb any tendencies towards impulse buying.

- Make a list of items you buy regularly; arrange them in the order in which they're set out in the supermarket. If the fresh produce are is normally your first stop, for example, list the fruits and vegetables you routinely buy, such as apples, oranges, carrots and lettuce, they leave some blanks for less frequently purchased goods.
- Make lots of photocopies of the list and always keep one on the refrigerator door; mark items as soon as you run out of them.
- When you go to the supermarket, make sure you remember to take the list with you. That way, your shopping is organised as soon as you walk in.

Sieves and colanders

- Improvise a makeshift strainer for liquids from the legs of a clean pair of tights, or a stocking. Stretch the fabric across the bottom of a wide-necked funnel, hold it in place and pour.
- Punch holes in the bottom of a foil plate if you don't have a colander to hand.
- Use a fine sieve to smooth out the lumps in icing sugar; just push it through the holes with a metal spoon. The same remedy works for lumpy custard, white sauce or gravy.

Staying Awake

- Get up and move around; talk to other people.
- Splash your face with cold water. Open the windows and let in some fresh air.
- Drink beverages that contain caffeine and eat high-protein foods. Stay away from potato crisps, chocolates, sweet and savoury biscuits, cake and sweets; far from being a 'quick energy fix' these high-carbohydrate foods will make you sleepier.
- Chew on a peppermint or a piece of lemon; your body may rouse itself to the irritation.
- If it's absolutely necessary to stay up for a couple of days, it may work to take a nap during the first 24 hours; a nap on the second day, however, will probably leave you feeling groggy.
- If you feel drowsy while driving, stop and have a few minutes of fresh air and exercise. Open the windows and let the fresh air blow on your face. Sing along with the music on the radio or talk back to the disc jockey.
- If you have to change from one work shift to another, keep the same daily routine, regardless of what the clock says; eat breakfast before you go to work, break for lunch in the middle of your shift, and have dinner at the end of your work 'day'.

Table Manners

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

Thin Walls

The easy way to reduce noise coming through thin walls is to line the wall with built-in wardrobes or books on shelves. If the wall is just a thin partition, these will probably have to be freestanding.

A more permanent solution is to build a new wall with battens and plaster board. Fill the gap between the two walls with glass-fibre blanket and line the timber at the floor and ceiling level with foam or expanded polystyrene. This should reduce noise by about 20 percent.

Events in County Kildare, Spring 2006

22nd Feb	Punchestown Racecourse T: 045 897704 E: sales@punchestown.com www.punchestown.com	Punchestown Racing
23rd Feb	Celbridge Library 8pm	Donacomper, Celbridge A lecture in the series presented by the Liffey Valley Park Alliance, which campaigns for the greater protection of the Liffey Valley. It is presented by Harry McDowell. The other two lectures in the series take place on 9th and 23rd March.
9th March	The Setanta House Hotel, Dublin Road, Celbridge 8pm	Houses in the Liffey Valley A lecture in the series presented by the Liffey Valley Park Alliance, which campaigns for the greater protection of the Liffey Valley. This lecture is presented by Hon. Desmond Guinness.
22nd & 23rd April	Mondello Park Motor Racing Circuit, Donore, Caragh, Naas T: 045 860200 E: info@mondellopark.ie www.mondello.ie	British Touring Car Championship
24th - 27th April	Punchestown Racecourse T: 045 897704 E: sales@punchestown.com www.punchestown.com	Punchestown National Hunt Festival
20th & 21st May	Mondello Park Motor Racing Circuit, Donore, Caragh, Naas T: 045 860200	British Superbikes Championships
18th - 21st May	Carton House, Maynooth, Co. Kildare T: 01 5052000 F: 01 6286555 E: reservations@carton.ie www.Carton.ie	Irish Open Golf Championship
27th May & 28th May	Curragh Racecourse, Curragh, Co. Kildare T: 045 441205 F: 045 441442 E: info@curragh.ie www.curragh.ie	2000 Irish Guineas (27th May) 1000 Irish Guineas (28th May)
30th June - 2nd July	Curragh Racecourse, Curragh, Co. Kildare T: 045 441205 F: 045 441442 E: info@curragh.ie www.curragh.ie	Budweiser Irish Derby Festival of Racing Friday night, evening meeting Saturday, Audi Pretty Polly Stakes Sunday, Budweiser Irish Derby
6th - 9th July	The K Club, Straffan, Co. Kildare T: 01 6017300 E: golf@kclub.ie	Smurfit European Open

Gardening Tips for March

March can be very wintry with frost, ice and snow, and it is as well to be prepared especially when the early part of the month is mild. There are periods of wind that can be drying, but they usually lack the force of winter gales, and can be punctuated by remarkably quiet spells, when the sun asserts itself more and more.

It is a busy month for the gardener, first in making final preparations for the growing season, and secondly in planting and sowing out of doors. At this stage of the year the state of the soil and the climatic conditions must decide when and what can be done, not the calendar.

Prepare for sowing

Break down previously rough-dug soil after frost or rain as soon as the surface begins to dry, first forking, then raking and finally firming to a fine crumbly texture or tilth. On heavy or clay soils, choose the right moment to work - when clods break easily to a blow from the back of a fork, and before they dry brick hard.

March is too late for deep digging or clay soils. Any cultivations carried out on ground neglected over the winter should be confined to the top few inches of soil. Work in well-decomposed, not fresh, organic compost or manure, or one of the dehydrated concentrated manures with a fork and rake. Tread loose soils firm by laying a board or plank down and walking over it. Apply a compound fertiliser, then rake and cross-rake till the soil is fine and level.

The Flower Garden

Lift the roots and crowns of hardy, perennial herbaceous plants for division and replanting on bright days after recent rain. Some plants break up easily in the hands, but thick roots, rhizomes and crowns need to be severed cleanly with a sharp spade or large knife. See that each division has several buds, shoots and roots.

Discard old, worn-out centre parts. Replant as soon as possible. If delayed, cover the roots with damp sacking to prevent them drying out. Among plants eligible are achillea, anemone, aster, Christmas rose, delphinium, faillardis, golden rod, hosta, lovelia, onenothera, polygonum, potentilla, speedwell and periwinkle.

- Stop pernicious perennial weeds running amok by painting early shoots with a systemic weedkiller in gel form to avoid it getting on garden plants. The weeds will be much more difficult to treat later when garden plants are established.
- Lift established montbretia early in the month; replant the largest corms for flowering this year, and discard the remainder. Plant new corms 3in. deep in a sunny position in well-drained soil, and try a few of the related and hardier crocosmia masonorum in similar conditions, 4in. deep.

Gladiolus Primulimus hybrids left in the soil over winter should be lifted carefully with a fork. Replant the large new corms on good open ground. The tiny corms or spawn can be planted in rows 1½in. deep in a nursery bed, where they can grow on to flowering size.

- Plant bulbs of South African spire lily (or summer hyacinth), as soon as they are available, 6in. deep and the same distance apart in loamy, well-drained soil for summer flowering.

Begin planting bulbs of hardy lilies now available in well-prepared freely-drained soil. Most Asiatic lilies, their varieties and hybrids, are basal and stem-rooting, so plant them deep at 8-10in., and enrich the topsoil liberally with well-rotted leaf-mould or organic materials and bone meal.

- Set out young sturdy plants of shasta daisies, biennial and perennial campanulas, hollyhock, pyrethrum, and sweet Williams from the last week of the month.

Plant out autumn-sown sweet pea seedlings, raised in a cold greenhouse or frame, with a little disturbance to the roots as possible.

Take young basal cuttings 3-4in., long, from the crowns of delphiniums and lupins as they start into growth.

Break them off gently at their base and insert in sandy loam or a potting compost in a cold frame or under cloches in a warm border.

- Make a start with sowings of hardy annuals when the soil dries out and warms up late in the month. Choose a sunny position, and dress the soil with a general fertiliser, fine bone meal or superphosphate, raked in. Sow thinly, and cover the seeds lightly with sand or sifted soil. Hardy kinds include alyssum, candytuft, chrysanthemum carinatum and its varieties, and toadflax.
- Mark non-flowering leafy clumps of daffodils and narcissi for lifting, dividing and replanting when foliage yellows and dies. Clumps with diminishing and sparse leaves should be lifted and inspected for bulb rot caused by marciusus flies and their larvae.



Clubs, Organisations and Societies



Tayna Wayne, Karl Quinn, John O' Rourke and Johnny Dowling

Maynooth Scouts would like to thank most sincerely, the proprietor and staff of the Newtown Inn on organising and running the Christmas raffle in aid of Maynooth Scouts.

We also would like to thank everyone who supported the draw.

A special thank you to Mr. Paul Finnan and Apex Construction for their kind donation to our Tent fund. We appreciate the support of local companies.

Yours sincerely,
Johnny Dowling
Group Leader



Mrs Boylan, Principal of Maynooth Girls school pictured here with Mary Hanafin TD during a recent visit

"Hannah"

Mother Syonna

Father Maurice



Just look at you play all day
You really are so much fun
Mum and Dad always find a way
For within them hearts are won
A face of wonder you bestow
Living in your fantasy world
Grow and grow while the weeks flow
Looking so pretty with hair curled

You are such a special child
Certainly born before your time
No doubt a small bit spoiled
But to us all you just fine
Be good to yourself precious one
It is the only way to survive
For attention you sometimes long
Living on love your heart thrive

Your sensitive eyes reveals it all
Of the sort of child you are
May nothing be your downfall
And in this life go far
Your pretty dress look so divine
Learning new things along the way
Growing up have plenty of time
And one day have your say

Bless you forever Hannah dear
Live the life you know best
And if ever your world of fear
With your loving parents are blessed
One day to be a Lady refined
Do the things you want to do
No matter what your world bind
A beautiful Girl are you

Patrick Murray

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Any expert smoking not approve
As smoking is a complete waste

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Can only lead to plight
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No need for a cigarette
Tea without smoke I say
Without any kind of regret

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With more pocket money too
And if for a cigarette you long
Look at the damage it can do
Some say smoking is insane
A dirty habit for sure
Only yourself is to blame
To stop worthwhile to endure

Smoking is a mugs game
It does nothing for you at all
With smoking nothing to gain
And finally be your downfall
Live it up in a healthy state
Look at the pleasure it give
A non-smoker's life can be great
And the proper way to live.

Jackie

The first time we met
I was longing for a friend
Now I bare no regret
With your company to spend

I looked right at your face
That shown at me there
A woman full of grace
My heart wanted to share

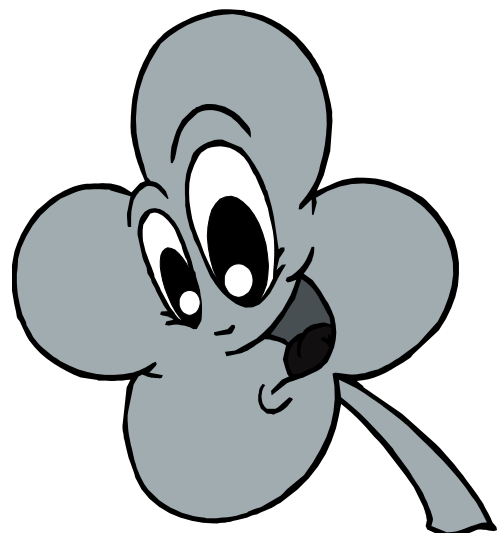
Your company I felt like a King
And you felt like a Queen
For me you meant everything
A lady all of my dream

We share a life together
Both in give and in take
A Girl could not get better
All for each others sake

We have children so fine
We both cherish so
Swiftly passes the time
While we watch them grow

My friend we share a truth
And never will we part
We really and truly suit
And give each other our hearts.

Patrick Murray



Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Soccer Club Notes

N. D. S. L. U 10 B1

4/2/06

Maynooth Town (1) 3

Glebe North (0) 1

Normal services resumed at the Rathcoffey Rd. this morning after the Christmas break. Maynooth's young league leaders put in another fine display of exciting attacking football. Visitors Glebe North were a credit to their management team with a fine committed and sporting display.

The first half was a close affair with both sides seeking dominance. Both sides produced scoring chances but goalies and defences prevailed. The best move of the half saw Conor Davin and Declan Burke exchange passes to create the opening from which Gary Daly scored. This left the half time score 1-0 to Maynooth.

The second half exploded with incident and excitement. Shane Nolan excelled in the Maynooth goal. Dáire Byrne and Daniel French proved tigerish tacklers in defence. Gary Daly patrolled the left wing in defence and attack. Alex Birchall found time and space on the right wing to swing over some lovely crosses which caused problems in the Glebe North defence. One such cross produced two fine highlights of the day. A superb Conor Davin volley was brilliantly saved by the Glebe North keeper.

This was no one way traffic though. Glebe North produced a fine passing movement which breached the home rearguard. Half time substitute Fawaz Oduyebo played a major part in the home side's victory. He scored twice and had a penalty saved to leave the final score 3-1 to Maynooth.

Maynooth Team:

Shane Nolan, James Penny, Chris Donnelly, Declan Burke, Conor Davin, Gary Daly, Michael Jones, Dáire Byrne, Daniel French, Alex Birchall, Bankole Agunsoya, Fawaz Oduyebo, Jonathan Flattery.

N. D. S. L. U 10 B1

11/2/06

Clontarf (0) 1

Maynooth Town (2) 4

The long trip to St. Anne's Park today failed to trouble or upset the determined march of this young Maynooth side. They took control of proceedings right from the start. The visitor's midfield trio combined well to create an early opening for Alex Birchall which he tucked away neatly. Clontarf were unable to live with skill and determination of Maynooth's play.

Shane Nolan, Dáire Byrne and Bankole Agunsoya were rock solid in defence. Andrew Munley, Conor Davin and Conor Gorman proved a fine creative midfield engine room. Striker and Captain Alex Birchall was a real handful for the Clontarf defence. His efforts were rewarded with a second goal to leave the half-time score 2-0 to Maynooth.

Half-time changes by the visitors failed to alter the script as Maynooth showed the strength of their squad.

James Penny and Declan Burke were able defenders on their introduction. Gary Daly and Fawaz Oduyebo joined the midfield engine room with great aplomb. Fawaz chipped in with a fine brace of goals. Michael Jones came into the attack and was most unfortunate not to find the net. Well done lads, this was a wonderful team performance.

Maynooth Team:

Shane Nolan, Bankole Agunsoya, Dáire Byrne, Andrew Munley, Conor Davin, Conor Gorman, Alex Birchall, James Penny, Declan Burke, Gary Daly, Michael Jones, Fawaz Oduyebo.

Soccer hero's from the early 1970's



Back Row: L-R: Sam Feeney, Colm Feeney, Tommy Gilligan, Johnny Graham, Eddie Moen, Joe Wall, Gerry Durack, Paul McCourt, Sean Gleeson & Dodo Murray
Front Row: L-R: Willie Saults, Liam Farrelly, Tony McTernan, Terry Moore, Gerry Keigher & David Cowhey



Lorna Noone with Bishop Ray Field

If you have any old photographs which you would like the Newsletter to publish please contact the office and we will be happy to oblige. All original photographs will be returned to their owners.

Maynooth Post Primary School Presents Grease The Musical.

On February 1st-5th 2006 Maynooth was shook by the amazing performance of Grease by 4th and 5th year students from Maynooth Post Primary School. About 160 students were involved on stage and that doesn't include everyone that worked on sound, lights, construction, design, the programme, patronage, make-up, supervision, front of the parish hall, shop, props and ticket sales. We also can't forget the 2nd years the worked on cleaning, raffle ticket and ice cream selling. And there wouldn't be a show without all the work the teachers put in since the Christmas holidays. With this long list of people Grease was a success. The leads were brilliant and the entire chorus were just as good. They all put a tremendous amount of work into the production of the show. You can't possibly compare this musical with any other because they are all unique and equally amazing. You have to be insane not to agree with me. It was just as good as the first production of Grease that the school did. I thought it was brilliant because the talent that was on stage and all the songs and colours. It was also great to see past pupils that were in the first production of Grease that the school did, Deirdre O'Rourke and Rebecca Flynn come back to help with this production. As far as I am concerned the production was brilliant and the cast and the teachers put long hours and hard work in to make it the superb show it was.

The leads were played by Sean Murray (Danny), Ruth Harkness (Sandy), David Newport (Kenickie), Eloise McNeely (Rizzo), Áine O'Neill (Marty), Katherine Oliver (Jan), Aideen Ní Shearcaigh, (Frenchy), Ben Carly (Roger), Sam Holt (Doody), Shane McBride (Sonny), Graham Best (Teen Angel), Caoibhe Walsh

(Patty), Meadhbh Fitzgibbon-Moore (Cha Cha), Naoise O' Cearúil (Eugene), Quintan Campbell (Johnny Casino), Chris Hodge (Vince Fontaine), Áoife Kelly (Miss Lynch).

As I like to say:

There's no other word to describe it but SAVAGE!!

By Jenny Kelly.

I don't think anybody can beat their summer

A wop-baba-la-bop. A wop-bam-boom!



True love?

Dance with me Danny!

We're cool, we're the T-Birds!

Cast members of the musical “Grease”



Nicola Egan, Eimear Connolly and Aisling Dunne



Michelle Kearney, Fiona Bradley and Shauna Cunningham

Cast members of the musical “Grease”



Emer Flynn, Edel Curran, Emma Garnett, Emma Brady, Aisling Farrell

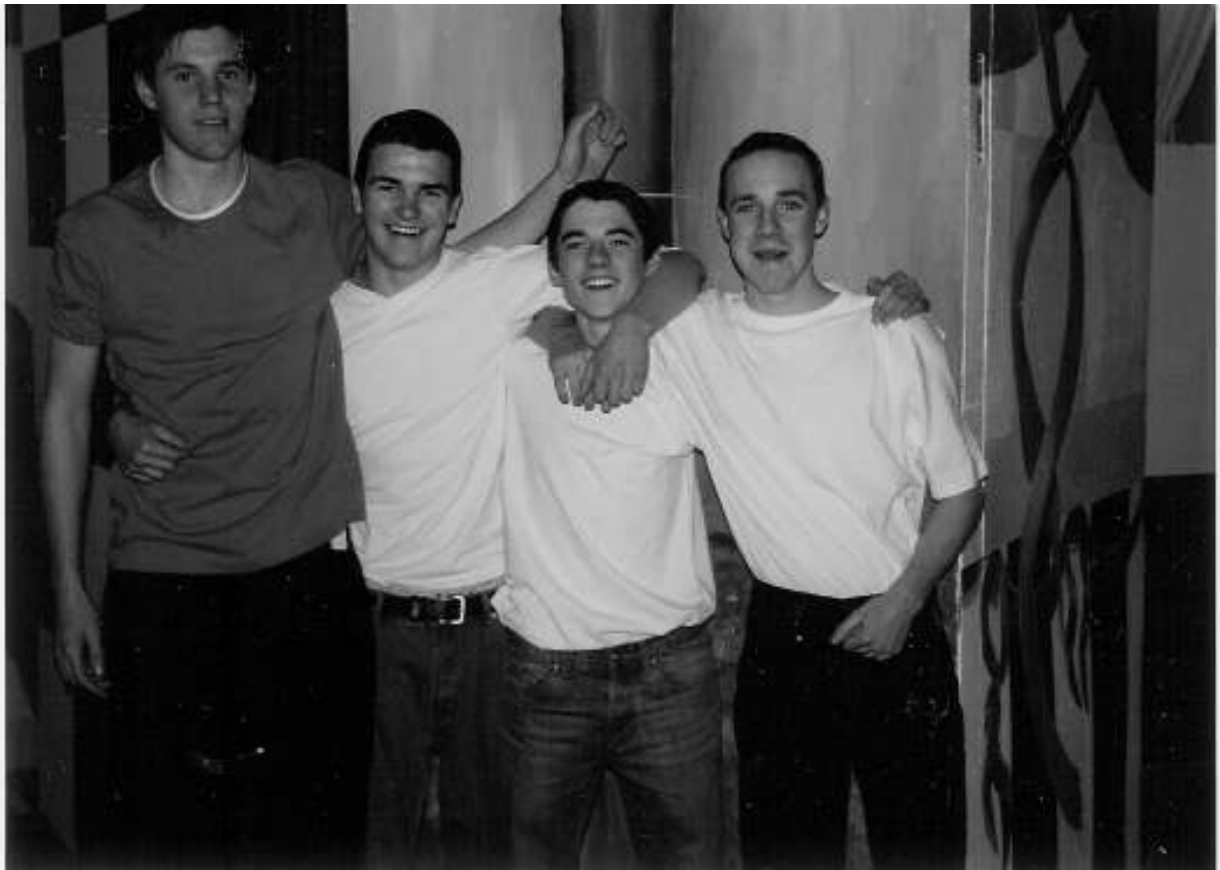


Aine O'Neill, Catherine Oliver, Eidin Ni Shearcaigh, Eloise MacNeely, Ruth Harkness

Cast members of the musical “Grease”



Naoise O'Cearail and Caoimhe Walsh



Brian Callopy, Liam Hendrik, Eoin Corcoran and Mark McCabe

Cast members of the musical “Grease”



Chris Hodge and Aoife Kelly



Shane McBride, Sean Murray, Sam Holt, Dave Newport and Ben Carley

Cast members of the musical “Grease”



Philip Mc Carron, Stephen Travers and Sean Durkin.



Oliver Faughner, Conor Kelleher and Ciaran Farrell

Boys School Confirmation Day 2006



*Back Row: L-R: Nanny Chrissie, Dad John, Orla & Anita Corcoran
Front Row: L-R: Taylor, John, Shannon and cousin Lauren*



Chloe & Hughie Faherty with mum Marcella

Boys School Confirmation Day 2006



Ben Devine with his Nanny, Bell Allen



Tadhg & Yvonne Hutchison



L-R: Niall O'Regan, Rory Hewson, Barry O'Regan, Bishop Ray Field, Owen Cullinane & Ronan Gallagher

Girls School Confirmation Day 2006



Teresa Geraldine Lawrence with family & friends



Anna with her parents, Jackie & Dr. Gerard King

**Congratulations to sixth class in the Girls National School,
Maynooth who were confirmed in the local church on 8th
February**



Boys School Confirmation Day 2006



*L-R: Patrick's Sponsor,
Joseph, Patrick Behan
& Owen Cullinane*



Brendan and Michelle Colfer with family and friends

Boys School Confirmation Day 2006



L-R: Paula, Jake, Zak, Bernie & Pat Monagle



Darren Barrett with his parents, Francis & Geraldine

Girls School Confirmation Day 2006



Ciara Farrell with her sister Lorraine and her niece Aisling



Andrea & Daniel McNamara



Aoife Jennings & her mother Mary



Bronagh & Joan Fitzgerald

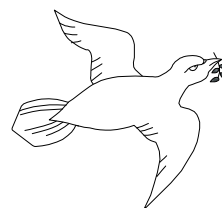
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Kimberley and Ingrid Seebus



Elaine Kelly with her mother Áine McLoughlin



Bishop Ray Field, Monsignor Stenson & Fr. Paul Coyle



Aoife Reilly & Aoife Dunne

Girls School Confirmation Day 2006



Back Row L-R: Alice, Bernard & Kathleen Brady with Ashling in the front row



L-R: Nick Hoban, Gráinne Hoban & Córa Coogan



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Environmental Awareness**

Trophy

Applications with entry fee to be sent to Community Council Office before
Friday 3rd March or phone Christina Sauls (office hours - 6285922 or 6285053) or
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Girls School Confirmation Day 2006



Aoife Reilly, Patricia and Noel Reilly, and her brothers Darren, Donal and Feargal



Claire Fay with mum and dad Catherine and Sean and Aunt Carol Conway

Girls School Confirmation Day 2006



Emily Corcoran with Mum and Dad, Catherine and Danny



Aisling Brady (far end) Kimberly Seabuss and Damilola Okesanya with principal Mrs. Boylan & T.D. Mary Hanifin



The Young People of Maynooth need your Help!

We are looking for volunteers to help run
a Foróige Club in Maynooth



AN INFORMATION NIGHT
will be held on
Tuesday 14th March
at 8pm
in the
Post Primary School
on Moyglare Rd.

There is a need for adult volunteers to re-establish the Foróige Youth Club in Maynooth. The commitment required is 2 hours a week to help with the supervision of activities for the club's members (young people in their teens). Training will be provided.

If you are interested in volunteering or finding out more about Foróige, contact Ruth Cleary - Regional Youth Officer for Kildare on (086) 2316303 or visit www.foroige.ie

Cast members of the musical “Grease”



Angela Cameron and Orla Kelly



Cast members of the musical “Grease”



Alex Cash and Bill Gannon



Ivan Karpenko, Sean Anderson, Christine Dix and friends

Cast members of the musical “Grease”



Garry Dooley, Dara Folan and Ciaran Daly



*Front: Brian O Dwyer, Eoin Curran, Paddy Murphy, Sean Moore and David O Grady,
Back: Ciaran Farrell, Cormac O Reilly, Cathal Farrelly, Garreth Dooley, Dara Folan and
Ciaran Daly.*

Cast members of the musical "Grease"



Keith Leonard and Danny Finnan

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Century of Irish Sporting Heroes – Michael Kinane (1959 -)



Jockey Mick Kinane

Mick Kinane was the mould breaker in Irish racing. Born in 1959 he is a member of a family steeped in race riding. In 1978 his father Tommy rode Monksfield to win the Champion Hurdle. His brothers Paul, Thomas and "Jayo" also rode with varying degrees of success. Mick served his apprenticeship with Liam Browne. He won the Irish 2000 Guineas and St James's Palace Stakes at Ascot on Dara Monarch for the trainer in 1982. He also rode for Michael Kauntze in his early career but his big breakthrough came when he joined the Dermot Weld stable as first jockey in 1984.

At the beginning of his career it was common practice for the top Irish stables to retain overseas riders. It was also the norm to import French or English based jockeys to ride Irish trained horses in the Home Classics. Very few Irish jockeys were given the opportunity to ride good horses abroad, with T P Burns (English St Leger/ Ballymoss, 1957), Liam Ward (French St Leger/ Sicilian Prince, 1962), Johnny Roe (English 1000 Guineas/ Nocturnal Spree, 1975) and Gabriel Curran (English 2000 Guineas/ Nebbiolo, 1977) being the few exceptions. Mick Kinane and Christy Roche were to change all that. It also has to be said that the establishment of RACE apprentice school in Kildare was the single most important contribution to the development of the Irish jockey. We can see the results to day, all our top racing stables retain Irish jockeys. Many of the top ten in England are Irish born and former pupils of the RACE Academy. Looking at the number of Australian jockeys riding in Ireland in the sixties it would have been hard to imagine the above scenario. In the following decades Irish based jockeys were to win the biggest and most valuable races in the world.

Leading the charge was Michael Kinane, winning the Epsom Derby, The Arc de Triomphe, the Melbourne Cup and the last leg of the American Triple Crown, the Belmont (the only European jockey to have done so). Mick Kinane's partnership with Dermot Weld was to prove one of the greatest jockey / trainer relationships in Irish racing history. With a tally in the region of 1000 winners most of the Group One races in Ireland fell to the all-conquering Rosewell House Stable on the Curragh. Numbered among their successes were the Irish 2000 Guineas with Flash of Steel (1986) and the Irish 1000 Guineas with Trusted Partner (1988). There were many Group successes in England and France with Committed winning the Prix de L'abbaye on Arc day 1985 and Brief Truce, the St. James's Palace Stakes at Ascot (1992). However, it was his association with the great Vintage Crop, a dual winner of the Irish St Leger, that made the names of Kinane and Weld reverberate round the racing world. The logistics of flying Vintage Crop half way round the world, complying with quarantine restrictions and preparing the horse to win the Melbourne Cup proved a monumental achievement for all concerned. In winning the 1993 Melbourne Cup with Vintage Crop Dermot Weld and Mick Kinane carved their name in racing history as the feat had never been achieved by a European horse before or since. During his time with Dermot Weld, Michael Kinane was much sought after by the top trainers in Europe. He won the Arc on Carroll House for Michael Jarvis (1989). He rode Tirol for Richard Hannon to win the English 2000 Guineas (1990). Other Group One winners were Commander in Chief, Epsom Derby (1993) for Henry Cecil and Eclipse Stakes winner Opera House for Sir Michael Stoute. Mick also rode with great success in India, Italy and Hong Kong.

The one race that had a huge significance on his career and brought him to the attention of the international racing media was the King George and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot in 1990. Mick was engaged to ride Belmez for the Henry Cecil stable. Henry's stable jockey, Steve Cauthen, was on the stable's main hope Old Vic. It is doubtful that there was ever a jockey as thoroughly schooled as Steve. The American rode his first winner at River Downs Ohio in May 1976 at sixteen years of age. That same year he rode 240 winners and was the leading apprentice in the United States. The following year he rode 433 winners on the New York circuit alone, winning six million dollars in prize money. In 1978 he rode Affirmed to win the American Triple Crown, (Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont Stakes). In all three races Affirmed beat the luckless and courageous Alydar. This horse (Alydar) was later to meet his death at Calumet Stud Farm Kentucky, in circumstances that left a bad taste in the mouths of those who love great horses. Steve Cauthen left to ride in England in 1979 as an Eclipse Jockey and

Century of Irish Sporting Heroes – Michael Kinane (1959 -)

Sports Illustrated Man of the Year. The final three furlongs of the King George showed Mick Kinane at his best. Steve got first run and had Old Vic running sweetly along the rails. Each time Mick tried to wind up Belmez in the finishing straight, the horse continually hung left. In the final furlong showing all his strength and timing Mick drove Belmez across the line, a neck in front. This race was dual between two great champions and Mick won it. To be fair the ground had firmed up on the day of the race and the going would not have suited Old Vic.

Mick Kinane's long association with Dermot Weld ended in 1998. He was retained as first jockey for the Aidan O'Brien Stable for the 1999 flat season. For the next five years he was to ride most of the European if not the World Thoroughbred Champions. Highlights included Galileo winner of the Epsom Derby and Rock of Gibraltar winner of seven successive Group One races. He also rode Montjeu to win the Irish Derby, The King George and the Arc. Both Kinane and O'Brien showed there was going to be no limits to the progress of Irish jockeys and trainers when Johannesburg on a surface he never previously raced on (dirt) destroyed the best that America could offer in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile of 2001.

Breeders' Cup day October 25th 2003 was another great day in Mick Kinane's riding career. Riding High Chaparral, Mick probably rode one of the great races of his life to share a dead heat with the Alex Solis ridden Johar in the Breeders' Cup Turf. High Chaparral, Epsom Derby winner of 2002 was going for his second successive Breeders' Cup win at Santa Anita in California. Huge money was riding on his stallion prospects and the pressure was at boiling point. Run at a frantic pace Mick always had his mount handy and turning for home he had only one in front. That it was European horse of the year, Falbrav ridden by Darryl Holland, was bad enough but some lengths behind was Johar ridden by one of the top Americans, Alex Solis who knew he had the race won. There has been many criticisms of American jockeys down the years, but the one attribute the top ones have is the ingrained knowledge of sectional timing and an instinct as to the exact position of the winning post (the wire). Solis had it measured, he was going to win the race by a head or a neck. He did not know Mick. Riding like a demon Mick Kinane drove his horse to the wire. Raising his whip above his shoulders (not allowed in Europe) he gave High Chaparral a couple of cracks in the last ten yards that foiled Solis as he arrived level with the Irishman. They passed the winning post together and it took twenty minutes for the stewards to declare a dead-heat. This was great stuff, a moment of sporting endeavour that deserves a special place in racing history.

There is a lot more to be written about Michael Kinane. At age 47 he is riding out of his skin. Top trainers are still seeking his services to ride the best thoroughbreds in Europe and Dubai. His association with John Oxx and Azamour winner of the St James's Palace Stakes and the King George and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes keeps his name on the top of the international top jockey list. There is no doubt that in a century of Irish sporting heroes Michael Kinane will probably prove one of the best.



Winning rider Mick Kinane shares a laugh with the stable crew after High Chaparral's 1¼-length win in the Breeders Cup Turf (2002)

Bobby Kelly, Larine House, Maynooth



The Newsletter recently visited Bobby at Larine House Maynooth. Bobby has spent nearly all his life in State institutions. He is alert, articulate and for a person who never received a formal education, extremely well read. He prefers radio to TV and is an avid listener of news and discussion programs. We read his collection of writings on aspects of his life and travels within the country and selected the following pieces as examples of his talents. Although he recognises that people with his physical and medical disabilities can now, in many cases, be treated in a home environment he is not bitter about the past and is content and happy with his home in Maynooth.

Bobby Kelly writes about Art

I like painting landscapes with my imagination. I painted the Toll Bridge and the Custom House and the Four Courts from my imagination. I used daler boards at that time and painted those things from my memory in oils in the art class at St Lomans I painted ponies grazing and Moore St. traders selling apples, oranges, bananas, plums and fish.

I painted a lot in watercolours too- a horse and cart loaded with fruit, canal boats with Guinness barrels and mountains, trees and nature studies and Christmas cribs. They were brought to the National Gallery for display. We went by mini bus and every one of the doctors and nurses were looking at the paintings. The Gallery was so old that they were going to get a new building on the quays.

I like mixing colours blue and red make purple, blue and yellow make green for landscapes: white, red and a little black make brown for heather: yellow and red make orange. One art teacher told me that I had no right to use my imagination to study nature but I will keep using my imagination and studying nature. It is better for me to do so and keep my mind occupied, using my imagination all the time. Maybe she only meant not to do it in class.

I have been painting in Larine with Marina. I am very interested, honest to God. It is a great hobby. I get great pleasure out of doing art and also poetry.

Bobby Kelly on Poetry

When I was a boy of five
In the Royal Theatre I sang
To a big crowd sang live.
While the music in my ear rang.

I sang my heart to everyone
A great feeling was certainly mine
Everyone loved my very song
Done in a minimum of time

A sweet melody touched all
The audience applauded with cheer
My performance in their call
To the melody crowd held so dear

I sang and sang my heart away
Till this very day now
My talented voice still stays
A gift of God I give my vow

My name to all is Bobby Kelly
And I never get tired to sing
A song means the world to me
And all the enjoyment it brings

I am not famous or wealthy
But my singing thrills my heart
I never charge any fee
My song never will I part



Bobby with two of his paintings



The official signing for the extension to Maynooth Post-Primary School

Contract Signing for School Extension

Today is special for all students, teachers, ancillary staff, parents and future students of Maynooth post-primary school. The signing of the contract for the extension costing 3.3 million Euro will result in easing over-crowding at the school.

The extension will provide a state of the art Gymnasium, Computer room, Special Needs Tuition room, Nine classrooms, a tiered Demonstration room, refurbished Science room, Woodwork room, staff room and office accommodation. The new facilities will bring the accommodation up to 850 students.

The present population of the school is 833 and growing. I understand that the Department of Education & Science will be advising Kildare VEC to proceed to the next stage, which is to provide for 1000 students.

On behalf of the staff and the Deputy Principal, Mr. Johnny Nevin, I would like to convey our thanks to Mr. Sean Ashe and Kildare VEC for all their assistance. It was along battle but it will be worth waiting for the finished product.

The contractors Kelly Bros. Rosemount, have informed me that they hope to have the project completed prior to Christmas 2006. I look forward to occupying the new building in January 2007,

Senan Griffin.



*Rory Kissane, John Flynn, Laura Tierney, Emma Blunt, Aoife Donnan, Nicola Boland & Conor Coleman.
Seated: Senan Griffin, Sean Ashe, Michael Fitzpatrick, Tony Smith.*



Sean Ashe CEO, Michael Fitzpatrick, Senan Griffin, Tony Smith and Rory Kissane.



*Back Row: Mr Nevin dep. Principal, Mr John Flynn. PTA, Mr Rory Kissane (Architect)
Seated: Senan Griffin, Sean Ashe CEO, Michael Fitzpatrick, Chairman of VEC, Tony Smith of Builders Kelly Bros*

**Gerard King from Castle Dawson, Maynooth was conferred with a
Doctorate of Philosophy in Clinical Science on the 16th February
2006 from the Dublin Institute of Technology**



*L to R Professor Norman McDicken (University of
Edinburg) Dr. Neil O'Hare, St. James Hospital,
Professor Brian Norton (President of the Dublin
Institute of Technology), Dr. Gerard King, St. James
Hospital and Dr. Matt Hussey (Head of the School of
Physics D.I.T.*



*Anna King who was confirmed in the local church on
8th February pictured here with her father Dr. Gerard
King*



*L to R Anna King, David King, Grace O'Donnell (David's girlfriend) Dr. Gerard King, Janice Wilson,
Betty O'Toole and Claire King*

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Stagg Succeeds In Blocking 4 Storey Development At Buckley's House

The appeal lodged by Deputy Emmet Stagg against Kildare Co. Council's decision to grant planning permission for a 4 Storey Development to the rear of Buckley's House, Parson Street, Maynooth, has succeeded with An Bord Pleanala refusing permission for the development on January 31st.

Welcoming the decision Deputy Stagg stated that the Board had agreed with his objections to the development and the reasons for their decision were as follows; *'It is an objective of the planning authority, as set out in the Maynooth Development Plan, 2002, to preserve the environs and setting of protected structures and to prevent and exclude any development which would destroy or detract from their amenity value. This objective is considered reasonable. The proposed new development, by reason of its excessive height and mass, its location directly adjoining protected structures on Leinster Street and the proximity of the restaurant to the protected structure of Buckley House, would constitute a visually dominant form of development which would detract from the character and setting of these protected structures and diminish the value of their protected status. The proposed development would, therefore, contravene the objectives of the planning authority, would seriously injure the amenities of the area and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.'*

Deputy Stagg stated that the site was in the Heart of Historic Maynooth with 9 Listed Structures for Protection in the area, including Maynooth Castle, St. Mary's Church of Ireland, The Entrance to Maynooth College, Buckley's House itself, Castlevue House and the Houses on Leinster Street. The character of this area would have been destroyed in this development had been allowed to proceed.

Buckley's House was built circa 1770 and was the home of the last Governor General of the Irish Free State Donal O' Buachalla. (Governor General from November 1932 to 11/12/36)

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that Buckley House needs to be restored from its present dilapidated state but this cannot be done without having due regard for the uniqueness of this part of Old Maynooth.

Maynooth Traffic Management Plan

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following update at the Leixlip Area Committee meeting of the Council on 10 February:

"Issues raised by the Committee in relation to traffic management arrangements in Maynooth are currently being examined in detail by both Faber Maunsell and the Road Design team. All issues are currently receiving attention and there is quite an amount of detail involved. While many of the issues have been addressed, there are, however, some outstanding items. Accordingly, it is proposed to deal with all matters comprehensively at the March monthly meeting. Both Faber Maunsell and the Senior Engineer, Road Design will be in attendance."

In reply Cllr. McGinley say that it was ridiculous to say that *"many of the issues have been addressed"*. John stated that the only change made so far to address the problems caused by the new traffic management system was the changing of the timing on the pedestrian lights at Mill Street.

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John also asked for the traffic lights at the Glenroyal to be turned off as they are making matters worse. He asked for the pedestrian signal across the Glenroyal entrance at the Straffan Road to remain on as it was performing a useful safety function. He also asked that the new lights at Lidl and those yet to be erected at the Meadowbrook Link Road junction be operated as one traffic light as per the original design.

Public Lighting – The Harbour

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following progress report, at the Area Meeting on 10 February, on his campaign to have proper public lighting at The Harbour, Maynooth:

"In response to a suggestion by the Mayor, the Roads Department have contacted the Royal Canal Amenity Group who, in turn, have agreed to carry out civil works relating to the installation of the underground duct. Accordingly, there will be no cost to the Council in relation to this element. In turn, this will result in a substantial reduction in the earlier E.S.B. estimate of €27,800 (excluding the supply of lighting units).

In light of the above, the Senior Executive Officer has contacted E.S.B Contracts and requested a revised quotation for the other work; namely – cabling, erection of lighting units and connections. The E.S.B. have undertaken to give a revised quotation within a few days. It is expected that the cost will be in the region of €12,000/€13,000.

In order to finalise arrangements, the Senior Executive Officer, is now endeavouring to organise a meeting with the Royal Canal Amenity Group, Waterways Ireland, the E.S.B. and the Area Engineer in order to agree costs and contributions for the work. He will again try to engage with Irish Rail but it seems this company have no interest in progressing the scheme.

The members will glean, therefore, that matters are progressing and I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Senior Executive Officer for his ongoing efforts in this regard. The intervention of the Mayor has also been helpful."

Cllr. McGinley stated that it was good that a resolution was finally at hand on this public safety issue and he would particularly like to thank the Royal Canal Amenity Group for agreeing to carry out the civil works.

Footpath from The Mill Centre to the John Paul Library, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following reply to his question "Are there any plans to extend the footpath from the Mill Centre, Maynooth, to the John Paul Library at the College on the Kilcock Road?"

"It should be possible to effect footpath improvements at this location as part of the planning conditions relating to the Aldi development. The extent and design of such a scheme is being examined in detail by the Road Design team who will be visiting the site on Wednesday, 8th February, 06. Accordingly, a more detailed report will be available for the March monthly meeting."

Fences at Beaufield/Rathcoffey Road and at Newtown Shopping Centre:

Following representations from Cllr. John McGinley the Council repaired the damage done to both fences.

Maynooth Children's Playground Revamp

Parents and children will be aware that the grass area of the playground has become very muddy. Cllr. John McGinley asked the Council to install rubber matting similar to that in the Leixlip Playground and he has been given the following positive response by the Council's new Senior Executive Parks Superintendent, Simon Wallace:

"We are currently seeking prices from companies to install safe grass matting in the playground. I am hoping to meet with the company that submitted the lowest quote at the playground on Monday (13th February) to discuss installing safe grass matting over the area concerned and to ascertain when the work could be started so I hope to be able to confirm after this meeting when the work is likely to be done."

Also, the Council has sought expressions of interest from suitable individuals, organisations or companies to carry out daily inspections and maintenance of the playground. The closing date for receipt of submissions is 3rd March.

Unauthorised signs at "Mizzoni Pizzas" and at "Brigids Snow White Laundrette" on Main Street, Maynooth

At the request of members of the public Cllr. John McGinley asked the Council to take action against these unauthorised and highly inappropriate new signs. The Council issued Warning Letters to both property owners in early February.

Stagg Accuses Government of Reneging on Commitment on Unfinished Housing Estates

Deputy Emmet Stagg has accused the government of reneging on a commitment made during the Meath and Kildare North Bye Elections last year to take measures to deal with the problem of unfinished housing estates and in particular to facilitate the

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further progress of a Labour Party Private Members Bill designed to tackle the problem.

Deputy Stagg stated "In March of last year The Labour Party tabled a Private Members Bill, the Planning and Development Bill, 2005 to deal with the blight of unfinished housing estates which is becoming more commonplace, particularly in suburban areas, to the distress and frustration of residents. The government supported the Bill: it passed Second Stage and the government indicated that, subject to a number of amendments they would propose, they would facilitate its subsequent passage through the Dail. In the course of the debate the Minister for the Environment, Dick Roche, congratulated the Labour Party on the introduction of the Bill before saying: *'I am not opposing the Bill; everyone in the House is sympathetic to its aims.'*

Deputy Stagg further stated "Almost a year later it appears that the government has now reneged on that commitment; that the decision to allow the Bill to pass Second Stage was simply a device to get the government over the two bye elections; and that now they are once again abandoning families in unfinished estates and are reverting to their traditional position of support for unscrupulous building contractors".

"Since the Bill passed Second Stage last year, my colleague Labour's Environment Spokesperson Eamonn Gilmore T.D. has been pressing that the Committee Stage of the Bill should be taken by the Environment and Local Government Committee. However it is now our understanding that the Minister is refusing to agree to the Bill being taken and is claiming that priority must be given to the as yet unpublished Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Bill. This excuse simply does not make sense. The Labour Bill is a relatively short piece of legislation that would not place any undue pressure on either the Committee or the Department " expressed an angry Deputy Stagg.

"The real reason would appear to be that the Minister and his colleagues have, once again, backed down in the face of pressure from rogue builders and this is a disgrace but not a surprise given Fianna Fail's Track Record with the Construction Industry" concluded Deputy Stagg.

Note Re Labour Party Planning and Development Bill, 2005

"Under the current Planning Act of 2000, the local authority has to apply to the High Court for

authorisation to refuse planning permission on the grounds of a track record of non-completion. In other words, the onus or burden of seeking to refuse planning is on the local authority under the existing law.

"Labour thinks this is unfair. Why should this burden be placed on the local authority which does not always have the time or resources to pursue High Court action to prevent the grant of planning permission? It should be up to the developer to prove that they will meet their obligations.

"So, under our Bill, where a planning authority forms the opinion that there is a real risk of non-completion by the applicant (developer) and there is a track record of non-completion, it is obliged to serve on the person concerned a notice of its decision to refuse permission for that reason. The notice takes effect within 21 days, unless the planning applicant appeals the decision to the High Court.

"The Bill would also give residents who live in or move into unfinished estates to have recourse to the law to seek damages where their estate is left in an unsatisfactory situation. In this way it will empower local authorities to deal with developers with a track record of non-completion and empower communities and residents so affected to seek legal recourse through the Courts".

O2 Mast Retention Application in Maynooth Declared Invalid Again—Making a Joke of Planning System

Deputy Emmet Stagg has expressed his frustration that the 3rd planning application by O2 to retain their unauthorised Telecommunications Mast at Maynooth G.A.A. Grounds on the Moyglare Road, Maynooth, has been returned as invalid by Kildare Co. Council.

The new application has been rejected as invalid because no Site Notices were in place when Kildare Co. Council carried out a site inspection.

Deputy Stagg stated that O2 first applied for Retention of the Mast in January 2005 and the file was declared invalid in March 2005. In October 2005 a second retention application was lodged with the Council and it was duly declared invalid within a week. Now that this third retention application has been declared invalid Deputy Stagg stated that O2 were making a joke of the Planning System in Co. Kildare.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that he had again contacted the Council insisting that they pursue vigorously the Injunction proceedings against O2

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under Section 160 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, to have the unauthorised mast removed. This case was referred to the Council's Solicitors last September and the delay in bringing the case to Court was inexcusable.

Stagg Welcomes Progress on Architectural Planning for Schools but Expresses Doubts on when Construction will Commence

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the go ahead given to start architectural planning in relation to 3 Primary Schools in North Kildare by the Minister for Education on January 13th, but he has expressed caution in relation to when the projects will actually commence construction.

Deputy Stagg stated that 2 new schools are to be built at Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich in Maynooth and Gaelscoil Nas na Riogh in Naas whilst an extension is to be built to Scoil Choca Naofa in Kilcock.

Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich presently operates from Temporary Accommodation at the School site on Celbridge Road, Maynooth whilst Gaelscoil Nas na Riogh is located at the V.E.C. Grounds on the old Limerick Road. Scoil Choca Naofa at Mill Lane in Kilcock was built in 1953 and presently has 5 prefabs. The extension approved for Scoil Choca Naofa is long overdue and follows on from 5 years of persistent campaigning by the school principal and parents association.

Whilst moving to Architectural Planning is at least a step in the right direction Deputy Stagg stated that no commitment on funding for construction has been made. To highlight this he pointed out that on April 20th last the Presentation Convent in Maynooth were given approval to proceed with advanced architectural planning for an extension. The extension is still stuck at Stage 3 of the Departments Bureaucratic Process and the Minister advised Deputy Stagg on 15th December, 2005 in the Dail that the progression of projects to construction would be considered in the context of the School Building and Modernisation Programme 2005 to 2009.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that it was critical that the schools immediately appointed their Design Teams for the Projects so pressure could be put on the Minister to clear the schemes quickly and actually provide funding to complete the projects.

Public Service Recruitment Embargo causes 20 Month Wait for speech and Language Therapy Assessment for Children

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been advised by the Principal Speech and Language Therapist for Kildare that the Public Service Recruitment Embargo,

imposed by the Government in December 2002, is directly responsible for the 20 month waiting list for children for Speech and Language Therapy assessment. In fact the waiting list has increased to 20 months from 18 since last November when Deputy Stagg first raised the issue.

The Principal Speech and Language Therapist advised Deputy Stagg that staffing levels have remained at the same level as 1998 and that prior to the Recruitment Embargo they had sanction for the appointment of an additional 11 therapists but once the Embargo was imposed this sanction was withdrawn.

Deputy Stagg has lashed the Minister for Health for not caring about these children and forcing parents to pay for private assessments which cost €250 for the initial session. Some parents may be able to afford this but many will not and Mary Harney doesn't care. Early intervention is critical for these children in their early developmental years and International Studies have shown that for every €1 spent on early intervention you save €7 at a later stage.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that he intends to pursue this matter further with the Tanaiste even though she will not answer Parliamentary Questions but he vowed to raise the issue one way or another in the Dail.

Stagg to Contact I.A.A. and Minister for Transport Over Decision to Hold Helicopters bringing Spectators to the Ryder Cup Over Maynooth

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been informed that the Irish Aviation Authority have instructed Weston Aerodrome to hold helicopters bringing spectators to the Ryder Cup next September at 500 feet over Maynooth.

Deputy Stagg has reacted angrily to the instruction given the dangers which will be posed for residents in Maynooth. Deputy Stagg stated there will be a clatter of helicopters arriving daily for the Ryder Cup and obviously they will be unable to land at the same time thus necessitating a holding area. If something goes wrong with a Helicopter it will drop like a brick and this is a danger which should not be imposed on the residents of Maynooth however unlikely such an incident might be.

Deputy Stagg further stated that given all the Agricultural Land to the South of Maynooth he could not understand the reasoning for the Irish Aviation Authority's instruction.

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In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he intended to take the matter up directly with the Irish Aviation Authority and the Minister for Transport.

Home Help Service Being Savaged in Kildare by Government—33% Increase in Numbers Receiving Service Yet 27% Cut in Funding

Deputy Emmet Stagg has continued to campaign against the uncaring savaging of the Home Help Service in Co. Kildare by this F.F./P.D. Government of wasters.

The most recent response received by Deputy Stagg from the Health Services Executive shows just how far this Government is out of touch with the requirements of older people in the County and brings their level of mismanagement to a new low.

Ms. Angela Newman, Deputy Area Administrator of the H.S.E. in Poplar House Naas, advised Deputy Stagg on 12th January that there was a 27% reduction in Home Help Hours between 2003 and 2005. She then goes on to state that the number of people receiving the service increased by 33%.

These stated Deputy Stagg are very interesting but alarming figures. Where else in the developed world would you see an increase of 33% in the number of people availing of a service and yet you cut the hours of service by 27%. In other words the small amount of funding available to help older people live independently in their own communities is being spread too thin which means you end up with nobody receiving an effective service.

The figures are shocking and no amount of protestation from the Tanaiste about her concern for older people will convince anybody if they look at the facts.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that he intended to raise the matter further in the Dail in a defence of the rights of older people to receive sufficient support from the State to continue to enjoy life living in their community.

H.S.E. Reviewing Staffing Requirements Following Stagg's Raising of Eye Test Waiting List for Children

Last October Deputy Emmet Stagg was advised that the waiting time for Eye Tests for Children in Maynooth Health Centre was 7 months, with the waiting time for Newbridge and Athy Health Centres only 3 months.

Given that the waiting time at Maynooth was more than twice that of Newbridge and Athy Deputy Stagg questioned the Tanaiste and Minister for Health in relation to the provision of additional resources to Maynooth Health Centre to reduce the waiting time there.

The Health Service Executive have advised Deputy Stagg on behalf of the Tanaiste that they are currently in the process of reviewing the optical service and assessing staff requirements to meet the needs of the growing service in Kildare/West Wicklow.

Whilst welcoming the review Deputy Stagg stated that the result had to include the provision of additional opticians in Maynooth and nothing shorter than that would be acceptable.

To leave children distressed while awaiting an eye test in this day and age is unforgivable concluded Deputy Stagg and he vowed to continue to press for additional opticians in Maynooth Health Centre.

2005 SERIOUS CRIME STATISTICS SHOW 3.5% INCREASE ON 2004 – UP 55% ON 2000 FIGURES

Deputy Emmet Stagg has criticised the Minister for Justice for his abject failure to deal with Serious Crime in Kildare following the publication on Thursday of the Provisional Headline Crime Statistics for 2005.

Deputy Stagg stated that Nationally Serious Crime is up 2.7% whilst in the Carlow/Kildare Division there were 4,833 Serious Crimes, up 3.5% on 2004 but more worryingly up 55% since 2,000. The detection rate in Kildare at 30% is up 1%.

Some of the key areas where increases occurred in the Carlow/Kildare Division are as follows:

- There were 3 Murders in 2005 whilst there were none in 2004.
- Possession of Drugs for sale or supply – up 30%
- Robberies – up 31%
- Arson – up 16%
- Thefts – up 5%

Deputy Stagg laid the blame for the increase in Crime firmly on the shoulders of the Minister who he stated continues to preside over an undermanned Garda Force in Kildare. With 4.9% of the Population of the State we have just 2.7% of the Garda Force Nationally, whilst Co. Clare with 2.6% of the Population of the State has 2.6 of the Garda Force Nationally.

If our Gardai are to tackle Crime Head on they need more resources, in particular manpower. This

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Minister and this Government unfortunately have no intention of redressing the inequity in the distribution of same concluded Deputy Stagg.

Stagg Calls for Shadow Tolling on Westlink

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Transport in the Dail on Thursday 26th January seeking the introduction of Shadow Tolling on the M50 Westlink Toll Bridge until Open Road Tolling is introduced.

The Minister advised Deputy Stagg that the West-Link Toll Bridge Agreement and issues relating thereto are a matter for the National Roads Authority in the first instance. In the context of the overall upgrade of the M50, the N.R.A. is currently engaged in negotiations with National Toll Roads in relation to the upgrade of the West-Link section of the M50 including a move to open road Tolling.

In questioning the Minister Deputy Stagg was seeking the removal of the gridlock faced by motorists every day which would have cost the State €50 Million Euro in 2006 and 2007 on the basis that Open Road Tolling at the Bridge would have been available in 2008. In essence the State was at fault for not bringing forward such a scheme and therefore why should commuters suffer daily for their incompetence.

The announcement on Friday by the National Roads Authority and the Minister for Transport that the State will buyout the Westlink Bridge from National Toll Roads and impose three State Tolls along the M50 from 2008 has three major effects:

- It consigns Motorists to another 2 years of Hell, 240 days a year.
- It means increased Toll Charges for Motorists from 2008.
- When the Port Tunnel opens, some time this year, an additional 2,200 H.G.V.'s per day will be diverted to the M50, which will increase the Gridlock and push more motorists and lorry drivers into using Dublin City and the North/South Link through Co. Kildare.

Deputy Stagg stated that the Government is calling the shots on this one and it now is taking over from National Toll Roads as the Milker of money from the hard pressed motorists using the M50. At a minimum they should now give some relief to commuters by lifting the Toll Barriers for the next two years and let them compensate National Toll Roads by paying a Shadow Toll of €30 Million per year and forego their cut from the Tolls which amounts to some €20 Million.

Changes to Maynooth Traffic Management

At a special meeting today (February 21st) of the Leixlip Area Committee, Council Officials and consultants Faber Maunsell, it was agreed that the following changes to the traffic management system in Maynooth would be carried out straight away:

1. Green time from Moyglare Road to Mill Street increased by 10 seconds
2. At The Square increase the green time by 10 seconds for cars turning right from Straffan Road to Main Street and for cars turning left from Main Street up the Straffan Road between the hours of 15.00 and 19.00.
3. The lights at the Glenroyal will remain off
4. A right turning lane is being constructed at present at the Straffan Road/Meadowbrook Link Road junction.

The following changes have also been proposed for the consideration of the Area Councillors:

- Create a separate left turning lane from Main Street to the Straffan Road. This will mean cutting a slice off the corner of the Square and the removal of the tree outside Brady's and at the pedestrian crossing. Mature trees would replace them
- Extend and deepen the bus bay at Buckley's so that buses can pull in fully. Again the removal of one or two trees would probably be necessary. Mature trees would replace them.
- Close off Fagan's Lane for access to/from Main Street.
- No entry to Doctors Lane from Straffan Road.

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- Bring the lights at the Bank of Ireland closer to the square. (The Council Officials and consultants insist that they cannot remove an existing pedestrian crossing altogether.) Putting the lights outside Liam Floods house will require the removal of two trees to be replaced with mature.

Cllr. John McGinley would very much appreciate the views of the public on the proposed changes.

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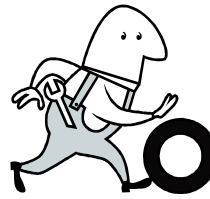
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Mayor John McGinley presenting Gerry Kelly with the winning trophy at the Maynooth Branch Labour Party's Annual Darts Tournament which was held in Brady's of Dunboyne

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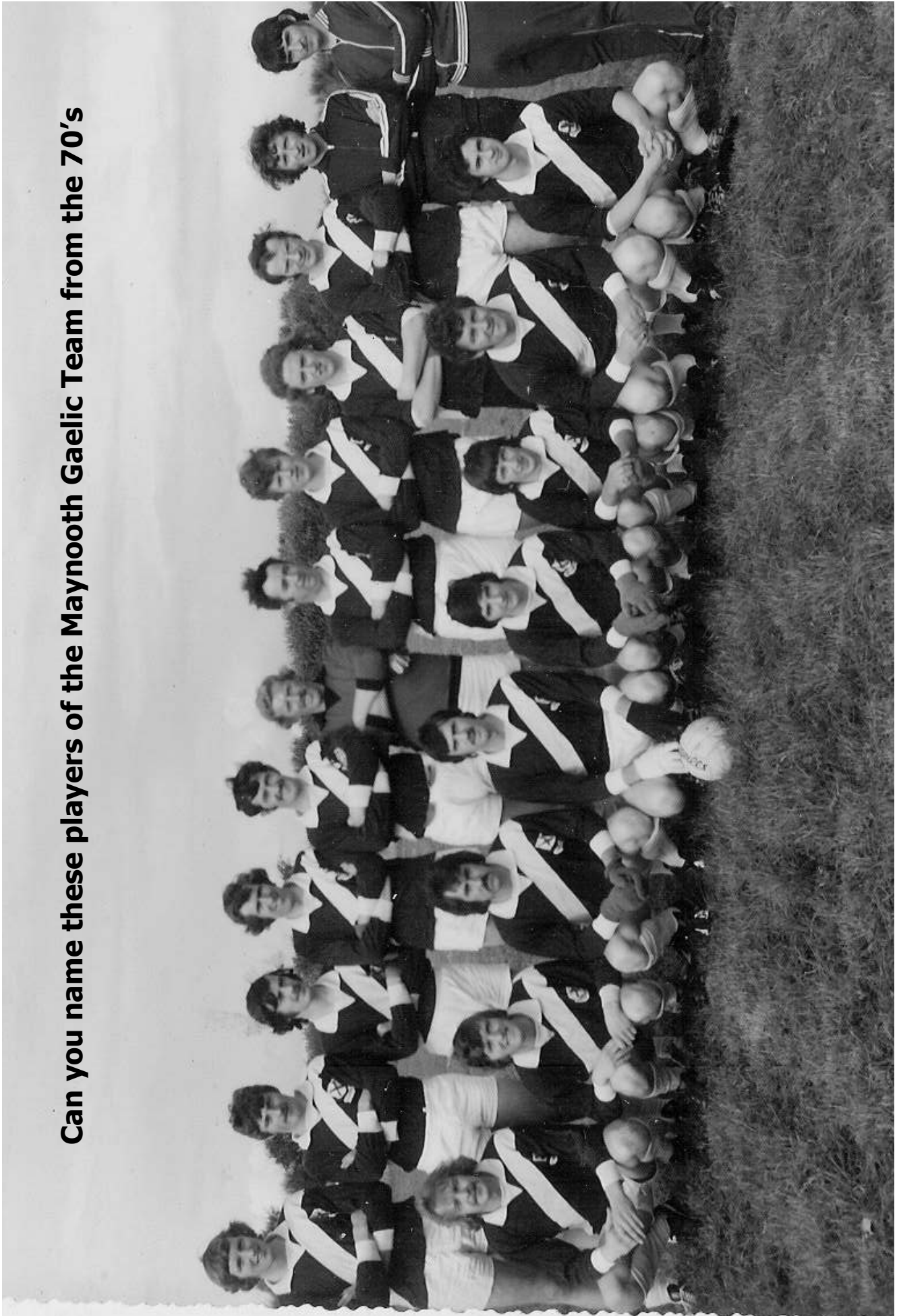
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Deputy Catherine Murphy (Ind) News

Kildare County Council has not been granted funding for flood relief works in Leixlip as the report they submitted to the OPW did not contain sufficient technical information. Although the report in question was carried out by a consultancy firm, took over 18 months to research and compile, and involved a significant sum of money it is lacking in technical information such as a cost benefit analysis, among other elements. Deputy Catherine Murphy has expressed 'alarm' at the way the process is handled, it gives no comfort to families who had their homes flooded years after the event.

Local Authorities seeking funding must first compile expensive reports to prove they are in need of money. "There appeared to have been a breakdown in communication between Kildare County Council and the OPW on what information is required to assess the need for flood relief works and that more detailed consultation prior to the drafting of the report would have prevented the current situation." Counties that exist on relatively small budgets as Kildare does simply don't have the money to spend on reports of this nature, and waiting for a budget to be allocated for it slows the whole process down and leaves areas that are susceptible to flooding at risk for prolonged periods of time."

Murphy went on to highlight that "The OPW have informed me that they will be meeting with Kildare County Council in order to explain what they need from reports of this nature but such a consultation should have taken place years ago." – Murphy. A similar report that was submitted with regard to flooding events in Straffan was also rejected by the OPW on similar grounds, "it's clear that more transparent guidelines need to be issued to Local Authorities on the quality of information required in such reports to speed up the process".

The OPW is recently distributed a leaflet advising residents on what they should do to protect themselves against flooding, the irony is the residents were waiting for the OPW to provide funding for solutions outlined in the report from Kildare County Council, this has caused serious distress to residents who had an expectation that work would have been done sooner rather than later. Deputy Murphy concluded in stating that the ideal solution may be to use one central agency for the drafting of such reports, however highlighted that the OPW have a limited budgetary capacity and should they be required to carry out such a function would need to be provided with an increased level of resources.

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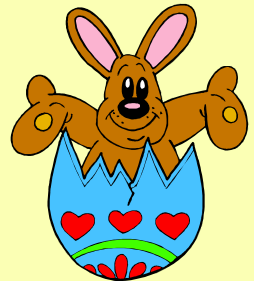
Happy Birthday to Pat Moran, Old Greenfields who celebrates his birthday on 27th March from Lauren and Leah, granddaughters.

Happy Birthday to Conor Saults and Sharon Brady who celebrate their birthdays on the 31st March from Christina



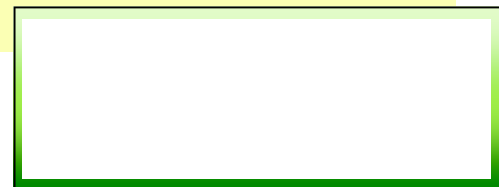
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Editorial

This month, I would like to draw attention briefly in this editorial to a number of issues which concern the residents of Maynooth and which hopefully will help ensure greater consideration.

1) Proposals to remove several Lime Trees from the Main Street ;:

At a recent meeting between the Mill development traffic consultants Faber Maunsell, Kildare County officials and our local County Councillors, a number of proposals were made in relation to traffic management in Maynooth. Unbelievably some of these proposals include the sacrilegious idea of the destruction of approx. 5 of the Lime Trees from the streetscape. It is appalling that such an idea would even be publicly mooted when given the fact that these trees are part of the living heritage that Maynooth and its residents are so privileged to enjoy. The streetscape in Maynooth, with its long, straight plan bordered on one end by St. Patricks College and the NUI Maynooth and by Carton Estate on the other with both sides bordered by parallel lines of Lime Trees , is without doubt a massive asset to Maynooth in its aesthetically pleasing outlook but also has been a core root of making Maynooth such an attractive and unique town to live in and work in. The idea that a contracting company, who have only been a "wet week" in the town and who certainly have not endeared themselves to the residents in terms of their contribution to an almighty traffic problem, should come up with such a " superficially convenient " idea displaying such an appalling lack of consideration for the historical significance of these trees and the town just seems incredible. The recent meeting of the Community Council unanimously passed a motion that we will write to all of our Councillors and to the County Council outlining our stern opposition to this outrageous proposal . Furthermore, I would ask all the residents of Maynooth who are members of any other organisation in the area to also write to each of the Councillors and the County Council so that all the relevant authorities know that we will not accept this under any circumstances.

2) The next meeting of the Community Council will be the AGM on Monday 10th April 2006. Reviewing the past year I have just gone through the representation or lack of at the monthly meetings for the various residential areas. The following are the areas from which no representative attends :

Lyreen Park/Nagle Court, Pebble Hill, Greenfield Lane, Greenfield Private Sites, Silken Vale, Castlebridge, Parklands, Outlying Area A, Outlying Area C, Outlying Area D

There are many other areas which are significantly underrepresented also.

At the recent St. Patrick's Day parade it was great to see so many of our residents out on the streets with their children etc participating and enjoying the event despite the poor weather. If we could just garner a fraction of that enthusiasm and translate it into a higher attendance at our monthly meetings, there is no doubt that Maynooth would benefit. Even if monthly attendance is difficult, as it can be with our busy lifestyles and the time and energy involved in commuting and looking after families, attending maybe 3 or 4 meetings per year would certainly ensure dynamic contributions from all areas of the town and outlying areas and ultimately make Maynooth a better place to live and work.

For any information regarding the above, please contact either myself Brid Feely, Chairperson of the Community Council at 087-2052649 or from the Community Council offices in Beaufield Shopping Centre at 01-6285922.

Brid Feely,
Chairperson, Maynooth Community Council.

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

The March Meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place in the Glenroyal Hotel on 13th March.

Letter from Carton Court Residents Association

A letter was received from Carton Court Residents Association with regard to the February meeting, at which Secretary Muireann Ni Bhrolchain and Cyril Mc Aree had an exchange of words. The letter called for the Secretary to resign, also to make an apology.

Muireann Ni Bhrolchain apologised to Cyril Mc Aree for her outburst, but Cyril didn't accept it as a full apology to him. Also Frank O Shea said minutes didn't really quote what happened at the meeting.

Chairperson Brid Feely then said we are all here for the benefit of Maynooth, she said that Muireann had apologised and that is that. Cyril indicated that Muireann's apology was not enough and did not cover the personal remark that was made. Muireann also said that Cyril had said that she was in favour of unauthorised development. And that he should apologise to her. Terry Nealon proposed that Muireann had apologised and that should be that, Brid Feely said it is time to move forward with this now.

Carton Court delegation then left the meeting indicating that they were not happy with the meeting.

Traffic Management changes in Maynooth

Proposed changes to traffic management will involve the removal of six trees and redesigning the square, this will include the changing of time signals to give a longer flow time, remove no entrance signs at Dr Lane and put in ramps. Paul Croughan wondered is there a traffic plan for Maynooth or is this a new plan, John Mc Ginl said that they were having talks with consultants to make changes, Brid Feely said consultations were not able to run the traffic situation. It was agreed to write to K.C.C with an objection about the removal of the trees.

Sub - Committees

John Mc Ginley said every thing was now in place for this year's St Patrick's Day Parade, but he also said that with hours to go they had no viewing stand, but Thortants came to the rescue and saved the day. He said that there will be 28 floats this year John thanked all involved in any way, also, all business people. A full report is in the Newsletter.

Tidy Towns

Matt Callaghan said that he is worried about dumping that is taking place on the Moyglare road, Tom Mc Mullon congratulated the Tidy Towns committee on work done at the Boys National School. Sean Cushman said they have taken on some projects to be done this

year also a Wild Life category.

An Nuada

Terry Nealon said that the An Nuada Players will be walking in the parade this year to highlight the need for a theatre in Maynooth.

Twinning

John O Connor said that they have identified six possible locations in Africa now and are working on this now.

Community Games

Matt Callaghan said that Table Quiz and Swimming going well, and Athletes taking place on 25th May in the GAA.

Local Matters

Ring Roads

Senan Griffin said that people have big concerns about this, he said it's plain to see what problems we have. He said we need a Ring Road also this could include the College, and Tesco could be brought in on this what with all the extra traffic that is expected here. At the moment nothing can move in the town. There are a number of solutions to look at but we should not rush into anything, also

John Mc Ginley said we should be able to put a Ring Road without building houses to support the road, he said people would be happy with a Ring Road if traffic was taken out of the town. This would include the Ring Road from Moyglare to Black Lion northern relieve road, and eastern relieve road from Black Lion to the Straffan road. It was also noted that Maynooth development plan will be up for renewal at year end. John states that no further rezoning for housing is needed.

New Train System

Paul Croughan pointed out that new train services from Maynooth will terminate in the new Dock Land station. He said that none of the existing trains will be directed there and 80% of Maynooth commuters won't need to go to the Dock Land so the new train system won't be of much help to Maynooth Commuters.

National Clean-up Day

National clean-up Day will be 1st April. Matt Callaghan congratulated the 4 people that took down the flower baskets on Straffan road; it was felt

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that they would be of better use in the town.

It was also noted that there are a lot of broken lights in the square. John O Connor raised the issue regarding red lights on Kilcock road not working going towards Dunnes Stores, it was decided to write to the consultants. Congratulations was extended to Paul Croughan and his wife Noelle on the birth of their son Connor.

Fair-trade

Peter Connell gave a brief out line on the Fair-trade meeting in the Glenroyal Hotel. He said it was well attended. Alivera Kiiza gave a talk about her experience in Tanzaniz. Peter said that we are well on our way, and will be Appling for Fair-trade status soon.

A.G.M

Please note that the Annual General Meeting of Maynooth Community Council will take place 10th April with election of executive.

A vote of sympathy was extended to the family and friends of Maynooth student Sean Brennan who lost his life in a tragic accident.

Next Community Council Meeting A.G.M will take place on 10th April in the Glenroyal Hotel.

P.R.O Marie Gleeson.

Congratulations

to Dinah Tobin on her 100th birthday on March 4th, pictured with her youngest great grand daughter, Roscha age 1, oldest and youngest in the family.

Congratulations and best wishes from all her family and friends



Planning Permissions

FILE NUMBER	APPLICANT NAME	APPLICANT ADDRESS	APPLICATION TYPE	APPLICATION RECEIVED	DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION	DEVELOPMENT LOCATION
06/65	Tacgh Molloy	1 Ormond House Lyreen Manor Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	23/01/06	Demolition of existing rear extension and building a new rear extension with a loft conversion having a ridge line 1.2m higher than ridge line on front roof and for window and door alteration to front of dwelling	345 Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/73	O2 Ireland Ltd	76 Lower Baggot St Dublin 2	P	25/01/06	Erection of 1 no flagpole with attached flag containing 3 no antenna concealed within flagpole and 1 no radio link dish with associated telecommunications equipment container and fencing to form part of digital communications network	The Newtown Inn Meadowbrook Rd Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/92	Maureen O' Flaherty	Kilmacraddock Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	26/01/06	A two-storey dwelling using Oakstown BAF sewage treatment system (a domestic waste water effluent treatment system) and percolation area.	Kimacraddock Upr Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/95	Michael & Susan McGrath	40 Rockfield Court Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	26/01/06	Two storey extension to side of existing dwelling house	40 Rockfield Court Railpark Maynooth
06/96	Tom Monnelly	30 Castlebridge Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	26/01/06	A ground and first floor extension to the rear and first floor extension to the side of existing house, provision of velux window to the rear existing roof and a patio door and window in the existing side elevation	30 Castlebridge Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/99	Society of St. Paul	St Pauls Moyglare Rd Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	26/01/06	An additional extension at first floor level and fire stairs at ground level, total area of 160sqm © and internal and external layout changes to existing book repository under construction (Ref. No. 04/2656)	Mariavilla Moyglare Rd. Maynooth
06/126	Barry & Phil Connolly	20 Lyreen Park Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	31/01/06	First floor extension to side of dwelling house, erection of front porch, erection of single storey extension to rear of dwelling house and internal alterations to dwelling house	20 Lyreen Park Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/134	Oisin & Grainne Geoghegan	8 Parklands Way Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	31/01/06	Two bedroom extension over the existing playroom, utility room and kitchen at the side of the house and renovations of existing bathroom and the erection of a porch at the front of the house and conversion of part of attic to storage space	8 Parklands Way Maynooth Co. Kildare

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06/138	Olive Moran	Moneycooley Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	01/02/06	Dormer type extension to rear of dormer house	Moneycooley Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/210	Sherwood Homes Ltd	Clifton House Lower Fitzwilliam Street Dublin 2	P	10/02/06	For amendments to already approved housing development (ref. 03/2430 and PI 09.208205) 1. amendments to site layout and road layout in vicinity of road No. 3 (now known as Road Nos 3 and 4) 2. Amendments to design of three storey apartment. Etc	Newtown Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/233	Willie Coughlan	The Court House Square Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	15/02/06	2 no. 2 bedroom apartments over two storeys to the side of existing house along with amendments to the existing boundary wall and all ancillary site development works	The Court House Square Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/246	Mark Travers	Smithstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	17/02/06	Garage/storage	Smithstown Maynooth
06/255	Brian Herbert	101 Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	20/02/06	Single storey extension to the front of dwelling	101 Railpark Maynooth
00/1527	Tuskar Property Holdings Ltd	Johns Gate centre, Johns Gate St Rathmines Dublin 6	E	21/02/06	Two storey mixed commercial development comprising 9 retail units, restaurant/art gallery, 7 first floor apartments, first floor offices, basement car park and ground level service accessed from Leinster Street, pedestrian access etc	Main Street and Leinster Street Maynooth
06/319	Kevin Galligan	6 Maynooth Park Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	28/02/06	First floor side extension (22sq.mt.) over existing garage at 6 Maynooth Park, Maynooth, Co.Kildare	6 Maynooth Park Maynooth Co. Kildare
	Denis & Carol Henegan	5 Rockfield Manor Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	01/03/06	First floor extension above existing study and utility rooms incorporating two new bedrooms, bathrooms and landingarea, along with a proposed single storey extension to the rear of the property incorporating new kitchen/dining area, utility room etc	5 Rockfield Manor Maynooth Co. Kildare

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06/332	Nick Clift	No. 12 Leinster Cottages Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	01/03/06	Single storey extension to rear, including new living area, utility and associated site works.	No.12 Leinster Cottages Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/343	John & Mary Banahan	15 Parklands Square Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	02/03/06	Erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling hose over existing garage conversion with utility room extended below and also a new shower room created below	15 Parklands Square Railpark Maynooth
06/380	Marion McNeela	4 Brookview Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	O	07/03/06	Erection of 2 No. two storey semi-detached dwelling hoses and associated development works	4 Brookview Greenfields Maynooth
06/399	Michael Quinn	Westspring Laragh Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	08/03/06	Erection of a dormer bungalow and proprietary waste treatment unit	Laragh Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/413	Eamon Travers	Johinstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	09/03/06	Proposed construction of a two storey house in lieu of design previously approved by K.C.C	Johinstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/424	High Degree Construction Ltd.,	Johnstown Road Enfield Maynooth	P	13/03/06	Development will consist of new site access to cul-de-sac roadway, footpaths & grass verges 262 meters long from the Straffan Road. To serve existing rear garden houses & proposed new development, erection of 2 semi-detached 3 bed dormer houses etc.	Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/436	Hugh Nevin	285a Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	14/03/06	Retention of two existing roof lights either side of the main roof, an increased ridge height, accommodation in the roof space and part of an existing garage to the rear and permission for two new roof lights to the front etc	285a Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/441	Lorcan Brophy	16 Parkland Rise Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	14/03/06	Alterations and extension to two storey semi-detached house plus widening of entrance from road	16 Parklands Rise Maynooth Co. Kildare

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06/460	William Boyd	517 Newtown Road Maynooth	P	15/03/06	Construction of detached bungalow type dwelling house with proposed new drive-way entrance in existing rear garden of existing dwelling house and all associated site works	517 Newtown Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/464	Martin & Valerie McHugh	15 Woodview Castletown Celbridge Co. Kildare	P	15/03/06	Erect a dormer bungalow with 3 no .loose box's, tack room and separate dormer style double garage with bio-disc system	Clonagh Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/493	Brian Noone	Boycetown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	15/03/06	Change of use of first floor area, from snooker hall to restaurant, including new extension at first floor to accommodate new kitchen, and including reception and seating area, public and staff facilities waste storage etc	Main Street Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/471	Kiernan & Gillian Duff	1 Rockfield Grove Railpark Maynooth	P	16/03/06	Erection of a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion, with new utility room created below and also a porch to front of existing dwelling house	1 Rockfield Grove Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/472	John & Mary Banahan	15 Parklands Square Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	16/03/06	Erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion with utility room extended below and also a new shower room created below	15 Parklands Square Maynooth Co. Kildare



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On behalf of the Parade Committee I would like to thank the participants and all those who helped with the organising of what was yet again a very successful Parade. I would like to pay a special thanks to Willie Saults who successfully took on the work of Parade organiser on the day as I was absent leading the Kildare Association in the New York Parade.

I would like to thank all the businesses who contributed to ensure that we were not at a financial loss. In particular I would like to thank Willie Kiernan who provides, erects and operates his state of the art Public Address System every year free of charge.

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- Elaine Bean, Leo Bean, Melanie Oliver, Willie Saults, Andrew McMullon and David Moynan for helping with the reviewing stand.
- Dominic Nyland for again taking on the task of master of Ceremonies.
- Geroqe O'Connor for again providing the crash barriers free of charge.
- The Parish Hall Committee for providing chairs for the reviewing stand.
- Jim McManus and his wife Ann for the power

supply for the public address system.

- Our guests on the reviewing stand.
- Catherine Murphy T.D. for being our guest speaker.
- All the stewards who yet again performed their tasks very professionally.
- The Parade Committee and the members of the Community Council for their great help.
- The residents of Greenfield Estate for their continued co-operation.
- All of the business people who did such a splendid job of decorating their shop windows.
- Larine Court for providing plants for the reviewing stand.
- Mary Doyle "Flowers for all Occasions" for providing the flower displays on the reviewing stands.
- The Gardai for controlling the traffic.

The Parade Prize Winners were:

Best Commercial Float - Maynooth Paving

Best Club Float (The Owen Byrne memorial Trophy) - VTOS, Leixlip

Best Band - St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band

Best Portrayal of Irish Culture - Scoil Rince Ui Dhubhail

Best Portrayal of International Culture - VTOS, Leixlip

Best Portrayal of Environment Awareness - Maynooth Tidy Towns

The Shop Window Prize Winners were:

- 1 Supermacs
- 2 Allied Irish Bank
- 3 Simply The Best

John McGinley,
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Recipes

Starter:

Yellow Pepper Soup - Serves 5

3 Yellow Peppers, cored and deseeded
 50g/2 oz butter
 1 small onion chopped
 1.2 litres vegetable stock
 1 teaspoon mild curry powder
 ¼ teaspoon turmeric
 1 tablespoon chopped fresh coriander
 300g/10 oz potatoes, peeled and chopped

Method

1. Chop one pepper finely and place it in a small saucepan, then chop the remaining peppers roughly.
2. Melt 25g/1 oz of the butter in another saucepan and cook the onion and roughly chopped peppers for 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Stir in the stock, curry powder, turmeric and coriander, season with salt, then add the potatoes. Bring to the boil, then lower the heat and simmer, partially covered, for 40-45 minutes or until the vegetables are very soft.
3. Melt the remaining butter with the finely chopped pepper in the small pan. Cook over a gentle heat until the pepper is very hot. Reserve for the garnish.
4. Purée the onion, pepper and potato mixture in batches in a blender or food processor. Return to a clean saucepan and reheat gently, taste and adjust the seasoning if necessary. Serve in warmed soup bowls, garnished with a little with the sautéed chopped yellow pepper.

Main Course:

Chicken Fajitas - Serves 6

625g/1¼ lb skinless, boneless chicken breasts, cut into thin strips
 2 tsp vegetable oil
 1 large onion cut into thin strips
 1 large green pepper, cored, deseeded and cut into thin strips
 8 flour tortillas

Marinade:

1 garlic clove, finely chopped
 1 tablespoon lemon juice
 3 tablespoons worchester sauce
 ¼ teaspoon pepper



Method

1. To make the marinade, combine the garlic, oil, lemon, worchester sauce and pepper into a bowl. Add the chicken, toss to coat evenly and leave in the refrigerator for 10-20 minutes, turning at least once.
2. Heat the oil in a frying pan on a medium heat. Add the onion and green pepper and sauté for about 5 minutes. Remove from the heat and keep warm.
3. Line the grill pan with oil. Place the chicken strips on the foil and grill for 4 minutes, turning once.
4. To serve, place 3 chicken strips on each tortilla and top with the onion, green peppers and assorted garnishes as desired. Roll the tortilla around the chicken strips and eat it with your fingers.

Dessert:

Yogurt-fruit cup - Serves 6

500g/1 lb can sliced peaches or pears in fruit juice, drained
 475 ml/16 fl oz low fat vanilla yogurt

To decorate

2 tablespoons finely chopped toasted almonds
 ½ teaspoon ground cardamom, to garnish

1. Divide the sliced peaches or pears evenly among 6 small glass dessert bowls, in layers.
2. Top each bowl with an equal amount of yogurt and chill in the refrigerator until required.
3. To serve, sprinkle each bowl lightly with the toasted almonds and garnish with ground cardamom.

wishing all our readers
 a Happy Easter

Maynooth ICA Notes

Congratulations to Mairead Scanlon who recently received her 30 years certificate for I.C.A membership and also congrats to Margaret Houlihan who is a finalist in the Healthy Eating Competition. The Federation Dinner was a great success with 130 members attending and great fun was had by all on the night. The Federation Craft Day will take place on Saturday 25th March in Athy, from 10am to 4pm. Competitions coming up during the year for Guilds and Federations are photography, candle wicking for Murial Gahan Cup, reporting on Guilds for Eleanora Cup, pencil sketch music for Beaumon Shield and Set Dancing for Patsy Lawlor Cup. The next competition for the Guild is the Guild of Kildare, taking place on Tuesday 25th April in St. Coca's Hall, Kilcock. The competition consists of drama, cookery make & model, wallhanging and floral dinner arrangement, the Guild members are very busy working for this competition. Crafts continue every Monday night and Badminton on Monday and Thursday mornings in the Parish Hall and all Guild members can take part in both. The Guild are making arrangements for their summer outing. Some members will also be going to An Grianán, I.C.A College for a week in July and all will take part in a course.

Norah McDermott was the lucky winner of a half scholar-ship for that week in An Grianán. The plan of the Harbour is now in The Library and the ICA have been asked to do an outline plan for a new hall and this is to be taken on board.

The competition of wall hanging from recycable materials was won by Mary O'Gorman, second was Betty Farrell and third was Eileen Flynn.

Thanks to Pat Nolan for judging the competitions. The raffle was won by Catherine O' Reilly second was Teresa Corcoran and third was Norah McDermott.

Next meeting will be Thursday 6th April at 8pm in the ICA Hall, The Harbour. New members always welcome, just come along on the night and see what we are about.

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Maynooth Citizens Information Notes

Question

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Answer

If your income is below the limit for a one-child family (see below), and if you fulfil the other conditions for Family Income Supplement (FIS), you could claim FIS. Your payment would be 60% of the difference between your income and the income limit, which is €465 a week.

Although you normally stay on the same FIS payment for 12 months, you claim for your new baby when it is born. The income limit will then be €510 for your family.

As of January 2006 the weekly income limits are as follows:

If you have	Your family income is less than
1 child	€465
2 children	€510
3 children	€565
4 children	€630
5 children	€705
6 children	€775
7 children	€845
8 or more children	€905

You must be working 19 or more hours per week (38 hours a fortnight) and the work must be expected to last for at least 3 months. People on the Back to Work Allowance, Job Initiative, Part-time Job Incentive and the Community Services Programme (previously called the Social Economy Programme) are eligible for FIS, those on the Community Employment Scheme or not. Claim forms are available from your local Social Welfare Office.

Question

I understand there have been changes to the amount of time you can take for maternity leave. Can you please give the details?

Answer

If you become pregnant while in employment, you are entitled to take a basic period of "paid" maternity leave followed by a further period of unpaid maternity leave. The entitlement to maternity leave from

employment extends to all female employees (including casual workers), regardless of how long you have been working for the organisation or the number of hours worked per week.

At least two weeks of the paid maternity leave have to be taken before the end of the week of your baby's expected birth and at least four weeks after. You can decide how you would like to take the remaining weeks. Generally, employees take two weeks before the birth and the remaining weeks after.

Following the recent changes, if you start on paid maternity leave on or after 1 March 2006 you are entitled to 22 weeks paid maternity leave. If you started on paid maternity leave before 1 March 2006 you are only entitled to 18 weeks.

Those who start on the further period of unpaid maternity leave on or after 1 March 2006 are entitled to 12 weeks unpaid maternity leave. If you started on unpaid maternity leave before 1 March 2006 you are only entitled to 8 weeks.

Further increases are planned for next year when, 1 March 2007, paid maternity leave increases to 26 weeks and unpaid maternity leave increases to 16 weeks.

Payment during paid maternity leave is normally provided through Maternity Benefit from Department of Social and Family Affairs. The period for which the benefits is paid has also increased in line with the increase in paid maternity leave.

For further information from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Phone: 01-6285477

Question

I am dissatisfied with the quality of work I had done in my house by a builder and will have to pay for someone else to finish the job properly. What can I do to reclaim the additional expense?

Answer

If your original builder is unwilling to compensate you, you may be able to pursue a claim against the builder through the Small Claims Court procedure.

The small claims procedure is for dealing with claims within the District Court structure. The aim is to provide an inexpensive, fast and easy way for consumers to resolve disputes without (the need to employ a solicitor. Since 7 February 2006 the maximum amount you can claim is €2,000 (was €1,269.74).

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Citizens Information Notes (Contd)

Anyone who has purchased goods or services for private from someone selling them in the course of business may take a Small Claims Court action. Claims can be made for faulty goods or bad workmanship. Claims can also be made for minor damage to property and for the non-return of rent deposits for certain kinds of rented properties. Claims cannot be made for debts, personal injuries or breach of leasing agreements.

To make a claim you need to complete a special application form which can be obtained from the Small Claims Registrar at your local District Court office where you can get help in completing the form. The completed form with the fee of €15 (was €9) should be lodged with the Small Claims Registrar. A copy of the form is sent by the Registrar to the person against whom you are making the claim.

If, within 15 days of receiving your application, the other party does not reply to it, your claim will be automatically treated as undisputed and the District Court will make an Offer in your favour for the amount claimed to be paid within a short specific period of time. But if your claim is disputed the Registrar will contact you and let you have a copy of the reasons why the other party is disputing your claim.

If you win your case, the other party will be allowed about four weeks to pay the amount to the Court. Both parties to the case have the right to appeal an Order of the District Court to the Circuit Court where a Judge in question may decide on the subject of costs.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.
Phone: 01-6285477

Question

My employer appears to be paying me less than the national minimum wage as he provides me with accommodation. How much can my employer allow for the accommodation when calculating my wage?

Answer

The National Minimum Wage Act, 2000 provides that the minimum wage rate for an experienced adult employee since 1 May 2005 is €7.65 per hour. Other workers are entitled to a reduced payment. An experienced adult employee for the purposes of

the Minimum Wage Act is an employee who has any employment whatsoever in any two years over the age of 18.

The legislation also allows for certain items to be taken into account when calculating an employee's rate of pay. Where an employer provides board and/or lodgings, the amount allowed for are as follows:

	Per Week	Per Day
Full board and lodgings	€54.13	€7.73
Full board only	€32.14	€4.60
Lodgings only	€21.85	€3.41

While your employer can deduct a certain amount for providing you with accommodation he cannot allow for more than the appropriate amount given above when calculating your hourly average rate of pay.

If you have a dispute with your employer about the notional minimum wage you can try to resolve the matter with your employer directly and if it is still unresolved you can refer your dispute to a Rights Commissioner of the Labour Relations Commission.

Further information is available from the

**Employment Rights Information Unit,
Department of Enterprise,
Trade and Employment,
Davitt House, 65a Adelaide Road,
Dublin 2.**

Tel:(01) 631 2121.

Lo-Call: 1890 201 615

Website: www.entemp.ie

**or from the Citizens Information Centre.
Tel: (01) 6285477**

Useful Tips

Nail Biting

- When you are tempted to nibble at your nails keep your hands busy- and not in your mouth. Doodle on paper, knead a pencil rubber or finger some worry beads.
- Give yourself a weekly manicure.
- Promise yourself a treat if you can grow one nail without biting it.
- Paint an antibiting preparation onto your nails. These are available from chemists and their bitter taste reminds you to stop nibbling.

New Pet

- Puppies and kittens should be bought or removed from their mothers at 6-8 weeks of age. Under 6 weeks they are too young to leave their mothers and after 12 weeks you have missed the very important 'sensitive' period in their life when good lifetime habits can be initiated and the animal will learn to respond to human contact.
- When you're picking up a puppy or kitten take a soft piece of fabric with you. Rub it on the fur of the animal's mother and siblings to pick up their scent and put it in your new pet's bed.
- If your pet cries at night it may still miss it's mother. Wrap a ticking clock in a towel and put it in the animal's bed. Or put a well wrapped hot water bottle for the pet to cuddle up with.
- If possible buy two puppies at the same time so they won't be lonely.

Packing clothes

- To reduce wrinkles, fold your garments in tissue paper or wrap them in plastic bags. Wrap several shirts or blouses around a piece of cardboard.
- Alternatively, place one end of a long garment face down against the inside wall of the suitcase and let the other end hang out. Then lay several shorter items on top of it and fold the the end over.
- Tuck small items, such as socks into collars and along fold lines.
- Don't fold clothes that are going into a duffle bag, roll them.
- In a three-section case put the heaviest items in the middle.
- Make sure that heavy items are always at the bottom of the bag when the luggage is upright. Don't overfill it.
- Put the delicate clothes into a hanging bag first. Centre garments on hangers and bring their

sleeves slightly into the front.

- Use a dry cleaner's garment bag as a hanging bag in an emergency. Use a child's book bag or a rucksack for carrying frequently used items.

Nosebleeds

- Sit down, lean forward and firmly pinch the fleshy part of your nostrils shut for about 10 minutes.
- If the bleeding doesn't stop hold an ice pack or cold compress to the bridge of your nose while continuing to pinch the nostrils.
- Do not speak, swallow or spit. Let any blood dribble out into a tissue or bowl.
- If bleeding does not stop after 30minutes seek medical help.

Lipstick stains

Before washing a smeared garment with extra detergent, try one of these treatments.

- Rub in a 50/50 solution of glycerine and water then rinse the stained area with water only.
- Rub the stain with a bar of white soap.
- Apply a little neat liquid detergent.
- If the garment is white, soak it in lemon juice, if it's coloured, dilute the lemon juice by half with water.
- Place the stained area over a towel and sponge on a mixture of detergent and water.



Sean O Beachain, Tara Ni Neill, Ruth Ni

Poetry Corner

My Fond Pet

*My pet and me a happy team
We get along so well.
All the world my dog it mean
With a great story to tell
Prince, my great pride and joy
Having many an adventurous day
I am such a lucky boy
When we both go out to play*

*A faithful companion to me
A guard dog at its best
So much within my pet I see
United together we are blessed.
It never argues or answers back
Gives no sorrow or any kind of pain
A sense of friendship we never lack
Comes to me at the call of its name.*

*Dogs are of plenty I surely know
It is a shame to put them down
My very own I cherish so
And may we be much time around
One of our fellow creatures is my pet
And may it be of good health
By its side I bare no regret
A mighty friend my heart is dwelt*

Dancing

*An atmosphere of fun and laughter
Grooving away in the city clubs
With talent fine to set after
While being drinking in the pubs
An atmosphere free in the air
Songs of joy with flashing lights
A perfect time for all to share
Your mind dwelled on feminine delights
Meeting someone interesting and new
Chatting her up on noisy song
It is of hearty love to pursue
In loving ecstasy your self is gone
Some are lucky to find a friend
For company and peace of mind
While alone you are at an end
With no one there to find
Yet the dancing goes on and on
In harmony throughout the night
It is of love your soul is gone
While looking a precious sight*

*The slow set starts a special way
To embrace your partner slowly there
In loving ecstasy your heart will stay
In a special world beyond compare
Different looks on each one's face
Studying personalities with flair
Lots of ladies with special grace
Perhaps with stardust in their hair
Plentiful gear each one wears
With many of an individual style
Plenty of passion and lots of cares
With romance all the while
Time travels oh so fast
Especially when you're having fun
Memories of the night to last
When the dancing is all done*

Timothy Winter Goes to School

*Timothy Winters goes to school
And sometimes nowhere really bound
Education being the golden rule
But the silliest ever found
His mother says the he's a disgrace
And will never ever learn at all
The teacher said he will get no place
And lack of school be his downfall
His father said that he is lazy and no good
And such a failure in every way
He also said he tried the best he could
And never listened to what he'd say*

*Swiftly the years did flee
Until Timothy grew a very proud man
And between you and me
The very best of his clan
For Timothy had a special gift
To make anyone laugh
Any sad person he gave a lift
And looked the best in any photograph*

*So the message I give to you
Is that each person is unique
God loves us through and through
And gave us all a voice to speak
For Timothy like anyone
Had a gift bestowed on him
With his gift nothing went wrong
As he gave a happy grin*

Patrick Murray

Poetry Corner

Twins

*Mother
Barbara*

*Father
Liam*

Photo of twins



Grainne and Thomas

*Just look at these kids in play
Having such an adventurous time
Every day a new special way
And their world so very fine
A one year old girl and boy
New personalities this world belong
Mum and Dad always in their city
Within their love nothing go wrong*

*A gift of nature each child
Living a life of adventure free
Worthwhile they are to be spoiled
And fill all our hearts with glee
Their angelic facts to explore
Looking so beautiful and serene
They certainly have been here before
And I wonder what is in their
dream*

*An immense joy to watch them grow
Changing as time passes bye
Look at their lovely faces glow
What a beautiful girl and boy
They are a blessing and a prayer
With youth to guide their way
Their presence fills the air
With so much fun to stay*

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Maynooth Flower & Garden Club

**All Meetings are held at 8 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in Loftus Hall, Maynooth College.
(except where otherwise stated)**

Visitors Welcome €4
Includes Refreshments

A large attendance at our February club night ensured a successful evening's entertainment and enlightenment as Lorcan Burke demonstrated some wonderful designs in floral artistry and gave members and visitors some valuable hints and tips. Those who were lucky enough to win the floral designs in the raffle went home very happy indeed.

The club presented a cheque for €3,655 to Freda Lowry, a representative from the Kildare branch of Enable Ireland who gave a brief talk on how the money might be spent to make better facilities for children and young people in the Kildare area. The photo shows Freda in centre accepting the cheque from Felicity Satchwell, Club President on the left and Mary Cleary, Club Chairperson on the right. Flowers in the foreground are by Lorcan Burke.

Club events for April and May 2006

Annual Spring Show: Sat April 22nd 2006

Enquiries and Entries to Competition Secretary:
Maureen Fagan, Phone: 01 6289300

Monster Plant Sale : Sat May 6th 2006

This sale takes place in St Patrick's College grounds and is in aid of the Church roof in the College. Please come along and support the club and weather permitting it promises to be a very pleasant day out.

May Club Night: Tues May 16th 2006

This is the night when our own members demonstrate and as always the standard gets better all the time.

NB This night takes place in NUI Maynooth off the Kilcock Rd and not in Loftus Hall, details at our March and April club nights.



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Features

The Irish Grand National— Easter Monday-Fairyhouse

With the annual renewal of this great race just about two weeks away we can be assured that on the day, no matter what the weather, the people of Dublin, Meath and Kildare and those from further afield will throng to the traditional Easter fixture at Fairyhouse.

This great race will be run on what is probably the best racetrack in these islands. The Irish Grand National has at times been looked upon in less favourable light than its Aintree equivalent. An examination of its history, however, throws better light on its quality and shows that many top class horses have won the race.

First run in 1870, the roll of honour contains some of the best horses ever to grace the National Hunt scene in Ireland or Britain. In winning this race, Prince Regent, Arkle and Flyingbolt were required to give away up to three stone in weight, and carry welter burdens of up to 12 stone 7lbs. You would also have to include Brown Lad, Fortria and Desert Orchid with these legends of the steeplechase. No winner of the Aintree Grand National has ever being asked to carry that burden in the modern era and concede so much weight to the field. It could be argued that Red Rum was a great Aintree Grand National triple winner and did indeed carry 12 stone to success. However he failed to win the Cheltenham Gold Cup which many of the above named horses did.

The history of the Irish Grand National has not only



Knight's Crest trained by Cyril Harty and ridden by the legendary Martin Moloney wins the 1944 running of the Irish Grand National.

been an outstanding success as a great sporting occasion, but, has also witnessed the social changes in Irish society over the period of the last 136 years.

The first National was a low-key affair and the name of the winner reflected the political reality in Ireland at the time. "Sir Robert Peel" was ridden by John Boylan who later died in a fall at Killarney Racecourse. Sir Robert, the man not the horse, was at one time Secretary of State for the Crown in Ireland and later became the youngest Prime Minister ever to serve in Britain. If the first running of the race in 1870 was low key then the second running was a "sell out" in more ways than one. With only one train scheduled to leave Broadstone for the races at Fairyhouse, riot conditions prevailed in the station for those seeking a seat on the train. The suffering of the race supporters was only beginning. Arriving at Fairyhouse Bridge, four miles from the course there was insufficient horse drawn carriages to ferry the public to the racecourse. With many walking the road or crossing the fields, only a few hardy creatures made it to the Racecourse. Looking like the remains of the French Army retreating from Moscow they had to face the return journey with the added hazards of mud and rain.

The Race was to change in format during the following years descending to "hunter chase" class for a time. For the remainder of the eighteen hundreds Fairyhouse was afflicted by overcrowding, drunkenness and poor crowd control, now where did we hear all that before? Any present difficulties for free admission to racecourses for racehorse syndicates owners pale into insignificance to the days that Fairyhouse charged both trainers and jockeys to enter the course. However despite these difficulties, Easter Monday became firmly established on the Irish racing calendar as the race continued to attract record crowds. A new stand holding 2000 people was built in 1900 just in time to welcome a Royal party representing Queen Victoria in the last year of her reign. Its probably embarrassing to recollect the craven behaviour of the loyal citizens of Dublin in their efforts to pay homage to the Royals led by the Duke and Duchess of Connaught. The stands were covered in bunting and Union flags and the RIC provided a guard of honour from Fairyhouse Bridge. It was probably appropriate that the field of five runners was the lowest number recorded for the race up to that time. At £166 to the winner it was also the lowest prize money ever awarded to a successful owner.

Although racing only one day a year, the racecourse entered the new century in a positive frame of mind. Each year from 1901 onwards saw record crowds flock to the course. The Irish Times racing

Scoil Ui Fiaich Confirmation Day 2006



Miriam Chemaou, Iomhar Mac Giolla Phadraig and Chloe Devereux



Diarmaid O h-Ealaithe, Carolyn Ni Dhuill, Shane O Broin

Scoil Ui Fiaich Confirmation Day 2006



Cian Breathnach, Ciaran de Brun, Laura Nic Dhonaill, Caitlin Ni Fhlatharta



Cait Ni Nia, Conor Mac Giolla Comhaill, Mia Ni Mhairtin

Features (Fairycastle cont'd.)

correspondent took exception to the increasing number of motor vehicles using the road to Fairycastle and objected to the speed of the motorist and their lack of regard for life and limb. Has anything changed?

Fairycastle survived the tumult of the War of Independence and the Civil War although forced to cancel the 1919 running of the race. **Halston**, trained by Jack Ruttle, won the race in 1920, ridden by D. Colbert carrying 10stone 5 lbs. The horse returned two years later to repeat his success, this time carrying a welterweight of 12 stone 11 lbs. **Halston** was ridden by Jack Moloney a highly respected jockey who later emigrated to Newmarket in England.

Prince Regent was the first legendary hero of the Irish Grand National. Trained by the "peerless" Tom Dreaper and owned by millionaire businessman, Jimmy Rank. **Prince Regent** was in many ways unfortunate that World War Two over shadowed his career. A magnificent horse who looked every part a Prince, he was destined to win only one Irish National (1942). In the following two years, he finished second twice, required to concede up to three stone in weight to his rivals. He showed his class when winning the Cheltenham Gold Cup in 1946, in the first running of the race for some years. But by then he was past his best. He was placed twice in the Aintree Grand National but again was set an impossible task by the handicapper.



Prince Regent winning the Cheltenham Gold Cup in 1946 from Poor Flame.

Features (Fairycastle cont'd.)

Cottage Rake the triple Gold Cup winner (1948/49/50) trained by Vincent O'Brien was another top class horse who found the impost of top weight a step too far. Conceding three stone to the eventual winner **Hamstar**, he ran a gallant race to finish second. In that year (1948) The Easter fixture was extended to include Easter Tuesday for the first time and record crowds flocked to the course to witness the "**Rake**" in action.

Right through its history the Irish Grand National has featured the success of great horses, talented trainers and most of all courageous and valiant jockeys. Martin Moloney was probably one of the best. Riding his first winner of the Race, **Knight's Crest** in 1944 for Captain Cyril Harty at 17 years of age. He rode two further winners in **Golden View** (1946) and **Dominick's Bar** (1950). Martin Moloney was also a high-class jockey on the flat winning two Irish Classics and finished placed in both the Irish and Epsom Derbies. Forced to retire by a horrific fall at Thurles his career had lasted no more than ten years. Racing people who know their jockeys are adamant that he was one of the most talented of Irish jockeys ever. Captain Cyril Harty was a member of the world famous Irish Army show jumping team that was so successful in the thirties. His son Eddie won the Aintree Grand National on **Highland Wedding**. Another son John rode **Daletta**, trained by Guy Williams, to win the Irish Grand National (1980). John Harty was struck down by Motor Neurone disease within ten years of his success. Up to his untimely death he continued to fund raise for research into the disease and also work for his fellow sufferers.

One of the great stories of the Irish Grand National concerns the two best horses ever to contest and win the race. **Arkle** and



Arkle (Pat Taafe) 1964

Flyingbolt both trained by Tom Dreaper at Greenogue, Kilsallaghan, County Dublin. They are both considered the best steeplechasers of the twentieth century. **Arkle**, triple winner of the Gold Cup (1964/65/66) won the Irish Grand National in 1964 beating that grand little mare **Height of Fashion** by one and a quarter lengths. **Arkle** carried twelve stone but two years later **Flyingbolt**, carrying a welterweight of 12 stone 7 lbs., again beat the gallant mare ridden by Tommy Lacey. **Arkle** was a quiet lovely horse that people could approach, pet and be at ease. The Dreaper children were forbidden to go near **Flyingbolt** who knew he was good, but had an arrogance and temper to match the personality of a spoiled celebrity. One morning while on the gallops and getting ready to "ping" a few fences in training, both horses

drew along side each other. **Flyingbolt** looked at **Arkle** and like two stags on the side of a Scottish mountainside fighting for the leadership of the herd they took off down the gallops. Pat Taafe on **Arkle** and Paddy Woods on **Flyingbolt** hung on for dear life as the two magnificent gladiators tore over the fences. They pulled up at the end of the gallops, flanks heaving and with both jockeys thanking God they were still alive, **Flyingbolt** had made his point. Tom Dreaper was most upset and never allowed the horses to exercise together again. The legendary trainer achieved the feat of training seven successive winners of the Irish Grand National, **Olympia** (1960), **Fortria** (1961), **Kerforo** (1962), **Last Link** (1963), **Arkle** (1964), **Splash** (1965) and **Flyingbolt** (1966).

In reviewing this race over the decades it is clear that the Irish racing public had the privilege of

Features (Fairhouse cont'd.)

Flyingbolt (Pat Taaffe) 1966



seeing many top class chasers competing in the Irish Grand National. Unfortunately it is less likely that we will see top class horses compete in the future. With prize money reaching record levels for Group Races, The Cheltenham Gold Cup and the Hennessy Gold Cup at Leopardstown for example, owners are less likely to run their horses in handicap races. The now deceased **Best Mate**, a triple winner of the Gold Cup was never subjected to a hard race in handicap Company. The owner and trainer ran him in Group Races only, where all the horses carried the same weight. The efforts of some to put **Best Mate** in the same company as **Arkle** and **Flyingbolt** are, with all due respects to the "Mate", ridiculous. Perhaps one of the last top class horses to compete in the Irish Grand National was **Brown Lad**. Trained by Jim Dreaper, son of Tom, **Brown Lad** won the race on three occasions. In 1975, carrying 10 stone 5 lbs. he carried Tommy Carberry to an 8 lengths victory. In 1976 with top weight of 12 stone 2 lbs. he again proved victorious with Tommy in the saddle. Having missed the 1977 renewal he completed his hat trick of wins with Gerry Dowd riding in 1978, again carrying 12 stone 2 lbs. **Brown Lad** was truly a top class horse who never got the soft ground he needed to win the Cheltenham Gold Cup. Another great winner was the indomitable grey, **Desert Orchid** who won the race in 1990. Ridden by Richard Dunwoody, he gave the massive attendance a collective heart attack as he clouted the last fence and nearly came down. However to the relief of all he recovered and went on to win the race by twelve lengths.

The sponsorship of the race initiated by United Distillers in 1970 gave the Irish Grand National a new title. From then on it became the "Irish Distillers Irish Grand National" With first class prize money, the sponsorship has endured for nearly four decades. With the new grandstands and general facilities Fairhouse is indeed well endowed to continue the historic tradition of this wonderful race. The article started on a historical note and so we finish. In 1995 Mr Charles J Haughey's **Flashing Steel**, ridden by Jamie Osborne won the race carrying top weight of twelve stone. Thus, in this manner, the man from north Dublin added his name to the sporting history of the Powers Irish Grand National.

Jim Healy

Different phases of weather in March. (3rd)



L to R Jordan McGrath, David Condon and David Green



L to R Conor Doyle, Jonathon Hudson, Liam Condon and Ciaran Hickey

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Soccer Club Notes

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25/2/06

Maynooth Town (0) 0 V Balbriggan (0) 0

The windy conditions in the Rathcoffey Rd. this morning failed to dampen the spirits of these two fine determined sides. Controlled football and passing were difficult as both sides strove for dominance. Clear cut chances were at a premium and Maynooth were rather fortunate to reach the interval level at 0-0. They had created enough scoring chances to have gained the advantage but the killer touch was missing today.

The second half produced more of the same with defences on top and chances at a premium. Neither goalie had a real save to make. Maynooth were now dominating with some good approach play but the final pass was missing today.

I have no doubt this is just a slight blip to the title march and normal services will resume shortly.

Maynooth Team:

Jack Connolly, James Penny, Daniel French, Andrew Munley, Conor Davin, Gary Daly, Jonathan Flattery, Chris Donnelly, Alex Birchall, Conor Gorman, Declan Burke, Michael Jones, Shane Nolan, Bankole Agunsoya and Fawaz Oduyebo.

11/3/06

Artane Beaumont (0)0 Maynooth Town (0) 3

This was a fine encounter, played in a fine sporting

manner, between two fine sides. The fans were treated to a fine example of passing, tackling and goal mouth incidents. Even the ref was in a jovial mood as he delighted in the spectacle that unfolded before him.

Daniel French, and Declan Burke played star roles in defence. Their strong determined though shall not pass philosophy, kept Shane Nolan well protected in the Maynooth goal. Alex Birchall, Jack Connolly, and Gary Daly showed their worth in the midfield engine room. Their defensive and offensive play proved very difficult for the home side to deal with. Jonathan Flattery tried harp up front but could not find the rub of the green. Amazingly half time arrived with the score 0-0.

For the second half Maynooth introduced some more stars of the future. Immediately they cranked up the pressure. A fine passing movement in midfield resulted in Michael Jones receiving the ball. Unselfishly he laid off a perfectly weighted pass to Conor Davin. His perfectly struck volley gave the home keeper no chance and the league leaders were on their way. Fawaz Oduyebo then took centre stage with two fine individual goals. He has been a real thorn in every opponents side this season and deservedly tops the goal scoring for the season. Andrew Munley, James Penny and Bankole Agunsoya each played an important part in this fine victory. These lads stand together. All for one and one for all.

Shane Nolan, Declan Burke, Daniel French, Alex Birchall, Jack Connolly, Gary Daly, Jonathan Flattery, Bankole Agunsoya, Andrew Munley, Conor Davin, Michael Jones, James Penny, Fawaz Oduyebo.

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OLD CARTON MAYNOOTH FIANNA FAIL CUMANN NEWS

The AGM of the above newly constituted Fianna Fail Cumann in Maynooth was held in February and the following are the officers of the Cumann.

Chairman : **Cyril McAree**, Carton Court -
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Secretary : **Brid Feely**, Straffan Road -
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Vice

Chairman : **Maurice Cowhey**, Leinster Park

Treasurers: **Max Mooney**, Main Street -
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Eamon O Flaherty, Parklands

PRO : **Noel Brilly**, Painstown.

President : **Peter Finan**, Old Greenfield

At our inaugural meeting subsequently held in March, a decision was reached on the name which the Cumann would adopt. Following a number of suggestions and a vote, the Cumann decided to adopt the name " Old Carton Cumann " as it suggests the area around which the Cumann is geographically centred ie. The Girls school Polling station, and also of course, it recognises the historical significance of Maynooth.

It will be the responsibility of the Old Carton Cumann to canvas and take primary care of the residential areas in which those residing vote in the girls school polling station. It is a reflection of the growing population of Maynooth and indeed the strength of Fianna Fail in the area, that we now have two Cumanns in Maynooth. The Cumann members would like to invite all those residents with queries, problems or issues which they feel we can help resolve to contact any of the above.

Having regard to our determination to participate fully in the issues which are of primary importance to Maynooth and its residents, the Cumann are in the process of identifying and highlighting those issues and to adopting proactive strategies to ensure Maynooth benefits to the maximum.

Such issues currently include :

Lack of Parking facilities both in the Town Centre and adjacent to the Train Station – with all the concurrent problems that result such as detrimental effect on the businesses centred in the town, inconvenience for the residents of Maynooth

who cannot find parking spaces on a daily basis, stress of those residents who find their gateways frequently blocked by desperate motorists prepared to park anywhere in desperation, etc etc etc.

Escalating traffic chaos and problems with inexplicable dependence on Traffic Lights circus, vis a vis erection of more traffic lights in the town centre of Maynooth than are present in major cosmopolitan areas such as the Champs Elyse in Paris, lack of acceptance on the part of our County Council officials to follow what is the obvious success and relative economic efficiencies of Roundabouts etc. The development of a stop-go traffic management system in the centre of Maynooth which has been designed by contractors employed by the Mill Shopping Centre (hardly an independent and objective body) and which it is obvious to all the residents of Maynooth has created a traffic disaster in the town cannot be allowed continue unchecked. Its time the residents of Maynooth spoke in unison and show Kildare County Council and these contractors that we will not take anymore.

The suggestion by that same contractor company and Kildare County Council to cut down a number of Lime Trees in the centre of Maynooth in an effort to alleviate some of the problems caused in the first place by poor traffic management policies will not be tolerated and cannot be allowed. The Old Carton Fianna Fail Cumann will actively campaign against this crazy suggestion – it certainly seems to give an indication of a lack of basic understanding of the problem they themselves have helped create and shows a complete lack of appreciation of the ethos of Maynooth and its special historical significance –an incredibly ignorant and superficial attempt at trying to address the problems they have largely caused themselves. The Cumann will write to all of our Councillors and to Kildare County Council and the contractors Faber Maunsell to emphasis our contempt for this suggestion and our determination not to allow this butchery under any circumstances.

The implementation of all the road infrastructure around Maynooth that has been discussed and mooted ad nauseum over the period of the last 20 years. This includes the construction of all aspects of the Outer Ring road and its full inclusion in the Development Plan for Maynooth which is currently been drafted.

Other issues which the Old Carton Cumann will pursue include the issue of safety and noise emanating from the use of nearby **Weston Aerodrome**, the pursuance of extra **employment in the Maynooth**

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area, the obtaining of as much **governmental aid** and finance to be spent in the Maynooth area via a vis educational, health and community facilities.

Finally, it is an aim of the Old Carton Maynooth Fianna Fail Cumann to help ensure maximum communication between the residents of Maynooth and our elected Fianna Fail representatives. During the next one and a half years, **the Cumann will actively promote the three Fianna Fail candidates who we have selected to run in the next General Election – Cllr Michael Fitzpatrick (former Mayor of Kildare and Personal Assistant to then Minister for Finance Charlie McCreevy for a period of 20 years), Anthony Creevy (Naas Town Councillor) and Aine Brady (By-election candidate).** Any issues that any one wishes to be addressed by any or all of the above, please communicate with any of the Old Carton Representatives mentioned at the start of this article. In addition, Cllr Paul Kelly can be contacted at any time at his Leixlip office on Main Street.

Happy Easter!



Members of An Nuada Players

Deputy Catherine Murphy (Ind) News

TD calls for Government plan of action to tackle unregulated management companies.

Deputy Catherine Murphy (Ind) has today, 28th March 2006, called on Government to inject a new urgency into its handling of what she has described as the "disgraceful practice of developers and Local Authorities off-loading their estate maintenance responsibilities on homeowners through the establishment of management companies." She highlighted that this problem requires a two pronged approach; one for those living in multi-unit buildings and another for those in house-only developments.

Estate Management Companies should not exist in house-only developments, according to Murphy. Minister for the Environment, Mr. Dick Roche TD in October 2005 is not acceding to this rationale in stating that the Planning & Development Act 2000 is not intended to be used by Local Authorities to "side-step their responsibilities or try to pass them on to residents", has proposed no legislative reform. Murphy has called for a definitive addition to the statute book that safeguards homeowners in house-only developments from having estate management companies thrust upon them. Furthermore, she has called on all Local Authorities to prioritise the taking-in-charge of all house-only developments that are subject to management company charges as a matter of urgency. "Those who've already been caught up in this trap are literally paying for it each day action is delayed."

Multi-unit buildings, while in need of some form of management company system due to the sharing of common facilities such as stairwells, lifts, and the structure itself, must also be subject to legislative provision to secure the rights of owners. "We need a solid commitment from Government that this issue will be tackled strongly, sooner rather than later as those currently paying management fees or considering buying into such developments are in limbo. They have to pay the charges but have no guarantee's as to where the money goes and who spends it" - Murphy.

Final proposals from Taxi Regulator will "Drive Forward" services - Murphy

Deputy Catherine Murphy has welcomed the changes included in the Taxi Regulators report "Driving Forward" published this week.

She had through a submission to the Regulator late last year as part of the consultation process highlighted two key defects on what was initially proposed: Dublin for example is a designated taxi

meter area's, those wishing to travel just beyond to surrounding counties could be refused a service because they were not within the metered area. Fares also varied from area to area which was not in either the public's or the taxi providers interest. Both of these issues have been comprehensively addressed in the final report with the designation of the entire country as a metered area and a uniform fare being proposed, the annual rip off particularly at Christmas time by a small segment of the industry will thankfully be a thing of the past.

"Given that the regulator initiated this process just last September the progress of that office has been impressive, the timetable is included in the final report for delivery of the changes which will make a meaningful contribution to the modernisation of the Taxi services." Deputy Murphy concluded.

Notice

Public Meeting

A Campaign to Abolish Management Companies/ Fees in Housing Estates

&

For Statutory Regulation of Management Companies in Apartment Blocks

Saturday, 1st April

Red Cow Hotel, Naas Road

11 AM - 1 PM

All groups and individuals who want to see the abolition of management companies and fees in housing estates and strict regulations on how they should operate in apartment blocks are invited.

We will discuss how to mount a National Campaign to pressure the major political parties for immediate action on this issue.

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Emmet Stagg T.D.

Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Maynooth Traffic Management:

Cllr. John McGinley has sent the following reply to the Council on their proposed changes to Main Street, Maynooth:

- "Creating a left turning lane from Main Street to the Straffan would destroy the integrity of the 18th century tree lined Main Street as well as the Square. Doctors Lane when it is made one way will in effect become the left lane filter for Straffan Road.
- Widening the bus bay will not ensure that the buses will pull in to allow traffic to proceed. The bus bay is adequate at present for the good bus drivers.
- The Council seem to be ignoring the fact that FOUR new pedestrian crossings have been created at the Roost. Why they are not removing those at the Bank of Ireland altogether beggars belief. The removal of two mature trees to move the crossing a few meters borders on the criminal.
- When Doctors Lane is made one way it must have traffic calming ramps especially because of the hazard associated with the poor sight line of pedestrians exiting from the public car park.
- The extra 10 seconds for green times at the lights at The Square should apply for 24 hours and not just between 1500 and 1900 hours.
- Remove the "No Entry" signs from Pound Lane and Back Lane and install traffic calming ramps on the Lanes instead. Cars are breaking the No Entry signs with impunity here at present and then they speed up to make it to the far end in case they are caught. The No Entry signs have not worked and putting ramps there is the only solution.

I support all of the above and I'm asking for the changes in the timing of the lights to proceed immediately. I'm also asking the Council not to proceed with the proposed changes that involves the removal of any trees."

Hands off Maynooth Main Street Trees

Deputy Emmet Stagg has reacted angrily to a proposal from consultants Faber Maunsell to remove 6 of the Trees on Main Street, Maynooth to improve Traffic Management in the Town.

The proposals were presented to the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council on 21st February.

Deputy Stagg stated that the consultants wanted to;

- Create a left turning lane from Main Street to the Straffan Road which would involve the removal of the tree outside Brady's and the tree at pedestrian crossing. It would also involve the cutting of a slice off the corner of the Square.
- Extend and deepen the bus bay at Buckley's with the removal of 2 trees.
- Bring the lights at the Bank of Ireland closer to the Square to the side of Floods House which would again require the removal of 2 trees.

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The proposals stated Deputy Stagg are disgraceful and reflect a total lack of knowledge of the importance of the Trees along Main Street. The Trees apart from being pleasant in appearance, form a line from Carton Avenue to the College Gates and when you include the trees on Leinster Street and Mill Street they form a cross axis.

Deputy Stagg stated that he had discussed the issue with his colleague Cllr. John McGinley who is also adamant that these proposals will not be imposed on the people of Maynooth.

Speed Limits at Schools and in Housing Estates:

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

"That speed limits of 30km per hour be set at schools and in housing estates in the present review of speed limits."

Harbour Action Area Plan Approved

The Harbour Action Area Plan was approved by the Council at its meeting on 27th February following a long public consultation process. Cllr. John McGinley believes that it is a very good plan and he would welcome the views of the public on what type of landscape plan they would like for the Harbour Field.

Silken Vale Boundary Wall

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

"That an appropriate boundary wall be erected between Bond Bridge and Silken Vale/The Archers in the interests of public safety and security."

Stagg Lashes Roche for Refusing to Fight his corner on Staff Embargo for County Councils

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Environment in the Dail on January 25th in relation to the Embargo on recruitment in Local Government and as to whether or not he would discuss the difficulties this is causing to Local authorities, where there is a rapid growth in population and where the Public were rightly demanding services, with the Minister for Finance.

The Minister advised Deputy Stagg that the cap on recruitment arose from a Government decision of

December 2002 to reduce staff number in Local Authorities by 1,000. The Minister further advised Deputy Stagg that the Government intended to continue to regulate and control numbers in Local Government within agreed ceilings as indicated in the Minister for Finance's 2005 Budget Statement, and that his Department would be maintaining appropriate contact with Department of Finance Officials in that regard.

Deputy Stagg has lashed the Minister's response and accused him of not fighting his corner in securing additional staffing posts in Local Authorities where there was a huge growth in population. Citing Co. Kildare as an example Deputy Stagg stated that between 1996 and 2002 the population of the County increased by 21% and a similar increase is expected between 2002 and 2006. It is unrealistic to expect a Local Authority to function without additional staff numbers where there is a significant growth in population. In places like Kilkenny with a 6% growth, Co. Longford 3% growth, Co. Tipperary 5% growth and Co. Monaghan with a 2.5% growth the effects of the Embargo aren't as serious.

In addition the Embargo on recruitment has led to a plethora of jobs being outsourced to Consultants who are extremely costly and this is a waste of resources for the Council.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that he intended to continue to raise this issue with the Minister until he accepted the serious problem which the embargo was causing and did something about it.

Cullen Refuses to consider outsourcing of resignalling project for City Centre

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Transport in the Dail in relation to the outsourcing of the City Centre Rail Resignalling Project which will increase significantly capacity on the Maynooth Suburban Rail Line.

Minister Cullen indicated to Deputy Stagg that he had not requested Iarnrod Eireann to outsource the work. He further advised Deputy Stagg that Iarnrod Eireann were currently assembling a Design Team for the Project and that work will commence in the latter part of 2006.

Deputy Stagg stated that he was mystified at the Minister's reluctance to try and bring forward the Resignalling Project which under Transport 21 is not due to be completed until 2009. Timetable changes will bring some improvements in capacity but the critical element in increasing capacity on the Maynooth

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Line is increasing the number of train paths between Connolly and Pearse Station from 24 per hour to 32 per hour.

Deputy Stagg further stated that Iarnrod Eireann have their hands full with all the projects they have to deal with under Transport 21 and it would make sense to try and outsource some projects to bring forward the completion dates.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he would further question the Minister in relation to his reluctance to move this project forward.

Hanafin Refuses to Commit Capital Funding to School Projects in Maynooth, Kilcock and Naas

Following on from the announcement by the Minister for Education on January 13th, which sanctioned the commencement of Architectural Planning for an Extension to Scoil Choca Naofa in Kilcock and new Schools for Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich in Maynooth and Gaelscoil Nas na Riogh in Naas, Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister in relation to the availability of Capital Funding to commence construction of the schools in 2006.

Minister Hanafin advised Deputy Stagg that Progress to tender and construction will be considered at the appropriate stage of the architectural planning process in the context of the prioritisation criteria for large scale building projects.

Deputy Stagg stated that the question he asked was very simple – If the schools complete their architectural planning process within 2006 are there capital funds available to sanction tenders and construction in 2006. By refusing to confirm this and stating that the progression was dependent on the prioritisation criteria for large scale building projects, the Minister has effectively stated that there is no money in the kitty for these projects.

This stated Deputy Stagg is very disappointing but the best way of putting pressure on the Minister is for the schools in question to immediately appoint their Design Teams and get through the Architectural Planning Process.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg vowed to monitor progress on the projects to ensure that Bureaucracy does not impede their progress to construction.

Stagg Lodges Objection to Mobile Base Station Proposal for Newtown Inn

Deputy Emmet Stagg has, along with his colleague

Cllr. John McGinley, lodged an objection to the proposal by O2 Communications to erect a Flagpole with 3 concealed antenna and a Radio Link Dish on the roof of the Newtown Inn, Maynooth.

In objecting to the proposal Deputy Stagg made the following points:

- The Maynooth Development Plan 2002 precludes the erection of such Telecommunications Equipment in residential areas.
- The Newtown Inn is in the Middle of Beaufield and Meadowbrook Housing Estates.
- Residents of Beaufield Gardens are only metres away from the proposed Mobile Base Station.
- No evidence of attempts at co-sharing are on the planning file.
- The proposal, if granted planning permission would set an undesirable precedent.
- The Mobile Base Station should be located at the E.S.B. sub-station at Ballygoran.

Deputy Stagg stated that it was critical that Kildare Co. Council protected the residents of Beaufield and Meadowbrook from such inappropriate development and if the development was allowed to proceed in this Neighbourhood Area then other parts of Maynooth and other towns in North Kildare would see a proliferation of such planning applications.

Deputy Stagg concluded by urging Kildare Co. Council to refuse planning permission for the proposal forcibly.

Upgrade of N4 Between Leixlip and the M50 won't start until April 2007 at earliest.

Deputy Emmet Stagg has expressed his anger at the refusal by the Government to provide funding in 2006 to enable the upgrade of the N4 between Leixlip and the M50 to commence this year.

Deputy Stagg stated that the C.P.O. and E.I.S. for the scheme were approved by An Bord Pleanala on 28th October last and the only funding provided in 2006 by the N.R.A. to South Dublin Co. Council in respect of the project is for the preparation of the contract documents. This will enable them to seek tenders for the design and construction of the upgrade later on in 2006 but works will not actually commence until April 2007 at the earliest.

The improvements planned include the following stated Deputy Stagg;

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- Widening the existing carriageway to 3 lanes in each direction.
- Provision of new interchange at the Lucan/Newcastle Road junction on the Lucan By-Pass.
- Closure of existing Median Crossings along the full length..

Deputy Stagg further stated that it is very disappointing that the Government won't Fastrack this project given the fact that it's original completion date was 2004 and that was scuttled by cutbacks imposed following the 2002 General Election.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that he would contact the Minister for Transport on the issue with a view to moving forward the project.

Stagg Welcomes Withdrawal of Proposal for 4 & 3 Storey Apartment Blocks at Old Greenfields

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the withdrawal on 24th January of the planning application for the proposed 4 & 3 Storey Apartment Blocks at Old Greenfields, Maynooth.

Deputy Stagg had, along with his colleague Cllr. John McGinley, objected to the proposal last October calling it incomprehensible and out of character with the existing built environment in the area which is made up of bungalows and semi-detached houses. At 43.7 Units to the Acre the proposal was excessive and the size of the site at less than .5 of a hectare precluded it from being considered for higher residential density. The proposal Deputy Stagg argued at the time had no regard for the residential amenity of neighbours, would cause serious overlooking and would destroy the entrance to Maynooth along the Straffan Road given the heights proposed.

Deputy Stagg stated that on November 18th last the Council had requested additional information in relation to the proposal which specifically stated that the height and density of the proposal was far in excess of the provisions of the Maynooth Development Plan. The Council also pointed out that the development must have regard to the residential amenity of neighbours and stated that a 4 Storey Structure would not be considered favourably by the Planning Authority.

We have won Round One on this issue concluded Deputy Stagg but it is obvious that the applicants will now submit a revised planning application and we will view this proposal when the application is lodged.

Maynooth Presentation Convent Extension being delayed by Minister

Deputy Emmet Stagg has continued to question the Minister for Education in relation to the delay in sanctioning the required extension to Maynooth Presentation Convent National School.

The Minister advised Deputy Stagg that changes were requested by her officials to the Stage 3 submission (detailed plans) in relation to the project. A revised Stage 3 submission was received in the Department and this will be examined as soon as possible.

Deputy Stagg stated that as soon as possible was not good enough. The Detailed Plans for the project were submitted to the Ministers Department on 16th June. In September the Department requested amendments to these and the revised plans were submitted to the Department in October. Since then the project has been on hold because the Department have`nt even bothered to examine the revised plans in 4 months.

This stated Deputy Stagg is further evidence of delaying tactics being employed by the Minister for Education and he concluded by stating that he would continue to pressurise the Minister on this issue until the project was cleared.

Stagg Supports S.I.P.T.U. Campaign on Home Help Cuts and Fair Treatment of Home Help Workers

Attending a meeting of Home Help Workers from Maynooth, Kilcock and Leixlip in Leixlip Parish Centre on Friday 3rd March Deputy Emmet Stagg offered his wholehearted support for the campaign being organised by S.I.P.T.U. against the Scandalous Cut in Home Help Hours throughout the Country and the failure by the present Government to offer Home Help Workers protection by the ending of Zero Hour Contracts.

Outlining the alarming situation in Kildare Deputy Stagg stated that between 2003 and 2005 there was a 27% reduction in Home Help Hours. Incredibly in the same period the number of people availing of the care by Home Help workers increased by 33%. The service is now being spread too thin which means that people end up with an ineffective service, nowhere near their needs and is a throwback to the old days when Home Helps were effectively regarded as volunteers. In other words they are hoping that Home Helps seeing the position on the ground will actually put in further unpaid hours of work because of their caring nature. This is no way to run a service which is suppose to be a Priority according to Mary Harney.

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In addition to the reduction in hours Home Help Workers are on Zero Hour Contracts which means if the person they are caring for is hospitalised their pay is reduced to Nil. In 2006 this is no way to treat Priority workers. S.I.P.T.U. concluded an agreement with the HSE in 2004 to end this practice and the HSE continue to renege on the deal.

Deputy Stagg concluded by vowing to put Mary Harney under pressure on the Cuts in the Service and the plight of Home Help Workers.

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Kids in Action Programme reaches Maynooth

SuperValu, Glenroyal Shopping Centre was the launching pad for a new fitness initiative for the school children of Maynooth. Conscious of the falling interest in sporting and keep fit activities amongst the young, the Irish Sports Council together with sponsors SuperValu have initiated a country wide campaign on two fronts. Awareness of healthy eating is an important part of the programme with a scheme to provide local schools with sporting equipment as a back up to promote fitness activities. Amongst the attendance at the SuperValu outlet were Store Manager Paddy Holohan, Kildare Senior Footballer, Karl Ennis and Richard Farrell, Kildare Sports Partnership. As can be seen from the photos there was pupil representatives from the three National Schools in Maynooth. From the Presentation, Ally Kelly, Siobhan Mc Nutt, Ashling Carr, Alva Quinn, Lauren Edwards and Teacher, Jennifer Quigley. From the BNS, Michael Jones, Ross O'Connor, Darren & Paul McHugh and Peter Coakley. Scoil Ui Fiach was represented by Maeve Walsh, Aoife Walsh, Mairin Ni Cheileachoir



L-R Alva Quinn, Lauren Edwards, Karl Ennis, Siobhan McNutt and Aisling Carr

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Maynooth Fianna Fail - Boys School Cumann

Following a re-organisation of Fianna Fail in North Kildare, Maynooth now has two Fianna Fail cumainn. One cumann responsible for each polling booth. The Maynooth Fianna Fail (Boys School) cumann elected the following officers:

Chairman:	Gearoid Lohan, 130 Castle Dawson
Vice-chairman:	Mary Jennings, 5 The Paddocks, Moyglare Abbey
Secretary:	Mark Jennings, 5 The Paddocks, Moyglare Abbey
Treasurer:	John Dolan, Ryewood, Dunboyne Road
PRO:	Michael Kennedy, 110 Castle Dawson

Other members include:

Pat O' Brien, Moyglare Village; Mrs. Eileen Kennedy, Laraghbryan; Michael Caden, Maynooth Park, John Conroy, Parklands, Michael Kelly, Moyglare Road. Ollie O' Hara, Maynooth NUI.

If you would like to join Maynooth Fianna Fail Boys School Cumann - please make contact with any of the above or Mr. Pat O'Brien at 01 6286073 or 087 237 6820, Geroid Lohan on 087 2194797 or Michael Caden at 01 6286049.

See also Fianna Fail website: www.fiannafail.ie

Bond Bridge

Clr. Paul Kelly has informed the cumann that Bond Bridge is ahead of schedule and will be completed by June 2006.

Increased Rail Capacity for Maynooth

Minister for Transport Martin Cullen has informed the cumann that construction has started on the Dockland Railway station. This development will deliver improvements in frequency and capacity on the Maynooth-Dublin commuter line, one of the fastest growing population corridors in the country, and allow transfer to and from the LUAS Red Line IFSC extension. Iarnrod Eireann has begun infrastructure work to link Docklands Station to the Maynooth line, and an application for planning permission for the

station building itself will be lodged next week. Subject to planning, Iarnrod Eireann expect the station to open in 2007.

This will deliver a peak rail service every 15 minutes on the Maynooth commuter line from 2007.

Community/Arts Centre

The cumann is actively pursuing a strategy of supporting those who are anxious to get have a community centre for Maynooth. We have already met with Minister John O' Donoghue to highlight this issue. We will continue to push for a consensus approach and hope that agreement can be reached soon.

Budget Changes are Taking effect.

Increased Maternity Leave: the new arrangements which apply to people taking leave from 1st of March will be as follows:

- Paid maternity leave will increase from 18 to 22 weeks
- Paid adoptive leave will increase from 16 to 20 weeks. Unpaid maternity leave and unpaid adoptive leave will increase from 8 to 12 weeks.
- A further increase in leave arrangements as announced in Budget 2006 will come into effect on 1 March 2007.

Playground

The cumann welcome the decision of Kildare County Council to seek tenders for the Inspection and Maintenance of playgrounds in Co. Kildare (including Maynooth).

Kildare County Council - Grants for Community, Amenity and Festival Activities.

Grant Application forms have been advertised by Kildare Co. Co. for groups organising community based festivals, environmental work in public areas and community grants.

Register of electors

Are you on the register of electors?

If not please make contact with any of the following for application forms and procedures required to get on the register.

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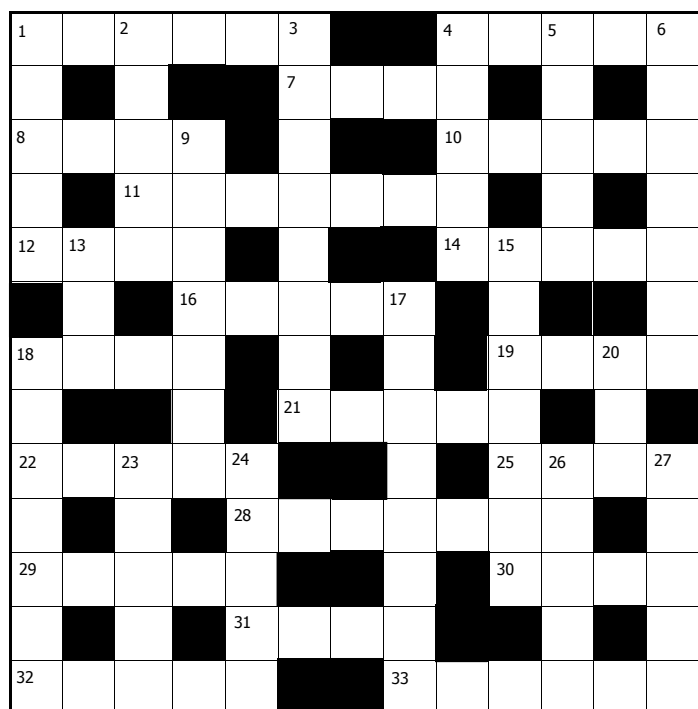
Fundraising Breakfast

Fianna Fail are organising a fundraising breakfast on Friday 28th of April. Guest speakers: Minister for Finance Brian Cowen TD and Sports Commentator, Michael O' Muirchuirteagh. Tickets can be obtained from Pat O' Brien 01 6286073 or 087 237 6820 or Cllr. Paul Kelly 01 6243624

Environmental Section

Composting see Kildare County Council website for more details on composting

Crossword No: 43



Entries before: 10th April 2006

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Across:

1. Tyrant (6)
4. Navy warrant officer (5)
7. Long-eared animal (4)
8. Ship's bow (4)
10. Kingdom (5)
11. Take back (2)
12. Part of the foot (4)
14. Wading bird (5)
16. Woodwind instrument (5)
18. Arm bone (4)
19. Implement (4)
21. Rabbit coop (5)
22. Chimney cleaner (5)
25. Rave (4)
28. Give ground (7)
29. Semi-precious stone (5)
30. Solitary (4)
31. Japanese wrestling (4)
32. Scottish trousers (5)
33. Tumbled (6)

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Down:

1. Distance down (5)
2. Keep count (5)
3. Comprehensive (8)
4. Mooring place (5)
5. Sitar (anag) (5)
6. Token, symbolic (7)
9. Well-being (7)
13. Long fish (3)
15. Captivate (7)
17. Exert Rio (anag) (8)
18. Social climber (7)
20. Have (3)
23. Dodge (5)
24. Push hard (5)
26. Coral island (5)
27. Twilled cloth (5)

Across:

1. Discomfort, **8.** Obscene, **9.** Liver, **10.** Seat, **11.** Kong, **12.** Rat, **14.** Run off, **15.** Temper, **18.** Set, **20.** Loot, **21.** Mini, **23.** Three, **24.** Margate, **25.** Abstinence,

Down:

1. Disdain, **2.** Seed, **3.** Oberon, **4.** Filigree, **5.** River, **6.** Monstrosity, **7.** Fraternised, **13.** Affluent, **16.** Primate **17.** Common **18.** Gemini, **19.** Throb, **22.** Bran.

Scoil Ui Fiaich Confirmation Day 2006



Sarah Ni Ghraille, Ursula Nic Glinn, Conchur O Dulain



Isabekke Ni Shuibhne, Niamh Ni Bhraonain, Seamus O Casthasaigh

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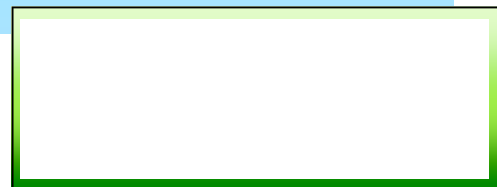
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**Barge on Bond Bridge Maynooth by Emma Boyce
one of the many paintings exhibited at the recent Castle Keep
Annual Art Exhibition in the Post Primary School**

*~ For all the people of Maynooth ~
May 2006*

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Editorial

Great to see the good weather starting to visit us for longer periods particularly with the longer days. It means we have greater opportunity to do the things we enjoy doing outdoors – walking, exercising, sightseeing, etc etc.

At this time of year, I think it is appropriate to turn our thoughts towards some of the events that will be taking place in Maynooth and our surrounding areas in the next few months. These events generally result in a cash injection into the local community and of course they provide the residents and business people of the town with a golden opportunity to “ showcase ” the town, its facilities, amenities, heritage, ambience etc.

At the moment, we are just starting into the **4 Day Punchestown Festival**, which although actually taking place some 17 miles away, nevertheless has “ knock-on ” effects for us here in Maynooth. Punchestown has now been proven to generate approx. €42 million for the local economy during the 4 days of the festival and in fact in terms of Corporate entertaining it is the biggest event in Ireland in the calendar year, bigger even than the Galway races. While Maynooth may not directly benefit to any significant degree financially, there is no doubt that more people are traveling through the area, become aware of the area and therefore have the opportunity to develop a good impression of the town, which may result in direct benefits on other occasions.

During the middle to **end of May, the Nissan Irish Golf Open** will also be hosted in our beautiful Carton House and Golf Club. It is estimated that 50,000 people will attend the almost week long event. The amount of media attention descending on Maynooth during that period is phenomenal and it provides all of us with the opportunity to show what a great town Maynooth is to live and work in. Again, this will result in a knock-on effect, with visitors wanting to return to spend longer here and obviously this will have economic benefits to the area. At the end of July, we will have the chance to take part in **the annual Maynooth Festival**. This year, the Festival will receive a grant of €1,000.00 from Kildare County Council, and if the residents of Maynooth show as much enthusiasm for the events which will be organized during that period, as they did for the recent St. Patricks Day Parade, the Festival should continue to grow and develop. Of course, a little bit of sunny weather would make all the difference.

Finally, in September we will experience the wonderful and exciting occasion of the Irish hosting of **the Ryder Cup which will be taking place in the K Club, Straffan**. The exposure that Ireland generally, but particularly County Kildare will receive during this worldwide event will be staggering. It is particularly important that the people of Maynooth, both residents and business people, make every effort to ensure our town looks well, behaves in a courteous and friendly fashion to all those visiting from abroad and give good value in terms of the product and services which the visitors will look for. The Community Council at its recent AGM had the benefit of listening to a Kildare Failte presentation on the Ryder Cup and we are currently exploring ways of ensuring our town gets maximum exposure both in terms of volume and quality. Any ideas that residents may have which would help achieve this, would be very warmly welcomed and appreciated and should be left in to the Community Council offices in Beaufield Shopping Centre or simply contact myself, Brid Feely – Chairperson of the Community Council on 087-2052649
Brid Feely,

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

Maynooth Community Council Meeting AGM was held on the 10th April in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Chairperson's Report

Brid Feely thanked her fellow Executive members for all their help and support during the year. She said that there is no doubt that we worked together very well. She made special thanks to the Community Councillors who attend monthly meetings and those there on the night. Brid also thanked them for playing their part in making Maynooth a better place to live which was very much appreciated.

It was also pointed out that Maynooth is a rapidly developing area that will demand ever increasing levels of services and facilities. She then went on to point out the problems that are being experienced by all—commuting facilities for residents and parking problems, provision of appropriate infrastructure.

She pointed out other issues that the Community Council are concerned with—re Community Centre, also that we are making very good progress on this and have met with the area council and are now preparing our final submission.. She also noted the dreadful traffic problems in Maynooth with the opening of the Mill Centre and the deplorable traffic management of traffic lights and inappropriate timings, are the bane of Maynooth residents. It was also pointed out that these consultants have plans to cut down several trees in the town—**this cannot be allowed to happen she said.**

Brid then pointed out ongoing events—re Bond Bridge that it is believed to be ahead of schedule. Other events that occurred, the Nissan Irish Open and that the event will also take place again this year. The Ryder Cup taking place in Straffan this year. Brid also noted that we are still very involved in getting Town Council status for Maynooth, also the fact that we had a meeting with Minister Dick Roche on this is a positive move.

Other ongoing issues—Crime in the area, ongoing erection of Christmas Lights, lack of parking, and the development of the Harbour and Carton areas.

It was also pointed out that not all areas are represented on the Community Council. There are many areas not represented at all and have never being. What with expected expanding population we should see an increased participation by our new residents Brid said.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Muireann Ni Bhrolchain said Community Council Meetings and Executive Meetings had being held every month except August. She noted ongoing progress in the town. Bond Bridge, Manor Mills Centre, also Maynooth Community Council progress in attaining a Community Centre for Maynooth, also

noting our meeting with area Councillors. She noted that HGV's are still coming through the town, also the upgrading of the train service was noted.

Muireann then commented on the work done by the Sub-committees. She said Tidy Towns carry out a wonderful service for the town gaining 57/60 in I-BAL competition. The Twinning Sub-committee was working hard on this project. St. Patrick's Day Parade proved to be very successful again this year and also the Festival Committee. She thanked the Editorial Board, Office Supervisor and Office Staff.

Financial Report

Willie Saults gave a full financial report. Willie thanked all involved with fund raising during the year this included the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Flag Day, Festival and the Office General Services. He thanked Christina and the Office Staff. He also thanked the Glenroyal Hotel

Election of Officers

Chairperson	Brid Feely
Vice-Chairperson	Tom McMullon
Secretary	Muireann Ni Bhrolchain
Treasurer	Willie Saults
PRO	Marie Gleeson
PDO	Paul Croghan

Kildare Failte

Karen Gorey gave an outline of what is going on regarding the Ryder Cup under the title—**Festival of Ryder Cup Week—Welcome to the World Festival.**

She said the 36th Ryder Cup Match will be played at the K Club, 19th, 20th and 21st of September are practice days. The opening will take place on the 21st and 22nd, 23rd and 24th of September are competition days. Organisers expect 40,000 spectators per match day and it will be broadcast to 500 million homes not to mention radio etc. Ticket packet included 15,000 from the lottery each day. Failte Ireland and Tourism Ireland with organisers A.I.B. Board P.T.A. handles communications and PR for the Ryder Cup.

Fantastic event for Kildare—What will it mean to us —Business Industry Direct Benefit—Business Industry Indirect Benefit. 37 million world wide.

Communities

If our plans come to fruition the people of the county will benefit.

Maynooth Community Council Notes Cont'd.

Community Feeling

It is important to feel part of it she said, this will be a Festival of our Irishness, Irish Dancing, etc., Restaurants open late, our own speciality of Bacon and Cabbage etc. This will involve co-ordinating all the county getting all groups involved putting up bunting, landscaping the towns, putting together a programme with the help of the community.

The Events

We need to give people the opportunity to experience Irish culture and to see our special places, the Curragh etc she said, also to make a show case of our Irish Dancing and our Irish Music this would also include exhibitions and story telling.

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It is important to have the town looking well, again make a show case of the town and show off your historic features. Late sittings in restaurants would be important. She said it is important to work with them on this. There will be a lot of PR work to be done to promote the town. She said six months from now the Ryder Cup will be over, so we need to know as soon as possible what is happening in Maynooth, it is important to give people who are coming here something to do. All events will be published on their site also in brochures and calendar of events which will be available in all the hotels.

Weston Aerodrome

Mr. Kieran O'Connor gave a talk on Weston. He said he is Airport Manager at Weston; also that it is the longest flying school in Ireland. He said Jim Mansfield bought Weston in 2002. Cyril McAree inquired whether jet aircraft would be landing at Weston. Mr. O'Connor said all aircraft will be powered by jet engines. He said that they have taken it upon themselves to reduce flying time. Cyril said that it still holds a lot of fear for the people of Maynooth. Mr. O'Connor said that there is no requirement on Weston to regard Maynooth, but that they don't do this, he said Darby Kennedy got permission to extend the runway by 50%, there were no objections. Jim Mansfield inherited this. He said there is no unauthorised development at Weston whatsoever. It was said that planes are flying over Maynooth at 2,000 ft. he said if flights are low ring Weston with registration number, you should be able to see plane number if it is too low.

Frank O'Shea raised Carton Court residents fears about Ryanair coming in to Weston. He said runway not long enough to take Ryanair plane, also raised was there any bases to believe that a nearby farm

was being purchased. He said this is not true at all, also you can't make an International Airport on 250 acres. Brid Feely asked how do they monitor people that want to train as pilots, he said since 9/11 all trainee pilots have to go through a full enrolment and every person has to be assessed by the police and passport numbers taken. Mr. O'Connor stated that they had a member of Al-Qaida training at Weston, but that this will never happen again with all the security that is now in place. The point was raised that a local airport should be a good thing. Mr. O'Connor invited anyone interested to come to Weston for a flight.

Brid Feely then thanked Mr. O'Connor for coming and also Karen Gorey of Failte Ireland for attending.

Other Local Points Made

H.G.V's still using the Moyglare and Kilcock Roads.

Aldi recycling centre not being kept well.

Fairtrade—NUIM first Fairtrade College in Ireland.

Bond Bridge—It is hoped that the road will be finished by end of July.

Tidy Towns-Band Stand still not moved—Tidy Towns want to get on with work here, however it was noted that Kildare County Council are to move it and landscape the area.

Next Meeting of the Community Council will be held on Monday 8th May at 8.30 p.m. in the Glenroyal Hotel.

**Marie Gleeson
PRO.**

Maynooth Group for Retired

The May meeting of the social group for retired will be at Maynooth Town Library 11 am Friday 12 May and Friday 26 May 2006. New members welcome.

Bealtaine Exhibition of National School Poems

Celebrate the month of May at Maynooth Town Library. Discuss 'old customs' with members of Maynooth Local History Group 11.30—1 pm on Wednesday 17th May 2006. The Gaelic and English poems and rhymes we learned at national school are displayed with the pictures from schoolbooks of fifty to eighty years ago. Come along and see them and recall your schoolteachers and friends. Dr Maeve Moloney and Celeste Lang arranged the exhibition.

Planning Permissions

FILE NUMBER	APPLICANT NAME	APPLICANT ADDRESS	APPLICATION TYPE	APPLICATION RECEIVED	DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION	DEVELOPMENT LOCATION
06/471	Kieran & Gillian Duff	1 Rockfield Grove Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	16/03/06	Erection of a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion, with new utility room created below and also a porch to front of existing dwelling house	1 Rockfield Grove Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/472	John & Mary Banahan	15 Parklands Square Railpark Maynooth	P	16/03/06	Erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion with utility room extended below and also a new shower room created below	15 Parklands Square Railpark Maynooth
06/519	Peter Rooney	87 Kingsbury Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	21/03/06	For the construction of anew two storey extension, to side and rear of existing house, comprising, one bedroom en suite to first floor and new dining/kitchen extension, new utility/WC to ground floor	87 Kingsbury Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/515	Anthony Hopkins	62 Rockfield Lodge Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	22/03/06	A ground and first floor extension to the rear, and first floor extension to the side of existing house and provision of a velux window, to the front of existing roof.	62 Rockfield Lodge Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/531	Frank & Karen Roan	50 Rockfield Court Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	23/03/06	Erection of a first floor extension to the side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion with utility room extension below, a single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling house etc.,	50 Rockfield Court Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/535	Moynihan Rory	Clonagh Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	23/03/06	Construction of a dormer style residence, garage and associated site works with biocycle waste water treatment system	Clonagh Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/578	Carton Demesne Boldnote Developments Ltd	Carton Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	28/03/06	Revision/modification to approved tourism/leisure development scheme at Carton Demense, Carton, Maynooth PA Ref: 44491 & Bord Pleanala PL 9/5/88418 etc.m	Carton Demesne Carton Maynooth
06/602	Kevin & Pauline Barrett	Dowdstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	29/03/06	Erection of two storey family dwelling with loft storage and connecting single storey parent accommodation, new recessed gated entrance, access drivewqy and the installation of a proprietary waste water treatment unit/ drainage system etc	Moneycooley Maynooth Co. Kildare

Planning Permissions

FILE NUMBER	APPLICANT NAME	APPLICANT ADDRESS	APPLICATION TYPE	APPLICATION RECEIVED	DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION	DEVELOPMENT LOCATION
06/634	Geraldine Walsh	24 Woodlands Maynooth	P	03/04/06	Bungalow style dwelling, entrance and driveway with all services connected to mains together with demolition of existing domestic garage on site	Woodlands Collegelands Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/654	Board of Management Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich	Celbridge Rd Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	05/04/06	(a) the addition of a temporary single storey classroom and two no remedial classrooms extension and (b) works to front & side of the existing school	Celbridge Rd Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/658	Hawthorne John Sheila	19 Parklands Lawns Railpark Maynooth	P	06/04/06	Construction of two storey dormer bungalow incorporating a wastewater system, for the construction of a garage conversion, a single storey extension to front and rear of existing dwelling house and widen existing entrance.	19 Parklands Lawns Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare.

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L—R Bronwyn Mooney (Chairperson Parents Association,) Paddy Holohan (Manager of Super Valu,) Mairin Ni Cheilieachir (Principal of Gael Scoil Ui Fhiaich,) and Eileen Neary (Representative of the Parent Association.)



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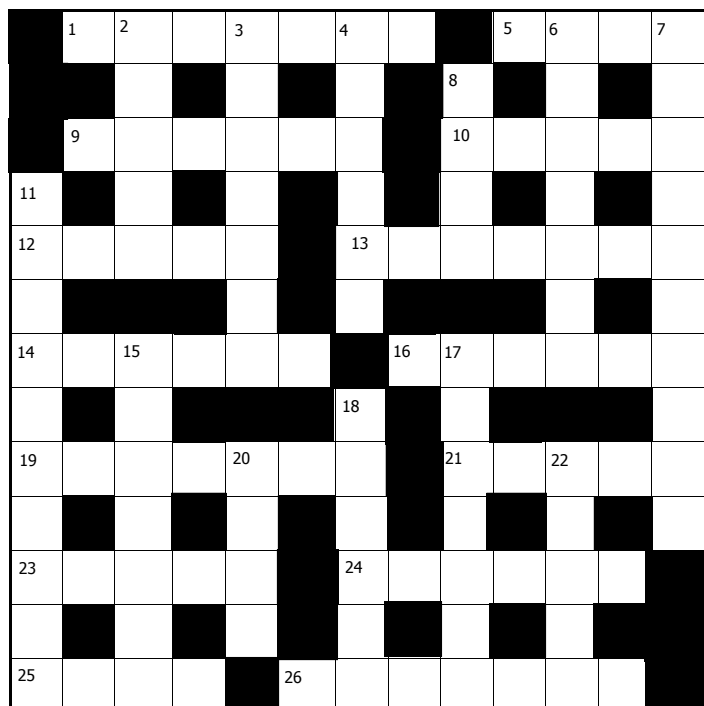
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Across:

1. Worry (7)
5. Poke (4)
9. Friends (6)
10. Vapours (5)
12. Radioactive gas (5)
13. Superficial (7)
14. Serviette (6)
16. Greek who flew too close to the sun! (6)
19. Offence (7)
21. Audacity (5)
23. Dostoevsky novel, _ _ _ and *Punishment* (5)
24. Glacial period (3,3)
26. Cheerio! (7)

Down:

2. Gaped (5)
3. Italian wine (7)
4. Oppose (6)
6. Walker (7)
8. Dyke-building Mercian king (4)
11. Noticeable (10)
15. Put into print (7)
17. Maintain (7)
18. A fine wool (6)
20. Summit (4)
22. *Eleanor* _ _ _ Beatles song (5)

Across:

1. Despot, **4.** Bosun, **7.** Hare, **8.** Prow, **10.** Realm, **11.** Retract, **12.** Heel, **14.** Heron, **16.** Flute, **18.** Ulna, **19.** Tool, **21.** Hutch, **22.** Sweep, **25.** Rant, **28.** Retreat, **29.** Agate, **30.** Lone, **31.** Sumo, **32.** Trews, **33.** Rolled

Down:

1. Depth, **2.** Score, **3.** Thorough, **4.** Berth, **5.** Stair, **6.** Nominal, **9.** Welfare, **13.** Eel, **15.** Enthral, **17.** Exterior, **18.** Upstart, **20.** Own, **23.** Evade, **24.** Press, **26.** Atoll, **27.** Tweed.

Doodle Box

Poetry Corner

A Mans Right

A man needs dignity in life
And a goal to find his way
In order for to cope with strife
His inner pride must always stay,
Both feet firm to the ground.
To live life the way he feels
Not in life no where bound
Defeated in society have to kneel

For to call the world his own
Is the best way in life to live
All people around feel at home
With much welfare for to give
Circumstances destroy a mans heart
Caught in his world of despair
If only a chance to make a start
When all around him just don't care

To feel useful in a society
In his world to take a part
With vision that his eyes can see
And most of all a contented heart
A right to fulfil all his dream
And Let no one ever destroy
The world and him a happy team
With a great future in his cry.

Our Wedding Day

Angela and Michael

Special is our wedding day
Both of us in love and unity
In the church we both pray
For a happy world to be
Found the formula to get along
In a true world of happiness
Live like two birds in song
When both our hearts caress.

We soon walk down the isle
With beating hearts close and near
Give each other a grateful smile
Each loved ones hold so dear
On both hands place a ring
Our marriage vow then partake
Love the meaning of everything
All for each other's sake.

Wedding bells sing in rejoice
Of two lovers newly wed
Couples of each other's choice
Where many dreams are said
All of the guest soon celebrate
For an occasion much worthwhile
Husband and wife feeling just great
In a marriage full of style.

A Child Said to Me

A playful child said to me,
Why do we all have to die;
I said to this boy, it's a mystery
While my heart many times cry,
Do we all deserve such a fate
Through all of these wildness years,
Mankind inequity is much of debate
Through suffering and many spilt tears.

This young lad's face youthful and bright
With a questioning mind, natural to be,
I said to him, if this world was right
Mankind would be no more blind to see;
Look after yourself, my precious child,
And live life with a loving heart.
This curse of death rages wild,
But within each soul, our God never part.

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An Old Man Said To Me

Old man I have to say
You really have made my day,
For never in life did I see
Meaning of life you gave to me.
There you are wrinkled with age,
So much wisdom in your eyes,
At each turn of life's page
Your heart of gold never dies.
There I am with my life's pain
My whole world seems gone insane.
This life really hurts me so,
I look at your face, glow and glow.

You said to me, don't worry my boy,
I know what is in your cry,
You're just going through a stage of life
Don't put yourself in any strife.
You are young and I am old,
A great future for you will be told.
In time all worry or stress fade away
So why not let pain hurt today.
Go out and enjoy life, he said,
Sooner or later, we'll all be dead.
As for me, my life is near an end,
My wisdom of life I send.
Walk tall and always be proud,
No matter how you face a crowd.
You are just as good as the rest,
With God's love you are blessed.
Thank you for telling me, I said to this man,
I will live life the best can.
when I'm in heaven, he said, I will pray for
you,
And wish fortune in all you do.

Patrick Murray

Backroads

Walking the backroads
Where no
Modern motors pass
I see
Only the odd
Green-grassy patch
And envy-coloured
Hedges over-peeping
A cow or two
And a chorus
Of feathered voices
Giving May cue
All did entertain me
And renew my spirits high
All did light maintain me
And Summer floated by.

Dara Lakes

The Salmon and the Horse

The sloping hollow in the gorge
The salmon and the horse
The water-falling -trinkle down
That ran into as source
All this and beauty more
Do tumult from your core
And level baroading canal
The path it's brother seem
Whereupon you be to stand
On any eve of Summer
Will sense a souling
Stillness creep
And peace with everything.

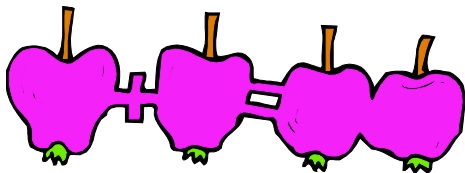
Dara Lakes

Gardening Tips for April and May

April Gardening Tips

The Flower Garden:

- Make further sowings of hardy annuals in prepared places. When soil temperatures exceed 15.5°C seeds of half-hardy annuals may be sown out of doors.
- Sow hardy climbing annuals - convolvulus tricolour, tall single flowering nasturtiums and tropaeolum peregrinum at the base of trellises, tree stumps, banks and eyesores needing quick coverage.
- Plant out seedling pansies, which have overwintered in a cold frame, with a dressing of slug bait. They like partial shade. Plant out in deep soil sweetpeas raised in pots. They will need the support of twiggy branches, stakes or wires stretched across posts.
- Lift and divide hardy ferns that merit it, replanting the crowns singly in soil enriched with moist organic matter.



The Vegetable Garden

- Make successional sowing of broad beans, carrots, second early peas, turnips radish, lettuce and spinach. Provide supports for earlier sown peas when 5cm high. Sow tall maincrops for August cropping.
- Choose a patch of well-drained, sandy loam soil for annual herbs - bush basil, borage, sweet basil, chervil, coriander, dill, sweet majoram, purslane, summer savory - and sow at the end of the month. Sow the biennials - angelica, caraway - where they can stay for two years. Sow the perennials - lemon balm, chives, fennel, hyssop, lavender, lovage, mint rosemary, sage winter savory, sorrel and thyme - in pots for transplanting later in the year.
- Plant up a new asparagus bed this month with crowns 12-15cm below ground level.

May Gardening Tips

The Flower Garden:

- Make additional outdoor sowings of hardy annuals where needed as soon as possible. Use seed-dressing to improve germination.
- Thin seedlings sown in April as soon as they are big enough to handle.
- Move hardy and half-hardy annual seedlings sown in the greenhouse to cold frames to harden off. Transplant to flowering positions in two to three weeks time.
- Snip off fading flower heads from early flowering bulbs and daffodils unless the seeds are needed.
- Renovate window boxes for summer. Paint wooden ones inside with bitumen or a plant-safe preservative, not creosote.

The Vegetable Garden

- Plant out early Brussels sprouts, autumn cabbage and cauliflower sown in April for late summer and autumn harvest.
- Thin carrots and onion seedlings to 10cm apart. Do not leave discarded seedlings lying on the ground - they will attract pests.
- Plant out sweet corn seedlings raised under glass in late May. Choose a warm border, planting blocks of four, 23cm apart, to ensure a cross-pollination



Useful tips

Exams

- Look after your physical needs. Get a good night's sleep; avoid the temptation to cram last minute revision far into the night. Eat a carbohydrate rich breakfast or lunch if it's an afternoon exam. Take some boiled sweet to suck on when energy flags.
- Read all instructions twice before beginning. When reading the questions underline key words.
- Divide the total number of questions by the allotted amount of minutes to determine the amount of time to spend on each question. If you find you are spending too long on one leave it, you can always come back to it if you have time left at the end.
- Begin with the easiest exams questions. If you don't have time to complete an essay, try writing an outline adding the explanation "ran out of time".

Fish tanks

- To keep fish happy you need to change around a third of their water every week. The simplest way is to make a siphon from an old hose or plastic tubing. Pinch the bottom of the tube tightly with your fingers and fill the tube with water from the tap; pinch the top of the tube and carry it to the tank. Insert one end into the tank and the other in a bucket a few feet below it. The water will flow automatically from the tank to the bucket. When you have removed enough water, refill the tank with water that has been at room temperature for several hours.

Tangled flexes

- To keep lengths of unused extension lead and detachable appliance flexes neat, fold each one separately, slip in through an empty toilet paper roll and label it. You can also keep folded flexes in napkin rings or cardboard tubes, or hang them from a tie-rack.
- When putting away appliances that have a flex permanently attached to them, avoid making kinks in the flex by bending it. Hold a coiled flex together and with a twist tie or large elastic band.

Bookcases

- Plastic crates can be stacked to make a colourful set of shelves for a child's room. These crates can usually be found in DIY stores. With diligence and a bit of luck, you may even locate some old-fashioned wooden milk crates.
- Some plastic crates are designed to interlock. If yours aren't, secure them with twist ties strips of cloth or insulating tape. Try to choose a colour that matches the crates.
- For a quick, attractive bookshelf, lay planks of wood across bricks or concrete blocks.

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Maynooth Community Games

Maynooth Community Games had a very successful turn out for the local table quiz in the Boys' National School. Teams as follows:

Maynooth West	Maynooth East
(1) Adam Dignam	(1) Damien Kelly
Conor Murphy	Neil Delaney
Cian Forde	Brendan Walsh-Confer
Luke Hare	Louise Doran

(2) Tom Oliver	(2) Niamh Feeney
Kevin Peelo	Niall Flynn
Ben Connolly	Mark Bennett
Lorcan Halton	Thomas Dempsey Sub Joshua Hurley

Many thanks to Brian O' Malley and Colm Murphy for training the boys and girls every Wednesday night.

However, due to different commitments the teams were re-arranged as follows:

West	East
Conor Murphy	(1) Damien Kelly
Tom Oliver	Neil Delaney
Adam Dignam	Brendan Walsh-Confer
	Dara Walsh
	Joshua Hurley

	(2) Niall Flynn
	Niamh Feeney
	Louise Doran
	Ciaran Byrne
	Mark Bennett

Well done boys and girls who represented Maynooth East & West in Allenwood on Friday 7th April in Kildare Finals.

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Community Games

Swimming Results

Maynooth Boys West	Maynooth Boys East	Maynooth Girls West	Maynooth Girls East
Under 8 Front Crawl 1st Fiachra O' Sullivan 2nd Liam Byrne	Under 8 Front Crawl 1st Conor Lynch 2nd Braden Millar	Under 8 Front Crawl 1st Saoirse O' Sullivan	Under 8 Front Crawl 1st Laura Millett
Under 10 Front Crawl 1st Oisin O' Sullivan 2nd Michael Hogan 3rd Samuel Millar	Under 10 Front Crawl 1st Daragh Murphy 2nd Joseph Millett	Under 10 Front Crawl/ Backstroke 1st Bronadh Kearney	Under 10 Front Crawl 1st Laoise Millar 2nd Aoife Lynch 3rd Donna Ffrench 4th Aisling Monaghan
Under 12 Front Crawl/ Backstroke/Breaststroke 1st Eoin Byrne	Under 12 Front Crawl 1st Shane Monaghan 2nd Jack Ffrench 3rd Eoin McCormack 4th Jack O' Hagan	Under 12 Front Crawl/ Backstroke/ Breaststroke 1st Emma Collins	Under 10 Backstroke 1st Laoise Millar 2nd Aisling Monaghan 3rd Donna Ffrench 4th Aoife Lynch
Under 14 Front Crawl/ Backstroke/ Breaststroke 1st Joshua Miller	Under 12 Backstroke 1st Jack Ffrench 2nd Shane Monaghan 3rd Eoin McCormack	Under 14 Front Crawl 1st Niamh Kearney 2nd Aoife Twomey	Under 12 Front Crawl 1st Sian Millar 2nd Ciara Sweeney 3rd Niamh Feeney
	Under 12 Breaststroke 1st Shane Monaghan 2nd Eoin McCormack 3rd Jack Ffrench	Under 14 Backstroke 1st Aoife Twomey 2nd Niamh Kearney	Under 12 Backstroke 1st Sian Millar 2nd Ciara Sweeney
	Under 14 Front Crawl 1st Sean McKnight	Under 14 Breaststroke 1st Niamh Kearney 2nd Aoife Twomey	Under 12 Breaststroke 1st Sian Millar 2nd Ciara Sweeney
	Under 14 Backstroke 1st Sean McKnight		Under 14 Front Crawl/Backstroke/ Breaststroke 1st Heather Collins
	Under 14 Breaststroke 1st Sean McKnight		Under 16 Front Crawl/Breaststroke 1st Laura O' Hagan

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Community Games

Art Results

Maynooth Girls Art East	
Rachelle Honeyman-Lynch	U8 (1st)
Olivia Carton	U8 (2nd)
Claire Gill	U8 (3rd)
Kayleigh Ledwith	U10 (1st)
Niamh Feeney	U12 (1st)
Sarah Curran	U12 (2nd)
Sarah Jennings	U12 (3rd)
Katie Curran	U14 (1st)
Niamh Kearney	U14 (2nd)
Breda Wilson	U14 (3rd)

Maynooth Girls Art West	
Bronagh Kearney	U8 (1st)
Roisin Ni Chonochain	U8 (2nd)
Laura Monaghan	U8 (3rd)
Hanah Regan	U10 (1st)
Karen Weafer	U10 (2nd)
Louise Qualter	U10 (3rd)
Sophie Geoghan	U12 (1st)
Saoirse Murray	U12 (2nd)
Rebekah Forster	U12 (2nd)
Sarah O' Leary	U12 (3rd)
Chloe Deverus	U14 (1st)
Karen Feehan	U14 (2nd)
Aoife Twomey	U14 (3rd)

Maynooth Boys Art East	
Callum McCabe	U8 (1st)
Conor O' Reilly	U8 (2nd)
Charlie McMyler	U8 (3rd)
Louis Harnett	U10 (1st)
Conor Dooley	U10 (2nd)
Michael Wilson	U10 (3rd)
Darragh Lynch	U12 (1st)
Sean Lamb	U12 (2nd)
Michael Carton	U12 (3rd)
Patrick Kelleher	U14 (1st)
Darren coyle	U14 (2nd)
Shane Lynch	U14 (3rd)

Maynooth Boys Art West	
Jack Strikland	U8 (1st)
Conor Duff	U8 (2nd)
Michael Diamond	U8 (3rd)
Andrew Kelliher	U10 (1st)
Oisin Deverux	U10 (2nd)
Cathal Duff	U10 (3rd)
Tadgh Forde	U12 (1st)
Luke Stuart-Mills	U12 (2nd)
Josh Miller	U14 (1st)

County Final date and venue for Art Competition have not yet been announced.. All participants will be notified in due course.

Training for swimming will commence on Sunday 23rd April 2006 at 3pm in the University pool. This will continue up to the County Finals which will be held on the June Bank Holiday weekend. Maynooth Athletics Community Games competition will be held in Maynooth GAA club on Friday 26th May at 6pm. Everyone welcome.

**Dave Collins, Secretary, Maynooth Community Games
Ph: 087 2636226**

Maynooth Community Games Arts Competition



Madeline Sytnes & Joe Geraghty members of the organising committee with some of the participants



Roachelle Honeyman Lynch, Shane Lynch, Darragh Lynch, Sean Lamb, Darren Coyle, Patrick Kelleher with Margaret Houlihan one of the organising committee



Niamh Kearney, Karen Feehan, Scott McMyler, Charlie McMyler and David Davitt.

Maynooth Community Games Arts Competition



Hannah Regan, Anne Hughes, Shannon Thompson, Breda Wilson, Samantha Thompson and Olivia



*Back Row: Conor Duff, Andrew Webb, Michael Diamond, Callum McCabe, Cathal Duff, Cathal McCabe, Andrew Kelliher, Kayleigh Ledwith, Laura Monaghan, Ciara Kellett'
Front Row: Sean Gill, Emma Gill and Claire Gill.*

St. Patrick's Day Celebrations 2006



Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Flower & Garden Club

All meetings are held at 8 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in Loftus Hall, Maynooth College.
(except otherwise stated)

Visitors Welcome €4
Includes refreshments

Club events for May 2006

Monster Plant Sale: Sat May 6th 2006

This sale takes place in St. Patrick's College grounds and is in aid of the Church roof in the college. Please come along and support the club and weather permitting it promises to be a very pleasant day out.

May Club Night: Tues May 16th 2006

This is the night when our own members demonstrate and as always the standard gets better all the time. Competition on the night: "Summer Shower", an Exhibit for classes A, B and C to include garden plant material. Space 75cm

NB This takes place in NUI Maynooth off the Kilcock Rd and not in Loftus Hall.

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Pea and Coriander Soup

Serves 4-6



50g(2oz) Butter
150g(5.5oz) Onion, chopped
2 Garlic cloves, Chopped
1 red or green chilli, deseeded and chopped
Salt and pepper
850ml(1.5pints) chicken or vegetable stock
450g(1lb) peas (good frozen ones are fine)
2 tbsp chopped coriander

Melt the butter in a large saucepan, then add the onion, garlic and chilli and season with salt and pepper. Cover with the butter wrapper or greaseproof paper, put on lid and sweat over a low heat for 3 or 4 minutes or until the onions are cooked. Then add the stock, turn up the heat to high or bring up to the boil. Add the peas and cook rapidly, making sure to remove the lid as soon as it comes to the boil (this keeps the peas' fresh green colour intact) for only 1 or 2 minutes or until the peas are cooked. Add the coriander and immediately liquidise. Check seasoning and serve.

Notes: Like most soups, this freezes really well
Avoid prolonged boiling and simmering of this soup to retain the fresh green colour.

Shepherd's Pie

Serves 5-6

50g(1.75oz) Butter
2 onions, chopped
Salt and pepper
1kg(2lb4oz) minced lamb, not too lean, or minced cooked lamb left over from a roast
250ml(9fl oz) lamb or chicken stock
2 tbsp roux (50g butter, 50g flour)
1-2 tbsp Relish
Mashed potatoes made with 1kg potatoes
Garlic Butter, to serve

Preheat the grill in the oven. Melt the butter in a large saucepan. Add the chopped onions, season with salt and pepper, cover with butter wrapper or a disc of greaseproof paper and a lid and cook on a gentle heat until soft but not coloured. Add the mince, increase the heat and cook, stirring regularly, for a few minutes until the meat changes colour. Pour in stock, bring to the boil, decrease the heat and cover with a lid and continue to cook for about 20 minutes or until the meat is cooked, taking care not to let it burn on the bottom. (You can also put it into the oven at 160°C/325°F/gas 3)

Strain the liquid off the meat, pour back into the saucepan and bring back up to the boil. Add 1 tbsp of the roux if it isn't thick enough. Pour the juices back in with the meat and add the relish and some salt and pepper to taste.

Pour into a large pie dish or individual dishes. Place the mashed potato on top, score with a fork and put it under a hot grill to brown the potato slightly. If preparing the pie in advance, when ready to eat put the shepherd's pie into a moderate oven (180°C/350°F/gas 4) for 15-25 minutes, until hot and bubbling. Serve with a few pats of garlic butter melting on top.

Note: If you would like the potato to be very golden on top, add 1 beaten egg or 1 egg yolk to the mashed potato with the butter when mashing it.

Apple Fudge Cake

Serves 10

2 large cooking apples, such as Brambleys
50g(6oz) dark brown sugar

Cake Batter: 175g(6oz) Butter
175g(6oz) Light brown sugar
175g(6oz) Self-Raising flour
4 eggs

Fudge Sauce: 110g(4oz) Butter
110g(4oz) Light brown sugar
1 tbsp lemon juice

You will also need a 25cm(10in) sauté pan or a springform tin

Preheat the oven to 180°C/350°F/gas 4. Butter the sides of the tin and line the base with a disc of greaseproof paper. Peel and cut the apples into eighths and arrange in a single layer in the tin (This will be the top of the cake when cooked). Sprinkle over the 50g(2oz) of dark brown sugar.

Put all the cake batter ingredients into a food processor and whiz to combine. Pour in over the apples and sugar. Cook in the preheated oven for 40-45 minutes or until the cake is spongy in the centre. Wait for it to cool for 2 minutes before turning out.

Next make the fudge sauce. Combine and melt the butter, sugar and lemon juice. Stir and pour over the cake when it's cool.

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Golf Club

Maynooth Golf Society started the golfing season with an outing to Kilkea Castle on Saturday 25th March. Weather conditions were not favourable for the 46 members who played, it rained heavily for most of the day. Although some good scores were produced, Liam Farrell scored 39 points to win this outing sponsored by Desmond Newsagents followed by Tim Mullane with 38 points. Barry Desmond who sponsored this outing presented prizes in Caulfield's that evening. Thanks to all who attended, our next outing is to Rathcore G.C. on Sunday 30th April.

Result Sheet Outing to Kilkea Castle Date:25/03/06 Sponsored by Desmond Newsagents

1st Prize	Liam Farrelly	39pts
2nd Prize	Tim Mullane	38pts
3rd Prize	Don O' Sullivan	37pts
4th Prize	Niall Byrne	36pts B9
5th Prize	John Byrne	36pts B9
6th Prize	Derek Murray	36pts
7th Prize	Dave Kinlon	35pts
Front 9	John Saults	21pts
Back 9	Martin Maguire	23pts
Visitors	Mark Nolan	33pts
2's	S. O' Connell, M. Maguire, D. O' Sullivan, N. Byrne, D. Kinlon	

Next venue: Rathcore G. C. on Sunday 30th April

Names for matchplay see notice board in Caulfield's



L-R: Captain 2006, Philip Doyle, Sponsor, Barry Desmond, Secretary, Kevin Loftus with Overall Winner "Smoker" Liam Farrelly



Winner Liam Farrelly with co-players, Barry Farrell & David Mahony

Maynooth Boys' National School



Young Handwriting Experts

Congratulations to Maynooth's two new handwriting experts - Ciaran Krahm and Aaron Murphy of Maynooth's N.S. Both boys are in Ms. Rebecca Flynn's Junior Infants Class and were chosen as winners in the INTO/EBS Handwriting Competition. This is a national competition and the boys have come through the Regional qualifiers. Their work will now be submitted to represent Kildare in the National Final.

When attending a prize-giving ceremony in Naas library recently, the boys were asked to pull out names in a raffle for all the schools that submitted entries in the competition. Much to his headmaster's delight, Ciaran was successful again... in pulling out the name of his own school. The school also received a €100 token. Well done to all involved.

BookFair at Maynooth Boy's National School

Bookfair at Maynooth Boys' National School

At the end of March, the Boys' National School held a Bookfair. This has become a firm fixture on the school calendar in recent years. The Fair runs for a week and during this time there is a big focus in the school on reading and literacy activities as well as lots of competitions.

The reason for having the Bookfair is twofold. Firstly, the school receives a large quantity of additional books for its class libraries and for educational use. Secondly, and more importantly, it creates a focus on reading and literacy in general, which lasts well beyond the week.

The Bookfair is co-ordinated by teacher, Mrs. Edel Brennan, but she has tremendous support from a large team of volunteers from the Parents' Association. This team virtually runs the Bookfair for the week.



Shane Roche, Sean Flanagan, Ryan King, Eoin Herbert, Eoghan O'Carroll, Jonathon Flattery & Tadgh Forde 3rd Class

BookFair at Maynooth Boys' National School



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Maynooth Soccer Club

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Maynooth Town (1) 1 V Corduff (1) 1

The Rathcoffey road hosted this title decider this morning. Confidence and expectations were high but things did not go entirely to plan as Maynooth sought the victory which would crown them champions.

Early exchanges were exciting and skilful as both sides sought dominance. The football was fast and free flowing with chances at both ends. At this stage the home side were well in the contest and looking dangerous' one incident, however, can change the outcome of a match and put you on the back foot. Unfortunately this occurred when the Maynooth midfield failed to deal with a fine passing movement by the visitors.

The Maynooth defence then backed off rather than confronting the danger. This left Maynooth goalie Shane Nolan totally exposed and with no foot and indeed under pressure for a while. As the interval approached they did put together their best passage of play to date. Alex Birchall received the ball outside the Corduff penalty area. With a fine display of ball control he spun to rigle home a great goal and leave the sides level at half time.

Maynooth upped the tempo in the second half and created many chances. Conor Davin had a fine volley come off the crossbar. Fawaz Oduyebo found the visiting keeper up to his duties as he tried to put the finishing touches to a piece of individual skill. Gary Daly cut in from the left wing to try his luck but drilled his shot just wide of the upright.

Numerous other chances were created but the conviction and killer touch were surprisingly missing from this Maynooth side today. Overall a draw was a fair enough result. The Maynooth lads need to regroup before passing that winning post. As a combined and committed unit you have gotten this far, now lets take the final step together.

Shane Nolan, Daire Byrne, Chris Donnolly, Andrew Munley, Conor Davin, Conor Gorman, Alex Birchall, Bankole Agunsoya, Daniel French, Fawaz Oduyebo, Jack Connolly, Gary Daly, Declan Burke, Michael Jones, Jonathon Flattery, James Penny

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St. Patrick's Day Parade

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This was a fantastic game of football. Both sets of players produced a contest full of skill, commitment and excitement. Each and every one of them were a credit to their mentors and supporters.

The visitors put together some fine passing movements early on to test the home defence. These Maynooth defenders are a mean lot however. Shane Nolan, Jack Connolly and Christopher Donnolly proved this case admirably. Bankole Agunsoya worked tirelessly in midfield. He covered practically every blade of grass as he helped out in defence and supported the attack. His midfield partners Declan Burke and Gary Daly were also prominent as Maynooth sought the break through. Striker Fawaz Oduyebo also worked tirelessly as he strove to break the deadlock. Surprisingly half time arrived with the game scoreless.

Maynooth showed the strength of their squad as fresh legs were introduced and they began to assume control. Alex Birchall set the ball rolling with a fine strike on target shortly after the resumption. This signalled the end for Trinity as Maynooth upped the tempo. Conor Gorman and Andrew Munley raided the wings placing the visitors under extreme pressure. Their positive play created another opportunity for Alex Birchall which he accepted with great aplomb.

Daire Byrne and Daniel French were providing a strong base to Maynooth dominance now. The tide of confidence and emotion was free flowing. Jonathan Flattery and Michael Jones also added their efforts to the cause. They worked tirelessly to unhinge the visitors defence. Goal number three was a credit to Michael's determination and never give up attitude. He pounced on a breaking ball expertly to leave the final score 3-0 to Maynooth.

This April Fools Day will long be remembered by these lads as Maynooth clinched the league title with this victory. Well done lads.

Maynooth Team:

Shane Nolan, Jack Connolly, Christopher Donnolly, Declan Burke, Bankole Agunsoyua, Gary Daly, Fawaz Oduyebo, Daire Byrne, Daniel French, Andrew Munley, Conor Davin, Conor Gorman, Alex Birchall, Michael Jones, Jonathan Flattery.

Maynooth Soccer Club

N.D.S.L. U10 B1

Northway Rangers (0) - Maynooth (1) 3

08/04/06

This mornings encounter produced a display of how football should be played. An abundance of skill, passion and enjoyment were there for all to see, as both sides sought to win their final league match of the season. New league champions Maynooth gained control early on and drove on confidently. Wingers Andrew Munley and Conor Gorman entertained us with a vintage display of wing play. Their crosses were a constant threat to the northway defence. Like archers they hunted their prey. They combined well for Alex Birchall to open the scoring and put Maynooth 1 - 0 ahead at half time.

Due to the shortage of numbers for the home side, no substitutions were made and this remained an eight sided contest. This did not upset the rhythm of Maynooth though as they continued on their merry way. In one of their best performances of the season they now dominated and created chances aplenty. Further goals from Alex Birchall and Fawaz Oduyebo sealed a comfortable win for the visitors to complete an unbeaten league campaign. A truly amazing campaign has come to fruition thanks to the commitment and effort of this fine squad of athletes. All for one and one for all you stood together and conquered every opponent. Winners one. Winners all. Well done lads!

Maynooth Team:

Bankole Agunsoya, Jack Connolly, James Penny, Andrew Munley, Conor Davin, Conor Gorman, Alex Birchall, Fawaz Oduyebo, Daire Byrne, Daniel Ffrench, Chris Donnolly, Gary Daly, Michael Jones, Jonathon Flattery, Declan Burke, Shane Nolan.



A Century of Irish Sporting Heroes: Nijinsky



NIJINSKY (1967-1992)

In the course of American history there emerged from time to time sporting heroes from the most unlikely source. During the deep recession of the thirties Seabiscuit and jockey Red Pollard enthralled the Nation as they won race after race across the continent. That there was a great human-interest story involving owner, trainer, jockey and horse helped to consolidate the great American public's love affair with Seabiscuit. After the Vietnam war Secretariat and his rider Ron Turcotte lifted the spirit of America by winning the Kentucky Derby and the Triple Crown. To catch the mood and understand the feelgood factor created by Secretariat in 1973 one only has to reflect on the fact that this great horse featured on the front cover page of Newsweek and Time magazine. Sports Illustrated magazine, also nominated Secretariat as their "man of the year"

Our own equine superstar, Nijinsky, raced at a very interesting time in Ireland's history. The late sixties and early seventies experienced a new dawn in the Nation's fortune. People were coming home from England and from the States. The countryside was dotted with newly built bungalows. The returning emigrants set up new businesses and created jobs.

The fruits of the Free Trade Agreement with the UK were seeping through the economy and the Multi-National companies were beginning to show a keen interest in the Country. We were on the verge of joining the Common Market with all the benefits it would bring. The Provincial towns and villages were buzzing and without a doubt there was a lot of money around. People were enjoying the luxuries of cars, telephones and TVs for the first time in their lives. That it was a false dawn, is a matter to discuss another time. The subsequent exodus of "hot money" from our shores as the "cute hoors" and their disciples from every walk of life filled their off-shore and non-resident accounts to the detriment of the Nation's economy. Emigration again became a feature of Irish life as the outflow of capital strangled investment in the economy. The PAYE "martyrs" paid the bills for the running of the Country at a rate unprecedented in the Nation's history. That many of those account holders took part in marches to retain local hospitals, repair national schools and increase Garda numbers beggars belief. It is perhaps appropriate that the Tribunals after all these years are now turning the screws on the miscreants.

Horseracing was riding on a high at that time. Attendances at Dublin and Provincial meetings were booming. The standard of our horses was up to the

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very best. Vincent O'Brien had sent out Sir Ivor to win the never to be forgotten Epsom Derby of 1968. Seamus McGrath won the Ascot Gold Cup and the Arc with Levmosse in 1969 and it is a matter of sadness that the famous McGrath silks of green and red seams are rarely if ever seen on the racecourse today. It was in the same year that Nijinsky, a young son of the great Northern Dancer made his first appearance on the racetrack. The race chosen for his first run was the Erne Maiden stakes over six furlongs at the Curragh. Liam Ward had the ride and experienced no difficulty in beating the David Ainsworth trained, Everyday, by half a length. Liam was first jockey to Vincent O'Brien's Ballydoyle stable and had first call on horses that raced in Ireland. Lester Piggott had an "understanding" with Vincent for the Trainer's entries in England and France. As an indication as to how promising Nijinsky's first outing was, Everyday, went on to win his maiden at Naas by eight lengths.



Lester & Nijinsky, Newmarket 2000 Guineas

Nijinsky then won the Railway and Anglesey Stakes, both Group races. In the Beresford Stakes over a mile Liam had to roust Nijinsky to beat Decies by half a length in soft ground. Decies was a good horse in his own right and subsequently won the Irish Two Thousand Guineas in 1970.

What was not generally known at the time was that Vincent O'Brien had worked a miracle in getting the horse to a racecourse. Nijinsky was a very nervous horse who was reluctant to leave his box. He hated work riders on his back and generally got himself into a state when taken out on exercise with other horses.

Vincent O'Brien wrote to his owner Charles Engelhard in the winter of 1968 and told him that it was touch and go whether Nijinsky would ever run. Thanks to the great horsemen at Ballydoyle, especially Johnny Brabston and Danny O'Sullivan, Nijinsky was nursed to the racecourse.

Vincent O'Brien then aimed Nijinsky for the Dewhurst. Run at Doncaster over 6f with Lester on the horse for the first time. The home opposition was not up to standard and Nijinsky won easily from Recalled by 2 lengths. He was then retired for the season and bookies quoted him at short odds for the 1970 Newmarket Two Thousand Guineas.

Nijinsky's first run as a three-year old was in April of 1970. The race chosen for his reappearance was the Gladness Stakes over 7f. The going was very soft and the Curragh was rife with rumours that he would be unable to handle the going. He was opposed in the betting by Deep Run, champion two-year old of 1968 and a soft ground specialist. Deep Run would subsequently become the most successful National Hunt sire of modern times. In the parade ring Nijinsky looked awesome. Having filled out he was now a massive 16.3 hands colt in the peak of condition. In the race, Deep Run made the early running but Liam Ward was always travelling easy on Nijinsky. Coming down the hill into the straight, Liam went for home and won hard held. His next target was the English 2000 Guineas.

Peter Bromley, BBC radio commentator in his book "my most memorable races" quotes Timeform in describing Nijinsky in the parade ring before the 1970 English Two Thousand Guineas, "Nijinsky outclassed his rivals in appearance as seldom a classic field can have been outclassed before. He moved down to the start majestically and his performance in the race was worthy of a "Classic" what more can be said about his first Classic win. His next target was the Epsom Derby and for the first time the racing experts were going to split on his ability to win this race. Some pundits were of the opinion that he showed such speed in the Two Thousand Guineas that he could not possibly stay the Derby distance. Indeed one Dublin bookmaker was willing to lay 15/8 against him winning. For the first time he was about to meet a worthy foe. Etienne Pollet, champion French trainer, had delayed his retirement in order to train Gyr, a massive talented chestnut. The horse was the best prospect Pollet had ever trained and in Bill Williamson he had one of the best jockeys riding at the time. Bill, an Australian, had ridden Seamus McGrath's Levmosse to Ascot Gold Cup and Arc victories the previous season. The Epsom Derby of 1970 took shape as Lester tracked Bill Williamson and Gyr around Tattenham Corner. Lying in sixth place, the French horse surged to the front and went for home. For a while it looked as if he

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would win but Lester wound up Nijinsky at the furlong pole and his explosive finishing speed won the day. To the consternation of many the Dublin bookie that had quoted the "generous" odds disappeared from his Francis street office and to this day never paid up.

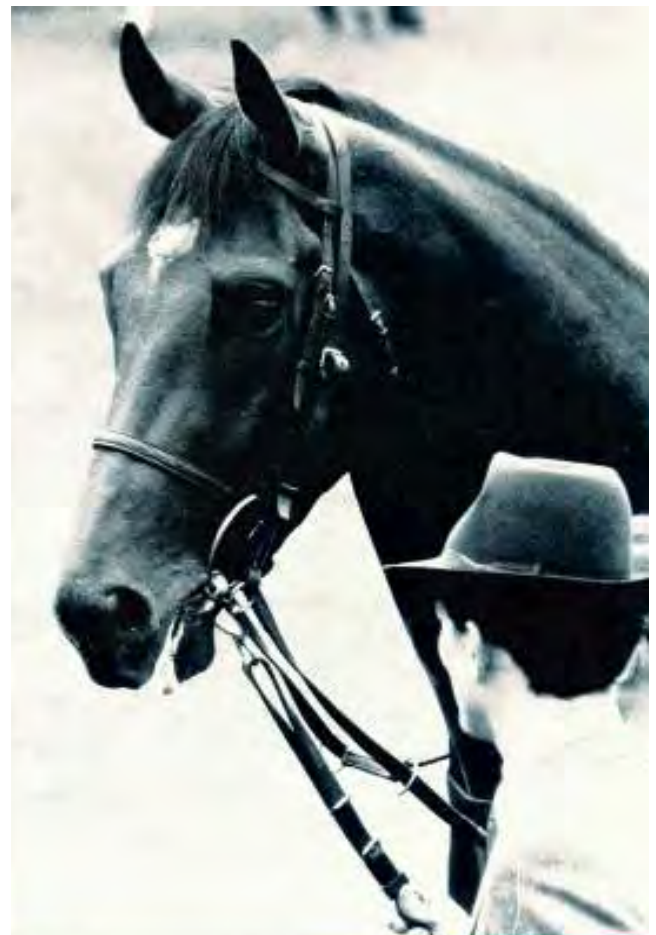
Nijinsky returned to Ballydoyle and was then aimed for the Irish Derby. Liam Ward had a gentleman's agreement to ride all of O'Brien's horses in Ireland. Lester was not happy with this arrangement and made several attempts to secure the mount at the Curragh. Charles Englehard and Vincent stood by their word and booked Liam for the ride. Two years earlier Liam also exercised his entitlement to ride Sir Ivor in the Irish Derby, which ended in devastating disappointment. Lester having won on Sir Ivor at Epsom knew the horse would not stay a true run mile and a half race. Riding Ribero, he set a ruthless pace, exposed Sir Ivor's lack of staying power and rode the son of Ribot to victory at a stunned Curragh. Roger Mortimer in his book "The History of the Epsom Derby" claims that Lester was contracted to ride Ribero in the Irish Derby and therefore was unable to ride Sir Ivor as he had at Epsom. This is completely untrue. Liam Ward was first jockey to Vincent O'Brien and was always pencilled in to ride the Trainer's runners in Ireland and the agreement was honoured by O'Brien with Nijinsky.

The Curragh was tense on derby day. The crowd wanted Liam to win to compensate him for the disappointment of 68. Lester took the mount on Meadowville and cruised into the lead at the three-furlong marker. Liam and Nijinsky were on the rails, last into the straight. Ward suddenly set the great horse alight. One by one he cut the field down and as he drew up to Meadowville's quarters a great roar erupted from the crowd. It was a most emotional moment as Liam passed Lester and went for home. The memory of his disappointment on Sir Ivor was forgotten as the crowd besieged the winners enclosure. There was no stopping this great horse and his next objective was the King George and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot. Run in July 1970 there was a small but quality field that included Blakney winner of the Epsom Derby in 1969 and Karabas winner of the Washington International also in 1969. The race took shape at the 3f marker when Karabas went for home. Nijinsky, last of the six into the straight took command at the furlong marker and won easily from Blakney.

The owner, Charles Englehard wanted his horse to go for the Triple Crown. The last horse to win the 2000 Guineas, Derby and St. Leger was Bahram in 1935. The experts did not agree. The St. Leger was to near the Arc, which was Nijinsky's main target and the last race of his career. No matter how easy it was going to be, the one and three quarter miles of the St. Leger was always going to take some getting. Despite an

attack of ringworm weeks before the Doncaster Classic, he won the final leg of the Triple Crown in a canter but lost 29lbs in weight in doing so. It has to be at that point he really lost the Arc. A highly nervous horse that had suffered ringworm and weight loss was in no condition to give his best. On Arc day, the huge crowd who considered him a hero, upset him at Longchamp. He was sweating badly and he did not look as well as in previous races. A bad draw on the wide outside did not help him either. He was beaten a head by the champion jockey of France, Yves St. Martin on Sassafras in a driving finish. The decision to run him in the Champion Stakes at Newmarket a week later was unworthy of the great horse. He finished very tired in second place to Lorenzaccio. It is hard to understand even now why his connections ran him at Newmarket in the Champion Stakes after his Paris exertions.

Nijinsky was retired to stud. He became a great sire of his time breeding Golden Fleece, winner of the Epsom Derby, Caerleon winner of the French Derby and Ferdinand, winner of the Kentucky Derby amongst many, many other Group winners. Nijinsky was a great horse in a great era for Irish racing. His legacy will never be forgotten.



Jim Healy

Maynooth ICA Notes

We had a good turn out at the Guild Meeting. A sum of €5,398-00 was raised on Daffodil Day in Maynooth and thanks to all the ladies who did the collecting. A plant sale by the flower club will take place in the college on the 6th May 2006 and the ICA were invited to help.

There will be a National Council Meeting on 20th May 2006 in Moran's Hotel. We are having a social evening on Friday 19th May 2006 in Moran's Hotel for our retiring National President.

We have been informed that the action plan for the harbour area has been adopted and we are now waiting to hear from Kildare County Council regarding our hall.

The recent craft day in Athy was well attended and members were well pleased with their tuition for the day.

Badminton is on each Monday and Thursday morning in the Parish Hall and we would like more members to play as numbers have been falling away.

Our Inter-Guild competition will take place on 25th April 2006 in St Coca's Hall Kilcock. Other competitions coming up are Inter-Federation for Art, Photography photo being building of choice, Murial Gahan Rose Bowl for Candle-wicking, Reporting on Guild, Patsy Lawlor Cup for Set Dancing, Beauman Shield for Music and Table Quiz in Kill on 30th May 2006.

Walking Sunday:

23rd April 2006

Mini Marathon takes place on:

7th May 2006

Polish Irish Night in Killeel:

12th May 2006

Kildare Federation AGM will be held in Castledermot on:

16th May 2006

Winners of the monthly competition were Mary Halton and Veva Kearins, second Eileen Flynn and third was Betty Moore. Winner of the raffle was Madeline Stynes second Irene Matthews and third Teresa Corcoran.

Next Meeting: Thursday 4th May 2006 which will be the AGM and we invite all members to be present. Our meetings takes place the first Thursday of each month at 8pm sharp in ICA Hall in the Harbour. New Members always welcome.



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The inaugural Presidential Lunch, hosted by President, Professor John Hughes and Monsignor Dermot Farrell, President, St Patrick's College, was held in Pugin Hall on Friday 3 March. The lunch marked the recent retirements of the following from the University/College, each of whom received a presentation:

Sarah Flynn, Applied Social Studies; Dr Fred Lunnon, Computer Science; Margaret McCormack, Crèche; Vincent Murphy, Power House; Pat O'Connor, Catering.

Presentations were also made to the following members of staff, to mark their 25 years service with the University/College:

Dan O'Shea, Computer Centre; Joan Buckley, Crèche; Brenda Carruthers, Catering; Professor Phil Dix, Biology; Mary Lynch, Telephonist; Dr Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin, Sean agus Mean Ghaeilge; Professor Séamus Ó Cinnéide, Applied Social Studies; Marie-Thérèse Power, General Services.



Retirees and presentation recipients pictured with President, Professor John Hughes and Monsignor Dermot Farrell, President, St Patrick's College.

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Castle Keep Art Group Exhibition

The Castle Keep Art Group held their 8th Annual Art Exhibition in Maynooth Post Primary School on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd April. The Exhibition was officially opened by the Mayor of Kildare, Cllr. John McGinley on Friday evening the 21st April.



Déaglán Ó Ceallaigh, Susan Durack and Mayor of Kildare, Cllr. John McGinley at the official opening on Friday 21st April



*Barge on Bond Bridge Maynooth
One of the paintings exhibited by Emma Boyce*



Emma Boyce and Carmel Farrelly at the opening of the Exhibition



*Summertime Study
By Emma Boyce*



Suas Educational Development

An auction was organised in the GAA Club on Friday 21st April by Aoife McTernan & Cian Lennon to raise funds to enable them to work on projects in India for neglected street and working children in a community based project. It was a very successful night and they would like to thank all who supported them.

Pictured on the left are Willie Saults and Aoife McTernan

Catherine Murphy T.D.

Bus Review calls for improved services in North Kildare Government must act on its findings—

Deputy Catherine Murphy welcomed the publication this week of Dublin Bus Network Review, the report which includes services to Celbridge, Leixlip, Maynooth and Kilcock under the Lucan QBC corridor and identified improvements needed to the services generally. The review proposes the services should be improved in stages, stage 1 seek the "introduction of more than 200 additional buses into the fleet to cater for demand from new developments which need to be served prior to any rail investment and which cannot be served within current network resources."

Given the extent of population growth in West Dublin and North Kildare it is no surprise that the Lucan Road Corridor is earmarked for improvement at stage 1.

The comprehensive network review also identifies new orbital routes and local bus services both of which will incorporate North Kildare, these form later stages of the proposal.

The bus is undoubtedly the workhorse of the public transport system in the Greater Dublin Area. Government postponed significant new investment in buses pending the publication of this report, now that it is available there can be no excuse for delaying decisions on the expansion of bus services for too long. Government focus of attention has been about who owns and drives the buses it is now time to make a decision that will result in the introduction of new services and new routes in order that daily traffic gridlock can be dealt with.

Census Promises Bigger Picture But Government Fails To Plan For The Future -

Ads for Census 2006 might urge people to be part of the bigger picture however Deputy Catherine Murphy (Ind) has today criticised Government's failure to plan development in line with previous census findings and has cited this as the fundamental flaw underpinning Irish Society today. Her comments came on foot of complaints from constituents who, as a direct result of Government's failure to plan the deployment of services in line with rapid housing development, are unable to find primary school places for their children.. One school in her constituency of North Kildare received 83 applications for 60 primary school places, a figure which is set to rise to over 100 for the September 2007 enrolment. "This is completely unacceptable!

Government on one hand is telling us to participate in the census so that they can allocate resources according to need, but on the other their record in doing so in relation to previous census findings suggests that no such attention will be paid to census 2006. What makes this year different?" Murphy.

The North Kildare TD went on to highlight that, as the current method of funding provision for schools, Local Authorities and Health Authorities is based on previous population figures without regard trends indicating population growth or decline, rapidly developing areas such as Kildare, West Dublin & Meath are constantly playing catch-up. Local Authority funding bears no direct relationship to census figures as the Department of the Environment allocates such monies on the basis of the last recorded population. This criteria according to Murphy, is extremely simplistic and fails to take account of significant population growth or decline taking place between census years. "Rapidly developing areas like Kildare, Meath, and Wicklow are bearing the brunt of the development boom around Dublin but with each extra person who moves to these counties the already scarce Council resources are being stretched to their limits. "This system is crazy and results in at best a patchwork of standards across the country." Stated Murphy.

She concluded in highlighting that forward planning for education seems also to be non-existent. "I recently received a parliamentary reply from the Minister for Education stating that the National Council for Special Education is not in a position to know how many children will require special educational services at post-primary level. The ideas conveyed by the Census 2006 are positive, but judging by the Government's record in this regard I don't hold out much hope".

One Year On "The Missing Persons Helpline" Is Still—Missing

Deputy Catherine Murphy speaking on the anniversary of the withdrawal of the Missing Persons Helpline has criticised the Minister for Justice Equality & Law Reform for being selective about the evaluation of its use. Stating that there were just 100 calls to the Missing Persons Helpline for the year 2002-2003 he failed to provide the justification for its continued use in the same report and the reasons for the number of calls. This had the effect of giving the impression that the Helpline was of limited value. He has himself in the recent past been critical of selective use of statistics yet he is guilty of the same charge himself.

Catherine Murphy T.D. Cont'd.

The report "Evaluation of the National Missing Persons' Helpline Oct 02-Oct 03" written by Kevin Lalor, PhD & Kalis Pope MSc, Dept Social Sciences, DIT (Dec 03) made 12 recommendations:

1. Funding for Helpline be continued
2. Continue to operate the Helpline under the auspices of victim Support
3. A concerted effort is made to increase public awareness of the helpline
4. That an advertising budget be identified
5. That the range of services for families of the missing be extended
6. That formal service agreements between Dept Justice & Victims support be developed.
7. Expand the remit of the Helpline as "a link between family and friends of missing persons"
8. Explore the possibility of integrating the Missing Persons website with the Helpline

9. That a small number of specialist volunteers be inducted into the Helpline
10. That the Helpline be offered as a free call services as opposed to a lo-call service.
11. That regular and prolonged effects be made within the Gardai to make members of the force aware of the Helpline
12. In anticipation of an increased number of calls to the Helpline, that call records be computerised.

The aspect of this report focused on by the Minister was the level of calls made clearly not only is the Helpline seen as valuable but the recommendations also seek to increase its use and expand the range and quality of services to families that find themselves in this appalling situation. The Minister must without any further delay restore this essential service.

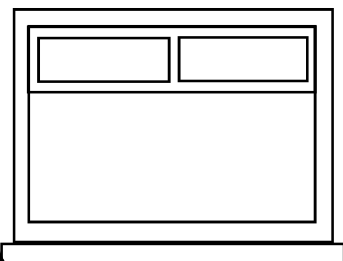
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Cllr. John McGinley

Northern Relief Road from Moyglare Road to Dunboyne Road

Cllr. John McGinley got the following update on this much needed road at the Area Meeting of the Council on 24 March:

"The preliminary designs have been prepared and were circulated at the December meeting of the Committee. There is no detailed costing available although a sum in the region of €12m - €15m could be assumed. The Meath County Development Plan is currently only at pre-draft stage. However, I am assured that this Council's submission in relation to the northern relief road is being actively considered."

Cllr. McGinley stated that the estimated cost of this short section of road was extraordinary and he asked that someone from Roads Section of the Council attend the next Area Meeting to explain the costing.

Footpath from The Mill Centre to John Paul Library, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following reply to his request for the provision of a footpath at this location at the Area Meeting on 24 March:

"This issue has been examined by the Road Design team as well as the Area Engineer. It is a planning condition that a footpath be provided in the area immediately in front of the development. This has been brought to the attention of the developer and is now being referred to the planning enforcement section. There is no requirement to extend this footpath to the University library. Though possibly desirable, this is not currently a priority as there is no funding available."

The Development referred to is the ALDI store. Cllr. McGinley stated that he was unhappy with the reply and he again asked that the footpath be extended to the Library.

Opening of Third Eye on the Lyreen Bridge, Mill Street, Maynooth

The opening of this eye of the bridge was called for in the Lyreen Flood Relief Scheme and was also Condition 7 of the Manor Mills Development. At the request of Cllr. John McGinley the Council will write to the developer asking that this work be carried out.

Cllr. McGinley Seeks Upgrading of Old Greenfield Housing Estate, Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley has sought the following upgrading of Old Greenfields:

The cul-de-sac from house no. 822 to 859 has very little room for cars to park. This could be overcome somewhat if the roadway was extended directly in front of the houses from no. 822 to no. 841. In addition a shrubbery or other suitable landscape feature could be put in the centre of the green.

Also the green at the bottom end beside the Meadowbrook Stream should be properly landscaped now that the trees have been removed by the Bond Bridge contractor. A wall with railings should be erected in place of the trees, as already agreed with the Bond Bridge Project Manager. In addition, the fire damaged public light at this location should be replaced in order not to encourage further vandalism.

Consideration should be given to removing the trees/shrubbery entirely from the left hand side of the Lane at the bottom half and replace with a wall and railing.

Mound of Earth at "The Bandstand", Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following question for answering at the April Area Meeting of the Council:

"Why has the mound of earth behind the "bandstand" at Pound Park, Maynooth, not been levelled as

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requested some six months ago? Leaving it as a mound is encouraging youths to gather and behave anti-socially."

Public Lights at The Square, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following question for answering at the April Area Meeting of the Council:

"When are the public lights in The Square, Maynooth, being repaired, i.e. the runway lights and the recently severed unit with the 3 lights."

Stagg Welcomes Moving Forward of New Docklands Station

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the announcement by Iarnrod Eireann that work has commenced on the new Docklands Station at Spencer Dock in the City Centre.

Originally listed in Transport 21 for completion in 2009, the project will now be completed in 2007 stated Deputy Stagg. It will overcome the present obstacle to increasing capacity on the Maynooth Line which is the City Centre Resignalling Project.

The new Station will deliver a peak rail service every 15 minutes on the Maynooth Commuter Line and it will take 40 minutes to go from Maynooth to the Docklands. Existing Services will continue to serve Connolly Station whilst all the new services on the line will go to the new Docklands Station.

The only difficulty with the project stated Deputy Stagg is the delay in extending the LUAS from Connolly Station to the new Docklands Station. The Public Inquiry into this is not due to commence until the Summer and construction is likely to commence in Spring 2007. It could take a year to construct the LUAS extension so a dedicated bus service will have to operate between the new Docklands Station and the City Centre.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg congratulated Iarnrod Eireann on moving forward the Spencer Dock Station development which will be of benefit to commuters and represents a major improvement in our Public Transport infrastructure.

Development at Former Pitch and Putt Course Rejected Again

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the decision by An Bord Pleanála to refuse planning permission for 80 dwellings, comprising three 4 storey blocks of apartments, two 3 storey terraces of houses and two 2 storey terraces of houses on the former pitch and putt course on Dunboyne Road, Maynooth.

Deputy Stagg had along with his colleague Cllr. John McGinley, lodged an appeal against the decision by Kildare Co. Council to grant planning permission for the development last May. The decision was also appealed by the Leinster Cottages and Mariaville Action Group.

The proposed development was rejected for two reasons stated Deputy Stagg. The first was the inappropriate terrace of 12 houses facing onto the Dunboyne Road which were deemed to be visually obtrusive in the streetscape. The second reason was the poor design of a section of the development which would have created an extensive unsupervised backland which would have facilitated anti-social behaviour.

Deputy Stagg stated that he was disappointed that An Bord Pleanála had not included the inappropriate height and ugliness of the proposed 4 storey Apartment Blocks as a reason for refusing the development and he warned the applicants that if they retained this element of the proposal in their next planning application that they would face a further battle in An Bord Pleanála.

Stagg Welcomes Rejection of Mobile Base Station at Newtown Inn

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the decision by Kildare Co. Council on March 21st to refuse planning permission to O2 Communications for a Mobile Base Station on the Newtown Inn, Maynooth, incorporating the provision of a flagpole on the roof of the Pub with 3 concealed antenna and a Radio Link Dish on the roof also.

Deputy Stagg had along with his colleague Cllr. John McGinley objected to the proposal on 13th February last and in their decision Kildare Co. Council rejected the proposal for the following reasons:

- The proposed development represented a material contravention of the Maynooth Development Plan 2002 which stipulates that such telecommunications equipment

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not be located in the vicinity of residential areas.

- The proposed development, located in a residential area, would have had a negative impact on the value of residential property in the area and if allowed to proceed it would have set an undesirable precedent for further such developments in the area.

Deputy Stagg stated that the Newtown Inn is slap bang in the middle of Beaufield, Brookfield and Meadowbrook housing estates and he was pleased that the Council had acted to protect this residential area from what could have been a proliferation of such telecommunications equipment.

Should an appeal be lodged to An Bord Pleanala Deputy Stagg stated that he would along with Cllr. McGinley make observations on the appeal in support of the original decision.

Maynooth Presentation Convent Extension Finally Makes Progress

Deputy Emmet Stagg has continued to pressurise the Minister for Education in relation to the inordinate delay in approving the Stage 3 Submission (Detailed Plans) of the required extension to Maynooth Presentation Convent.

The Minister has advised Deputy Stagg that the Stage 3 submission has now been approved and that the school has now been authorised to proceed to Stages 4 & 5 of the Architectural Planning process which covers Planning Permission/Fire Certification, Bill of Quantities and Tender Documentation.

Welcoming this progress Deputy Stagg stated that it was incredible that the Department had taken 5 months to approve the Stage 3 submission. This undue delay was unacceptable and does not make it easy for the Board of Management of the School to keep to timetables in their quest to get the extension they deserve and need.

Deputy Stagg vowed to continue to monitor progress on this project.

Stagg Calls for Screening of Manor Mills Development from Maynooth Castle

Deputy Emmet Stagg has called on the Minister of State for Finance to request the O.P.W. to provide proper screening of the Manor Mills Development from Maynooth Castle because of the negative impact the

Manor Mills Development has on views of Maynooth Castle as viewed from Parson Street, The College Entrance and from within the Grounds of the Castle itself.

Deputy Stagg stated that the Manor Mills Development has had a serious impact on the setting of the Castle and that the planting of mature trees along the Northern Boundary would provide an effective screening to hide the new development. The new development is without doubt better than the old Kavanaghs Mills complex but now is the opportune time to deal with this matter once and for all.

Given that the O.P.W. are the guardians of the Castle on behalf of both the People of Maynooth and the State it behoves them to protect the setting of the Castle.

Deputy Stagg has tabled a Parliamentary Question to Minister Parlon on the issue and is hopeful of a positive response.

Design Teams Still Not Appointed for School Projects in Maynooth, Kilcock and Naas

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Education in relation to the delay in appointing Design Teams for School projects in Maynooth, Kilcock and Naas which got the go-ahead to commence Architectural Planning on January 13th last.

The Minister advised Deputy Stagg that the Design Teams have not been sought yet because of an E.U. Directive in relation to the appointment of consultants which came into effect on 31st January, 2006. The Minister further advised Deputy Stagg that the Departments Building Section were revising its guidance documents in relation to the appointment of Design Consultants and that the exercise would be completed shortly. Following on from this advertisements seeking design teams will be placed in National Newspapers.

Deputy Stagg stated that nearly 3 months has been lost on these projects because of the failure of the Minister to beat the deadline set in the E.U. Directive and because of this the Permanent Building Projects for Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich in Maynooth and Gaelscoil Nas na Riogh in Naas as well as the Extension to Scoil Choca Naofa in Kilcock were now effectively on hold. Deputy Stagg indicated that he would keep up the pressure on the Minister in relation to these projects.

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Government Capitulates to KKY TV by Failing to List Ryder Cup

Labour Party Chief Whip Emmet Stagg T.D., has accused Communications Minister Noel Dempsey of capitulating to Sky Television by failing to designate this year's Ryder Cup at the K Club as a free-to-air television event.

Deputy Stagg commented, "I am totally baffled by the Government's decision not to designate the Ryder Cup. Previously they were able to wrestle exclusive rights for Ireland's home international football matches away from Sky, yet they have failed on this occasion.

Millions of people across Ireland will now be denied the opportunity to watch the largest international sporting event ever to be staged in this country.

Surely it was within the Governments powers of persuasion to strike a deal between Sky, RTE and TV3 over Broadcasting Rights. Or is their failure a sign of their continued mismanagement of the affairs of this Country of ours.

The irony is that the attention of the sporting world will be on Ireland in September, yet Irish sports fans will be denied the opportunity to watch the tournament unless they subscribe to Sky television. In fact, many sports fans, including children, will be driven into pubs in order to catch a glimpse of the Ryder Cup. What does this say about our Pub Culture and the Governments turning of a blind eye to the increasing cost of alcohol abuse to families.

"Members of this Government like to masquerade as sports-fans when it suits them, but they must now accept they have totally failed to deliver for the sporting public," concluded Deputy Stagg.

Stagg Lashes Revised Proposal for 4 & 3 Storey Apartment Blocks at Old Greenfields

Deputy Emmet Stagg has strenuously objected to the revised application for Planning Permission for the provision of 4 and 3 Storey Apartment Blocks at Old Greenfields, Maynooth.

The proposal stated Deputy Stagg involves 111 units in two 4 storey blocks, two 3 storey blocks, 10 Town Houses and 6 semi-detached houses. The site area is about 5 times that of a previous proposal lodged last September which was subsequently withdrawn by the applicants in February last. In effect the site now

straddles the rear gardens of 13 houses along Old Greenfields.

Along with his colleague Cllr. John McGinley Deputy Stagg has lodged an objection to the proposal calling it incomprehensible and out of character with the existing built environment in the area which is made up of bungalows and single storey semi-detached houses.

Outlining his objections to the development Deputy Stagg stated:

- The density at 32.4 units to the acre is excessive when compared with existing residential density in the area which is about 3 units to the acre.
- The proposal has no regard for the residential amenity of neighbours which is a requirement under the Maynooth Development Plan 2002.
- The Zoning of the area was set at a Higher Density to make it easier for families to get planning permission to build homes for members of their families.
- The proposal is out of character with the existing pattern and scale of development in the area which is single storey.
- The proposal does not integrate with existing development in the area.
- The 4 & 3 Storey Blocks will cause overlooking of existing properties, particularly of rear gardens causing a loss of privacy. This will lead to a serious reduction in the value of these properties.
- The 4 & 3 Storey Blocks will cause a loss of light to surrounding houses.
- The Apartment Blocks will dominate the skyline as viewed from the houses and gardens along Old Greenfield Lane and The Crescent.
- The excessive development will significantly increase traffic volumes on the proposed road to the rear of the houses along Old Greenfield Lane thus increasing the traffic hazards where the road will join with the Straffan Road and creating an additional traffic hazard along Greenfield Lane where a further new junction is proposed.
- The 4 & 3 Storey Blocks will destroy the entrance to Maynooth along the Straffan Road by placing visually obtrusive Gable Walls of the 4 & 3 Storey Apartment Blocks at a prominent Visual Point along the Straffan Road.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that the proposed development, like the previous proposal, had no regard for the existing residents of the area and was

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simply out of character and unacceptable and he called on Kildare Co. Council to comprehensively reject Planning Permission.

Tenders to be Invited for New Docklands Rail Station in May

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Transport in the Dail in relation to when Tenders will be invited for the new Docklands Rail Station at Spencer Dock in the City Centre.

The Minister advised Deputy Stagg that the preparation of tender documents is underway and that Iarnrod Eireann hope to be in a position to invite tenders for construction in May, 2006. The Minister further advised Deputy Stagg that the planned construction period for the €28 Million station was 9 months.

Deputy Stagg welcomed the continuing progress with the new station. However he pointed out that planning permission for the project was only lodged on March 13th of this year and if Dublin City Council make their decision on the application in May there was still a danger of an Appeal to An Bord Pleanala. This he stated would delay the project for 6 months and he expressed the hope that there would be no appeal in the event of Dublin City Council granting permission.

Stagg Welcomes OPW Decision to Carry Out Catchment Flood Risk Study on Rye River covering Maynooth, Leixlip and Kilcock

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister of State for Finance in relation to the outcome of the meeting between officials from the O.P.W. and Kildare Co. Council in light of the rejection of the Leixlip Flood Relief Study.

Deputy Stagg has been advised by Minister Parlon that in light of the ongoing flooding problems in Leixlip and development pressures in the surrounding areas the O.P.W. have agreed to undertake a Local Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study for the Rye River, encompassing the towns of Leixlip, Maynooth and Kilcock. This will ultimately form part of a Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study for the entire Liffey Catchment, which it is planned to undertake at a later stage.

Deputy Stagg was further advised that the Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Plans will provide a strategic overview of the River Rye Catchment and a context within which decisions on the most appropriate measures to manage

existing and potential flood risk can be made. Subject to the availability of funds, works recommended by the study which are economically and environmentally sustainable will be funded by the O.P.W. Specifically in relation to the Leixlip Study Kildare Co. Council will continue studies currently underway and if works recommended by the studies are compatible with the Catchment Study then the O.P.W. is willing to consider funding such works.

Deputy Stagg has welcomed the decision to carry out the Study of the Rye Catchment covering Leixlip, Maynooth and Kilcock, and has particularly welcomed the indication that the O.P.W. will fund alleviation works identified.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that it was necessary that the Studies should begin at the earliest date and he stated that he would continue to press the Minister on this issue.

Home Help Service Being Slashed by Government—Number of Hours Down from 440,883 in 2003 to 322,957 in 2005

Deputy Emmet Stagg has reacted angrily to figures disclosed to him by the HSE which show that the number of hours allocated for the Home Help Service in Kildare in 2005 has fallen to 322,957 hours compared to 440,883 hours in 2003.

This Deputy Stagg stated is against a backdrop where the number of people in receipt of the Home Help Service has increased from 1,277 people in 2003 to 1,695 people in 2005. With a 33% increase in the number of people availing of the service we have a 27% drop in the number of hours funded by the Government. The average number of hours per week which a person receives for home help has fallen from 7 in 2003 to 4 in 2005, a 43% reduction in service.

These figures stated Deputy Stagg confirm previous revelations that the Government is out of touch with the requirements of older people and it shows their uncaring nature. At a time when the Country is overflowing with money this basic service which enables elderly people to stay living in their homes within their community is being targeted for cuts in a shocking way.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that he intended to highlight the issue further with the Tanaiste and Minister for Health to correct the unacceptable underfunding of this vital service.

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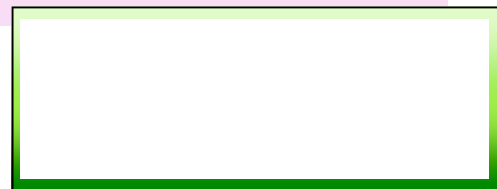


Best in Show by Maureen Fagan

First Communion Photos Inside

*~ For all the people of Maynooth ~
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It's the end of May and beginning of June and I suppose most people are now turning their attention to the forthcoming World Cup, along with any impending holidays of course.

The World Cup is such a fantastic event made all the more enjoyable by the fact we have to wait 4 years for it to come around. Unfortunately Ireland won't be represented this year but with the advent of the economic boom being experienced and the development of such cheap flights abroad, I am sure many of the Irish Soccer brigade will be making their way to some of the matches on the European mainland.

During the tournament we will be bombarded every night by the entertainment provided by the top players in the world and the thought of this has led me to contemplate how valuable, indeed some would say, how critical, the art of sport is to the development of the rounded individual – from a physical point of view and health point of view, but no less importantly from the point of view of developing teamwork and partnership, compromise etc etc that has to be part of the game.

These are invaluable and absolutely necessary skills for the youth of our country to learn as on an individual basis it enables maximum development physically and emotionally, but on a collective basis, that is magnified in forming a healthy, well rounded nation.

The advent of the World Cup should help focus parents' minds on the assets of involving their children in sports and in turn those children as they grow older will have an outlet for their talents and a healthier option for enjoyment rather than the all too often alternative of the pub and drink culture which has hampered our development as a nation in the past.

Brid Feely,

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

Speeding on Roads

Both Moyglare Village and Castle Dawson residents are concerned about speeding on these roads. They want measures introduced to slow traffic down. It was decided to write to the Garda and Kildare County Council on the issue.

Ryder Cup

Andrew McMullon stated that a meeting took place with Traders and Businesses in the town on 9th May to discuss what can be done for the Ryder Cup. At this stage they are under pressure to come up with a plan and it was hoped that Tidy Towns will get involved. Cllr. John McGinley said that the Council had already allocated funding for grass cutting and that a major clean up would be undertaken in the three weeks around the Ryder Cup time. He said that the Tidy Towns should present their wish list for the year to the Council. Sean Cushen said he requested a meeting with Kildare County Council without success. Cllr. McGinley stated that he would arrange for an immediate meeting.

Update on Geraldine Hall/Community Centre

A rough draft had been prepared and a meeting will be held with all interested parties before it is revised and submitted to the Council.

Festival

The Festival will take place this year from 13th-16th July. The very successful Soccer 7-a-sides will take place from 10th—23rd July and an Entry Form is elsewhere in the Newsletter. The Tournament will be confined to 16 teams.

Local Matters

The question of the removal of the bandstand was raised again. Cllr. John McGinley said that Kildare County Council are in negotiations with NUI Maynooth with a view to having it moved to the North Campus.

Fair Trade

Peter Connell said that a submission will be made soon for Fair Trade status for Maynooth. He added that more outlets were needed to sell Fair Trade goods including pubs and restaurants.

Vandalism

At this time of year residents groups are working very hard to have their estates looking their best. Kingsbry residents planted 70 trees which they got from

Kildare County Council. Sadly fourteen of them were vandalised over three nights. Some of the trees were replaced immediately by residents but, the vandals broke them again.

It was pointed out that there is a new Community Policing policy being implemented in Athy. The Garda are walking the beat about the town and estates. Members unanimously agreed that Gardai on the beat is what we need to combat the anti-social behaviour that is taking place in our town. Andrew McMullon said Post Primary school students are taking over the Children's Playground on their way home in the evenings. Sean Cushen said if the guards could be seen around the Harbour Area it would keep the area safe.

Parking Problems

It was pointed out that parking at peoples gates and on footpaths is illegal. Yellow boxes were called for at the entrances to Leinster Park and at The Meadowbrook Link Road junction with the Straffan Road.

The next Community Council Meeting will be on the 12th June in the Glenroyal Hotel.

PRO Marie Gleeson

Alzheimer's National Tea Day 2006

I wish to acknowledge the great support I received in my fund-raising and to thank all those who contributed so generously especially The Senior Citizens Committee, A.I.B, Bank of Ireland and Supervalu. Fellow members I.C.A., Senior Citizens and Day-Care Centres.

Total amount collected €482.00

My sincere thanks to everyone who made this possible

Betty Farrell

Planning Permissions

FILE NUMBER	APPLICANT NAME	APPLICANT ADDRESS	APPLICATION TYPE	APPLICATION RECEIVED	DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION	DEVELOPMENT LOCATION
06/654	Board of Management Gaelscoil Ui Fhiach	Celbridge Rd. Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	05/04/06	(a) the addition of a temporary storey one classroom and two remedial classrooms extension and (b) works to front & side of the existing school.	Celbridge Rd. Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/711	Sean O' Flaherty	Garrai Na gCrann Kilmacredock Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	12/04/06	Construct extension to existing dwelling at Kilmacredock, Maynooth, Co. Kildare comprising of sun room, utility room, garage and stables. The proposed dwelling intends on using the existing entrance	Kilmacredock Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/763	John O' Regan	24 Lyreen Park Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	18/04/06	Erection of new single storey porch extension to front, sunroom extension to side an utility room extension to rear of house and all ancillary site and drainage works	22 Lyreen Park Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/744	Victor & Ethel O' Neill	94 Castledawson Rathcoffey Rd Maynooth Co. Kildare	R	19/04/06	Retain existing single storey extension to side of 94 Castledawson, Rathcoffey Rd. Maynooth	94 Castledawson Rathcoffey Rd Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/747	Martin & Valerie McHugh	15 Woodview Castletown Celbridge Co. Kildare	P	19/04/06	Dormer bungalow with 3 no. loose boxes, tack room and dungstead, also to include a separate dormer style double garage with biodisc system	Clonagh Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/768	Sean Donovan	6 Leinster Wood Carton House Maynooth	P	19/04/06	Erection of a new hardwood conservatory and glazed hardwood extension over stairwell	6 Leinster Wood Carton House Golf Maynooth
06/755	Peter & Alicia Alford	12 The Close Mariavilla Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	20/04/06	Detached domestic garage with store and all associated site works	12 The Close Mariavilla Maynooth
06/852	Michael Kelly	489a Mariavilla Moyglare Rd Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	03/05/06	Conversion from a garage to a dining room. An extension to the rear of conversion for a kitchen. Also a change from a flat roof to a sloping roof and a change from a door to a window at front of dwelling	489a Mariavilla Moyglare Rd. Maynooth
06/866	Bridgedawn Homes Ltd	Laragh Demesne Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	06/05/06	17 no housing units and 3 shops comprising: 8 no 4 bedroom two storey detached houses with garages with option to convert garages to study rooms, 2 no.3 bedrooms two storey semi-detached houses etc	Edenderry Rd Derrinturn Carbury

Planning Permissions

FILE	APPLICANT	APPLICANT	APPLICATION	APPLICATION	DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION	DEVELOPMENT
06/923	Hubert & Martha Maxwell	5 Parklands Place Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	11/05/06	Erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion with kitchen extended below, a single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling house and also a porch to front of existing dwelling bedrooms	5 Parklands Place Railpark Maynooth
06/924	Brian & Deidre Kearns	51 Rochfield Court Railpark Maynooth	P	11/05/06	First floor extension to side of existing dwelling house with conversion of existing garage to a habitable space below and new living area below, a single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling house and pedestrian gate for excess to rear etc	51 Rockfield Court Railpark Maynooth
06/958	Sean O' Flaherty	Garrai Na gCrann Kilmacredock Maynooth	P	15/05/06	Construct extension to existing dwelling	Kilmacredock Maynooth
06/974	Paul Mooney	Kealstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	16/05/06	Provide facilities in existing agricultural buildings for the reception and processing of surplus landscape materials in to compost mulch and for the spreading of such processed compost over existing agricultural holding	Kealstown Maynooth Co. Kildare

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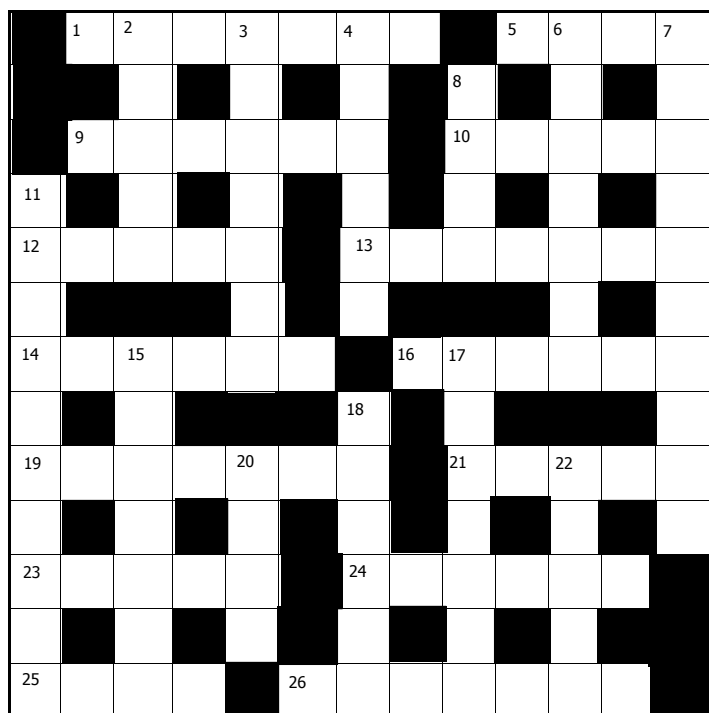
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26. Brilliant green (7)

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Maynooth Tidy Towns

National Tidy Towns Competition 2006 – Maynooth competes

At this stage in the year the committee's work is in full swing as the judges for the National Tidy Towns Competition can arrive on any date between June 1st and July 31st for the first judging of our town. Because Maynooth is in the upper end of the competition we are judged for a second time during August. Therefore, now is the time that everyone should make an effort in particular regarding litter in the town. Also remember that your local estate or area is important, so every effort that you can make for these three months can help to achieve a good score for Maynooth in the competition as well as having our town look attractive for residents and visitors alike.

Tidy Town Work Plan for 2006 – focussing on landscaping

This year Maynooth Tidy Towns is focussing on enhancing areas around the town under the landscaping category of the National Competition. We believe that there is potential for an increase in points under this category. Two projects completed this year under this category are the rock beds outside the Boys Primary School on the Moyglare Road and the revamp of the Small Pound in Mill Street.

Maynooth Tidy Towns – Annual Collection 2006

Our Annual Collection will take place on the weekend of June 1st - 4th 2006, at shopping centres and at mass times outside the church gate. This is the only time in the year that we appeal to you for help in funding our various projects. Please support us again this year as we need the money. Please note that all our collectors will have appropriate identity information with them so that you can ensure that you only give to approved collectors. Otherwise, if you want to donate at any other time of the year, the committee can be contacted through Maynooth Community Council offices.

Maynooth Tidy Towns delegation meet with Kildare County Council

A delegation from Maynooth Tidy Towns met with the Leixlip Area Committee of Kildare County Council in May. This is the first such meeting and it was a valuable opportunity to raise a number of issues with Council Officials as well as the Councillors. Delay in resolving the Band Stand and the condition of the large pound park was raised as well as the performance of the grass cutting contractors in relation to a number of open spaces not yet cut for 2006. Maynooth Tidy Towns also praised the work being done in maintaining the town by the local Kildare County Council staff in the Maynooth depot.

Maynooth set to Bloom in June

In keeping with recent years Maynooth Tidy Towns will be filling the hanging baskets with summer planting in early June. The baskets have been removed from the Straffan Road and are being put up on poles in the Main Street/Mill Street area in an effort to concentrate the impact of the flowers. As usual the maintenance of the baskets would not be possible without the agreement of Intel Ireland and Leixlip Town Council for the use of the watering equipment in Maynooth.

Paul Croghan
PRO
Maynooth Tidy Towns



Maynooth Tidy Towns



Gardening Tips for June

The garden comes into its own in June, and apart from watching everything grow and blossom, keeping the weeds at bay and watering if necessary are the most time-consuming occupations this month.

Watering:

Water if possible before the plants show signs of flagging or wilting, and aim to soak the soil rather than merely wet the surface. Again, if possible, let the water fall like rain through the air, gathering oxygen and a little warmth; the finer the spray, the better the effect. Water in the cooler morning and evening hours of the day to make every drop count. If the use of a hose, sprinkler or overhead irrigation is banned and the watering can must be used, add a little soluble fertiliser to make the water go further in meeting plants needs. Ordinary domestic waste water from bathroom or kitchen can usually be used - let it stand for 24 hours to settle and use the clearer top water.

Make good use of mulches to cut down moisture losses from the soil and to keep down weeds. A mulch is a top-dressing of organic materials (compost, moist peat, pulverised bark, weathered sawdust, chopped straw, newspaper, lawn clippings (provided no weed-killer has been used recently), black sheet polythene, even chippings or gravel for rock plants). Place it over the rooting area of plants, under branches, stems or spread of leaves, leaving the area round the base bare. Apply when the soil is moist, after rain or watering. Renew when necessary.

The Flower Garden

Keep an eye on annuals and water in the early morning or evening in dry weather. Hardy annuals coming into flower this month should include anchusa, bartonia, candytuft, Californian poppy, gypsophila, larkspur, toadflax, poppy, night-scented stock, morning glory, love-in-a-mist and Virginian stock. Among half-hardy annuals quick off the mark are ageratum, African marigold, French marigold, Iobelia, mesembryanthemum, nasturtium, nicotiana, petunia and verbenas; and biennials such as Cattenbury bells, stocks and sweet William. To keep them flowering from June to September, dead-head frequently.

- There is still time to plant gladioli corms, dahlias and begonias, which do well in partial shade.
- Thin sowings of outdoor annuals as soon as the plants can be grasped between finger and thumb.
- Complete planting out of annuals to furnish bedding schemes or fill empty spaces in borders or rock gardens early in the month. If the soils are dry, soak them a few hours before planting.
- Shade from hot direct sun can be life-saving for plants in sandy, chalky, stony soils, and one of

the quickest and best ways to provide it is to sow quick-growing annuals such as morning glory, nasturtiums and sunflowers in beds and borders trained on wigwams of sticks or canes and string. Shade newly planted perennials and shrubs with small-mesh green plastic netting in hot weather.

- When the foliage dies lift clumps of corms and bulbs which gave few flowers, or are overcrowded; sort through them and reserve the largest bulbs for flowering next year. Discard any that are damaged, soft or mushy. Smaller offset bulbs and corms will need to be planted on reserve ground to grow on for one or two years.
- Propagate border carnations towards the end of the month and in July by taking 'pipings' - ends of unflowered young shoots with 3 or 4 pairs of leaves, detached by giving a gentle pull at the nodes. Remove the lowest pair of leaves and insert the shoots in porous soil under a cloche or in pots in a cold frame.
- Disbud ancillary buds of border carnations when they can be rubbed off easily, to encourage large single blooms.

The Vegetable Garden

Sowing:

Continue to sow the following:

French beans and runner beans can be sown this month and up until early July in the south.

Savoy cabbage ('January King', 'January Queen') and cabbage ('Winter Monarch') for next spring's crop/ Carrots 'Chantenay Early Red Core' and 'Early Nantes' for autumn crops.

Successful sowing of lettuce ('All the year Round', 'Artic King', 'Avondefiance', 'Winter Density', 'Little Gem'), salad onion ('White Lisbon') and turnip ('Snowball') endive ('Green Batavian') for unusual winter salads. Parsley thinly on humus-rich soil after rain. Dress the seeds with bone flour and allow at least 4 weeks for germination.

Plant out celery and leeks up to mid July; make plantings of sprouting broccoli, winter Brussels sprouts, autumn cauliflower and savoy cabbages this month and next. Dip the roots of brassicas in a solution of benomyl systemic fungicide to guard against club root disease.

Plant outdoor tomatoes ('Outdoor Girl'), 'The Amateur' for bush plants; 'Alicante', 'Harbinger' for tall plants) this month in a warm sheltered sunny position when all danger of frost is past.

Useful tips

Protect your home while you are away

- Now that the summer months are here people are taking their holidays and leaving their homes unattended while they are away. This creates an opportunity for burglars. Here are some measures the home owner can take to avoid disaster and keep their property safe.
- One of the most effective ways to protect your house is with an alarm system. But there are other ways to deter burglars. Stick neighbourhood watch or beware-of-dog signs on your windows.
- Set timers to turn certain lights on and off around the house while you are out. Also consider installing infra-red activated floodlights. Place them too high for the burglar to reach.
- Finally, ask a trusted neighbour to visit your house while you are away, to draw curtains, feed your pets or otherwise make your house look lived-in. It is also a good idea to leave a key with your neighbour in case of emergency.

How to Complain

Know your legal rights

- If you are dissatisfied with a product or service, here are some helpful guidelines to getting your complaint dealt with.
- Talk to the sales person or their direct supervisor first; talk calmly, but firmly, avoid anger, never shout, be friendly but insistent.
- Company 1800 telephone line: the number can be found on the product label or the company's website. Ask for the name of the person you are speaking to, if they promise to ring you back and don't, ring again.
- Write to the complaints department, the managing director or the regional manager. Write to a named individual, if possible. State your name, address and telephone number. Keep it short and enclose an S.A.E. State purchase date, make and model, description of the problem; steps taken so far and the resolution wanted.
- If your attempts to get a resolution from the company are not satisfactory, you should seek advice from consumer associations. This can be your local Citizen's Advice Bureau, Local Authority Trading Standards Department or a regulatory agency.
- Failing this you can get legal advice on taking your case to the small claims court, or to sue for larger amounts you may be entitled to legal aid to hire a solicitor and bring your case to court.

Safety in the Sun

Protect your skin

- Use a sunscreen which offers protection from both UVB and UVA rays. Choose an SPF of 15 or higher.
- Apply sunscreen 20 minutes before going out in the sun and re-apply every two hours no matter how high it's protection.
- Most people do not use the recommended amount of sunscreen and therefore are getting less protection than they think.
- Sunscreen should be applied thickly and evenly with an amount the size of a golf ball in your hand for use over the entire body.

Avoid going out in the sun between the hours of 11am and 3pm, avoid burning and cover up with loose clothing made from a tight-weaved material, a wide-brimmed hat and wrap-around sunglasses.

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Maynooth Swimming Club

The Senior Gala will take place on Saturday 27th May at the usual time. This will be our last Saturday swimming. We will return again on 9th September 2006. Looking forward to seeing you all there. A €50 deposit will be required of all members from this September onwards and it will be deducted from your final Swim Term.

The new committee are as follows:

Ursula Murphy	Chairperson
Catherine Carton	Secretary
Allison Flynn	Treasurer
Jacinta Bell	Waiting List 1st Bus
Geraldine Quinn	Waiting List 2nd Bus
Sandra Doherty	Assistant Treasurer 1st Bus
Margaret O'Connor	Assistant Treasurer 2nd Bus
Ann Feehan	P.R.O.

The numbers for the above people can be obtained from the Secretary at 01 6290479.

The next Committee Meeting will take place on Wednesday 6th September at 8 o'clock.

Thank you for all your continued support. Hope you all have a great Summer. Look forward to seeing you in September. Anyone wishing to join the club can contact any of the above.

Catherine Carton Secretary

The following are photos taken at the Junior Gala held in Stewarts Hospital on the 20th May 2006.



Laura Monaghan, David Bell, Mayor of Kildare John McGinley, Donal Mooney & Cian Durcan



Patricia Moynan, Mayor of Kildare John McGinley, Rory Fehan, & Catherine Carton



David Moynan, Cian Duncan, David & Adam Bell with Mayor of Kildare John McGinley



John Barrett, Patricia Moynan & Paul Dunne



Conor Barrett, Conor Murphy, Blake Vandervanvorde, Jessica Sheridan, David Bell, Laura Monaghan, Donal Mooney, Cian Durcan, Daragh Gleeson with Mayor of Kildare John McGinley at the recent Junior Gala held in Stewarts Hospital by Maynooth Swimming Club

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Serves 4-6

40 Chicken Wings
50 ml(2 fl oz)Sweet Chili Sauce
30 ml(1 fl oz)Soy Sauce
4 tbsp Fresh Coriander
2-4 tbsp Sesame Seeds (Optional)



Remove the wing tip first and discard, or else save for stock. Then divide the two joints. For a really fast sauce, first toss the wings in enough sweet chili sauce to coat, then place them in a single layer on the baking tray and cook at 200°C/400°F/Gas 6 for 25 minutes. Take them out of the oven and add another good drizzle of sweet chili sauce and a small drizzle of soy sauce. Give them a little toss and put them back in the oven for another 5-10 minutes or until cooked. Take out of the oven, scatter fresh coriander leaves over the top and serve.

Note: You could scatter some toasted sesame seeds over them too when they are cooked.

Pasta with Fresh Tomato, Basil and Ricotta Cheese

Serves 4-6

450g(1 lb)Rigatoni or Penne
1 tsp Salt
6 Large Tomatoes
8 Large Basil Leaves
Big Pinch of Sugar
Sea Salt and Pepper
50 ml(2 fl oz)Olive Oil
125g(4.5 oz)Ricotta

Cook the pasta in a large pot of boiling water with one tsp of salt until just cooked. While the pasta is cooking, chop the tomatoes into large chunks, about 3cm. Tear or slice the

basil and add it to the tomatoes with sea salt, pepper, sugar and olive oil, seasoning to taste. Drain the pasta but keep 50 ml of the cooking water and toss the pasta in a bowl. Season with sea salt, pepper and a pinch of sugar. Throw the tomatoes, toss gently and put into a large serving bowl or individual bowls and crumble the ricotta over the top.

Little Raspberry Cakes

Makes 12 Cakes

175g(6 oz)Butter
175g(6 oz)Icing Sugar
50g(1.75 oz)Plain Flour
100g(3.5 oz)Ground Almonds
2 Eggs
36-60 Raspberries



Preheat the oven to 170°C/325°F/Gas 3. Melt the butter and let it cool. With a little of the melted butter, brush the insides of a muffin tin (or 12 Ramekins). Sieve the icing sugar and flour together and add the ground almonds. Beat the eggs with a fork and add to the mixture stirring to combine. Add the cooled melted butter and mix well; it will be quite a soft batter. Pour into the muffin tin and top each one with 3-5 Raspberries. Place the cakes in the oven and cook for 14-18 minutes, until just firm in the centre. Wait for a few minutes before trying to take them out of the tins. Dust the with icing sugar.

Note: If you want them for a picnic you could always cook them in paper cases in the tin; if doing this omit 25g(1 oz)of the butter.



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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Notes

Question

What is the European Health Insurance Card?

Answer

The European Health Insurance Card allows you to access public healthcare for treatment when visiting certain European countries should you become ill or get injured. It replaced the E11 and other forms which had previously been required.

If you are going on a short stay to an EU country (excluding the UK), an EEA country (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) or Switzerland it is advisable to have the card to cover you and your family for public healthcare. The card is valid for up to two years and each person travelling will need a card.

You can apply for the card online at www.ehic.ie if you already have a medical card, GP visit card or a Drugs Payment Scheme card. You can also download application forms from the website or get them from your local Health Service Executive office or health centre. You will have to provide your name, address, date of birth and Personal Public Service Number (PPS no).

You should apply for the card at least 10 working days before travelling. If there is not enough time to get the card you can get a Temporary Replacement Certificate from the Health Service Executive instead for each person travelling, which will cover you. You can apply online if you have a medical card, GP visit card or a Drugs Payment Scheme card.

The first cards were issued in June 2004 and they remain valid until the end of May 2006. You can apply online to renew your card, but you will require your existing card number. If you have changed your address or your name, you will have to contact your local health office in the Health Service Executive.

If you are making travel arrangements and have any concerns about getting a renewed card in time for the trip, you can get a Temporary Replacement Certificate

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre.

Tel: 01 6285 477
Lo-Call 1890 777 121

Question

I am getting Unemployment Assistance. If my wife starts working, how much can she earn before it would affect how much I get paid for her?

Answer

Unemployment Assistance is a means-tested payment from the Department of Social and Family Affairs for those who are unemployed. The payment includes additional payments for the claimant's spouse/partner and for any dependent children. The maximum rates of payment for 2006 are as follows:

Claimant	Spouse/Partner	Child Dependant
€165.80	€110.00	€16.80

From 3 May 2006, provided your wife's income is €100 or less per week (was €88.88), you get the full payment for her. If her income is more than €100 per week you get a reduced payment for her. If her income exceeds €250 (was €240) per week you get no payment for her. When assessing your wife's income the Department takes into account any savings/capital she has, either in her own name or in joint names, as well as any earnings she may have.

If your wife takes up employment some of her earnings may be assessed against the payment you get for yourself. If she works 4 days or more per week the first €100 (was €88.88) per week of her not earnings is disregarded. If she works less than 4 days per week only the first €50 (was €38.09) per week is disregarded. Half of the remaining is assessed against your own payment.

If your wife's total income exceeds €250 per week, so that you do not receive any payment for her, you will only get a half-rate payment for your dependent children.

Question

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

Answer

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

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- You should give your employer your Personal Public Service Number (PPS No.). This number is your unique personal identification number for public services in Ireland. Your employer should then submit a Form P46 to the tax office which lets the tax office know that you have started working for them. If you do not know your PPS No. or if you wish to apply for one, contact your local social welfare office.
- You should apply on a Form 12A for a Certificate of Tax Credits and Standard Cut-Off Point to your district tax office. You can ask your employer does not have a Form 12A, you can get one from any tax office or by telephoning Lo-Call 1890 306 706. you can also download the form at www.revenue.ie

To ensure that your employer and the tax office have time to have everything sorted out before your first pay-day, it is advisable to do all this as soon as you accept an offer of a job (even for part-time or holiday employment). The tax office will then forward you a detailed statement of your tax credits. Your employer will also be notified of your tax credits. You are taxed on an emergency basis until your employer receives notification of your tax credits.

Your own personal circumstances dictate the amount of tax credits you are entitled to and therefore how much tax you must pay. All workers have tax credits - for example a single person has a personal credit of €1,630 and an employee credit (previously PAYE credit) of €1,490 in the tax year of 2006.

If you are single your tax is calculated on your gross pay at 20% of your earnings below €32,000 and at 42% of the balance. This gives you your gross tax liability. Your tax credits are then subtracted from this figure and the remainder is the amount of tax you will pay. The tax you pay is spread over the tax year so that you receive approximately the same wages each week.

Question

What is the cost of a passport and how do you apply?

Answer

The cost of a passport depends on the type of passport you want and the rates are as follows:

- Standard ten-year passport for people aged 65 and over
Free
- Standard ten-year passport for people 18 - 64
€75

- Large ten-year passport for very frequent travellers
€100
- Five-year passport for children aged 3 - 17
€25
- Three-year passport for children under aged 3
€15

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

The application form (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 photographs—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 renewal application your most recent passport is sufficient.
- The appropriate fee (see above).

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 birth certificate is required as proof of citizenship. Children born in Ireland since the start of 2005 and people born outside Ireland will require additional or alternative forms of proof. Information on what is required depending on your circumstances is supplied with the application form.

You can apply in person or by post to the Passport Office for a passport. You can also apply via the "Passport Express" service, available through the post office. It guarantees receipt of a passport within ten working days where applications are completed correctly with proper documentation. The additional fee for this service is €7 per application or €12 for up to four applications sent together for a family.

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Citizens Information is also available online at www.oasis.gov.ie

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Maynooth ICA Notes

The Guild AGM took place on Thursday 4th May. Congratulations were extended to the members who took 3rd place in the Federation Guild of the Year Contest. The members were delighted with their win as they had to compete in five different competitions. The National AGM will take place on Saturday 20th May in Moran's Hotel, and the Federation AGM is on Tuesday 16th May in Castledermot. Mary O'Gorman will continue as President of Maynooth Guild for the coming year and the members wish her the best. A Polish-Irish Night will take place in Kilteel on Friday 12th May. The President Mary extended her thanjs to all her committee for their work during the past year and the treasurer said we had a healthy balance. Bernie Byrne from Kilcock was thanked for her work with the Drama group who took part in the Guild of the Year Contest. Thanks was also extended to Eilish O'Malley for organising our Christmas Service. Next months Guild Competition will be on the SPOT. The yearly Guild comprtition was won by Rosemary Hanley, second place went to Eileen Flynn and third is Mary O'Gorman. Our charities for the coming year will be Daffodil Day, Alzheimers Association and Brainwave.

Mary McNamera, Jo O'Connell and Margaret Houlihan were thanked for their great work in organising the "The Federation Guild of the Year Contest". It was one of the best events organised in the County in recent years, with fourteen Guilds participating. The contest was won by Kilcock with Leixlip second and Maynooth third. Raffle a Guild Meeting was won by Catherine O'Reily, 2nd Madeline Stynes, 3rd mary McNamera and 4th Betty Moore.

Next meeting Thursday 1st June.



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I gaze up at the daily sky
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I am living for today
But pressures of life I feel
Still I am contented enough
Strolling at my ease
At times my life is tough
But now I do as I please.
The bees pollinate the flowers
And insects fly everywhere
The cattle pass the hours
Chewing grass here and there
The sun shines with glory
With all nature to adorn
Each creature tells its story
Each of blessed day reborn.
Field mice eat their fill
Of remnants on the ground
The day calm and still
I can hardly hear a sound
Except the corn crake far away
With its happy familiar tone
Yes I am really enjoying my day
As forward ahead I roam.
I finally reach a wood land
In a quiet natural time
Guided by mother nature's hand
On this summers day of mine
I rest on a large stone
Thinking thoughts really new
Certainly not feeling alone
For with nature I forever grow.

Patrick Murray

Attention!

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Maynooth Ladies Golf Society

The Maynooth Ladies Golf Society's first outing of 2006 was to Bodinstown Golf Club on March 25th. Nineteen members played an enjoyable but somewhat wet and muddy round of golf.

The winners of the Stableford Competition were:

- 1st Deidre Glynn
- 2nd Anita McNamara
- 3rd Heather Meldrum
- 4th Mary Hoban

The second outing on Saturday 29th April was held in Elm Green Golf Club, Castleknock with 23 members playing on the day.

The winners were:

- 1st Fiona Knox
- 2nd Ann Burns
- 3rd Eleanor Reilly
- 4th Deidre Glynn
- 5th Sheila Lee

Congratulations to the winners of both outings. The next outing is on Thursday 25th May to Elm Hall Golf Club, Celbridge. This year the society which has 50 members has sought sponsorship for prizes from local businesses in Maynooth and the surrounding areas. There has been a great response to this and the society would like to thank McCormack's Chemist and Sayblu, Maynooth for their sponsorship of the Elm Green outing. The Maynooth Ladies Golf Society can be contacted at 086 8793610 if you are interested in sponsoring a prize or outing for the society.

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Features

Fr. John Nevin

40 years serving the poor in Pakistan

To many Maynooth people the name Fr. John Nevin is synonymous with Pakistan. Forty years ago Fr. John left Maynooth for that region. He is still there today! Much has changed in Maynooth since 1965. What has not changed is the poverty of the people Fr. John cares for in Pakistan. Many of his parishioners' children cannot afford the basic right of education.

Born in 1937 John at sixteen years of age joined the Mill Hill Fathers at Freshford College in Kilkenny thus beginning a life of faithful commitment to his Order and ultimately to the people of Pakistan. He completed his second level education in Freshford passing his matriculation and then studied at U.C.D. graduating in Arts and Theology. He finished his studies in Ireland by completing his H.Dip in Education. He then moved to London to undertake further Theological studies and in 1965 was ordained at Westminster Cathedral on 10th July. A proud day indeed for his beloved parents Mick and Katie who on that very day celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary.



During his student years John spent his summers working on Bruton's Farm at Ballygoran cutting thistles and making hay. He played football with Maynooth Crom Abu and was part of the team beaten in the Intermediate final in 1964, a team who in 1965 won the Intermediate Final. The Club had to wait until 1999 to regain that title repeating their success in 2005. While the Club waited almost forty years for these successes Fr. John was waiting on the poor in Pakistan.

In the autumn of 1965 John departed Maynooth destined for unknown territory. He was handed a ticket for the boat bound for Pakistan. He travelled for three weeks via London, the Cape of Good Hope, through the Indian Ocean and the Arabian Sea finally docking in Karachi. He was greeted there by a local Catechist and such were the hazards for Christian missionaries in that country he locked Fr. John in an outhouse until his safe passage was assured. This incident highlighted for John the status of the minority Christian communities and the risks taken by those who came to help.

Undeterred and driven by his mission to propagate the faith he settled into his first assignment in Karachi. Here he set up parish structures, built a church, schools and community care centres. He then worked in Sargodha, Rawalpindi, Lahore and is now based in Satellite Town on the outskirts of Rawalpindi. His efforts are constantly pitted against unyielding regimes, seasons of severe drought, monsoon climates, natural disasters and acts of war. Fr. John's faith, his absolute devotion to the Eucharist and beliefs in the power of the Holy Mass keep him focused and determined at all times.

His work over the past four decades has been greatly supported through the generosity of Maynooth people. Fr. John speaks regularly with gratitude for the help he received from the late Hannah Flood, Gearoid Mac Teighnain, Dan Newton and Jimmy Horan. He is also indebted to Reilly's Garage, L.S. Autos and all those Maynooth people whose support was and is essential to him. He regularly keeps in touch with Maynooth inquiring about current affairs at Maynooth GAA, The Brass and Reed Band and of course the Lilywhites !. On rare trips home John would attend Kildare matches and on bad days for the Lillies would regularly retort "ah well seen it all before".

In recent years following the US invasion of neighbouring Afghanistan and the devastating earthquake in Pakistan the dispersal of people and the thousands of refugees has created further problems for Fr. John and his colleagues.

Features (Fr. John Nevin Cont'd)

Looking to the future Fr. John sees education of young children as crucial in the alleviation of poverty and progression of communities.

"Mol an oige aus tiocfaidh si"

In a recent letter home Fr. John wrote:

" Here in Satellite Town, Rawalpindi, we have two schools - one for boys, the other for girls. There are about 2000 children in total in our schools. The majority came from poor families. By poor I mean people earning RS 3000 per month about EUR 40. Most families have three to four children in school. We provide the schools but also have to pay teachers and all the maintenance costs of maintaining the buildings. So there has to be fees. Then there are books, clothes and so on. So, a family with four children earning €40 per month have their back against the wall . There are many many children who cannot get to primary school because of poverty.

So what would be nice is to have some kind of scholarship for fees and books. This would enable so many poor kids to get the basic right of schooling. Please, thank everyone in Maynooth who helped over the years and I appreciate all that comes down the way"

It is obvious that Fr. John Nevin is a truly exceptional Maynooth man. Here in Ma Nuad we should be very proud of this missionary, this man who has passed up on the economic benefits we all enjoy in favour of the poor in difficult and dangerous lands.

In an effort to seriously help Fr. John a committee has recently formed in Maynooth and we are planning to launch **"The Fr. John Nevin Pakistan Scholarship Fund"** during the Summer.

by Colm Nelson

For further information on the work of our committee please contact:

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Maynooth Golf Society

On the 30th of April we travelled to Rathcore Golf Club and the outing was sponsored by Dave Mahony Plumbing Contractor.

The following were the results:

1st	Norman Kavanagh	41 pts Back 9
2nd	Derek Murray	41 pts
3rd	Michael Flynn Jnr.	40 pts
4th	Tom O'Haire	39 pts
5th	Dave Mahony	38 pts
6th	John Hynes	37 pts
7th	Joey Edwards	35 pts
Front 9	Colm Loftus	20 pts
Back 9	Tim Mullane	20 pts
Deuce Winners	Gery Kelly, Tom Flatley, Norman Kavanagh, Mick Flynn Snr. Dave Mahony	
Visitors	Niall Farrell (Muscles)	
Nearest the Pin	Michael Flynn Jnr	

Maynooth Golf Society

On the 20th May we travelled to Athy Golf Club and this outing was sponsored by John Byrne and Tom Nolan

The following are the results

1st Overall	David Weafer	44 pts
2nd	Dermot Myles	39 pts Back 9
3rd	Liam Farrelly	39 pts
4th	Mick Flynn Snr.	38 pts
5th	John Byrne	37 Back 9
6th	Tom Flatley	37 pts
7th	Joey Edwards	36 pts Back 9
Front 9	Pa Conway	21 pts
Back 9	Don O'Sullivan	20 pts
Twos Club	David Weafer	
Nearest the Pin	Niall Farrell	

1st Round of Match Play to be completed before Next Outing to Baltinglass on Saturday 17th June



L—R: Norman Kavanagh (Winner), Anne Mahony (Sponsor) & Kevin Loftus (Secretary)



L-R: Gerry McTernan (Handicap Secretary), Dave Weafer (Winner) & Philip Doyle (Captain)

Orby - The 'Boss' Croker and the Epsom Derby 1907



Orby

The first Irish trained winner of the Epsom Derby was owned by the extraordinary Richard 'The Boss' Croker. Born in 1841 in Clonakilty, County Cork his family emigrated to America at the height of the great famine in 1948. There could be no more graphic illustration of the conditions met by these victims of neglect than those shown in the widely acclaimed movie "Gangs of New York" The incoming immigrants were subject to abuse and discrimination by native New Yorkers. In a way this was not surprising. Many of the Irish had no education and could not speak English and for those that did they were unable to speak it well. They were wretched and penniless and without hope. Their housing conditions were terrible and employment prospects dismal. The Irish had to do it the hard way and from the gang wars of the late 1860's they began the transition to politics.

The Irish took control of Tammany Hall, HQ of the Democratic Party in New York. Richard Croker, former professional boxer, blacksmith and barman fought his way to the top, rewarding those who had supported him and punishing those who stood in his way. He made no apologies for the way he looked after the immigrants and the poverty stricken Irish in New York. In a character sketch he wrote for the Daily Telegraph, Mr. T.P. O'Connor said that it was Croker's fighting quality that made him the man he was. He radiated courage and aggressiveness. The Leonine head, the mighty jaw, the penetrating eye, the deep chest and commanding voice all bespoke the power. He knew neither fear nor hypocrisy. He was a king and New York was his kingdom. He controlled the political and labour life of the city and amassed considerable wealth as a result of his investments in property and railroads.

In 1903 he abruptly left New York as a Congressional Commission finished hearings into his activities. There is little surprise that he chose England as he had only paid one fleeting visit to his homeland from the time he emigrated. Perhaps like Joe Kennedy

there was a little of the Anglophile in him. He purchased Antwicks Manor in Berkshire and set up a training establishment at Moat House near Wantage. He appointed Charles Morton as his private trainer. Although he was now living in a different environment 'The Boss' Croker was not going to change how he dealt with people. He continued to be a bully. He was abrasive and would not let people he employed get on with the job. Against his trainers advice he imported some horses from America in the belief they were faster and better.

His short association with Morton ended when the horses failed to make an impression. Croker was not welcome in England and the Stewards of the Jockey Club were waiting for an excuse to effectively warn him off. This opportunity came when he tried to place some horses with J.E. Brewer at Newmarket. Owners required the permission of the Jockey Club to race horses on Newmarket Heath. They withheld their permission. Many might say that, this was more of the anti-Irish bias but it has to be accepted that Croker did have a rather unsavoury track record. He was not the only American based owner or trainer barred from Newmarket at the time. This was the era of the famous blackout in American horse racing which sent many jockeys and trainers to Europe. Croker, humiliated at Newmarket, returned to Ireland and purchased Glencairn estate near Leopardstown.

He spent substantial sums into making this location an up-to-date training centre. The training grounds and surrounding land at Glencairn was subsequently purchased by the McGrath family and became a very important part of Irish Horse Racing History. The British subsequently bought the house for their Embassy staff. Croker brought his American bred stallions, Americus and Dobbins and his brood mare Rhonda B to Ireland where he quartered them with J.J. Parkinson. Americus previously known as Rey de Carreras was one of the fastest horses in the United States and was purchased for \$40,000 and renamed by Croker. Americus bred the filly American Girl who subsequently founded an eminently successful female line. The success of the mare was instrumental in getting American bloodlines entered into the British Stud Book.



*Richard
'Boss'
Croker
leads in
Orby
after his
Derby
victory.*

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This was the beginning of a short but very successful relationship between the two men. J.J. Parkinson trained at Maddenstown lodge on the Curragh. He ran a modern stable for that era and trained up to 150 horses at any one time. He together with Matt Dawson dominated Irish Racing for the next quarter century. During a distinguished training career he was appointed to the Senate. He was also appointed to the Board of the Tote and was a Director of a number of Irish Racecourses. J.J. Parkinson put 'The Boss' top of the list of winning owners in 1905 and 1906. This achievement did not save him from the wrath of Richard Croker, who frequently interfered in the placing and the running of his horses. He was a betting owner and was unable to accept that on some days things do go wrong. He was reluctant to accept that his horse could have been beaten by the handicap, or simply by a better horse. For most of his life he was surrounded by party hacks and people in fear of his power and influence and never adapted to the more disciplined demands of the racing world. It was the two-year-old and subsequent Epsom Derby winner Orby who was the cause of the rift between the two and resulted in Croker removing all his horses from Parkinson's yard.

Orby was bred at Wantage. His sire was Orme and his dam Rhonda B owned by Croker. The rangy well made chesnut made his first racecourse debut at Leopardstown in August 1906. He started at three to one on but could only finish third of six. His next race was the Railway stakes at the Curragh again finishing third. This was the race that caused the rift with the Senator. Parkinson ran two in the race, both owned by 'The Boss'. Electric Rose, the outsider of the two, came home ahead of the heavily backed Orby. Croker, who had lost 'serious' money on backing Orby was furious and in November 1906 withdrew all his horses from Parkinson yard. That was Orby's final run as a Two Year Old. By this stage Glencairn was ready and Croker appointed Colonel Fredrick McCabe as his private trainer. McCabe had built up a reputation as a successful trainer of a small string of horses based in

Sandyford, County Dublin.

He was a very talented individual, apart from training horses he was a qualified Doctor and journalist. He was considered to be progressive and ahead of his time in the training methods he used. Orby won his first two prep races for the Derby in the early summer of 1907. He won the Earl of Serfton's Plate at Liverpool and the Baldoyle plate. Again Croker could not leave well enough alone. After the Earl of Serfton's plate he instructed McCabe to take Orby out of the Derby. He was convinced that his horse would not stay the mile and a half at Epsom. McCabe stood his ground and convinced Croker to wait until the Baldoyle Plate. It was only after the horse won convincingly at the Dublin track that Croker changed his mind and allowed the Derby entry to stand. Orby did not go unsupported in the ante post Derby betting. It was generally known that he thrived after his prep races and was reported to be excelling on the morning gallops. He was well supported from 66/1 down to 100/9.

An Irish trained horse had never previously won the Epsom Derby and the general perception of Irish Blood Stock, like anything else Irish at the time, was assumed to be rough and coarse and not up to Anglo standard. The favourite for the race was Slieve Gallion. This was a top class English two-year-old who had trained on as a three-year-old to win the Craven Stakes and the English Two Thousand Guineas at Newmarket.

English racing, at the time, was entering a colourful era. The dawn of the 20th century heralded the arrival of a number of top class jockeys from America. In 1900 seventeen of the twenty-eight races at Royal Ascot fell to American jockeys. In the Jockey Championship the same year the Americans filled five of the leading ten places. Six American jockeys were to win the Epsom Derby in the first two decades of the new century. The Names Lester and Johnny Reiff, 'Skeets' Martin, Danny Maher, Matt McGee and Frank O'Neill were to be inscribed on the Blue Riband's Roll Of Honour. The reason for the influx of American jockeys into England and France at the beginning of the 1900's was, effectively down to one man, Charles Evans Hughes. Best remembered for his close 1916 Presidential race against Woodrow Wilson, he was a fanatical opponent of horse racing.

Scenes from the movie 'Seabiscut' graphically illustrates the total lawlessness of American racing at the time. There appeared to be no rules and jockeys rode for self-preservation with no regards for the safety of their fellow riders. Some locations raced for three hundred and sixty four days a year and other tracks held two meetings, daily, day and night. There was little or no regulation and the elements of politics, money, gangsters and foul play all combined to make this great sport a playground for some very nast types. Against this background Governor Hughes of New York led a campaign of closure of the State's

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Racetracks. Several States followed suit and famous tracks like Santa Anita and the major New York tracks were blacked out. The out of work jockeys and trainers headed for Europe.

Amongst the arrivals from across the Atlantic were the Reiff brothers Lester and Johnny. The two brothers resembled innocent, cute looking choir boys and were fussed like pet poodles by many members of the fair sex. Johnny, Orby's jockey, was fourteen years old and weighed four and a half stone on his arrival in England. He was no more than four feet in height. He was a brilliant lightweight jockey. During his career in England he won the great Met, Royal Hunt Cup, Steward's Cup, Ebor and Cambridgeshire handicaps amongst many others. He was a most sought after jockey for these handicap races and could be relied upon to land the betting coups. His brother Lester was no less successful but was a jockey who had walked a narrow line once too often in England and had been subsequently warned off by the stewards.

The Jockey Club restored Lester's licence to ride in 1904 but Johnny felt it wiser to move to France to continue his racing career as both brothers had a name for involvement with American Gambling rings. There is little known as to how Croker settled on Johnny Reiff as the rider for Orby. We do know that Maher, Lynham and Halsey were discussed but Croker eventually decided to bring over Johnny Reiff from France. When the subsequent history of the Derby was written, it turned out to be a good choice. In the lead up to the Epsom Derby of 1907, it is difficult to understand the attitude of the British towards the horse from Glencairn.

The comments of the Royal trainer, Richard March was patronising in the extreme, describing the horse as having a magnificent frame but implying that he was badly turned out. On the other hand the comments in the Sportsman was blatantly racist when it stated that "no Irish trainer knows enough to even compete in the greatest race in the world". The photograph of Orby from the "British Racehorse" however, shows a really nice looking thoroughbred and at least one famous trainer, E Moorhouse thought none of his competitors looked better. Captain Greer's colt Slieve Gallion by Gallinule started favourite at thirteen to eight on. The second favourite being Major Loder's Galavi at seven to one. The race was incident free to the mile pole. The favourite took up the running and went two lengths clear of the field. The chasing pack was led by Bezonian with Galavi, Orby, Earliston and Wool Winder lying handy. Although it was a small field Wool Winder ran into trouble in running and was virtually pulled up by his jockey M Madden. This was a significant incident in the final analysis. Slieve Gallion led into the straight but his lead was only on sufferance. He did not stay the distance and two furlongs out he began to sprawl and veer to the right. Orby then took up the running and looked like he was going to be a

comfortable winner before he too sent out distress signals in sight of the winning post. He lasted home to beat the unlucky fast finishing Wool Winder by two lengths. Slieve Gallion finished third. This was the first Irish trained horse to win the Derby and the large Irish contingent celebrated long into the night.

Wool Winder was owned by Colonel Baird, a Steward of the Jockey Club whose members refused to accept Richard Croker's entries for Newmarket Heath. The atmosphere was not good and the general consensus at the time was that the members of the jockey club had taken Orby's win rather badly. The bad feeling was further compounded by the failure of the King to receive Mr. Croker after his famous win. Whatever might have been said, this breach of protocol reflected badly on the Racing Authorities. Croker was now a National Hero. The victory had to be seen in a wider context. The Irish people had precious little to cheer about. Under the Union it was probably the poorest country in Europe and Dublin was known as the slum capital of the Empire. The Irish horse racing industry, if you could call it that, was badly underfunded and poorly supported. The Anglo-Irish class usually sent their best horses to England to be trained and raced.

The 'Boss' Croker and Orby received a great reception on their return to Dublin. The Derby winner was paraded through the streets and bonfires blazed in many neighbourhoods. The fires had barely died down when Richard Croker was in the wars again. Orby had developed a suspect leg and his trainer Frederick McCabe did not wish to risk him running on firm ground for the Irish Derby. Croker insisted on the horse running. Orby won easily against poor opposition. Against McCabe's advice he was entered for the St. Leger. He broke down in a prep race at Liverpool and never raced again.

Relations between Croker and McCabe were now at breaking point and when Croker demanded that Orby's lead horse Hayden be sold, the trainer resigned. Croker now appointed James Allen as his trainer. Allen had been assistant trainer to McCabe. In the following year the 'Boss' Croker's filly Rhodora won the English One Thousand Guineas. She was ridden by Lucien Lyne, an American and was the first Irish trained filly to win the Classic. She might have won the Oaks, had she not been brought down by another filly falling in front of her. Lucien Lyne did not see out his retainer with Croker who dispensed with his services towards the end of the 1908 flat season. Lyne was beaten on one of Croker's horses at Leopardstown and "The Boss" lost a lot of money. True to form Richard Croker never let it go and Lyne requested that he be released from his retainer.

Croker then turned to the great Steve Donoghue who was riding in Ireland at the time. The jockey won the Irish Oaks on Queen of Peace and also rode Rhodora to success as a four year old. In preparing Rhodora

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for the Cambridgeshire Croker again crossed his jockey. Against Donoghue's advice he insisted on Rhodora running a second trial gallop after the first had proved inconclusive. She broke down and this taken together with Steve's marriage to the daughter of a rival trainer made his relationship with Croker impossible. By this stage it mattered little. Steve Donoghue moved to England to ride for Atty Pearse and the Druids Lodge. He became a horse racing legend. Richard Croker continued to own horses and hire and fire trainers up to 1916. Made a freeman of the City of Dublin he was never invited to join the Turf Club.

He died in 1922 and his pallbearers included Arthur Griffith, Alfie Byrne and Oliver St. John Gogarty, perhaps proving that he had more friends in the political field than in racing.

Orby was a success at stud, breeding the 1919 Derby winner Grand Parade and the One Thousand Guineas winner Diadem. Most of his stock was endowed with speed rather than stamina. The Orby male line is best remembered by the sprinters, the Boss, Sir Cosmo, Panorama and Golden Bridge. It was to take two World Wars and fifty years before an Irish trained horse took the blue Riband again.

Jim Healy



*F. F. MacCabe, Orby's
trainer.*

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PLAYERS NAMES:

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On behalf of the above team I agree to abide by the rules of the
Competition and the Committee's decisions at all times.

Signed: _____ Team Captain/Manager

**N.B. Completed Entry Form together with entry Fee of €50 must be lodged with
John McGinley not later than Friday 30th June 2006
(Phone: 6285293 (H) - 7026536 (W))**

PLACES LIMITED TO THE FIRST 16 TEAMS WHO APPLY

Maynooth Community Festival

7-A-Side Soccer Tournament 10th - 23th July Rules



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

John McGinley (Phone 6285293) Secretary Organising Committee
Entries before 30th June 2006

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Flower & Garden Club Notes

Club members and friends enjoyed a memorable Spring Show in April this year. Some say it was the best yet and they couldn't be argued with. The presentation and floral displays were awe inspiring but then I'm biased in that I am a flower and garden lover but even the most ungreen fingered person could not but be bowled over by the colour, variety and innovative ideas of the day. Congratulations to all who entered because everybody deserved prizes for contributing to the overall effect. Best in Show was awarded to Maureen Fagan. Dominic MacNamara, St Patrick's College, Maynooth presented Cups and Prizes.

Our Major Plant Sale to raise funds for the College Chapel, Maynooth took place on May 6th and it was a resounding success. The final figure hopes to be in the region of €12,000. A huge thank you to all who helped before, during and after, on the day and in the preceding days, weeks and months. Loftus Hall was a sea of green on the day but after buses and cars were filled to capacity with plants and shrubs, spaces became available for plants that had been waiting patiently under the tables for their turn to be displayed. Everybody went home tired but happy with the day's outcome.

Next club night: June 20
Demonstrator: Angela Kelly
Competition: "Beauty in Contrast", a modern exhibit. Space for Classes A, B and C: 60cm
Plant Competition: 1 Rose

Notes

All Meetings are held at 8 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in Loftus Hall, Maynooth College.

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Castle Keep Art Group Maynooth 8th Annual Art Exhibition 2006

The Castle Keep Art Group held its 8th Annual Art Exhibition in the Post Primary School on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd April. This year there was a record 129 works on display in various media. It was an impressive output by 18 local artists. A diverse range of subjects was represented— landscapes, seascapes, still life, portraiture as well as flower, figure, equine subjects. Local scenes which included Carton Boat House, Bond Bridge, The Wonderful Barn were eagerly sought after. Over half of the works on display were sold and a number of people requested commissions. There were many visitors to the exhibition over the two days.

We would like to thank John McGinley, Mayor of Kildare who opened the exhibition on Friday night. A large number of invited guests attended and by all accounts it was a very enjoyable evening for everyone.

We also extend our thanks to Carton Golf Club who generously sponsored the event again this year. Their support is very much appreciated.

The continued provision of a venue—the Post Primary School—has played a large part in the group's survival—our thanks to Senan Griffin, Principal and Kildare VEC. Brian Farrell's help and enthusiasm in preparing the room made our task of hanging all the easier. Caroline, Sheila and Marcella made sure all was on track in the venue planning.

The exhibition would be nothing without all those who visited, purchased and commented on the exhibition. This support is vital for the group's continuance and development and is welcomed and appreciated. We are beginning to develop a loyal following and you will be glad to know we are already planning for next year! Keep an eye on the calendar, our exhibition usually happens on the weekend after Easter.

Members of the group get together on a weekly bases for a 'meet and paint' session from September to May. Whenever possible some tuition is organised throughout the year. If you wish to find out more about us please contact: **Susan at 01 6289349 evenings. We welcome new members.**

**Susan Durack
Secretary
Castle Keep Art Group**

Castle Keep Art Exhibition



Pat Bourke & Marie Brannick



Dr. Maeve Mulryan Molony, Rita Edwards and Hilda Dunne— visitors to the exhibition opening night



Jacqui Morrissey & Susan Barton - Enjoying the exhibition on opening night



Aveen Walsh & Friend- At the opening night



Rita Flynn & friend - enjoying the exhibition



Natalie Kelly & Betty O'Hare, members of Castle Keep Art Group



Liz Rochfort, Tom Rochfort & Susan Durack - members of the Castle Keep Art Club

Ladies Day at Punchestown Races



Mick & Rita Flynn with Caroline & Gary Moffin



Carol Conway and sister May Mahoney

Party Political

Fianna Fail Old Carton Cumann Press release on the Traffic situation in Maynooth.

Infrastructure with regard to traffic and parking in Maynooth is appalling and is set to worsen. Serious amounts of tax payers money has been wasted accommodating traffic to the new Mill Centre.

In the recent past, there has been a serious and ongoing traffic problem in Maynooth, which has been caused as a direct result of the opening of the new Mill Centre in Maynooth and the tinkering with a previously working traffic control system.

We in Old Carton Cumann now want to know the amount of money which has been wasted by Kildare County Council.

At the request of Brid Feely, a traffic study was conducted in 2004 when traffic tail-backs were up to 4 miles long on Friday evenings and the traffic light times were reset then. The system worked well except when the bus couldn't pull into the bus bay on Main Street, which blocked traffic in all directions.

With the completion of the Mill Centre:

- 1 Traffic lights were erected at the new centre.
- 2 Traffic lights were erected at the Roost (almost at the same time as Bond Bridge was closed and the new interchange was opened). We find this incredible.
- 3 Traffic lights were erected at the Glenroyal.
- 4 Traffic lights were erected at LIDL.
- 5 The green light time at the lights at the square for traffic turning in the direction of Dunboyne Road / Tesco was significantly reduced.
- 6 The green light time at the lights at the square for traffic coming from Dunboyne Road / Tesco was significantly reduced.
- 7 The green light time for traffic coming from Celbridge at the Maxol garage junction was significantly increased and the green time given to traffic coming from Celbridge is almost equal to the time given to traffic on the Straffan Road. This is causing serious problems for traffic coming from the Motorway and for the first time we witnessed outward traffic jams in the evening on the Straffan Road, all because the green light time for Celbridge Road traffic was increased to a ridiculous time. On many occasions, when there

were huge tail-backs on the Straffan Road coming from the Motorway and from the Town because there lights were red, there was no traffic coming from Celbridge. We are very interested in the traffic study which justifies such time dedication for Celbridge traffic.

So it appears, the lights were designed and set to accommodate traffic coming from all directions to the New Mill Centre.

So according to KCC, shopping traffic going to the Mill Centre is more important than Maynooth people trying to go to and from work.

Because of the sheer chaos in September / October 2005 caused by the tinkering with the traffic light timings, The Maynooth Business Association called for a meeting with KCC and in November, met with Mr. Pat Whelan S.E.O. Roads administrator and Mr. David Reel, senior Executive Engineer of the Roads design section to express anger at the traffic chaos in Maynooth. It was at this meeting we were told that Faber Maunsel had been contracted by KCC as traffic control consultants.

Two of the members of the Maynooth Business Association are also members of the Old Carton FF Cumann which attended the meeting. Gross dissatisfaction was expressed at the traffic chaos and the disruption it was causing to business, commuters, school goers, etc., and a number of recommendations were made with the idea to help alleviate the traffic problem.

The following were the main recommendations made by the Maynooth Business Association to KCC in November 2005:

- 1 Reset the traffic light timing at the square for traffic turning right towards Dunboyne Road / Tesco to the original light times which should be 3 times longer (increase green time by 15 seconds) and similarly increase the green light time for traffic coming from Tesco.
- 2 Switch off the lights at the Roost. There was no need for traffic lights at this junction. Bond bridge was closed. A roundabout should be constructed here.
- 3 Do not switch on the traffic lights at the Glenroyal (they were already erected in Nov 2005 but not switched on). It was unbelievable traffic lights were erected here in the first instance.
- 4 Reconstruct the bus bay on Main Street, as KCC had promised they would do in 2004.

KCC ignored us and continued with the nonsense but in February 2006 they eventually had to switch off the

Party Political

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lights at the Glenroyal. In May 2006 the lights taken down 7 months after Maynooth Business association advised KCC not to switch them on.

Besides, instead of increasing the green light times to and from Tesco, **Faber Maunsel propose chopping down 5 or 6 of the lime trees on Main Street to make new lanes at the square.** This proposal was reported in the Maynooth Newsletter issue 335 March 2006. This is insanity. In the same Newsletter Faber Maunsel reported the traffic light timings at the square for traffic going to Tesco / Dunboyne Road were being increased by 15 seconds.

So what we have now is the return of the same traffic light timings as were set in 2004 and all of the erection of lights and tinkering with timings in the interim were unnecessary and a waste of time, money and unnecessary disturbance and chaos inflicted on the people of Maynooth. We aim to find out the cost of this scandalous waste.

We Old Carton Cumann have had enough and we now demand answers to the following questions:

- 1 Why did KCC roads design employ independent contractors to design the traffic system, when they knew full well, this is the Roads Design section's work for which the Roads Design department and staff of that department have been employed and are paid to do?
- 2 The two Maynooth sitting councillors were deafening in their silence during all this chaos.
- 3 **What were the surveying and planning costs from the consultants / contractors for each set of lights in Maynooth erected since the building of the Mill Centre as above mentioned?**
- 4 **What were the electrical and construction costs of each set of lights? Who were the contractors and how were the costs determined / approved. Was the job tendered for?**
- 5 **What are the ancillary costs (Kerbing, railing etc.,) per set of lights? Who were the contractors and how and by whom were they appointed?**
- 6 **What was the cost of taking down the set of lights at the Glenroyal?**
- 7 **What is the annual service contract cost per set of lights and who is the service contractor?**

What we have now in Maynooth, after all this unnecessary tinkering, is a massive waste of taxpayers money. We are back to square one, to the original time settings set in 2004, which were right all along and unnecessary to interfere with. So all this work and cost, disruption and chaos was unnecessary.

We, Old Carton Cumann, are of the opinion that all of this unnecessary cost and chaos, was to facilitate the Mill Centre only and not alone did it not consider the effect of motorists / commuters of Maynooth , it seems it was designed to demonstrate that the traffic flow to the Centre was favoured.

It is unbelievable that KCC roads design employs independent contractors to do their job. How much do these people get paid and how much more of tax payers money is being wasted of which the public is not aware?

Maynooth Old Carton FF Cumann will make further press releases when we have some answers from KCC.

So as not to be confused with the original cumann in Maynooth, the Executive Members of **THE OLD CARTON CUMANN**, WHICH IS THE NEW FF CUMANN IN MAYNOOTH ARE:

Mr Cyril McAree (Chairman)
Dr. M. Cowhey (Vice-Chairman)
Ms Brid Feely (Secretary)

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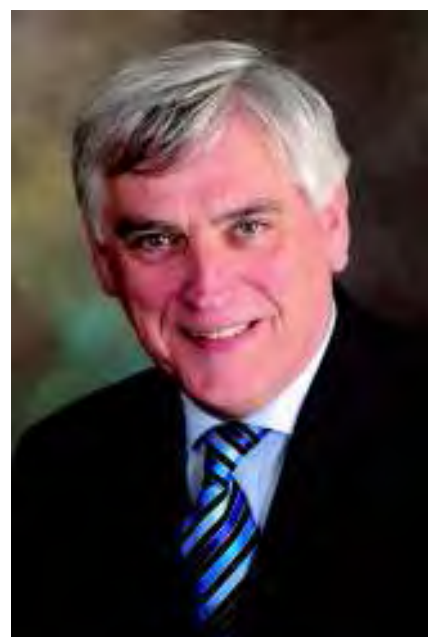
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Commissioner Charlie McCreevy, Brid Feely, Secretary of Old Carton Cumann, Cllr. Michael Fitzpatrick, Max Mooney, Treasurer Old Carton Cumann and Cyril McAree, Chairman Old Carton Cumann at the recent fundraising Breakfast held by Cllr. Michael Fitzpatrick in the Killashee House

First Holy Communion in Maynooth



Eleanor McEvoy with Family

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Deputy Catherine Murphy (Ind) News

Irish Rail reviewing Ticket prices for outer Suburbs

Deputy Catherine Murphy has been told in a parliamentary reply by the Minister for Transport that Iarnrod Eireann are currently engaged in a review of all fare structures. It is expected this review will be completed by the end of the year.

Deputy Murphy has sought a rationalisation of the fare structures on the suburban rail system, under the current system commuters in the outer suburbs such as Sallins and Kilcock pay substantially more for daily commuting than those within the commuter area as defined by Irish Rail.

Iarnrod Eireann currently operates two fare structures—a Dublin commuter area, which encompasses Balbriggan, Maynooth, Hazelhatch and Kilcoole and the national network. For a single adult fare from Balbriggan to the City Centre the fare is €3.60. For the shorter journey from Sallins to Heuston or Kilcock to the City Centre the fare is €6. The fare for the one stop between Hazelhatch and Sallins in the other direction the fare is €8 making it a very unattractive proposition, while the €4.50 you will pay for the one stop between Maynooth and Kilcock is 90cent more than the cost of the fare from Maynooth to the City Centre at €3.60

Noise Regulations exclude Training Aircraft

Guidelines recently introduced by the Minister for the Environment Heritage & Local Government relating to the management of environmental noise excludes the noise made by some training flights. In a statement Deputy Catherine Murphy expressed her disappointment that the Minister had not gone further than required by the European Union Directive (EU 2002/49/EC).

Environmental noise is defined in the Directive as unwanted or harmful outdoor sound created by human activities, including noise emitted by means of transport, road traffic, rail traffic, air traffic and from sites of industrial activity. In defining a major airport, the Directive excludes movements (take-offs or landings) that are purely for training purposes on light aircraft.

According to Deputy Murphy the vast majority of complaints she has received over the years relate to aircraft noise in the North Kildare Area. Most of these relate to light aircraft and increasingly helicopters flying low close to Weston Aerodrome. While some planes are fitted with noise abatement systems this is not a requirement. With the intensification of use of the busiest training facility namely Weston there is little comfort in the regulations introduced. Deputy Murphy is seeking an amendment of the regulations

to include light aircraft in circumstances where there are extensive flight movements close to urban areas.

Hold on to your bin tags advice from Deputy Murphy

The recent finance Bill made some changes on the amount a household may claim back in Tax on Refuse Charges. According to Deputy Catherine Murphy the amount has increased to €400. She had been critical last year when the Minister replied to a Parliamentary Question tabled by her which showed that the change to pay by lift/weight meant that the amount of tax refund was limited to the standing charge only and excluded the cost of bin tags, I welcome the fact that the Minister changed this in this years Finance Bill.

What taxpayers need to do is to hold on to their bin tags and submit them together with the standing charge bill to the Tax Office. Taxpayers claiming in 2006 will automatically receive the allowance in the following years so its well worth putting the effort in.

Two area's where there is a low take up of tax refund are in the area's of claiming medical expenses and refuse charges very often households don't hold on to receipts and as a consequence each year millions are saved by the state by taxpayers not looking for their own money back, medical expenses being the major area for those under-claiming.

Kildare not at the Races on Arts Funding

Deputy Catherine Murphy has learned through a reply to a parliamentary question that Kildare is just one of five Counties that failed to secure any funding under the Arts & Culture Capital Enhancement Support Scheme (ACCESS), for the years 2004, 2005 and are not expected to receive funding in 2006.

Under the ACCESS programme €43M was allocated to projects around the country with a further €60M paid in grants under the Capital Funding programme. Dublin with an allocation of €34m tops the list with Wexford receiving just short of €27m, between them they received the lions share, the Ministers own County of Kerry received the 4th largest allocation €4.2m.

Counties with significantly smaller populations than Kildare, Laois Offaly Cavan & Longford (combined population of 210,000 Census 2002) received nothing from the €103M fund. Kildare has been one of the most rapidly developing counties over the past two decades with an estimated 200,000 residents, there is no doubt it is the glaring omission. Much of the recent development in the County has been housing development the absence of Arts and Leisure facilities continues to be a source of complaint.

Minister O'Donoghue stated in his reply to Deputy Murphy "The increase in the availability of facilities and the enhancement of their quality, a result of the



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scheme, has greatly improved access to and participation in the arts for a great many people all around the country." Deputy Murphy stated that there is an obvious equity issue for those Counties that are not sharing in the improved facilities. "I am well aware that the performing arts are thriving in Kildare however facilities lag way behind the very obvious needs". Taxpayers who are residents of the omitted Counties have a right to expect their communities will be included in what should be a genuinely National Funding Scheme."

OPW needs to show good will on flooding problems â€" Murphy

In a reply from the Minister for Finance Deputy Catherine Murphy has been told that the Office of Public Works intend to carry out a major study of the Liffey Catchment in the future. They have agreed that the Section of the catchment along the River Rye is to go ahead first, this will focus on Leixlip, Maynooth and Kilcock. The reason given for this approach is because of the existing flood risk and also because of development pressure. This study is expected to take 18 months.

In the meantime OPW is willing to consider funding elements that there is reasonable certainty will be compatible with the final recommendations and are economically and environmentally sustainable. Much was expected from the report commissioned by Kildare County Council following the 2002 floods. It will be a further eighteen months before the recommendations of the latest study will be revealed, even then the recommendations will be implemented subject to finance becoming available. Over the past four years substantial new development has taken place along the catchment which will have the effect of adding to the flow from the storm water drains.

In the meantime residents who have had the experience of having their homes flooded will continue to have an anxious wait. Some insurance companies have also placed Leixlip on a list of area â€™s subject to flooding and are unwilling to insure properties as a consequence. â€œ if this part of County Kildare is to continue to expand the Office of Public Works will have to show some good will in at the very least ensuring the problem does not get worse, that means funding some of the existing recommendations now. â€

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Maynooth Fianna Fail - Boys School Cumann - Update

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If you would like to join Maynooth Fianna Fail Boys School Cumann - please make contact with any of the above or Mr. Pat O'Brien at 01 6286049 or 087 237 6820, Gearoid Lohan on 087 2194797 or Michael Caden at 01 6286049.

See also the Fianna Fail website: www.fiannafail.ie

Dail Eireann Visit

If anyone is interested in visiting Dail Eireann, please contact Anna Kelly 01 6286934 or Michael Caden on 01 6286049 - a visit is being organised by the local Fianna Fail organisation on **Wednesday 31st of May** next. Members and non-members are welcome.

Public Meeting in Maynooth - Minister Martin Cullen TD

The Minister for Transport Martin Cullen TD addressed a well attended public meeting in Maynooth on Tuesday 9th of May last. The Minister outlined the Government Plans, under Transport 21, for planned improvements on the rail network for Maynooth commuters.

Questions and Answers followed the Minister's Presentation.

Fianna Fail's General Election Candidates Aine Brady, Anthony Creevey and Michael Fitzpatrick attended together with local Councillor Paul Kelly.



Public meeting with Minister for Transport Martin Cullen

There was a large attendance of local people at the fundraising breakfast organised by the local Fianna Fail organisation which was held in the Glenroyal Hotel on Friday 28th of April last.

The Minister outlined the Governments record on the Key issues of the day and Michael O'Muircheartaigh gave a very entertaining address, which concentrated on the sports people who later entered politics.

Extension to Girls School gets go-ahead

The Minister for Education, Mary Hanafin TD informed Aine Brady that the Girls School extension has been given the go-ahead. Construction on the extension will commence in about 12 months.

This follows in addition to the recent announcement for a new Gael Scoil for Maynooth.

Maynooth Traffic Management Plan

ClIr Paul Kelly informed the cumann that the Leixlip Area Committee noted the report of progress on the Traffic plan, but complained that the sequencing work on the traffic signals had not yet been carried out or the introduction of a right turning lane at the Straffan Road / Main Street junction, an additional ten seconds was to be introduced on the green phase at the junction, but this has not yet happened. The committee want to know when will the work on the signals be carried out and observed that this was to be done for March.

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Footpaths at Dublin Road, Doctors Lane, Maynooth

The committee noted the progress report presented to the meeting which said that the special development levies were a condition of the Tesco development and asked that the position be checked in relation what they are for.

Filter Lane at Parklands Estate, Maynooth

The members appreciated the report which was presented, but insisted that a development of fourteen houses in the area had a condition for levies which are available for this work and asked for the position to be checked.

Bandstand

The mound of earth behind the "bandstand" at Pound Park, Maynooth was created as a result of urban renewal works some years ago and that the area office will now level this mound.

Register of electors

Are you on the register of electors? If not please make contact with any of the following for application forms and procedures required to get on the register.

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Cllr. John McGinley

North Kildare Swimming Pool Progress

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following progress report on the North Kildare Swimming Pool Complex to be constructed at the Leixlip Amenity Centre:

There has been agreement among the clubs at the Amenity Centre on the movements necessary to facilitate the construction of the Complex. The project has been divided into three phases i.e.

- Phase 1. Construction of 6 all-weather pitches costing €250,000. The Tennis club is moving to facilitate this and when the pitches are completed six tennis courts will be built at a cost of €150,000. It is hoped to have Phase 1 completed by September 2006.
- Phase 2. The Athletic Club will move from the back of the Centre to the raised ground close to Louisa Bridge. Funding approval is expected from the Department by end May or early June. The cost of Phase 2 is 500,000.
- Phase 3 is the Swimming Pool Complex and an application for Exchequer Funding will be made early next year. It will be a 25m pool, with facilities similar to the new pools being constructed in Naas and Athy. It will cost €7 or €8m.

Maynooth Traffic Management Plan

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following update at the Leixlip Area Meeting on 21st April:

"Faber Maunsell, Traffic Consultants, have been engaged by the Council to examine traffic management issues in the vicinity of the Square. This assessment is ongoing and the Area Committee will be fully appraised before any remedial measures are programmed."

John asked that the changes that he had requested be put in place without any further delay and he is pleased to note that the right turning lane from the Straffan Road to Main Street has been extended from the Square to the entrance at the Glenroyal Complex. He has again requested that the green time for cars turning right be increased from 10secs to 20 secs and for the pedestrian crossing at the Bank of Ireland to be removed. John has also asked that the green time at the Celbridge Road lights to be reduced from 20secs to 10 secs in order to improve traffic flow on the Straffan Road

Footpaths at Dublin Road /Doctors Lane, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following reply to his demand for a proper footpath from Hand's Corner to Leinster Park entrance and that the development levies collected in the area be used for this purpose:

"The special development levies which are a condition of the Tesco development relate to the construction to that portion of the outer link extending from the Celbridge Road to the Dublin Road."

Cllr. McGinley stated that the levies on TESCO were not for the ring road, but were for footpath improvements in the area. The Council Officials agreed to investigate the matter further.

Northern Relief Road

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following reply to his request for a progress report on the Northern Relief Road from Moyglare Road to Dunboyne Road:

"As previously pointed out, there is no detailed costing available for this project. The figures cited in last month's report of circa. €12m - €15m is a guesstimate solely for the purposes of giving the area committees some indication of the costs involved. It is broadly composed as follows:-"

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- A. Civil works—€7m—€9m
- B. Land Acquisition—€4m—€5m
- C. Design, supervision and other incidentals circa. €1m

It should also be noted that while there is a preliminary scheme available, there are a number of issues which cannot be finalised until detailed design stage, hence a further difficulty of arriving at a detailed costing at this point."

Cllr. McGinley asked that an engineer from the Roads Department attend the next meeting to give an explanation for the extraordinary costs for such a short piece of road. He further stated that there should be no question of a cost for land acquisition.

Public Lighting at the Harbour, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley has been advised that the new public lighting will be put in place shortly.

Contact Numbers for Litter Wardens

The Council's litter wardens may be contacted directly by mobile phone at 086-2848563/ 086-8285577. If an individual wishes to talk to the litter warden in confidence, this can also be arranged. Alternatively, the Environment Section - which will handle general enquiries while the wardens are out of the office - may also be contacted at 045-980588 or by e-mail. The Council is in the process of employing two additional litter wardens to support the anti-litter campaign.

Cllr. McGinley has asked that those convicted of litter offences be named in the local papers.

Mound of Earth at the "Bandstand" in Pound Park, Maynooth

In response to Cllr. McGinley's demand for the levelling of the mound of earth the Council have allocated €2,500 for a contractor to remove the soil instead. Cllr. McGinley has advised the Council that it would be better value for money if the €2,500 was given to the Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee and let them carry out the work.

John has also submitted the following question for addressing at the next Area Meeting on 19th May:

"What progress has been made on removing the "bandstand from Pound Park, Maynooth."

Public Lights in The Square, Maynooth

Following representations from Cllr. John McGinley the vandalised public lights in the Square have been repaired and a replacement unit has been ordered for the severed unit with the three lights.

Question for next Area Meeting

Cllr. McGinley has submitted the following question for addressing at the next Area Meeting:

"When will the decorative bollards be installed at the footpath outside the Boys' School, Moyglare Road, as agreed at the Area Meeting on 16th September last."

Motion for next Area Meeting

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee at its meeting on 19th May:

"That the developer of Manor Mills, Maynooth be asked to restore the two small green areas between St. Mary's Church and the Boys' School yard, to their original landscaped state."

Castledawson Housing Estate

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to speed up the taking in charge of this estate. John was advised by the Council engineer, Willie Hannigan, that when the main road was given the final coat of tarmacadam and the pump stations upgraded the Council would have no problem taking the estate in charge. The ownership of the road and the development behind Castledawson has been sold twice recently. Sherwood Homes bought it from Croftbeam and then sold it on to Aranbell (the developers of Brayton Park, Kilcock).

Willie Hannigan is meeting both Sherwood Homes and Aranbell on site on Monday, 15th May, to address all of the outstanding issues. Cllr. McGinley asked that the bad smell from the drains be addressed as a matter of urgency.

Completion of the Footpath at the ESSO Station on Straffan Road

Cllr John McGinley has asked for the footpath to be surfaced at ESSO without any further delay as it is a hazard for pedestrians at present.

Damaged Bollards at the Chicane in Parklands

A car recently ploughed into the four bollards at the

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first chicane in Parklands and smashed the bollards. Following representations from Cllr. John McGinley the Council has ordered new bollards and they will be erected ASAP.

Repairs to the Footpath Between Rockfield and Parklands

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to carry out remedial work on the damaged footpath/walkway between Rockfield and Parklands.

Ponding of Water at Rockfield Grove

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to extend the shore to cover houses 6, 7 and 8, Rockfield Grove, in order to prevent the ponding of water in the cul de sac.

Stagg Mystified at New Excuse for not carrying out Phase 2 of Restoration Works to Maynooth Castle

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government, to establish if he would review his previous decision not to proceed with phase 2 of the restoration works to Maynooth Castle.

Just under €2 Million was spent on Phase 1 of the restoration works stated Deputy Stagg which involved the development of the ground floor vaulted areas for exhibition purposes together with access to the first floor and the provision of small-scale guide and visitor facilities. Phase 2 of the restoration works which was shelved by this Government in 2001, would have seen the provision of a roof on the Keep of the Castle and an auditorium.

Previously the Government advised Deputy Stagg that they simply had no plans to proceed with Phase 2 of the works. Now Minister Roche has indicated that further facilities including the provision of toilets would be required if there were to be a greater use of the Castle. The Minister stated that it is not possible to provide these at the site currently and that the only way of overcoming this problem was through the acquisition of land. If land was available the Minister further advised Deputy Stagg that this would be examined in conjunction with the OPW.

Deputy Stagg stated that he was astonished that the Minister was now giving a new excuse, 5 years after they abandoned Phase 2, for not further developing the Historic Maynooth Castle. In effect the Minister is

saying that unless land is acquired there is no further possibility of developing the Castle. Deputy Stagg further stated that there was adequate land available for the provision of facilities but indicated that he would contact Professor John Hughes, President of N.U.I. Maynooth who is Chairperson of the Maynooth Castle Committee seeking his views on the matter before taking the issue up further with the Minister.

Provision of Additional Public Nursing Homes put on Long Finger

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Tanaiste in relation to her plans to develop further Public Nursing Homes throughout the State such as the excellent facility, the Maynooth Community Unit, at The Harbour in Maynooth which opened in 2003.

Deputy Stagg sought this information against the backdrop where upwards of 140 elderly people on average are awaiting admission to long term care in Co. Kildare.

As is the norm the HSE responded to Deputy Stagg on behalf of the Tanaiste and indicated that the primary focus for the next 2 years is to focus on maintaining older people in their own homes with additional home care packages. In relation to long term stay provision an assessment is being undertaken in this area which will be completed in 2006.

Whilst welcoming the provision of additional Home Care Packages, Deputy Stagg stated that in Kildare the Home Help Service is already in crisis. We all know that the preferred choice of older people is to stay at home in their community for as long as possible but this does not get away from the fact that there are seriously incapacitated elderly people who cannot at present avail of public long term care, 140 at present in Kildare alone. Having to assess this is in effect putting the provision of additional public nursing homes on the long finger and consigning elderly people to real hardship as family, friends and neighbours try to care for them at home. Worse still it consigns elderly people and their families to the claws of the Private Nursing Home operators.

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Deputy Stagg stated that the Maynooth Community Unit is a State of the Art facility built at a cost of €5.4 Million and it costs €2.2 Million to run annually. Given that the National Economic and Social Forum recently stated that the Government needed to spend an additional €500 Million per year on care for the elderly to bring Ireland up to the O.E.C.D. average, it would make sense to commence a programme of building additional Community Care Units throughout the **(Maynooth Labour News Cont'd)**

Country. In North Kildare certainly units are required in Celbridge, Leixlip and Naas.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that the attitude of the Tanaiste was uncaring for people in their twilight years. Not only can they not get into Hospital for treatment without spending days on trolleys in A & E but she also wants them to suffer under duress in their homes when they are no longer capable of independent living. He vowed to continue his campaign for additional Public Nursing Homes.

Commissioner Rejects Stagg's Call for 24 Hour Garda Station for North Kildare

Deputy Emmet Stagg wrote to the Garda Commissioner last October seeking the provision of a 24 Hour Garda Station to serve the Towns of Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth, which had a combined population of 40,324 according to the 2002 Census, and will probably have a combined population of 50,000 when the Census results from last night are compiled.

The Office of the Garda Commissioner responded to Deputy Stagg on 19th April and regretfully they will not agree to Deputy Stagg's request pointing out that the provision of a 24 hour station would necessitate the employment of additional personnel on indoor duties who may be more effectively employed providing an outdoor visible policing service. The response to Deputy Stagg further stated that each of the Towns has a 24 hour mobile patrol service and that the situation would be kept under review in the context of the overall needs of Garda Stations throughout the Country.

Reacting with dismay to the Commissioner's response Deputy Stagg stated that it remained to him unacceptable that an area with a population of 50,000 people had no 24 hour garda station. He further stated that the three 24 hour stations in Kildare at Naas, Newbridge and Kildare Town are within 12 miles of each other. They service a wide rural area but the population levels in North East Kildare at this stage demand a 24 hour station in either Celbridge, Leixlip or Maynooth.

Deputy Stagg stated that he was all for a highly visible police force but stated that he had not seen much evidence of this in any of the Towns today. Furthermore he stated that Leitrim with a population 30% less than North East Kildare has two 24 Hour Garda Stations. This was probably due to historical problems near the border but that problem does not exist now and it was time for the Garda Commissioner to close 24 hour stations where they were not required and open them up in areas where there is a crying need for them.

Deputy Stagg stated 'From my dealings with the Public in Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth there is a clear frustration at their inability to get Garda help when it is required. With crime rampant in the area the only way of effectively policing the area is through the provision of a dedicated 24 hour station in one of the towns. It is no use ringing a local station and being patched through to Naas who say they will contact the patrol car and that's probably the last you'll hear about it'.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he would not give up on the campaign. He stated that he intended to respond to the Commissioner enquiring which of the 109 existing 24 hour stations he intended to close to put more gardai out on the streets and to question the number of 24 hour stations that were required historically in border areas but which are no longer required now and whose resources should be transferred to areas such as North East Kildare.

Stagg Welcomes Further Progressing of Maynooth Presentation Convent Extension

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the announcement that the required extension to the Presentation Convent in Maynooth is being progressed with the approval to proceed to tender and construction over the next 15 months.

Deputy Stagg stated that he had been particularly concerned at the inordinate delay in progressing the Maynooth Presentation Convent Extension through the Architectural Planning Process of the Department where the Stage 3 submission (Detailed Plans) had sat for 5 months without being examined by the Department and approval to proceed to Stage 4 & 5 which covers planning permission/fire certification, bills of quantities and tender documentation had only issued last March.

The Extension of Maynooth comprises additional classrooms, resource rooms and a general purpose room.

Poetry Corner

End of School Year

Like an old-time American wake
The last day is always schizoid,
Surface merriment
Belying the encroaching void.
One keeps oneself busy:
Last-minute phone calls,
Cleaning out drawers,
Writing up reports,
Though all the time
One longs to sit and chat,
To reinforce connections
Established in manoeuvres
Attempted at the chalk front!

But this is furlough time,
A truce has been declared,
Dissolving common purposes,
Drawing colleagues back
Miles behind the salient
Into discrete, peacetime families
From which one is excluded.

Patrick Devaney

Red Admiral

On this commonplace Sunday morning
Between breakfast and the rush for mass
The first sight that arrests me
Is a Red Admiral
Perched like a tiny dark triangle
Upon the concrete boundary wall
Next a family of blackbirds
Descending on the garden grass
Mottled juvenile heads
Clashing with their one-tone bodies
Then as I hurry out the door
I see you striding homeward
From a sleepover following a disco
Denim jacket above long silken dress
Hair loose eyes gleaming
Chattering with your school friend
Like a pair of new-flown blackbirds
As unconscious of your brightness
As the Red Admiral opening its wings

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03	Subaru Impreza, WRX, 2lt, Turbo, H/S, S/R, only 10K	Blue, €28,500
02	Subaru Impreza WRX ,2lt, Turbo, H/S, tracking system, many extras,	Blue, €23,000
01	Subaru Impreza, 1.6 G.L, alloys, spots, turbo kit, H/S NCT 03/07, 45K	Red, €14,500
01	Subaru Forester, 2lt, AWD, S/R, 92K	Red, €15,000
00	Subaru Outback, Auto Lux Pack, S/R, Suede interior, 67K	Blue, €13,000
02	Skoda Octavia, SLX, 1.6lt, M/T, Air con, Alloys 25K	Green, €11,000
99	VW.Golf, 1.9 SDI, 17" alloys, C/L, NCT, Immac 80K	Blue, €9,500
99	Daihatsu Terios, 1.3lt, DX, 5dr, alloys, S/R, NCT 48K	Navy €8,500

Finance Arranged

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In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that we were still probably 12 months away from construction actually commencing but the project is now at its most advanced stage.

Stagg Lodges Observations Against Appeal by O2 Mobile Base Station at Newtown Inn

Deputy Emmet Stagg has along with his colleague Cllr.

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John McGinley lodged Observations with An Bord Pleanala opposing the appeal by O2 against Kildare Co. Council's decision to refuse planning permission for a Mobile Base Station on the Newtown Inn, Maynooth, incorporating the provision of a flagpole on the roof of the pub with 3 concealed antenna and a Radio Link Dish on the roof.

O2 lodged their appeal with An Bord Pleanala on April 18th last claiming that the proposal was required to give 3G coverage in the area and that the Maynooth Development Plan 2002 (M.D.P. 2002) was very restrictive in relation to such proposals.

In the Observations to An Bord Pleanala Deputy Stagg made the following points:

- That the proposal represented a material contravention of the M.D.P. 2002 which stipulates that such telecommunications equipment should not be located in the vicinity of residential areas.
- That the real reason for the proposal was to get coverage into St. Patrick's College which could be penetrated from an existing mast on Main Street.
- That the area of Beaufield, Brookfield, Meadowbrook and the general Newtown area could be served by a Mobile Base Station at the Maynooth Business Campus.
- That the Local Shop area at Beaufield could not be described as a commercial/retail area as defined by the Kildare Co. Development Plan as areas suitable for such telecommunications equipment.
- That the applicants failed to look at alternative sites as required under the Telecommunications Guidelines.
- That the site chosen could not be determined as a last resort site because of the failure of O2 to look at other sites for the location of the mobile base station.
- That the proposal would impact negatively on property values in the area.
- That the proposal would set a precedent for a proliferation of such telecommunications

antennae on the Newtown Inn.

Deputy Stagg concluded that the Newtown Inn site was an entirely inappropriate location for the Mobile Base Station and that alternatives to serve the area had not been examined as required. He called on An Bord Pleanala to protect the residents of the area from such an inappropriate commercial use given the alternatives available.

Stagg Critical of Continued Delays in Sanctioning Additional Buses for Dublin Bus

Deputy Emmet Stagg has criticised the continued delay in funding an additional 200 buses initially for Dublin Bus as part of Transport 21 which was announced last November.

Dublin Bus, stated Deputy Stagg, is the Workhorse of the Public Transport System carrying over 150 Million passengers in 2004. During the period of the National Development Plan 2000 to 2006 a commitment to provide 205 additional buses was made by the Government, 15 of which were to serve the Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge routes. None of these were delivered on. When Transport 21 was announced last November the expectation was that this promise would finally be delivered on albeit at the end of the 2000/2006 Plan rather than during it in a smooth increase in Bus numbers.

Deputy Stagg questioned the Minister for Transport in the Dail in relation to sanctioning the funding sought by Dublin Bus for 200 additional Buses. That request was submitted on 20th January, 2006, nearly 4 months ago. As required Dublin Bus also submitted a Review of their Network on 2nd March 2006, more than 2 months ago. Yet the Minister still refuses to sanction the purchase of the additional buses which in effect means that there is no possibility of getting more than half of these buses on the road by the end of this year. What this means in real terms is continuing overcrowding at Peak Periods for commuters and a failure to provide new services to new parts of North Kildare.

Deputy Stagg stated that this continued delay in sanctioning additional buses showed this Governments contempt for Dublin Bus commuters and he indicated that he would continue to raise the issue with the Minister until the additional buses were sanctioned.

Preliminary Design Work Under Way for City Centre Resignalling Project

Deputy Emmet Stagg has continued to pressurise the

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Minister for Transport in relation to moving forward the City Centre Resignalling Project which will increase the number of Train Paths between Connolly and Pearse Stations from 24 per hour at present to 32 per hour once the work is completed, and significantly increase capacity on the Maynooth Suburban Line serving Connolly Station.

The Minister advised Deputy Stagg that a sum of €2 Million was provided to Iarnrod Eireann to establish a
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Project Design Office for the Resignalling Project and that preliminary design work is now underway. The Minister further advised Deputy Stagg that he expected to receive proposals in relation to the project in the latter part of 2006.

Welcoming the move forward Deputy Stagg stated that Iarnrod Eireann were under pressure to deal with all the projects included in Transport 21 and he was pleased that the critical City Centre Project was now moving forward.

Eye Test Waiting List for Children Not Being Dealt With Due to Lack of Resources

Last September Deputy Emmet Stagg criticised the 7 month delay at Maynooth Health Centre in arranging Eye Tests for Children, which was twice the waiting time at Health Centres in Athy, Naas and Newbridge.

Having called on the Tanaiste and Minister for Health to provide additional opticians at Maynooth Health Centre to reduce the waiting time, a full 3 months later, in January 2006, Deputy Stagg was advised that the Health Services Executive were currently in the process of reviewing the optical service and assessing staff requirements to meet the needs of the growing service in Kildare/West Wicklow.

At that time Deputy Stagg welcomed the review but was adamant that the provision of additional opticians in Maynooth was the only answer to the problem.

Since then Deputy Stagg has sought information on the outcome of the review and was recently advised to his utter dismay that *'The current review of optical section is a review of the internal procedures carried out by clerical administrative staff on a daily basis. The HSE are working within the current resources available to alleviate optical waiting lists for all areas where clinics are provided in Kildare West/Wicklow'.*

Deputy Stagg has described the response as useless. A review of Clerical Administrative Staff is not going to increase the number of opticians at Maynooth Health

Centre. However the words *current resources* indicate what the real problem is with the Children's Optical Service. There is `nt enough money for the service and the present distortion of waiting times cannot be dealt with.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that he has no intention of accepting this unacceptable situation for children and he indicated that he intended to raise the matter further with the Tanaiste and the H.S.E.

Stagg Welcomes Grant of Planning Permission for New Docklands Station

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the decision by Dublin City Council of May 5th to grant planning permission to Iarnrod Eireann for the New Docklands Rail Station at Spencer Dock in the City Centre.

The €28 Million new Rail Station stated Deputy Stagg is due to go to Tender this month and the construction timeframe is 9 months. The only delay that could now happen is if there is an appeal lodged with An Bord Pleanala against Dublin City Council's decision.

The new Station will deliver a peak rail service every 15 minutes on the Maynooth Commuter Line and it will take 40 minutes to go from Maynooth to the Docklands. Existing services will continue to serve Connolly Station whilst all new services on the line will go to the new Docklands Station.

The main difficulty with the project stated Deputy Stagg is the absence of the LUAS line from Connolly Station to the new Docklands Station. The Public Inquiry into this is not due to commence until the Summer of this year and it will be Spring 2007 before construction of the LUAS extension commences. Given that it could take a year to construct the LUAS extension a dedicated bus service will have to operate between the new Docklands Station and the City Centre. Dublin City Council have imposed a condition on Iarnrod Eireann requiring the provision of a Bus Service to serve the new rail station and the City Centre.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg congratulated Iarnrod Eireann on moving forward the Docklands Rail Station project by over 2 years.

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Cllr. John McGinley, Mayor of County Kildare and Packie Bonner at the launch of Kildare County Council's partnership with the Football Association of Ireland at the Council Offices on 16th May.

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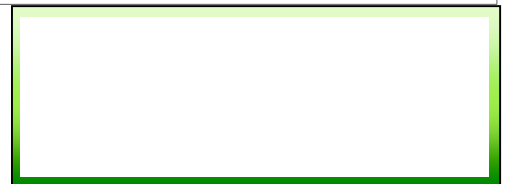
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~ For all the people of Maynooth ~
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The stressful time of the exams is over again for this year in both the 2nd and 3rd level schools and colleges. We wish all those who are proceeding to further education and those who are taking up employment the best in their future endeavours. We hope that students, teachers and parents enjoy their summer break.

Maynooth Geraldine Community Festival

Maynooth Geraldine Community Festival runs from the 18th - 23rd July. Posters and flyers will be in key positions to keep the community informed of all the activities taking place.

Tesco 7-A-Side Inter-estate Soccer Tournament

The tournament runs from 10th - 23rd July. The ultimate prize of the **Joe Murphy Trophy** will be awarded to the winning team, in the Harbour Field at the end of this very popular event.

Couch Potatoes

The World Cup is nearing the end of its run 'finally'. Do not despair the tennis season is upon us. Then we can look forward to the GAA Championship finals and finally in September The Ryder Cup.

Holiday Makers

Please remember to secure your homes if you are departing for foreign climes, or indeed any place outside of Kildare.

Tidy Towns

The Tidy Towns judging takes place during July and August. Trojan work has been done by the committee and their dedicated team of helpers. They are always very appreciative of any help the receive from the community.

Finally we welcome contributions to the Newsletter in the form of news and tidbits about local organisations and clubs, including reviews and articles etc.

This is your Community Newsletter.
Any of the above can be submitted to our office.
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Maynooth Community Council Notes

Maynooth Community Council Meeting was held in the Glenroyal Hotel on the 12th June.

Meadowbrook link road

The question of the state of the grass on the Meadowbrook link is causing concern, (a) the question of who is responsible for cutting it and (b) the fact that Meadowbrook Crescent has not been taken over yet. John Mc Ginley informed the meeting that the developer is to finish the work soon and it will be taken over by Kildare County Council.

The removal of trees on Main Street

Several trees are to be removed on Main Street. Trees will be removed if necessary to improve traffic problems, trees will be planted to replace these removed says Kildare County Council. Three trees are to be removed at the Bank of Ireland to facilitate moving of the pedestrian crossing some metres away, others at the Bus Bay, also at Brady's to create a left hand turning here. Kildare County Council say that this is all in the way of safety. It was noted that area Councillors will have final say. The trees are also protected under the Development Plan. There was a strong feeling that no trees should be removed.

Geraldine Hall

Terry Nealon said that they had produced several productions of late, and that they had been a great success. Terry said he had visited several Art Centres around the country and was afraid that we might lose momentum in Maynooth for an Arts Centre, however he was assured that this is at the top of Maynooth Community Council agenda. A meeting will be arranged in the coming weeks to further push this forward.

Harbour Action Area Plan

It is now time that we have a plan in place for the Harbour Field said John Mc Ginley. Do we want an active play area and active recreation area? Play area could include Mini Sports, Astro Turf area for Basketball and other sports, also to have the Harbour Landscaped. However there was also a feeling that the Harbour would make a beautiful park. Sean Cushen felt that the area is run down what with all the illegal drinking going on here, he said the place has huge potential. Maynooth Community Council will be putting a plan forward for the area.

Sub-Committees

Festival

The festival will take place from 18th July—23rd July.

7 A—Side from 10th—23rd limited to 16 teams.

Tidy Towns

Sean Cushen said they are anxious to get work done around the town, also they would like to see the removal of the Band Stand and to have the Park Landscaped, Kildare County Council will do this work. They are also worried about the length of the grass on the Meadowbrook Link road and the area across from Tesco, no response from Kildare County Council yet. The work done at Little Pound Park was noted they have done a wonderful job here, and again this year the town will be bursting with flowers the baskets are done. Sean said a lot of work still to be done and judging has already started.

St Patrick's Day Parade

John Mc Ginley thanked Derrinstown Stud for a very generous donation. John also commented on the fact that pubs in the town did not contribute to the St Patrick's Day Parade.

Foot Path Dublin Road

Hugh Gallagher said the foot path along the Dublin road at Halting site area is very bad and should be finished, also this area is very badly lit.

Maynooth Community Council

Maynooth Community Council invites Residents Associations and all groups to have a representative on the Council. The Council is only as strong as its members, so come along and have a say in what goes on in the community.

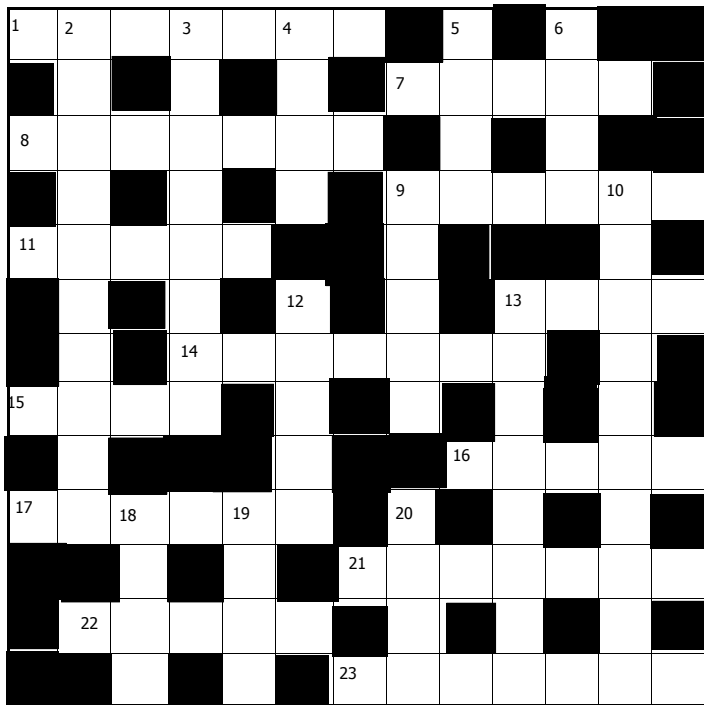
The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on Monday 10th July in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Marie Gleeson
PRO

Planning Permissions

FILE NUMBER	APPLICANT NAME	APPLICANT ADDRESS	APPLICATION TYPE	APPLICATION RECEIVED	DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION	DEVELOPMENT LOCATION
06/1011	Oliver & Paula Byrne	Baltracy Maynooth Co Kildare	P	22/05/06	Erection of a sun-room at the side of existing house	Baltracy Maynooth Co Kildare
06/1014	Eamon White	48 College Green Maynooth Co Kildare	P	22/05/06	Erection of two storey extension. Extension to side and rear	48 College Green Maynooth Co Kildare
06/1042	Victor & Ethel O' Neill	94 Castledawson Rathcoffee Maynooth Co Kildare	R	25/05/06	Retain existing garage Conversion and single Story extension to side	94 Castledawson Rathcoffee Road Maynooth Co Kildare
06/1069	Hugh O'Neill	C/O Sunart Ltd Coates Lane Maynooth Co Kildare	P	25/05/06	Alterations to existing building to accommodate change of use from small craftwork centre to office use and ancillary services and all associated site works	Coates Lane Maynooth Co Kildare
06/1067	ESB Telecoms Ltd	27 Lower Fitzwilliam St Dublin 2	P	26/05/06	Retain an existing 30m high free standing communication structure carrying antenna and communications dishes within an existing 2.4 metre high chainlink and palisade compound	Moneycooley Maynooth Co Kildare
06/1081	Carton Demesne BoldNote Developments Ltd	Carton Maynooth Co Kildare	P	29/05/06	Single storey dwelling with accommodation in the roof space and a part basement for storage only on site. Also included is a garden shed, waste bin storage area, golf buggy and disabled parking, to be provided within the plot etc.	49 Leinster Wood South Carton Demesne, Carton Maynooth, Co Kildare
06/1088	Mathew Carroll	Mariaville Maynooth Co Kildare	P	30/05/06	Construction of a bungalow incorporating an access drive to side of existing dwelling	Mariaville Maynooth Co Kildare
06/1107	Yves & Mary Clare Mathias	14 Rockfield Green Railpark Maynooth Co Kildare	O	01/06/06	Erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion a two storey extension to side and rear of existing dwelling house and porch to front	14 Rockfield Green Railpark Maynooth Co Kildare
06/1114	Henry Graham	Kilcloon Dunboyne Co Meath	P	02/06/06	Development of 2 bed room detached cottage style dwelling	284 Greenfield Maynooth Co Kildare
06/1127	Maura Healy	Smithstown Maynooth Co Kildare	P	02/06/06	A) Single storey extension to the north side of existing dwelling b) single storey extension to the back west side of existing dwelling c) retention of single storey garage	Smithstown Maynooth Co Kildare
06/1139	N Campbell	86 Kingsbury Maynooth Co Kildare	P	06/06/06	Construction of new single storey extension to the rear of existing house comprising new dining room and lounge	86 Kingsbury Maynooth Co Kildare

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7. White bear (5)
8. American whiskey (7)
9. Bowler's target (6)
11. Physicist, Sir- - - Newton (5)
13. Bay (4)
14. Famous vampire count (7)
15. Floating marker (4)
16. Before hand (5)
17. *Death on the Nile* author - - - Christie (6)
21. Cavalryman (7)
22. Quick meal (5)
23. General pardon (7)

Down:

2. Chinese Communist leader (3,3-4)
3. Region of Northern France (8)
4. Polluted air (4)
5. Expense (4)
6. Ointment (4)
9. Nasal cavity (5)
10. Dogged (10)
12. Molten rock (5)
13. Male voice (8)
18. Skin complaint (4)
19. German white wine (4)
20. Metric unit of weight (4)

Across:

1. Walters, 5. Area, 9. Poison, 10. Equip, 12. Patio, 13. Explore, 14. Cheeky, 16. Russet, 19. Ability, 21. Comic, 23. Irene, 24. Tavern, 25. Tote, 26. Emerald.

Down:

2. Adopt, 3. Tussock, 4. Runner, 6. Raucours, 7. Apprentice, 8. Weep, 11. Specialist, 15. Evident, 17. Uncover, 18. System, 20. Ibex, 22. Mural

Doodle Box

Useful tips

How long will you live?

A simple test

First, get your average life expectancy in the chart below:

Age Now	Men	Women
25.....	72.....	78
35.....	73.....	78
45.....	73.....	78
55.....	75.....	80
65.....	78.....	84

Now, answer the questions below to get your adjusted life expectancy:

- For every 5 years that your father lived past 70, add 1 year. Add 1 year for every 5 years your mother lived past 78. _____
- If you are single, deduct 1 year for each decade you are on your own after the age of 25. _____
- If you are married, add 5 years. If there is an unusual amount of family strife, subtract 2 years. _____
- If you live in a city, subtract 2 years. If you live in a small town or on a farm, add 2 years. _____
- If you have been either poor or wealthy most of your life, subtract 3 years. _____
- If you're over 40, subtract a year for every 5 pounds above your best weight. Men only: deduct 2 years per inch that your waist measurement exceeds your chest measurement. _____
- If you exercise moderately but regularly, add 3 years. If you regularly do vigorous exercise, add 5 years. _____
- If you have a hard-driving, competitive personality or are often tense, deduct 5 years. Add 5 years if you're usually cheerful and easygoing. _____
- If you drink heavily, subtract 5 years; very heavily, 10 years. If you take recreational drugs, subtract 5 years. _____
- If you smoke 10-20 cigarettes daily, subtract 3 years. If you smoke 20-30, subtract 5 years; 40, 10 years. _____

- If you have regular medical and dental checkups, add 3 years. If you're often ill, subtract 2 years. _____
- If your diet is high in fats, salt and sweets, deduct 4 years. If you eat a balanced diet with plenty of fruit, vegetables, low-fat proteins and complex carbohydrates, add 4 years. _____

Your life expectancy is this final number: _____

Stress in your life

You can measure it

Scientists rank the causes of stress by severity in Life Change Units (LCUS). Although some stress is normal, too much can lower your body's resistance to infection, aggravate allergies and raise your blood pressure, increasing your risk of heart disease or stroke. You can use this guide to see if you are likely to be vulnerable to the stress associated with the following life-changing events:

Christmas	12 units
Going on holiday	13 units
Trouble with in-laws	29 units
Child leaving home	29 units
Mortgage over 80,000	31 units
Career change	35 units
Death of a close friend	36 units
Change in finances	37 units
Sexual difficulties or birth of a child	39 units
Pregnancy	40 units
Retirement	45 units
Loss of your job	47 units
Marriage	50 units
Personal injury or illness	53 units
Death of a family member	63 units
Marital separation	65 units
Divorce	73 units
Death of a spouse	100 units

Although some stress (up to 150 LCUS), is normal, more than 300 LCUS in a year is considered a threat to health. If you are in the latter range you may want to incorporate stress-reducing measures into your life to maintain a healthy balance.

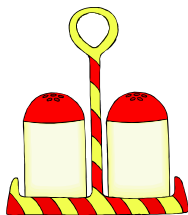
Recipes

Avocado, Orange and Red Onion Salad

Serves 4

For the dressing:

50 ml (1¾ fl oz) olive oil
1-2 tbsp chopped black olives
1½-2 tbsp sherry vinegar or balsamic vinegar
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper



For the salad:

2 handfuls of rocket leaves
1 large avocado, peeled, stoned and cut into 2 cm (¾ in) chunks
2 oranges, peeled with a knife to remove all the pith and cut into thin slices
½ small red onion, very thinly sliced
2 tbsp sliced basil (lay the leaves on top of each other, roll up like a sausage and slice)

Mix together all the ingredients for the dressing, then season to taste. Divide the rocket leaves between 4 plates and add the chunks of avocado, the slices of orange and the slivers of red onion. Drizzle the dressing over the top and sprinkle with the sliced basil. Serve at once.



Garlic Crostini

100 ml (3½ fl oz) olive oil
5 cloves of garlic, crushed and grated
Salt and pepper
½ baguette

Preheat the oven to 220°C/425°F/gas 7. Mix the olive oil with the garlic, salt and pepper. Cut the baguette into long slices at an angle and brush with the garlic oil. Place in a single layer on a baking tray and cook in the oven for about 5 minutes, until pale golden.

Pea and Spring Onion Champ

Serves 6-8

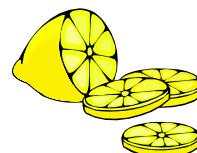
1½ kg (3 lb 5 oz) potatoes, scrubbed
100 g (3½ oz) butter
500 ml (18 fl oz) milk
450 g (1 lb) peas
75 g (2¾ oz) spring onions, chopped
4 tbsp chopped parsley
Salt and freshly ground pepper

Cook the potatoes in boiling salted water for 5-10 minutes, until tender, then drain three-quarter of the water and continue to cook on a low heat. Avoid stabbing the potatoes with a knife, because if they're floury potatoes they'll break up if you do. When they're cooked, drain all the water off, peel and mash with most of the butter while hot.

Meanwhile, place the milk in a saucepan with the peas and spring onion and boil for 4 or 5 minutes, until cooked. Add the parsley and take off the heat. Add the potatoes, keeping some of the milk back in case you don't need it all. Season to taste and beat until creamy and smooth, adding more milk if necessary. Serve piping hot with the remaining butter melting in the centre.

Perfect Pimm's

Makes 10 glasses



1 medium cucumber, peeled and cut into 5 cm (2 in) sticks
4 tbsp chopped fresh mint
150 ml (5 fl oz) freshly squeezed orange juice
150 ml (5 fl oz) freshly squeezed lemon juice
1.8 litres (3 pt) white lemonade
400 ml (14 fl oz) Pimm's
200 ml (7 fl oz) gin
1 twist of orange and 1 twist of lemon for each glass
3-4 strawberries for each

Mix all the ingredients in a jug. Serve over ice, making sure each glass has a twist of orange and lemon, several sticks of cucumber and a few strawberries. Garnish with a sprig of fresh mint.



Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Notes

Question

I live with my elderly mother who has Parkinson's Disease and is becoming very immobile. I work full time and pay someone to come in once a day to help her wash and dress. She will soon need more care. Is it possible to take paid leave from work to look after my mother?

Answer

You are not entitled to take paid leave from work. However, you may be entitled to take unpaid leave to care for your mother, provided certain conditions are met. This is known as carer's leave and you may also be entitled to receive Carer's Benefit from the Department of Social and Family Affairs.

From 24 March 2006, you are entitled to take up to 104 weeks carer's leave to enable you to provide full time care to your mother. She must have been assessed by the Department of Social and Family Affairs as needing full time care and attention. Previously you could only take 65 weeks leave.

Carer's Leave may be taken in one continuous period of up to 104 weeks or in separate periods but there must be a gap of at least six weeks between such periods. Also, an employer may refuse to allow you to take carer's leave for a period of less than 13 weeks.

You must have been in continuous employment with your employer for the previous 12 months and you must give your employer at least six weeks notice in writing, except in exceptional circumstances. No one else can take carer's leave at the same time as yourself to look after your mother.

While the leave is unpaid it is reckonable for the purposes of employment rights other than superannuation. You accumulate entitlement to public holidays and annual leave only for the first 13 weeks of carer's leave. If you have a dispute with your employer about your entitlement the dispute may be referred to a rights commissioner.

From 1 June 2006, you are allowed to work for up to 15 hours (was 10 hours) and earn up to €290 a week while receiving Carer's Benefit. You should inform the Department of Social and Family Affairs before starting the work.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre.

Tel: 01 6285 477 Lo-call 1890 777 121

Question

I believe that I can retain more of my Disability Allowance if I am working. Can You please give the details?

Answer

People receiving Disability from the Department of Social and Family Affairs are allowed to take up employment or self-employment of a rehabilitative nature. You must obtain approval from the Department before starting work.

You are allowed to earn up to €120 per week from the work without it affecting your disability payment. From 7 June 2006, half of any earnings between €120 and €350 per week is disregarded and the balance is assessed against your payment. Previously, all earnings over €120 per week were assessed against your payment.

If you have earnings above €350 per week, all your earnings over €350 are assessed against your payment and your Disability Allowance reduced accordingly.

For example, a single person on Disability Allowance working on a Community Employment scheme is paid €190.20 per week. The first €120 is disregarded, leaving €70.20. Previously, this €70.20 was assessed against your Disability Allowance. In future, only half of this (€35.10) is assessed against your payment.

This change in the assessment of rehabilitative earnings also applies to the means test for Blind Pension.

To obtain approval to take up a particular job, you should write to the Disability Allowance section in the Department requesting permission. You should include a letter from your employer, outlining the nature of the work, the number of hours you will work and how much you will be paid, and a letter from your doctor recommending the work as rehabilitative or therapeutic.

In the case of Community Employment schemes approval to work is normally given after certification of the placement by Fáil.

Question

I would like to change my surname back to my maiden name as I am now divorced. How do I do it?

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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Notes (Contd)

Answer

There is no legal obligation to change your name on marriage. The fact that some people do is purely based on tradition and culture. They may for example, wish to signify they have joined a new family and therefore take the new name— but this is purely a social or cultural choice and has no legal basis.

How you earn your name is by use and repute. This means, for most purposes, if someone wants to be known by their married name (or any other), then they just use this name and ask people to call them by it.

If you subsequently want to use your maiden name again, you should similarly use that name and ask others to call you by it. You should contact your bank, your electricity supplier etc. in order to change the name of your accounts.

You can get a free replacement driving licence with your maiden name, providing your driving licence is current. When applying for the licence you will require documentary proof of your divorce.

If you want to change the name on your passport it will be treated as a new application, as alteration or replacement of a passport is not possible. You will be charged the usual fee of €75.

The only way to legally record a change of name is by executing a Deed Poll. You can get a solicitor to do the Deed Poll for you or you can do it yourself.

Question

Can you tell me what free treatment I am entitled to under the Dental Benefit scheme?

Answer

Under the Dental Benefit Scheme, operated by the Department of Social and Family Affairs, basic preventative dental treatment including examination, scaling and polishing is free.

Dental Benefit, under the Department's Treatment Benefit Scheme, is available to those who are insured and satisfy certain Pay Related Social Insurance (PRSI) contribution conditions. You are also eligible if you are the dependent spouse of an insured person or a dependent widow (er) whose spouse was qualified at time of death. If you satisfy the PRSI

conditions when you reach age 60 you will remain qualified for life.

Under the scheme you are entitled to a complete oral examination, the cleaning and polishing of your teeth and the treatment of mild gum conditions for free. In general you are only entitled to the free examination once every 12 months.

For other dental treatments there are two sets of charges one for those whose annual income is under €53,000 and the other for those whose income is above €53,000. For those whose income is above €53,000 the Department pays a contribution and the patient pays the balance (apart from the free treatment mentioned previously).

Those whose income is below €53,000 per annum have to pay one of the following depending on the treatment— pay a set charge, pay the balance after the Department's contribution, or pay the dentist's fee less 15% and less the Department's contribution. For instance, if you have a tooth extracted under local anaesthetic you have to pay €12.50. A simple amalgam filling is charged at the dentist's normal private fee less 15% and also less the Department's contribution of €31.10. Dentists are obliged to display their charges for fillings.

You can receive Dental Benefit for dental treatment received abroad in another EU member state. Contact the Department before you travel for an application form and details of how much the Department will pay.

Further information is available from the Treatment Benefit Section,
Department of Social and Family Affairs,
St. Oliver Plunkett Road,
Letterkenny,
Co. Donegal.
Tel: Lo-Call 1890 400 400 (Ext 4480)

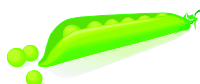
Also further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre.

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Gardening Tips for July

Those of you who have vegetables in the garden will be pleased to know that the following vegetables are in season this month: *Artichoke, Broad Beans, French Beans, Runner Beans, Beetroot, Carrots, Cucumber, Lettuce, Marrow, Peas, Potatoes, Radish, Spinach.* Fruits in season this month are: *Blackcurrant, Gooseberry, Raspberry, Redcurrant, Strawberry.* We'll take a look at how to care for these fruits and vegetables in your garden for the month of July.



The Vegetable Garden



Lift early varieties of potatoes as needed, or when top growth begins to yellow. After raking, and giving a light dressing of a complete fertiliser, sow the ground with lettuce, quick-maturing carrot ('Nantes'), turnip ('Golden Ball'), round beet, cabbage ('Harbinger' or 'Wheeler's Imperial'), or kale ('Hungry Gap').

Earth up maincrop potatoes for the last time; in areas vulnerable to blight, spray with a preventative fungicide such as liquid copper, Bordeaux mixture, or benomyl: early July in the south-west; mid-July in the midlands and the north. Repeat 2 weeks later to protect new growth.

- Lift garlic and shallot bulbs as the tops turn yellow. Choose a fine day; dry out of the sun, and store in a cool shed.
- Plant out seedlings of 'Late Purple' sprouting broccoli, savoy cabbages and cauliflowers intended for spring harvesting.
- Plant out leeks. Soak the soil first and make planting holes 15cm (6in.) deep with a dibber. Drop the seedlings in 23cm (9in.) apart in rows 38cm (15in.) apart and water in.
- Gently spray flowers of French beans, runner beans and outdoor tomatoes with the hose in dry weather in the morning or evening to facilitate setting.
- Liquid-feed newly planted out celery, cabbage, sprouts, celeriac and salad crops every 10 days or so.
- Water outdoor cucumbers, marrows, and courgettes copiously. Apply a derris or pyrethrum insecticide to control insect pests on vegetables near to harvest. In hot weather, nicotine will give a quick knock-down of insects, and loses its toxicity in less than a day.

The Fruit Garden



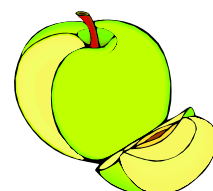
First we'll have a look at *Strawberries*. Propagate from healthy, selected plants only. Train runners, not more than 4 per parent plant, to root in 7.5cm (3in.) pots, filled with good compost, sunk in the soil alongside. Cut off the extension shoot of the runners beyond the chosen plantlets. New plants will be ready for complete severance and planting out in late August.

Pick ripe strawberries each day. Collect any fruits showing distortion, hard core or grey mould infection and burn them. Clear away and burn straw or loose mulching material after harvest. Wash down black polythene if intended for re-use.

Clear beds of strawberry plants more than 3-4 years old. They are past their best, and may harbour pests and diseases. Prepare new ground for strawberries by bastard-trenching, weeding and working in rotted manure, compost, leaf-mould, or peat liberally, ready to plant up in August-September. Now, a look at some other fruits:

- Thin plums bearing heavy crops, both to ensure high-quality dessert fruit, and flower-bud formation for next year.
- Check all stone fruits (cherries, damsons, plums) and the ornamental species of the *Prunus* genus for the silvered look on foliage that indicated silver leaf disease. Cut out cleanly any infected shoots and branches and burn them.
- Bury the tips of the new shoots of blackberry, boysenberry and loganberry bushes in the soil if extra plants are needed. Sever them next March if rooted, and transplant the new plants.

Commence the summer pruning of apples and pears in late July, as new growth matures and hardens, spreading the work over a few weeks. Summer pruning aims to admit more light and air to the ripening fruits, as well as encouraging shoot growth and the development of fruit buds.



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Maynooth Community Games 2006

Maynooth Community Games is going well and children of all ages are participating. Already we have represented both Maynooth East and West and in the Kildare County Finals, and we came home with medals.

Girls Results:

Silver	Sarah Jennings	U 12	Maynooth East
Bronze	Chloe Deveraux	U 14	Maynooth

Swimming Results

Silver	Conor Lynch	U 8	Maynooth East
Silver	Joseph Millett	U 10	Maynooth East
Silver	Jack Ffrench	U 12	Maynooth East
Silver	Sean Mc Knight	U 14	Maynooth East
Bronze	Elaine Houlihan	U 16	Maynooth West

The climax to the finals day was the boys from Maynooth East U 13 squad bringing home the "Paddy Behan Trophy Cup". Well done lads and good luck in the All Irelands at the Aquatic Centre Blanchardstown on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th of August.

Boys team	Sean Mc Knight	Shane Monahan
	Owen Mc Cormack	Jack Ffrench
Sub:	Jack O' Hagan	

Congratulations and well done to all the boys and girls who competed in the games at both local and county level. Good luck to all athletes in the county finals in Newbridge on Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th June.

Well done to the small hard working committee who ran the events this year and thanks to those who helped. We really look forward to the new events coming up next year.

Help:

The following items are missing: Maynooth Community Games (Banner) and the girls black and white running siglets, anyone with any news please contact any member of the committee. Thank you for your help.



Maynooth Under 13 Community Games Swimming champs

Shane Monahan,
Owen Mc Cormack,
Sean Mc Knight, and
Jack Ffrench pictured
with Grace Behan
and the Paddy Behan
Trophy

Maynooth Community Games (results)

Girls East Under 8 60m	
Position	Name
1st	Laura Millet
2nd	Claire Gill
3rd	Amy Comerford
Under 8 80m	
1st	Laura Millet
2nd (joint)	Ann Marie Howard
2nd (joint)	Amy Comerford
3rd	Claire Gill
Under 10 100m	
1st	Edel Murray
2nd	Aoife Lynch
3rd	Eilis Coyle
Under 10 200m	
1st	Edel Murray
2nd	Aoife Lynch
3rd	Eilis Coyle
Under 12 100m	
1st	Shauna Minnock
2nd	Melissa Ridge
3rd	Ciara Hewson
4th	Alison O Dea
Under 12 600m	
1st	Ciara Hewson
2nd	Shauna Minnock
3rd	Melissa Ridge

Girls West Under 8 60m	
1st	Roisin Forde
2nd	Saoirse O Sullivan
3rd	Sinead Kearney
Under 8 80m	
1st	Saoirse O Sullivan
2nd (joint)	Roisin Forde
2nd (joint)	Aoife Walsh
3rd	Sinead Kearney
Under 10 100m	
1st	Louise Qualter
2nd	Bronagh Kearney
3rd	Elenor Geraghty
Under 10 200m	
1st	Jennifer Carroll
2nd	Louise Qualter
3rd	Elenor Geraghty
Under 12 100m	
1st	Emma Collins
2nd	Helen Mc Millan
3rd	Aoife O Sullivan
Under 12 600m	
1st	Helen Mc Millan
Under 14 100m	
1st	Niamh Kearney
Under 14 800m	
1st	Niamh Kearney
Boys East Under 8 60m	
1st	Callum Mc Cabe
2nd	Cillian Melia
3rd	Braden Miller

Poetry Corner

"Why Exams

Years of school to a test
So study your brains away
The teacher knows whats best
All depends on examination day
Such is the pressure students bind All depends their
future to be
Constant exams torment the mind
Until their finally set free

Grades are not the ultimate way
Of the students performance or ability
Test papers a student have no say
Writing away on bended knee
A persons mind is all his own
To live and learn as he please
Not to have his thought blown
To those, examinations never agrees

Try not to get over anxious at all
Study with the currant frame of mind
Examinations not at your downfall
And not the ultimate your world bind
An assessment test for each one
Their aptitude a more accurate result
Rushed test papers are certainly wrong
Obviously making matters difficult.

Patrick Murray



*Megan O'Malley from Clare Island who made her
First Holy Communion on June 4th*

Cllr. Gerry McDonagh (Independent)



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Leixlip,
Co. Kildare

Maynooth Community Games (results cont'd)

Under 8 80m	
1st (joint)	Callum Mc Cabe
1st (joint)	Cillian Melia
3rd	Braden Miller
4th	James Murray
Under 10 100m	
1st	Ruadhan O'Giollain
Joint 2nd	Cian Hutchinson
Joint 2nd	Joseph Cartin
3rd	Sean Gill
Under 10 200m	
1st	Ruadhan O'Giollain
2nd	Cian Hutchinson
3rd	Joseph Cartin
Under 12 100m	
1st	Michael Cartin
Under 12 600m	
1st	Michael Cartin
Under 16 1500m	
1st	David Carey
Boys West Under 8 60m	
1st (joint)	Paul Maguire
1st (joint)	Niall O'Sullivan
3rd	Fiachra O'Sullivan
4th	Ben Carroll
Under 8 80m	
1st	Niall O'Sullivan
2nd	Paul Maguire
3rd	Fiachra O'Sullivan
Under 10 100m	
1st	Cathal Duff
2nd	Oisin O'Sullivan
3rd	Karl Reilly
Under 10 200m	
1st	Cathal Duff
2nd	Oisin O'Sullivan
3rd	Karl Reilly

Under 12 100m	
1st	Tadhg Forde
2nd	Jordan Mc Grath
3rd (joint)	Robert Reilly
3rd (joint)	Seoirse Murray
Under 12 600m	
1st	Tadhg Forde
2nd	Seoirse Murray
3rd	Robert Reilly
Under 14 100m	
1st	Elisei Bucien
Under 14 800m	
1st	Elisei Bucien



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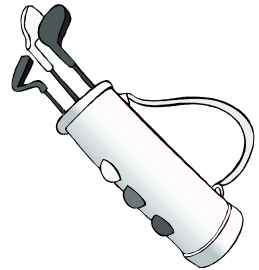
Maynooth Ladies Golf Society

The Maynooth Ladies Golf Society's played their third outing of the season in Elm Hall Golf Club, Celbridge on Thursday 25th May. 23 members took part in the evening outing. The winners of the Stableford Competition were-

1st	Adrienne Mullen
2nd	Mary Mc Tiernan
3rd	Eleanor Reilly
4th	Ann Burns
5th	Bridget Kirwan

Congratulations to all the winners. A big thank you to the sponsors of the Elm Hall outing- Sayblu, Cameo, Belle Sainte, The Wine Cellar, Mystique and the VHI. The next outing, which will be sponsored by The Roost, is on Thursday 22nd June to Kilcock Golf Club. This year the society which has 50 members has sought sponsorship for prizes from local businesses in Maynooth and the surrounding areas. There has been a great response to this and the society would like to once again thank all the sponsors. The Maynooth Ladies Golf Society can be contacted at 086 8793610 if you are interested in sponsoring a prize or outing for the society.

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Maynooth Golf Society

Our outing on Saturday 17th July to Baltinglass Golf Club was the Eddie Kavanagh Memorial Cup which was sponsored by Bronagh and Kevin Donovan.

The results as follows:

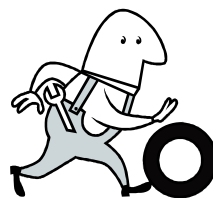
1st Overall	John Byrne	37 pts
2nd	Joey Edwards	34 pts (B.9)
3rd	Pa Conway	34 pts
4th	Tom O Haire	33 pts (B.9)
5th	Albert Harigan	33 pts
6th	Niall Byrne	32 pts (B.6)
7th	Ken Donnelly	32 pts
Front Nine	Tom Nolan	18 pts
Back Nine	Marty Maguire	19 pts
Nearest the Pine	Mark Doyle	
Twos Club	Mark Doyle—Gerry McTernan	

Our next outing which is Captain Philip Doyles Prize will be held at The Heritage Golf Club on Saturday the 8th of July.



John Byrne (Overall Winner) of the Eddie Kavanagh Memorial Trophy receiving his trophy from Bronagh Donovan, daughter of Eddie Kavanagh, and wife of sponsor Kevin Donovan

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First Holy Communion in Maynooth



Dionne Dunworth & her mother Christine



Sinead Hever & her family



Sinead Monaghan & her family



Ross Brennan & his family

First Holy Communion in Maynooth



Ross Lawless & his family



Caoimhe Quigley & her family

First Holy Communion in Maynooth



Aishling Redmond and her family



Gabrial McAllister & her family

First Holy Communion in Maynooth



Connor Cleary & his family



Caoimhe Quigley & her mum



Sean Gill & his parents

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Louise Griffin, Conor Lande, Ciarán Hayes, Joe McCabe, David Finegan, Soliat Oduyebo, Séan Burke, Adam King, Saoirse Butler, Anna Ryan, Patrick Donnelly, Sarah Ojo, Veronica Stewart, Luke Kosinski, Alan Bristow, Mark McAuliffe, Aoibh Maloney, Isabelle Keely, Lily Johnson, Ethan Connolly, Niamh Krahn, Kim Nevin, Kirsty Fitzpatrick, Fiona Kerdzaia, Claire Nolan, Lisa Thompson, Caitlin Gallagher, Stephen Horgan, Liam Nulty, Tanto Oduneye, Cathel Murphy, Siobhan McGarry, Ellie Molyneaux, Victor Oyediji and Jessica Ennis with their pre-school Teachers Evelyn McGrath and Josephine Lee in the GAA Club Maynooth for their sports day.



Anna Fitzpatrick and her son Owen, Sandra Donnelly and Tina Thompson



Running for the winning line.

Maynooth Boys National School Art Exhibition



Robert Daly



Caelan Donnan



Tom Oliver



Philly Murphy

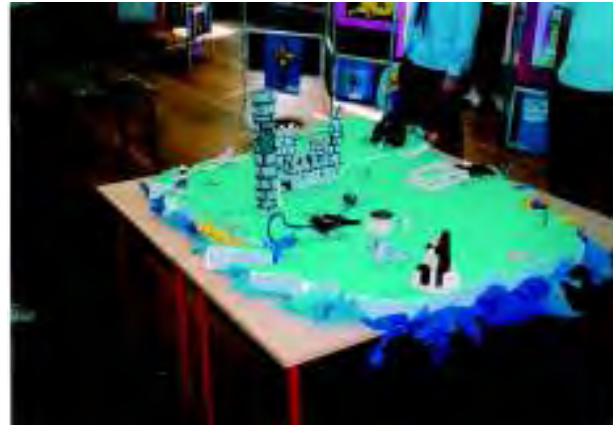
Maynooth Boys National School Art Exhibition

Friday the 9th June all the classes attended the Art Exhibition in the P.E. Hall. We all had a piece of art on display. Parents were invited to come and view the art on Thursday and Friday evening. There were models of bird-tables, a football stadium, a 3D map of Ireland, a wooden model of a canal lock and many other fascinating models. Along with them there were drawings of boats, shoes, fish, people, different cultures and lots of other magnificent drawings. Some of the eye-catching pieces were "The Box" by Aaron Downes, "Rasta Scream" by Owen Cullinane and a fantastic Scraffitts of Astroids heading towards earth by Luke Hand. We drew pictures of a Japanese Lady and a golf shoe. A photographer dropped in to take pictures of us and our pieces. All in all it was a big success and will be hard to top next year.

Written by: Damien Kelly and Darren Coyle



Baljot Gill



*Map of Ireland
Jack Kerrigan
Austin Dunn
3rd class - Mr Mc Bride*



Neil Flynn
5th class - Mr Downes



Patrick Murray

Maynooth Boys National School Art Exhibition



Darragh Lynch



Andrew McCourt



Robert Maguire



Darren Coyle



Ciaran Broderick



Damien Kelly

Your Stars July 06

ARIES March 21st – April 20th

A fresh start is on the cards this week when someone will surprise you with some good news but be careful all may not go to plan. Work hard and you can work wonders. Monday could be magic. Lucky colour yellow. Lucky number 3.

LIBRA September 24th – October 23rd

You have been trying very hard to get in to someone's good books but with no luck. Remember in heaven that all your good works are recorded so take heart and put your best foot forward. Sunday could be heavenly. Lucky colour brown. Lucky number 2.

TAURUS April 21st – May 21st

Take care when you over hear someone talking about you this week and you may want to put it right. Get the facts first or you could put your foot in it. Things look up after Fridays slow start. Tuesday win day. Lucky colour black. Lucky number 8.

LEO July 24th – August 23rd

You have been living life like its one big party lately and next few days will take you to new places with new people to meet. The sun always shines after the rain and there is always a promise of a rainbow. Saturday news day. Lucky colour green. Lucky number 6.

VIRGO August 24th – September 23rd

The Summer starts now with promises of sun, sea and sand. You could nearly jump for joy when things go your way. Someone sees things your way but be careful things are not as they seem. Wednesday could be a first. Lucky colour purple. Lucky number 4.

GEMINI May 22nd – June 22nd

You may be feeling blue at the present time but like your twin sign Sagittarius you are hoping for a surprise towards the end of the month. Your dreams may all come true.

Thursday make up your mind. Lucky colour pink. Lucky number 5.

CANCER June 23rd – July 23rd

A joke is supposed to be funny but you are crying this week when some one gets its wrong. Never mind you will turn things around by the beginning of next week with a chance meeting. Wednesday lucky day. Lucky colour orange. Lucky number 11.

SCORPIO October 24th – November 22nd

It seems that you can have too much of your own way when shopping or buying a major purchase. Take time for a coffee break and start afresh ready to take on the world again. Saturday you are number one. Lucky colour gold. Lucky number 7.

SAGITTARIUS November 23rd – December 21st

You are in the firing line this week and things could get hot. Keep your cool and show the people around you just who's in charge of things and lead the way forward. Friday is your day. Lucky colour blue. Lucky number 9

CAPRICORN December 22nd – January 20th

You have the insight to make this week your own. A letter next week could be the beginning of the end of a chapter in your life. Monday is good. Lucky colour red. Lucky number 10

AQUARIUS January 20th – February 18th

You are in the holiday mood and no one can change your mind. You have already booked and can't wait to get away. You will enjoy it. Thursday you're the tops. Lucky colour black. Lucky number 12

PISCES February 20th – March 20th

You could hear about a happy event from a family member. Take time to get used to their news because it could be to your own good in the end. Things look good on Saturday. Lucky colour white. Lucky number 13.

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Maynooth Tidy Towns

Annual Collection

Our annual collection took place over the weekend June 1st—4th 2006. Many thanks to all businesses who facilitated the collection, the people from Maynooth and surrounding areas for their support. Also thanks to our collecting team who worked very hard over the weekend. The team have asked that the courtesy and interest shown by those who contributed to our collection was very heartening. As it was a bank holiday weekend a number of people were away. Contributions can still be forwarded to our treasurer Mary Farrell, 11 Greenfield Drive.

Making Maynooth Colourful

The hanging baskets part funded by our annual collection were planted and positioned during the latter part of June. This was a joint project between Maynooth Tidy Towns and Larine Garden Centre. Thanks to all.

Sunday morning clean up and midweek clean ups continue and if you wish to help or require further information on our work please contact our secretary, Aisling Kelleher at 087 09832037. In the meantime please do your best to keep Maynooth tidy.

Paul Croghan
PRO
Maynooth Tidy Towns



As you
can see
Maynooth
is
beautiful
so why
not keep
it like
that!



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Moyglare Village

The Committee of Moyglare Village Residents' Association wish to thank most sincerely all those who turned out on Saturday 24th for the annual estate clean-up.

The exercise was most successful. The hard work, commitment and enthusiasm of the participating Residents is very much appreciated.

We also appreciate and wish to thank those who, in advance, sent their apologies for their inability to attend due to other commitments. A very special word of thanks and appreciation goes to Barry Desmond of Desmond's Newsagent and Shop, Moyglare Village for this generosity in supplying complimentary sustenance and beverages to everyone throughout the day. Also to Rachael in the Shop for her patience and good humour during our occasional short Coffee/Tea breaks throughout the day!

The committee would now request all Residents to make a special effort in keeping the Estate clean and tidy throughout the summer and beyond. We would particularly urge all Houseowners to ensure that grass margins in front of their homes are kept mowed and edged since this is the responsibility of each individual Houseowner. We also had a wonderful turnout on the previous Saturday for the wooden fence painting on the Moyglare Road side of the Estate.

We would welcome more volunteers for the on-going work on our Estate. There is still a considerable amount of work to be carried out to improve and maintain the quality and appearance of the environment and this can only be achieved by the co-operation of everyone.

Finally, a very special word of thanks to all the children and teenagers who gave of their time so generously, enthusiastically and responsibly thus creating a sense of true community spirit. Well done all.

Pat O'Brien
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Poetry Corner

Maynooth Castle

(Former stronghold of the Fitzgeralds)

The rock-doves have you now,
Though your grim-visored keep
Once sheltered goshawks,
Mail-clad brigands
Who held by force
What a bishop-killer¹ granted
Then softened into Gaels
Sufficiently
To win from ollamhs
Flattering sobriquets:
Gearóid Mór, Tomás an tSíoda².

On such acclaim
They soared like eagles
And yet their children grew content
With Saxon jesses –
All except Lord Edward,
Born of a Saxon mother
When you stood here deserted.

Such self-surrender to a bond
Older than kindred, class or creed
Is why your ruins
Remind me of a hybrid oak
So deeply rooted in our soil
It flourished like St. Brigid's tree³
Until two storms broke it⁴,
Leaving only the hollowed trunk
To be a dovecot...

¹ Henry II of England, who had Thomas à Becket murdered.

² Garrett or Gerald the Great; Silken Thomas

³ St. Brigid built her church under an oak tree, hence Cill Dara, The Church of the Oak.

⁴ The Silken Thomas Rebellion, 16th Century, and the Confederate Wars, 17th Century.

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Cllr. John McGinley

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Bond Bridge

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following update at the Leixlip Area Meeting on 19th May:

"It may be possible to open Bond Bridge before the 31st August, 2006. However, this programme may be the subject of change and fluctuation depending on a range of factors. The Council is also mindful of safety issues in the context of school opening. Accordingly, it is actively looking at the possibility of at least arranging for a partial opening of the bridge by the 1st September to cater for cyclists and pedestrians. The programme will be reviewed on an ongoing basis."

John welcomed this positive development and he asked that all measures necessary be taken to have the bridge open, at the very least for cyclists and pedestrians, by the 1st September.

Maynooth Traffic Management Plan

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following update at the Leixlip Area Meeting on 19th May:

"The Area Engineer has arranged for the removal of some of the hatched area and a corresponding increase in the right turning lane, as requested. With regards to the timing of the lights, this issue continues to be actively examined by the Road Design team in conjunction with the Council's consultant's Faber Maunsell. It is unlikely to be possible to incorporate an additional 10 seconds on the green phase as was suggested until such time as the improvement works at the junction are carried out. The possibility of a shorter time of perhaps 5 seconds might be feasible. The Road Design team will be meeting the consultants in the coming week or so to examine this issue in more detail."

Cllr. McGinley expressed his outrage that the consultants were still considering the removal of trees from Main Street despite the fact that he had expressed outright opposition when it was first mooted. He stated that the removal of any of the trees to facilitate a nonsensical improvement in traffic management efficiency was an outrageous proposal. John asked that the Council proceed with the one way proposal for Doctors Lane along with traffic calming ramps to make the Lane safer for pedestrians and he again appealed to the officials to remove the pedestrian lights at the Bank of Ireland.

He again asked that the faulty timing on the lights at the Celbridge Road/Straffan Road be rectified and thanked those who have now taken place.

Bandstand at Pound Park, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following update at the Leixlip area Meeting on 19th May:

"Brian Swan, Senior Architect, is in discussions with the college in relation to moving same to the college grounds, it is believed he will have an up to date report for the next meeting."

Cllr. McGinley asked that funding be allocated to the Tidy Towns Committee in order to enable them to level the mound of earth at the "bandstand"

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Grass Cutting of Public Areas

At the request of Cllr. John McGinley the Council have asked the contractor to ensure that the grass is cut regularly at O'Neill Park, Kilcock Road and Straffan Road.

John has also asked that measures be taken to ensure that the grass is cut at the Meadowbrook Link Road, either by the developer of Straffan Wood or by the Council. He stated that it is ridiculous to design green areas at the side of new roads if arrangements are not put in place for the grass to be cut.

Footpath on Rathcoffey Road to the New Soccer Pitches

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following report on his motion for the provision of a footpath from Parsons Hall to the soccer pitches:

"A detailed report on this matter was given previously. The Council did not promise to provide a footpath from Parson's Hall to the bridge. As previously indicated, it was not considered feasible to extend the footpath to such a rural area. In addition, the widening of the motorway bridge was not a realistic option from a cost perspective."

Cllr. McGinley expressed his outrage at the inaccuracy and negativity of the response to his motion. He stated that:

- ❑ The Council have allocated €1.6m for improvements to the Rathcoffey Road in the approved Development Contribution Scheme.
- ❑ This is not a rural area as Parsons Hall is right beside it and there are houses as well as the pitches across the M4 bridge.
- ❑ Nobody asked for or expected the M4 bridge to be widened. John asked for a footpath from Parsons Hall to the M4 bridge and for a footpath from the far side of the bridge to the soccer pitches. He asked that a cycle path be painted on the bridge and that traffic calming ramps be put in place in order to slow down the traffic.

Council officials agreed to re-examine Cllr. McGinley's proposal.

Northern Relief Road

At the request of Cllr. John McGinley the Director of Services made a presentation, at the Leixlip Area Meeting on the 19th May, on the proposed new Northern Relief Road from Moyglare Road to Moygaddy in Meath. The Director explained that the road is estimated to cost €12m to €15m because it includes the cost of totally upgrading the Meath road until it reaches the road at the new Kildare Bridge. Cllr. McGinley stated that the priority was to get the road completed from Moyglare Hall to the Meath road at Moygaddy and that the upgrading from there to Kildare bridge could be done as Phase 2. The latter would need Government funding as Development Contributions in Kildare could not be used for upgrading roads in Meath.

It was agreed that a joint meeting of the Leixlip Area Committee and the Dunboyne Area Committee should be held to discuss this very important issue.

Castledawson Housing Estate

Following representations from Cllr. John McGinley, Council officials have met the developers concerned to address the taking in charge of Castledawson. Unfortunately, three developers have to be dealt with:

- ❑ Croftbeam--who own the cul de sacs in the estate
- ❑ Sherwood Homes--who own the through road
- ❑ Aranbell---who are developing the houses behind Castledawson

The Council engineer has advised Cllr. McGinley that Sherwood Homes will put the final coat of tarmacadam on the through road as soon as Aranbell construct proper hard core roadways in their development (to eliminate muck spreading on the Castledawson through road). The engineer estimated that this will take about three months. He has also asked Aranbell to upgrade the pump station and eliminate the smell as a matter of urgency.

When this work is completed the Council will be in a position to take the estate in charge.

Two Small "Green Areas" between the Church and the Boy's School

As a result of Cllr. John McGinley's proposal the developer of Manor Mills has agreed to landscape these two small rough areas.

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Repairs to Footpath Between Rockfield, Parklands and Railpark

Following representations from Cllr. John McGinley the Council have agreed to carry out the necessary repairs to the footpath.

Minister unable to confirm when Catchment Flood Risk Study on Rye will commence

Following on from the confirmation to Deputy Emmet Stagg on 6th April, last that the O.P.W. have agreed to carry out a Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study for the Rye River, encompassing the towns of Leixlip, Maynooth and Kilcock, Deputy Stagg has been pressing the Minister to commence the study at the earliest date given the fact that it will take about 18 months to complete the study.

The Minister advised Deputy Stagg that the Study would be undertaken as soon as possible but indicated that as it is one of many flood defence related projects being promoted by the O.P.W., who have limited staff resources available for the work, he was not in a position to say precisely when it would commence. He further advised Deputy Stagg that the Study would be carried out by Consultants who will be appointed following a competitive process.

Deputy Stagg stated that the O.P.W. had agreed to prioritise the Rye Study as part of the Entire Study of the Liffey Catchment area at the request of Kildare Co. Council in light of the existing flood risk and development pressure in the area. This development pressure continues unabated as Developers are granted planning permission in the 3 North Kildare Towns for massive housing developments. Obviously it will be up to the O.P.W. to draw up the terms of reference for the Study but Deputy Stagg stated that it was a bit rich for the Minister to state that part of his own Department was under resourced given it is his responsibility to adequately resource the O.P.W. and it is his Government who have introduced the Public Sector Jobs Embargo.

Deputy Stagg stated that with 400 houses being built at Boycetown, Kilcock bordering the Rye, 500 houses at Moyglare, Maynooth beside a tributary of the Rye, 85 units on Dunboyne Road, Maynooth beside the Rye, and with the lands at Carton Avenue, Maynooth, now opening up for development near to the Rye, the pressure in this area was increasing, notwithstanding all the other ongoing developments in these towns.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that he would insist

on the early commencement and completion of the Catchment Study.

Stagg lashes local authorities and Ministers failure to spend €10 million on disabled in 2005—of top of failure to spend €18 million in 2004

Labour Chief Whip Emmet Stagg has lashed Local Authorities and the Minister of State for Housing Noel Ahern T.D. on their collective failure to spend €10 Million on Disabled Persons Grants and Essential Repairs Grants in 2005. Of a total allocation Nationally of €74,500,000 only €64,643,589 was actually spent on the schemes in 2005. This follows on from a failure to spend €18 Million in 2004.

Deputy Stagg expressed astonishment at this further failure by the Minister of State. With the failure to adapt 1,000 homes for disabled people in 2004, last year a further 600 disabled families were disappointed by not having works carried out to their homes. This is a direct result of the Governments refusal to fund the scheme 100% from their own resources and instead require Local Authorities to fund one third of the cost of the works.

Explaining the purpose of the schemes Deputy Stagg stated that the Disabled Persons Grant Scheme enables people to modify their homes by building ground floor accommodation/toilets and also covers the provision of stair lifts. The Essential Repairs Grant Scheme assists elderly people to carry out repairs to their homes, which prolong the life of the house for ten years instead of requiring elderly occupants to seek institutional accommodation.

In Kildare at present there are 191 applications for Disabled Persons Grants on hand with some approved for work and others going through the torturous application procedure. This follows on from the cancellation of the Scheme in 2004 and the scheme was only reintroduced last June. If 100% funding was provided by the State then all of these cases could be cleared quickly thereby enhancing the quality of life for elderly and disabled people.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that in 2 years the Government had saved themselves €28 Million at the expense of Disabled people and this was nothing short of a disgrace.

Stagg welcomes €1 million allocation for New Ambulance Base in Maynooth

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the allocation of

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€1 Million in the HSE Capital Programme for 2006 for the relocation of the Maynooth Ambulance Base from its present location at the Harbour, Maynooth.

Deputy Stagg stated that the Ambulance Service have been seeking this move for a considerable time due to the difficulties with the present site and a site in Maynooth will be now acquired for the new base. Previously a site at the Maynooth Business Campus was looked at and this site is probably the best site for the new Ambulance Station, given its location near the M4 and the direct access to all parts of Maynooth which can be achieved speedily off the Straffan Road and down to Main Street.

Deputy Stagg stated that the present site at The Harbour was not very accessible given the narrowness of Leinster Street and the fact that it was a highly pedestrianised area as a link to the Railway Station, The Harbour Field and Children's Playground. For these reasons Ambulances responding to calls had to be very careful in traversing this stretch of road thus hindering response times. In addition with the major developments which will follow the adoption of the Action Area Plan in this area, the Ambulance Service would have been severely restricted in responding to calls. Finally the new Ambulance Station will provide better facilities for the Paramedics working with the Ambulance Service.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that now that the funding is available he would monitor progress on the project to ensure there is no delay in providing the new Ambulance Station.

Injunction proceedings served on O2 and Maynooth G.A.A. in relation to unauthorised mast

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the serving of Injunction Proceedings on O2 Communications Ireland Limited and the Trustees of Maynooth G.A.A. Club on Friday May 26th in relation to the Unauthorised Telecommunications Mast at Maynooth G.A.A. Club on the Moyglare Road, Maynooth.

The Injunction Proceedings stated Deputy Stagg are being served under Section 160 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and seek the removal of the unauthorised mast. The Defendants have until June 22nd to put their defence into Naas Circuit Court.

In welcoming the move Deputy Stagg stated that the 15 metre mast has been in place since 2002 and was declared an Unauthorised Development by Kildare Co. Council on 9th December 2004. O2 Submitted 3

Planning Applications for retention of the Mast in 2005 and all were declared invalid by the Council and the File was referred to the Council's Solicitors last September.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he looked forward to a successful conclusion to the case with the removal of the Unauthorised Mast as O2 have been making a joke of the planning system in Kildare for far too long.

Stagg slams Roches meanness over radon remediation grants for the Elderly

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government in the Dail in relation to using two existing schemes for the Elderly to cover the cost of retrofitting houses as a preventative measure for the remediation of Radon Gas.

Radon Gas stated Deputy Stagg is a naturally occurring radioactive gas which is colourless, odourless and tasteless and can only be measured using specialised equipment. Homes which are found to have a high level of Radon Gas can have works carried out to remove the threat from the Gas at a cost of €15,000. It is recognised that over 300 deaths from Lung Cancer are caused each year in the State by Radon in homes.

Deputy Stagg stated that the Housing Aid for the Elderly and the Essential Repairs Grants Schemes could be used to provide grants to elderly people to have remediation works carried out to their homes. The Minister responding to Deputy Stagg stated that the inclusion of Radon Remediation in the Schemes as a qualifying type of work would require very significant public expenditure and administrative resources.

Deputy Stagg has reacted angrily to the Ministers Response. This F.F./P.D. Government having scrapped a previous Radon Remediation Grant Scheme when they came to power in 1997 and now won't even spend some resources on the elderly. It's not that they don't have the money – they just don't care and the attitude of the Minister seems to be that elderly people can't be saved from Radon Gas because if it was in their homes for the last 50 years putting in remediation now is useless.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that the Ministers Refusal to assist elderly people to remediate their homes is nothing short of a disgrace and he should hang his head in shame.

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Enforcement of Control of Alcohol Bye-Laws remains Abysmal-Stagg

Deputy Emmet Stagg sought information from the Minister for Justice in relation to the number of on the spot fines issued in the Towns of Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge for breaches of the Control of Consumption and Possession of Alcohol Bye-Laws in 2005.

The figures supplied to Deputy Stagg by the Minister of Justice indicate that the following fines were issued in 2005 and 2004.

	2005	2004
Maynooth	5	31
Leixlip	36	109
Celbridge	70	95

Deputy Stagg stated the figures showed a drop of 53% between 2004 and 2005 but stated that the figure for Maynooth was unbelievable and hard to accept given the numbers of youngsters who continue to drink in open spaces throughout the town. Celbridge remains steady but the figure represents just 1 ½ fines issued per week whilst the situation in Leixlip is quite poor given their previous record (301 fines in 2002).

The Bye-Laws stated Deputy Stagg were specifically introduced to deal with youths congregating and drinking alcohol in public recreation areas and open spaces in housing estates and causing a nuisance to residents. The Harbour Field in Maynooth is one area which suffers seriously from this problem but the figures show nothing is being done about it.

Deputy Stagg stated that the Bye-Laws were introduced to give the Gardai laws to protect residents who were frightened or intimidated by youths drinking in such areas and the figures show clearly that enforcement is effectively non existent.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that he intended to raise the matter with the Chief Superintendents in Carlow/Kildare and Dublin Metropolitan West as this level of enforcement was unacceptable.

Construction of New Docklands Station to commence on September

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the fact that no appeal was lodged with An Bord Pleanala in relation to the granting of planning permission to Iarnrod Eireann for the New Docklands Station at Spencer Dock in the City Centre.

Iarnrod Eireann have now advised Deputy Stagg that construction of the new €28 Million Station will commence in September and will be completed by May 2007. Tenders are at present being evaluated and some ground work has already been completed by Iarnrod Eireann.

The new Station stated Deputy Stagg will deliver a peak rail service every 15 minutes on the Maynooth Commuter Line and it will take 40 minutes to go from Maynooth to the Docklands. Existing services will continue to serve Connolly Station whilst all new services on the line will go to the new Docklands Station. A dedicated Bus service will operate between the New station and the City Centre.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg congratulated Iarnrod Eireann on moving forward the new Train Station by over 2 years.

Harney leaves speech and language therapy service in disarray in Kildare

Deputy Emmet Stagg further questioned the Tanaiste and Minister for Health in relation to the unacceptable 20 month delay in arranging Speech and Language Therapy Assessments for children in Kildare. Specifically he sought information in relation to the advertising of recruitment for therapists for Co. Kildare.

The HSE responding on behalf of the Tanaiste advised Deputy Stagg that due to the imposition of staff ceilings in 2003 all vacant posts were frozen and no recruitment is allowed. The Service cannot even advertise for vacant posts and this prevents internal transfers from other Health Board Areas. At present there are 6 therapists working in Kildare and 5 vacant posts which cannot be filled internally or externally due to the imposition of the staff ceiling in 2003. For the service in Kildare to function properly 14 additional therapists would be required.

Deputy Stagg has strongly criticised the Tanaiste's inaction in relation to the crisis facing the Speech and Language Therapy service in Kildare. Deputy Stagg stated that last January in the Dail Mary Harney said that there was no Embargo on Recruitment in the Health Service. Yet the Principal Speech and Language Therapist for Kildare has now confirmed to Deputy Stagg that she is precluded from filling vacant posts or seeking additional posts. If that is not an Embargo then I don't know what is declared Deputy Stagg.

Whilst the Tanaiste refuses to provide the service required, children are suffering because of the 20

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month wait for assessment. She is effectively forcing parents into the private sector where an initial assessment will cost in the region of €250. This is scandalous and Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that he intended to raise the issue further with the Tanaiste given her previous statement in the Dail that the Public Recruitment Embargo was not affecting employment in the Health Service.

€13 Million State Aid to bring broadband to Kildare Towns with population exceeding 1,500

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Communications in relation to the provision of Broadband to towns in Co. Kildare and the amount of grant aid provided by the State.

Minister Dempsey advised Deputy Stagg that €13 Million was being provided in 2006 to enable Broadband to be rolled out to Kildare Towns including Sallins, Maynooth, Clane, Kilcock and Prosperous. In addition he added that funding was being provided to rural communities to enable them to become self-sufficient in broadband.

Whilst welcoming the State Aid of €13 Million Deputy Stagg stated that it was highly regrettable that the former State Company Eircom would not provide the infrastructure required to enable Broadband to be provided to Businesses and Home users and instead are leaving the State, hard working families taxes, to pay for the Investment.

However Deputy Stagg stated that the building of the network is not the final story here. Despite the fact that 70% of the Irish Republic is Broadband Enabled, just 14% of internet enabled households have a Broadband Connection. This is because Local Exchanges have not been upgraded to take Broadband.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that he intended to raise the issue of Local Exchanges with the Minister to ensure that Kildare Households and Businesses can use Broadband when the infrastructure is in place.

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Teachta	Mary Mc Namara

Congratulations to our quiz team of: Mary O Gorman, Mary Dunne, Vera Kearins and Rosemary Hanley on winning the event again this year and bringing the Mc Carthy Cup back to the Guild for another year. Congratulations also to Mairead Scanlon who received her certificate for 30 years membership of ICA. Our coffee morning for charity made €405 and the monies will be sent on to our chosen charities. The Polish-Irish night was a great success in Kiltel. Lovely food both Irish and Polish was tasted and Irish dancing done by all. Members recently took part on a walking day organised by Sports Partnerships and a great day was had by all. The new

federation secretary is Norah Mc Dermott and the new treasurer is Mary Mc Namara. So great Maynooth representation on the Kildare Federation. Kildare week in An Grianán ICA College will take place from Monday 10th July to Friday 14th July and members from all over Kildare have booked in for this including Maynooth. The Kildare weekend is from Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd October 2006. Places are still available here for the weekend. A Drama Course will take place in October for ICA members in Castledermot. It can be booked now and is free to members. Next federation meeting will be in Kiltel on Wednesday 27th September 2006. The New National President is Carmal Dawson, Carlow, The Vice President is Nellie Dillon, Kildare and they will hold these positions for three years. Winners of the Identify the Personality were team Madeline Stynes, Rosemary Hanlon, Margaret Houlihan and Eileen Flynn. Second team were Mary O' Gorman, Mary Dunne and Third team were Catherine O' Reilly and Betty Moore. The raffle winner was Mairead Scanlon, second Catherine O' Reilly and third Mary O' Gorman. A Clean Up Day for the Hall is arranged for Monday 4th September 2006 at 10a.m. so put that in the diaries now. Enjoy the Summer Holidays.

Next meeting Thursday 7th September at 8 p.m.

New members always welcome.

Norah Mc Dermott PRO

Deputy Catherine Murphy (Ind) News

People in Kildare pay a lot of tax, we deserve our fair share in services .

Deputy Catherine Murphy (Ind) today strongly criticised Minister for Arts, Sports & Tourism, Mr. John O'Donoghue TD in the Dail, for showing what she termed " a clear bias" in the allocation of funding in his own county. According to figures released on the level of capital funding allocated from the Government's share of National Lottery proceeds Minister O'Donoghue's home county of Kerry, at €3.3 million, received the second highest level of funding per head of population this year, equating to €25.86 per person. Kildare however, at the other end of the spectrum, received the lowest level of funding relative to its population, the entire figure allocated was €1.4 million, and equates to €8.54 per person. A spokesman for the Minister asserted that funding is allocated purely on the bases of the quality, number, and size of applications, however Murphy has stated that she finds this "very hard to believe given the massive deficiencies in sporting facilities in Kildare and the obvious pattern of increased funding for Kerry since Mr O'Donoghue's appointment."

"Lack of a strategic approach by Government towards the spending of national funds on sports and arts facilities" as the fundamental problem where funding of sporting and arts facilities is concerned, going on to state "The recently announced capital allocation for both Sports and Arts facilities show a clear bias towards the Minister for Arts, Sports and tourism's own county. At the same time as counties like Kildare, Meath, and West Dublin are failing to provide facilities for their rapidly expanding populations. There is a clear need to audit both sports and arts facilities nationally and respond to deficiencies in a transparent manner rather than the current situation which has as much to do with who is representing your area."

Murphy has, since her election to the Dail, consistently highlighted the failure of Government to allocate funding on a range of services from refuse & waste, waterservices, to sports & arts funding according to the population in each county, which she believes has left Kildare "playing catch-up" as a result of the county's rapidly expanding has left Kildare "playing catch-up" as a result of the county's rapidly expanding population. "I've said it time and again, funding must be frontloaded in communities experiencing rapid population growth so that facilities can be provided in line with development, not simply in reaction to it. This is the case with the level of funding Local Authorities receive, and is now blatantly obvious given the figures released last week that show that Minister O'Donoghue has taken care of his own. The people of Kildare pay a considerable amount of tax and it's time

we received our fair share of dividends from that."

Full Funding of Disabled Persons Grant by Government essential component for Independent Living.

Deputy Catherine Murphy has again called on the Government to implement the recommendation of the report they themselves commissioned into the Disabled Persons Grant (DPG) & Essential Repairs Grant (ERG). The report looked at how Local Authorities were funded and it recommended that the current system whereby Local Authority paid one third of the grants (if they could afford to) and Government paid two thirds should be changed. Deputy Murphy has consistently sought change. Failure to make this change is having an effect of the quality of life particularly for older people who need modifications to their homes to remain in a safe living environment.

The current system when broken down per head of population gives Kildare €9.15 which is the third lowest nationally as compared to Leitrim who have €100.72 significantly above other counties. The average Nationally is €19.02. To make matters worse those calculations are based on the 2002 census of population with the continued massive growth in Kildare the real situation is significantly worse.

Some local Authorities are in a position to deal with applications on demand while others must ration the scarce funds by way of means tests and medical classifications. "The home is one of the places you are most likely to have an accident when the costs of maintaining a person in an acute hospital are factored in these grants represent very good value for money. It is essential that an early decision is made on this unfair situation which basically targets the vulnerable ."

Local Authority	Allocation 2005	2002	Per head
	€	Census	population
Fingal	1,520,000	196223	€ 7.75
Wexford	1,050,000	116543	€ 9.01
Kildare	1,500,000	163995	€ 9.15
Limerick County	1,140,000	121471	€ 9.38
Kilkenny	780,000	80421	€ 9.70

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Local Authority	Allocation 2005	2002	Per head
	€	Census	population
Louth	1,120,000	101802	€ 11.00
Dunlaoghaire-Rathdown	2,250,000	191389	€ 11.76
Kerry	1,760,000	132424	€ 13.29
Mayo	1,600,000	117428	€ 13.63
Waterford City	650,000	44564	€ 14.59
Cork City	1,800,000	123338	€ 14.59
South Dublin	3,600,000	2398887	€ 15.01
Cork County	5,000,000	324843	€ 15.39
Clare	1,660,000	103333	€ 16.06
Limerick City	900,000	54058	€ 16.65
Wicklow County & Bray Town	2,030,000	114719	€ 17.70
Waterford Town	1,020,000	56954	€ 17.91
Westmeath	1,350,000	72027	€ 18.74
Offaly	1,255,000	63702	€ 19.70
Galway City	1,300,000	65774	€ 19.76
Galway County	2,880,000	143052	€ 20.13
Sligo County & Borough	1,205,000	58178	€ 20.71
Carlow	960,000	45845	€ 20.94
Meath	2,880,000	133936	€ 21.50
Dublin City	13,500,000	495101	€ 27.27
Monaghan	1,450,000	52772	€ 27.48
North Tipperary	1,740,000	61068	€ 28.49

Local Authority	Allocation 2005	2002	Per head
	€	Census	population
Longford	900,000	31127	€ 28.91
Donegal	4,300,000	137383	€ 31.30
Cavan	1,800,000	56416	€ 31.91
Roscommon	1,800,000	53803	€ 33.46
Laois	2,100,000	58732	€ 35.76
South Tipperary	3,100,000	79213	€ 39.13
Leitrim	2,600,000	25815	€ 100.72

I asked the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government (Mr. Roche) the amount awarded to each local authority in respect of disabled person grants in 2005, the amount allocated and not taken up in 2004, and if he will make a statement on the matter. The following tabular statement gives details of the combined capital allocation for disabled persons and essential repairs grants notified to each local authority in 2004 and 2005 and the combined expenditure on the schemes in 2004 by each local authority. In 2004 the capital allocation for these schemes was €73.1 million and actual expenditure notified to the Department by local authorities was €55.4 million. The capital allocation notified to authorities for 2005 was €74.5 million.

The combined capital allocation to local authorities for the disabled persons and essential repairs grant schemes represents not a capital grant, but the total amount which authorities are authorised to spend on the schemes in the year in which the allocation is made. Expenditure on the grant schemes is funded by the two-thirds recoupment available from my Department together with the one-third contribution from the revenue resources of the local authority.

The final out-turn reflects the expenditure by local authorities on approved applications. The initial allocations presented the local authorities best estimate of the likely level of grant approvals during 2004. However some grant approvals by local authorities may not subsequently be taken up by applicants. In addition, if there are delays in applicants completing the approved works, either due to a delay in getting contractors or for other reasons, the ultimate spend may arise in later years.

Local authorities were notified in June last of their combined capital allocation for 2005 and were requested on a number of occasions to notify the

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Department if it became evident that the allocation notified was likely to be inadequate or surplus to requirements. Increased allocations were approved for a number of local authorities. The Department stressed the need to ensure that, in light of the high level of demand for these grants, the available allocation is expended in full and to ensure that the level of their approvals was such that would facilitate expenditure of the full allocation.

Local Authority	Allocation 2004	Expenditure 2004	Allocation 2005
	€	€	€
County Councils			
Carlow	786,000	321,503	960,000
Cavan	3,022,383	1,746,542	1,800,000
Clare	1,222,000	1,216,097	1,660,000
Cork (N)	2,150,000	831,794	1,500,000
Cork (S)	3,830,000	1,159,501	2,500,000
Cork (W)	1,335,000	995,000	1,000,000
Donegal	3,300,000	2,542,510	4,300,000
DunLaoghaire-Rathdown	1,649,000	1,603,630	2,250,000
Fingal	1,280,000	1,278,527	1,520,000
Galway	3,000,000	2,571,217	2,880,000
Kerry	1,760,000	965,372	1,760,000
Kildare	1,050,000	1,092,053	1,500,000
Kilkenny	819,000	664,900	780,000
Laois	2,630,677	2,632,074	2,100,000
Leitrim	2,670,000	2,042,035	2,600,000

Local Authority	Allocation 2004	Expenditure 2004	Allocation 2005
	€	€	€
County Councils			
Limerick	1,050,000	1,034,000	1,140,000
Longford	1,355,000	704,982	900,000
Louth	3,026,000	725,138	1,120,000
Mayo	1,600,000	1,530,423	1,600,000
Meath	1,200,000	1,046,095	2,880,000
Monaghan	1,400,000	1,358,451	1,450,000
North Tipperary	1,715,000	756,477	1,740,000
Offaly	637,072	641,940	1,255,000
Roscommon	1,800,000	1,634,914	1,800,000
Sligo	427,000	241,449	505,000
South Dublin	2,950,000	2,396,871	3,600,000
South Tipperary	3,115,000	1,981,521	3,100,000
Waterford	1,675,000	1,368,181	1,020,000
Westmeath	1,200,000	1,282,268	1,350,000
Wexford	928,000	836,792	1,050,000
Wicklow	2,800,000	1,604,060	2,000,000
City Councils			
Cork	1,800,000	1,350,460	1,800,000
Dublin	10,550,000	10,880,377	13,500,000

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Local Authority	Allocation 2004	Expenditure 2004	Allocation 2005
	€	€	€
City Councils			
Galway	980,000	1,183,716	1,300,000
Limerick	810,000	634,880	900,000
Waterford	600,000	401,031	650,000
Borough Councils			
Sligo	865,000	115,711	700,000
Town Councils			
Bray	30,000	26,074	30,000
Total	73,105,132	55,399,536	74,500,000

Taoiseach won't acknowledge problems being created by underfunding.

Catherine Murphy, TD (Ind) has highlighted that although Taoiseach Bertie Aherns assertion that it is "highly unfair" for Local Authorities to impose Management Companies in housing estates is a positive one, he demonstrated a clear lack of understanding for the root cause of the problem in simply stating that funding for Local Authorities is at an all-time high. The Taoiseach, in response to questions put to him during Leaders Questions in the Dail stated that he does "not consider there is any argument for that (i.e. forcing home owners to pay management company fees instead of relying on Local Authorities to maintain public spaces)", and that this is especially the case when Local Authority funding is at an all-time high. He further highlighted that even when the economy was far less buoyant and Local Authority funding was lower, management companies were not used as a get out of jail free card in respect of estate maintenance

obligations. However Murphy has highlighted several flaws with the Taoiseach's reasoning on the issue of Local Authority funding which she sees as the key to resolving the problem of management companies, unfinished housing estates, and all other service deficiencies in the Local Government system. "The Taoiseach's express condemnation of this practice is of course welcome but he hasn't acknowledged that Local Authorities have significant funding constraints due to the rapidly expanding population of the country, especially in counties such as Kildare, Meath, and Dublin" stated Murphy. She went on to highlight that "he (the Taoiseach) says funding for Local Authorities is at an all-time high, but this gives the impression that they're swimming in money pits. The reality for Local Authorities in Kildare, Fingal, and Meath for example, is that population growth is ongoing but is not being taken into account when funding is allocated as all funding is based on previous and not current population figures. The result? There's barely enough money to cover basic service provision.

It cost for example Kildare County Council approximately €1 million more for water and sewerage in 2006 as opposed to 2005 that increase can be accounted for by service provision to new residents. During that same year Kildare County Council was allocated €27 million to provide services, including taking estates in charge and maintaining them. "How can Local Authorities afford to take estates in charge and maintain them properly if they're not receiving adequate funding. The problem of unfinished housing estates originates from poor funding, the problem of Management Companies originates from poor funding and unless the Taoiseach and his Minister recognise this they'll continue to create service provision problems to epic proportions."

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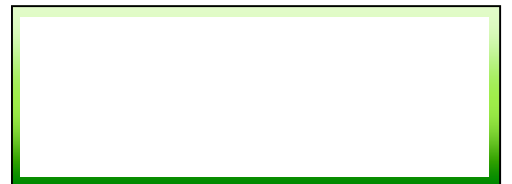


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The debate and the tension between environmental issues and the importance of the car in our society has reached the town of Maynooth. The opening of the bypass and the M4 were supposed to solve all the traffic problems in the town but as everyone knows the traffic situation is now worse than it ever was in the past. This is due to an accumulation of different factors; large housing estates being added to the already existing community, the growth of the student population in the University and the development at Manor Mills that resulted in An Bord Pleanála adding a number of unnecessary traffic lights to the town. This has slowed the progress of traffic through the Main Street despite the fact that the Meadowbrook Link is now open. The opening of Bond Bridge in September should alleviate some of the problems but Kildare County Council have another proposal – to remove some trees from the Main Street of the town so as to widen a bus bay and add some turning lanes in the town. This short-sighted solution to the problem is typical of the attitude today where the car is king and rules our lives.

The Community Council have voted overwhelmingly against the proposal and have asked Kildare County Council to find another way of solving the problems. Indeed, the public could also help by walking and cycling instead of driving. The whole town is well serviced by cycle lanes thanks to the foresight of some of the local councillors.

The Maynooth Development Plan also protects the trees stating: 'It is the policy of the Council to make tree preservation orders for the trees, groups of trees and woodlands listed in section 3.11.4.' The section covers the many trees in the town including those on the Main Street. Any trees removed must be replaced immediately. The section of the plan also says that: 'that a tree survey of trees on Main Street and Lime Avenue be carried out and replaced if necessary'.

The Community Council has written to the local area councillors asking them to support them in their stance that not one tree should be removed to solve a traffic problem. If there is a Health and Safety issue and there are dangerous trees, then these should be removed and replaced at once. But the issues should not be confused – traffic and the car's supremacy have nothing to do with the health of the trees.

Apart from the fact that the trees are the unique feature of the town, they are the lungs of our environment and as the concrete jungle impinges more and more on our lives we need to hold fast to the greenery that we already possess. Let us hope that our elected, public representatives agree with us because Maynooth's citizens value their trees.

Muireann Ni Bhrolchain

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Maynooth Community Council News

The July meeting of Maynooth Community took place on the 10th July in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Hilda Dunne of Maynooth History Group was co-opted to the Community Council.

Maynooth Community Council

Maynooth Community Council would like to remind Residents and other groups to have a representative on the Council. The Council is there for all to have a voice.

Removal of Lime trees on Main Street

The question of the removal of trees on Main Street was raised again; there is the question of Health & Safety and Traffic Management. It was well pointed out that these are two completely different problems. About 8 years ago a survey was done on the trees on Main Street to identify trees that needed to be removed because of disease, so the fact remains that some trees will have to be removed anyway at some stage stated Cllr Senan Griffin.

The removal of some trees to facilities parking and other works on Main Street was discussed and some feeling was that no trees should be removed at all. It was felt that Kildare County Council are responsible for parking, a better solution will have to be found for parking so as not to penalise local people to pay for parking.

Cllr Senan Griffin said that a multi-story car park was shot down a couple of years ago, also Iarnrod Eireann should face up to their responsibility for parking. We will have to look at this on the longer term. The people responsible should face up to the parking problem he said.

Hugh Gallagher said a few years ago plans were put forward to have a new train station to accommodate Maynooth around Intel, plans are put forward but never seem to get done. It was also suggested that Maynooth Community Council should put forward a case for better infrastructure in Maynooth.

Parking is now a huge problem in Maynooth, and it was well voiced from the floor. Peter O'Connell said the public car park is full by 8 o'clock in the morning, also underground car parking is to be part of the Harbour Field's plans when this comes on stream he said.

It was also pointed out by Hugh Gallagher that pay parking makes people move further away so as to avoid paying a fee, so the problem is brought to other areas where parking was not a problem.

Cars are parking in estates now said Matt Callaghan, also it was noted that Shopping Centres now have people watching what cars are left for a long time.

Harbour Field - Geraldine Hall

Arts Centre

Terry Nealon said that he has done a lot of work on the working of Art Centres around the country. He said other groups have shown a great interest in this and would have a huge input to offer here.

The fact there is no place for people to go and enjoy cultural events in Maynooth is a daunting fact.

Community Centre

A lot of people are showing a big interest in this project. The Community Centre would be a place for young people to use and all other groups in Maynooth. The centre would be a place of excellence. Maynooth Community Council is fully behind these projects, and plans are well advanced. This is another step forward and people will be able to enjoy cultural events in Maynooth instead of having to travel.

Tidy Towns

Mary Jennings was less than happy at the July meeting. She said they had written to Kildare County Council with some requests, but that they had received a reply stating that there was no funding available. She said the big mound was removed from big Pond Park but the top soil replacing it was full of stones, making it very difficult to cut the grass, also the top soil at O'Neills Park was the same full of stones. Mary said they had bought six bins for the town at a cost of 800 Euro and that Kildare County Council had promised to provide six more bins, but that this had not happened.

The length of the grass on the Meadowbrook link is causing concern, it was felt that now that Kildare County Council has taken over the new road that they should cut the grass.

While it was said that Tidy Towns has worked very well with Kildare County Council over the years patience has now worn out, what with all the money spent on roads for the Ryder Cup local Tidy Towns can't get grass cut. It's now a huge financial strain on estates with having to pay from 5,000 to 7,000 Euro per six months. It was pointed out that the camera at the bottle bank is now working, so now with a lot of people having their photo taken why is there no prosecutions.

Community Games

Athletics took place in May and Matt Callaghan said that some children have qualified for Nationals finals.

Twinning

Plans are coming on very well and progress is being made.

Swimming Pool

The question was raised as to when are we going to get our Swimming Pool for North Kildare.

Summer is here so there won't be a Community Council in August.

P.R.O. Marie Gleeson

Planning Permissions

FILE NUMBER	APPLICANT NAME	APPLICANT ADDRESS	APPLICATION TYPE	APPLICATION RECEIVED	DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION	DEVELOPMENT LOCATION
06/1143	The Board of Management Presentation Girls Primary School	Presentation Girls Primary School Convent Lane Maynooth Co Kildare	P	07/06/06	1) single storey general purpose hall extension including toilets, servery and store room. 2) Single storey class room extension consisting of 3 no resource rooms, all to the south of the existing school. etc	Convent Lane Maynooth Co Kildare
06/1188	Stephen Noone	348 Old Greenfield Maynooth Co Kildare	P	09/06/06	Single storey extension consisting of Kitchen/living room and bathroom, two bedrooms together with ancillary site and drainage works to the rear	348 Old Greenfield Maynooth Co Kildare
06/1208	Michael & Mary McGreevy	Barrogstown Maynooth Co Kildare	P	13/06/06	30 no single storey retirement homes comprising of 3 no 2 bedroom detached, 23 no 2 bedroom semi-detached houses, 1 no 1 bedroom semi-detached house and 3 no 2 bedroom terraced houses. A single storey nursing home containing 46 one bedroom units, etc	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1210	John Hogan	17 Parklands Court Maynooth Co Kildare	P	13/06/06	Front entrance porch and first floor extension to the side over existing ground floor room.	17 Parklands Court Maynooth Co Kildare
06/1246	Colm Hoban	248 Kingsbury Maynooth Co Kildare	P	16/06/06	Ground floor extension to the front and a first floor extension to side of existing house	248 Kingsbury Maynooth Co Kildare
06/1260	Tom & Barbara McMahon	26 Lyreen Pk Maynooth Co Kildare	P	20/06/06	Conversion of the existing garage to a bedroom, two ensuite and the extension of an existing bedroom, renovation of the existing house.	26 Lyreen Pk Maynooth Co Kildare
06/1288	Charles & Eilish Hinde	7 The Placce Straffan Wood Maynooth Co Kildare	R	23/06/06	Completion of house no 39 including amendments to the previously permitted development, a two storey dwelling with accommodation in the roof space and a part basement for storage, involving the addition of a sunroom extension etc.	39 Leinster Wood South Carton, Demesne Maynooth Co Kildare
06/1316	John Moloney	12 Woodlawn's Abbeyfarm Mitchelstown Co Cork	P	27/06/06	Retention planning for conversion of existing garage into living area and extension to rear of garage	22 Railpark Maynooth Co Kildare
06/1363	Cormac Heneghan	Smithstown Maynooth Co Kildare	P	29/06/06	Construction of a dormer bungalow, one and half storey, detached garage, effluent treatment system and ancillary site works	Smithstown Maynooth Co Kildare

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06/1379	Liam O'Mhuinigh	17 Old Kilmainham Village Bow Lane West Dublin 8	P	30/06/06	Residential development, crèche and ancillary site works	Greenfield Maynooth Co Kildare
06/1390	David Collins	Hawthorn House B & B Old Greenfield Maynooth Co Kildare	P	04/07/06	Conversion of existing garage/ storage to self-contained bedroom & ensuite, connecting into services on site	Hawthorn House B & B Old Greenfield Maynooth Co Kildare
06/1392	Kieran & Heidi Dunne	Clonfert Maynooth Co Kildare	P	05/07/06	Dormer dwelling, waste water and effluent treatment system and associated ancillary site works.	Clonfert Maynooth Co Kildare
06/1430	Seamus Byrne	108 Moyglare Village Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	10/07/06	Extension and alterations to existing dwelling, consisting of a ground floor single storey extension with bedroom, study & shower room to the side of the existing dwelling	108 Moyglare Village Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1455	John & Hillary Hurley	Cormickstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	13/07/06	(a) Conversion of existing domestic store (b) Conversion of existing domestic garage into games room © Installation of five velux rooflights (d) Replacement of leanto shed (e) Installation of new Bison EPS water treatment and all associated site works	Cormickstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1473	Cathy Scrivener	14 Carton Court Maynooth Co. Kildare	R	14/07/06	Retention of a dog grooming parlour and store located in the rear garden of existing house	14 Carton Court Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1497	Glenkerrin Homes Ltd	Glenroyal Centre Maynooth Co. Kildare	R	18/07/06	Part change of use of the site security facility building office area 25.5m.sq to use as business campus service shop area	Maynooth Business Campus Moneycooley Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1514	Peter & Roisin Murray	6 Rockfield Square Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	20/07/06	Two storey side and single storey rear extension	6 Rockfield Square Maynooth
06/1530	Marie Bonass	80 Silken Vale Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	21/07/06	Extension and alteration of the existing two storey dwelling to include and extension to the existing kitchen, a new sunroom and a new utility/ porch at ground floor level all to the side and rear of the existing dwelling along with associated works	80 Silken Vale Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1531	Alan & Eileen Mooney	81 Silken Vale Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	21/07/06	Extension and alteration of the existing two storey dwelling and conversion of the attic space to include (a) new sunroom and utility room at ground floor level, (b) new ensuite bedroom and alterations to existing bedroom at first floor level	81 Silken Vale Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1539	Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland	51 St. Stephens Green Dublin 2	P	21/07/06	Installation of 2 no. dome type security cameras complete with security lighting, mounted on 2 no. 5m high poles in pencil grey finish, adjacent to the entrance gates of the site	Conollys Folly Barrogstown West Maynooth

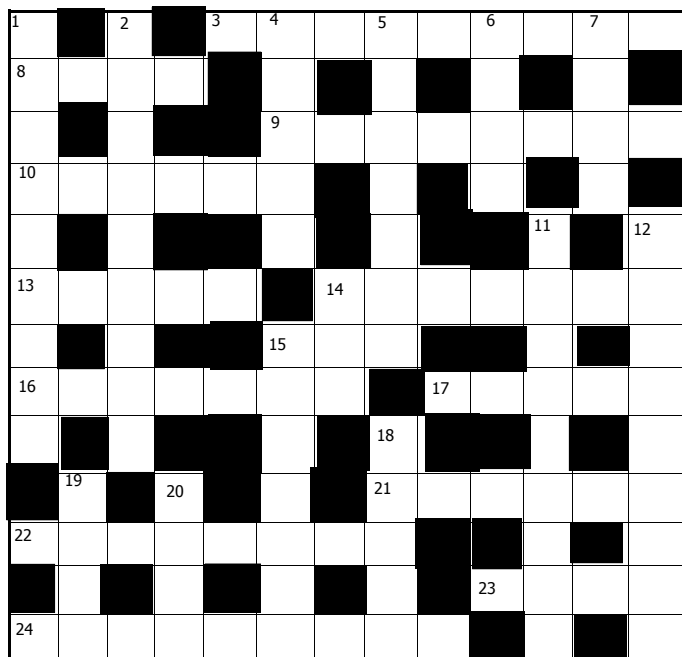
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06/1543	Patrick Burke	Barroque Maynooth, Co. Kildare	P	21/07/06	Demolition of ex single storey dwelling and garage and replacement with a new 2 storey dwelling incorporating integral granny flat and garage and realignment of the boundary wall at the site entrance to improve current sight lines and all etc.	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1544	Dave Reilly	13 Rockfield Green Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	21/07/06	Extension to existing ground floor kitchen and utility room a first floor extension over existing single storey family room, utility and kitchen to provide 2 bedrooms and extended bathroom at first floor level new brick porch to existing	31 Rockfield Green Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1555	Jim Downey	1 Straffan Way Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	25/07/06	Demolition of the existing ground floor side extension and construction of a two storey side extension in its place. The kitchen on the ground floor at the back is also to be extended by three metres	1 Straffan Way Maynooth Co. Kildare.



May Mahony, Anne O'Keeffe with her daughter Nicola and father Jim during the festival

Crossword No: 47



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Across:

- 3. Steadiness (9)
- 8. Singer/actor, - - - Nicholas (4)
- 9. Heating device (8)
- 10. Low-value Russian coin (6)
- 13. Smithy (5)
- 14. Regret (7)
- 15. Sea-bird (3)
- 16. US sitcom - - - Shade (7)
- 17. Refurbish (5)
- 21. Dried grape (6)
- 22. Scene of Napoleon's defeat (8)
- 23. Male pig (4)
- 24. Head off (9)

Down:

- 1. Stipulated (9)
- 2. Follower (9)
- 4. Novel, - - - the Otter (5)
- 5. US actress, star of 10 (2.5)
- 6. Borrowed money (4)
- 7. Implement (4)
- 11. University tutor (9)
- 12. Relating to a 100-year period (9)
- 14. Mat (3)
- 15. Sweet and innocent (7)
- 18. Bunch (5)
- 19. Daybreak (4)
- 20. Lake (4)

Doodle Box

Across:

1. Amongst, 7 Polar, 8 Bourbon, 9, Stumps, 11 Isaac, 13 Bark, 14 Dracula, 15 Buoy, 16 First, 17 Agatha, 21 Trooper, 22 Snack, 23 Amnesty.

Down:

2 Mao Tse-tung, 3 Normandy, 4 Smog, 5 Cost, 6 Balm, 9 Sinus, 10 Persistent, 12 Magma, 13 Baritone, 18 Acne, 19 Hock, 20 Gram.

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We will feel the cold of a mottled moon
In a cloudy sky
Feel the warmth of lighted beams
On a crowded stage.
We will raise the roof with our Dance
Or we will simply
Lay our heads' on the pillow.

Trish Sheridan

Praha

First, tease off and strip bare
The western cloth
And bathe the mind in the streets
Of Praha's dawn
And there,
Let a raw beauty deep intake
Till one is culture-giddy drunk
With a drum-humming heart
To tranquil beat
And senses too bliss-fed numb
To feel sore feet
Which do not touch the ground...

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Like the overflow in a corner of a room
Still tang and taint the room some gloom

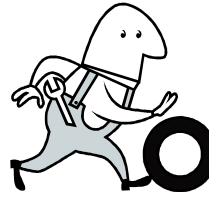
And there leaving for recloak my old
In window sills, where Praha leans
She whispered me her new-birth dreams

Where there I shared some
There my own
Time's jar yet to fill
And a corner of me that
Would not follow when I left

It naked, bathes there still...

Dara Lakes

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Useful tips

Sunburn

- For quick relief, take a cool oatmeal bath then smooth on a thin layer of a soothing moisturiser - do not use oil in any form. Apply cool compresses made of crushed ice, or a packet of frozen peas for 10 to 15 minutes several times a day.
- To prevent dehydration, drink lots of water.
- Take aspirin or paracetamol.
- Wear loose clothes and cover up. Don't expose the effected area to the sun before all the symptoms have gone.

Swimsuits

- It is easy to make your own bikini. All you need are three large scarves and a little ingenuity.
- **The bottom:** Fold two scarves in half to form triangles. Then fold back the tips by about 2in/50mm and sew them down. Sew both folded sections together to form the crotch. Tie the loose ends at the sides.
- **The Top:** Fold the remaining scarf into a triangle, then fold it over a few times until you have a wide band. Place the band against your back, then tie the two ends together in front tightly enough to suport your bust and adjust as required.
- If the scarf is long enough you can make a halter top. Put your scarf around your neck, cross it over your bust, then tie the ends to your back.
- To ensure that the bottom half of your bikini lies flat, twist the front ends of the scarf upwards and the back ends down.

Swimming emergencies

- If you get tired far from the shore, don't panic. Float on your back. If there are people around, wave one arm slowly from side to side to attract attention. Start for shore when you regain strength. Don't push yourself, float when you need a rest.
- If you are tangled in weeds , relax, gently shake your arms or legs and move slowly away-with the current.
- Let heavy surf help you get to shore. As a wave approaches from behind, turn your body sideways to it so that you can watch its progress while you tread

water. Try to ride with the wave's upward movement. If the wave breaks on you, hold your breath until it passes over, then either resume a back float or ride behind it towards the shore.

- If you get caught in an undertow, take a deep breath, relax and let it carry you under and out. You'll bob up in time to breathe again. Body surf back to shore.
- If you get caught in a rip tide (a current moving out to sea), let it carry you out. As soon as it slows down, swim sideways. Then swim towards the shore at a wide angle away from the tide.

Swim safety

- Never get close enough to a panicked swimmer for him to be able to grab you. Instead reach out with a long stick or your leg while retaining a firm hold on dry land. A lifebuoy would be best.
- If the person is in trouble beyond reaching or throwing distance, try to go out with a floating support such as a boat. As you get near the victim, turn the boat and approach stern first. Let them hold onto the stern as you row to safety.
- Only as a last resort should you attempt a swimming rescue - and then only if you are a very strong swimmer. If you have a shirt or towel, swim to the victim while holding it in your teeth. When you are just beyond arm's reach, take the shirt in one hand and flip the other end to the victim. Then tow him to shore.
- If all else fails, grasp his hair, collar or chin. If he grabs you, try to break his hold. Or take a deep breath and sink with him - he'll let go. Kick away before trying again.

Ice cubes

- Do you want extra ice cubes for a Summer party? Freeze water in clean plastic egg cartons then transfer the ice to sandwich bags and store them in the freezer.
- You won't get bubbles in your ice cubes if you use bottled, still mineral water, or if you boil tap water, cool and then freeze it.

A freezer works best when it's full so fill up the empty spaces. Giant ice cubes, made by filling bread tins or plastic bags with water, do the job. They're great for picnics too, just pop them into a plastic bag in the cooler.

Recipes

Chicken and Curry Mayonnaise Sandwich

Makes 2

4 slices Granary (whole wheat bread)
25g /1oz/2 tbsp softened butter
115g/4oz cooked chicken, sliced
45ml/3tbsp curry mayonnaise
1 bunch watercress, trimmed

1. Spread the bread evenly with butter and arrange the chicken over two of the slices.
2. Spread curry mayonnaise over the chicken slices.
3. Arrange sprigs of watercress on top. Cover with the remaining bread and cut in half.

Ham and Asparagus Slice

Makes 4

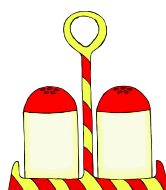
12 asparagus spears
115g/4oz/½ cup cream cheese
4 slices of rye bread
4 slices of ham
a few frisée lettuce leaves
30ml/2tbsp mayonnaise
4 radish roses to garnish

1. Cook the asparagus in lightly salted boiling water until tender. Drain, pat dry and cool.
2. Spread cream cheese over the bread and arrange the ham in folds over the top.
3. Lay three asparagus spears on each sandwich. Fan them out attractively or place them between folds of ham.
4. Arrange frisée lettuce leaves on top of the asparagus spears and spoon over some mayonnaise.
5. Garnish the open sandwiches with radish roses and serve.

Lemon curd tarts

Makes 24

225g/8oz/ 1 cup curd cheese
2 eggs, beaten
75g/3oz/6 tbsp caster sugar
5ml/1tsp grated lemon rind
50g/2 oz/¼ cup currants
60ml/4 tbsp lemon curd
thick cream to serve



1. To make the pastry, sift the flour and salt into a mixing bowl. Rub in both fats until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Add the water and mix to a dough. Knead on a lightly floured surface until smooth. Wrap in clear film and chill for 30 minutes.
2. Preheat the oven to 180°C/350°F/Gas 4. Roll out the pastry thinly, stamp out 24 rounds using a 7.5cm/3in plain pastry cutter and line mini tartlet tins. Chill until required.
3. Cream the curd cheese with the eggs, sugar and lemon rind in a bowl. Stir in the currants.
4. Place 2.5ml/½tsp of the lemon curd in the base of each tartlet case. Spoon on the filling, flatten the tops and bake the tarts for 35-40 minutes until they are just turning golden.
5. Serve warm or cold, topped with thick cream.

Date and Apple muffins

Makes 12

150g/5oz/1¼ cups of self-raising wholemeal flour
150g/5oz/1¼ cups of self-raising white flour
5ml/1tsp ground cinnamon
5ml/1tsp baking powder
25g/1oz/2 tbsp butter
75g/3oz/½cup light brown sugar
250ml/8fl oz/1 cup apple juice
30ml/2 tbsp pear and apple spread, maple syrup or malt extract
1 egg lightly beaten
½cup chopped pecans

1. Preheat oven to 200°C/400°F/Gas 6. Arrange 12 paper cases in deep muffin cups. Put the wholemeal flour in a mixing bowl. Stir in the white flour with the cinnamon and baking powder. Rub in the butter until it resembles breadcrumbs. Stir in the brown sugar.
2. Stir a little of the apple juice into the pear and apple spread and maple syrup till smooth. Mix remaining juice the add to the mixture with the beaten egg.
3. Peel, core and chop the apple, add to the bowl with the dates and stir. Divide the mixture into the muffin cases.
4. Sprinkle with chopped pecans. Bake for 20-25 minutes and serve warm.



Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Golf Society

The Heritage Golf & Country Club

Philip Doyle's Captain's outing took place at the Heritage Club on the 8th July. The facilities of the club were first class to include the meal and was enjoyed by all. A total of 51 turned out and at first the weather was alright but later turned wet and windy. Still we all had a great day and Gerry McTiernan won overall 1st prize (having qualified playing three matches prior to today's outing). he also won the Past Captain's prize.

The following are the results:



Philip Doyle (Captain) Gerry McTiernan (Winner) & Kevin Loftus (Secretary)

1st Overall	Gerry Mc Tiernan	33 pts
2nd	Eamon Murphy	38 pts
3rd	John Carroll	37 pts
4th	Barry Desmond	36 pts
5th	Steve Greenwood	32 pts (B.9)
6th	Terry Moore	32 pts
7th	Mick Flynn(Snr)	31 pts
Front nine	Martin Devaney	19 pts
Back nine	Pat Conway	18 pts
Nearest the pin	Steve Greenwood	
Longest drive	Michael Flynn (Jnr)	
Past Captain's	Gerry McTiernan	
Two's Club	S. Greenwood, P. Doyle, T. Mullane & N. Byrne	
Visitors	1st - Ivor Kearney 2nd - Tommy Flanagan	

Next outing to Kilcock on Thursday 10th August



Philip Doyle Captain



Some of the golfers who took part in the golf outing at the Heritage Golf & Country Club

Gardening Tips for August

Those of you with vegetables or fruits in the garden will be pleased to know that the following fruits and vegetables are in season this August, in addition to those we mentioned last month. *Sweet Corn* and *Onion*. *Cherry*, *Loganberry*, *Pear* and *Plum*. We'll take a look at what needs to be done in the garden this month

The Vegetable Garden

Prepare onions for harvesting; thrust a fork under the bulbs, lift slightly to break the roots, and bend over the tops at the neck. Harvest in 2-3 weeks on a fine day. Brush them free of soil and dry off thoroughly in a dry shed. Plait them in ropes if you like, but they will keep perfectly well in net bags or boxes in an attic or dry frost-free place.

- Lift second-early potatoes as soon as the haulms begin to yellow. Do not leave any longer to attract slugs or wire worms. Choose a fine day, when tubers can air-dry quickly and be freed of soil. Store in fibre-board or wooden boxes in cool, frostproof, completely dark sheds, cellars or rooms. Light reaching the tubers turns them green and poisonous.
- Remove the tops of outdoor tomatoes as soon as the fourth truss of flowers has formed. Liquid feed weekly, and spray with a copper fungicide if brownish-purple blotches of blight appear in the leaves.
- Cut the stems of broad beans and peas for composting as soon as cropping ends. Leave the roots to rot and enrich the soil with nitrogen.
- Finish planting out of winter brassica crops (Brussel sprouts, cabbage, sprouting broccoli and kale) early in the month, especially in the north. Sow spring cabbage ('Flower of Spring', 'April Monarch') early in the month in a prepared seed-bed, and transplant at the end of the month. Sow Japanese onions ('Early Kaizuka', 'Senshyu Yellow', 'Express Yellow F1') in mid-August to crop next June-July.

Examine all brassica crops on the undersides of their leaves for yellow patches of eggs or caterpillars when you see the white winged cabbage butterflies flitting about the garden. Hand-pick to destroy, or dust, or spray with a derris or pyrethrum insecticide.



- Gather herbs for drying, preferably in the late afternoon of a dry day. Tie by the stems in small bunches, and hang them upside down in a dry airy place; or spread out on clean paper on baking trays or in an airing cupboard. When the leaves are brittle and easily crumbled, rub them through the fingers, discard and chaff, pack into airtight containers and store in a cool place. Do not use glass jars as the herbs will lose their flavour if exposed to light.

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Earth up celery after rain or watering, taking care that no soil lodges between the leaf stalks; or wrap cardboard or newspaper colars round them, to exclude light and blanch the stems. Self-blanching strains do not need this treatment.

The Fruit Garden

Strawberries. Clean up the strawberry bed after harvest. Remove all weeds, excess runners, old, yellowing or discoloured leaves, and lightly fork over the soil between the rows. Move rooted runners intended for the strawberry bed as soon as it is obvious they are growing strongly. Lift with soil, and space about 38cm (15in.) apart in rows 75cm (2ft 6in.) apart, watering in on well-prepared ground (see July notes). Give a dilute liquid feed to late-fruiting strawberries, and keep watered in dry weather.

- Cut away the fruited canes of raspberries at ground level and burn them so they cannot harbour pests such as the larvae of the raspberry beetle or moth, or fungus infection. Remove weeds by hand: use of a weedkiller may destroy new canes. Pull up sucker canes growing away from the stools or retained plants.
- Pick early varieties of apple. Harvest with care as they bruise easily. Apples are ready to gather when they part easily from the spur on being gently lifted in the hand; no force should be necessary.

Trace wasps back to their nests by watching their line of flight. At dusk place a small spoonful of insecticide dust just inside the entrance.



Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Tidy Towns

Delay in Grass cutting contract puts MTT under pressure

Maynooth Tidy Towns were put under extra unnecessary pressure this year with the failure of Kildare County Council to put a full grass cutting contract in place covering their open spaces in Maynooth. Members of the committee were forced to go out and cut the edges of the new Meadowbrook link as the area was in a very bad state. In addition confusion within Kildare County Council meant that the newly created area (by Maynooth Tidy Towns) on the Kilcock Road was also left uncut (see pictures). The committee blame the failure of Kildare County Council to support and communicate with the committee as the reason for this extra work falling on our volunteers. This is despite the fact that the representatives of the committee met with Kildare County Council management in June. The fear now is that tidy towns volunteers who are interested in enhancing the area will feel that they are been taken for granted in being asked to undertake grass cutting which is the responsibility of Kildare County Council. The Pictures show the before where Committee member Mary Jennings looks in awe at the task ahead to work in progress (committee members Liz Callaghan, Sean Lyons and Mary Jennings at work to the completed task).



Hanging Baskets moved from Straffan Road to the centre of the town

A number of residents have commented that they miss the flowering hanging baskets that have been in bloom for the last three years on the Straffan Road. This year the committee decided to remove these baskets and erect them in the town centre along Mill Street/Kilcock Road and the Leixlip Road. The main reason for the decision was to concentrate the colour in the town centre this year. Another consideration is the cost of this project which has been funded by contributions from the business community in previous years. This year we did not approach the businesses, but we are expecting some grant aid from Kildare County Council. As before we are grateful to Leixlip Town Council and Intel Ireland for their agreement to the use of the equipment that is used to water the hanging baskets in Leixlip. We are ever hopeful that we will be able to secure one main sponsor for this project next year. The picture shows the new flowering baskets opposite the church on the Kilcock Road.



Clubs, Organisations and Societies

(Maynooth Tidy Towns Cont'd)

Small Pound work completed but concerns over condition of wall

Work on the small pound has been completed for this year and it has received very favourable comments from the many people who have contacted us. However, the committee have made our concerns known to Kildare County Council regarding the condition of



the wall which could collapse at any time. In order to minimise the number of people that will be exposed to this danger Maynooth Tidy Towns has replaced the original gate with sponsorship from SuperValu, Maynooth.

Maynooth Tidy Towns restore bollards at Maynooth Castle/NUI, Maynooth entrance

In 2003, the committee and supporters erected bollards outside Maynooth Castle as the area had become neglected and was used as a parking area. There was universal approval for the improvement that resulted especially from local residents. In support of our work NUI, Maynooth maintain the grass area here free of charge.

Regrettably, trucks and cars using the area as a turning plate resulted in a number of bollard being knocked over and unfortunately they were left on the ground until Maynooth Tidy Towns volunteers recently reinstated the bollards. The picture shows committee members Aisling Kelleher, Sean Lyons and Gerry Lawlor taking a break after their 7am start to do this work.



Tidy Towns Judging will take place twice this year

As Maynooth is now in the higher scoring levels in the National Tidy Towns Competition we will be judged twice as a second judge comes to check the score awarded by the first judge. It is very likely that the first judging has taken place as it would normally be done in June or early July. The second judging will take place in August so for the sake of the town please do your bit in keeping your estate or area you live looking well and particularly litter free. Maynooth Tidy Towns committee will continue to manage the projects that we have done this year. Your help in doing this would be gratefully appreciated. One of our new projects this year was the new features outside the Boys Primary School on the Moyglare Road. Although the boys have been very supportive with this project, they are now on summer holidays. Our pictures show committee member Aidan O'Rourke keeping the area opposite well trimmed while committee members Moira Baxter and Aisling Kelleher remove the litter.

Paul Croghan
PRO
Maynooth Tidy Towns



Clubs, Organisations and Societies

(Maynooth Tidy Towns Cont'd)

Maynooth first took part in the IBAL competition in 2004 and our first scoring was 12 out of 30. The Judging takes place twice a year and by the end of 2004 we were placed 28 out of 30. 2005 we were deemed to be moderately littered as we failed to improve on the scoring. We have failed to improve beyond being moderately littered as our place is in the mid 40's out of 55 towns.

The way IBAL, works the judges take 10 locations in each Town and they examine the quantity of litter and surroundings. The report below shows the surroundings down in 2006 on the locations listed. A second survey will take place later in the year as there are two judging's each year. We would be gratefully appreciate if litter was kept to a minimum so that Maynooth does not fall further back in this competition.

Paul Croghan
PRO
Maynooth Tidy Towns

IBAL Litter League—Result May 2006

42nd. MAYNOOTH:

When is Maynooth going to look its best? This is a very important University town getting a very bad result. It has maintained its 'Moderately Littered' position from last year.

Executive summary:

All of the sites surveyed in this hugely busy heritage town had levels of litter, with no exceptionally good sites. A couple of the sites have seen improvements e.g. Main Street (which still has some ongoing works to the pavements); The Public Park has scored somewhat better than previous litter surveys and Railway Station (Outside) has had a general clean up. Hopefully this concerted effort at these three areas is sustained. With more effort many of the sites could be improved e.g. Straffan Way, Maynooth College (Old) and the Boys Secondary School, both Outside and Inside.

Approach Road from Dublin: Moderately Littered. This was the first impression created of the town and it was sustained throughout. There was a good deal of litter in the ditches and there were no litter bins. An anti-litter notice might be helpful.

Pound Lane (low density residential area): Moderately Littered. Nice established residential area but it has a rather neglected, dirty look. No bins. Cigarette butts, cans and chewing gum were all present.

Boys Secondary School – Outside: Moderately Littered. On the whole, the area was generally well kept. Chewing gum, cigarette butts and plastic bottles here. The area was served by three litter bins which were rather dirty.

Boys Secondary School – Inside: Moderately Littered. (On north side of town). The grounds were in good condition and nicely landscaped. There was very little litter, just some small scatterings of fast food wrappers and some chewing gum.

Main Street: Moderately Littered. A big effort has been made in the recent past to improve appearance. There are plenty of good litter bins, but no gum disposal units, however, which could be helpful. There was some ongoing work to the pavements and a profusion of chewing gum throughout.

Railway Station – Outside: Moderately Littered. There has been considerable cleaning up done in recent months. The result of this is a generally good appearance. There were some cigarette butts and general litter including fast food wrappers, however.

Railway Station – Inside: Moderately Littered. The high standards attained during previous litter surveys have been sustained. The inside of the station was very good, as usual. Cigarette butts are the main offender here.

Public Park: Moderately Littered. A huge clean-up has been carried out here with the result that the park is unbelievably better than in previous surveys. One rather dirty bin. No gum disposal unit but facility for butts. Some gum and fast food wrappers just need clearing up.

Maynooth (old) College – Inside: Moderately Littered. Very good as usual. There were plenty of litter bins and a very good effort has been made throughout. There were some very light scatterings of bits of paper and butts.

Straffan Way (low density residential area): Moderately Littered. On the whole this residential area was well kept. It was very good except for small amount of scattered litter.

Maynooth Geraldine Festival 2006

The Maynooth Community Council Annual Table Quiz Sponsored by Tesco took place in the Newtown Inn on Tuesday the 18th July. It was well attended and enjoyed by everyone.

The Festival Committee would like to thank Kay McKeogh and Proinsias Breathnach for setting the questions.

Norah McDermott for doing MC on the night. Freda Kelleher and Deirdre Cusker for marking the score board.

The following office staff who collected the answer sheets and various other jobs during the night, Jane MacNulty, Dara Lakes, Ann Walshe, Rosaleen Hickey and Bernie Nevin.

The Results are as follows:



The Winners: Paul Daly, Brian O'Malley, Declan O'Connor & John Dredge with a score of 71 pts.



Runners Up: John McGinley, Pay Moynan, Willie Saults & Peter O'Connell with a score of 70 pts.



In third place were Cathy Keane, Brid Grandgeorge, Tom McMullon & Geraldine Betgin with a score of 63 pts.

The Festival Committee would like to thank the following businesses for sponsoring the raffle prizes during the Table Quiz.

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Newtown Inn

Maynooth Geraldine Festival 2006

The Joe Murphy Trophy Maynooth Community Festival Tesco 7-a-Side Soccer Tournament 2006

This very popular 7-a-side soccer tournament was held in the Harbour Field from the 10th to the 23rd July. It is limited to 16 teams and it was oversubscribed again this year, with 2 teams having to be balloted out. There was an average attendance of 250 spectators each evening, with around 400 watching the Final and it was the highlight of The Community Festival.

The teams were divided into 4 groups of 4, with the winners and runners up going through to the quarterfinal knockout stage.

Group 1 was won by Manor Court Rangers and Rockfield Celtic were the runners-up. The Town and Old Greenfield exited.

Group 2 was won by Castlebridge and Woodlands Utd. were the runners-up. Rockfield FC and Greenfield Utd. exited.

Group 3 was won by Kingsbry Galacticos and Old Greenfields FAI were the runners-up. Barrogstown and Parsons Hall exited.

Group 4 was won by Old Dublin Roaders and the runners-up were Curly's 7. Newtown Rangers and Cluain Aoibhinn exited.

Quarter-Finals

Manor Court Rangers	3	-	0	Woodlands Utd
Castlebridge	1	-	1	Rockfield Celtic
(Castlebridge won on penalties)				
Kingsbry Galacticos	2	-	0	Curly's 7
Old Dublin Roaders	0	-	0	Old Greenfield FAI
(Old Greenfield FAI won on penalties)				

Semi-Finals

Manor Court Rangers	1	-	1	Castlebridge
(Castlebridge won on penalties)				
Kingsbry Galacticos	2	-	0	Old Greenfield FAI

The Final

Kingsbry Galacticos, who were the runners-up last year, were the red hot favourites and they duly obliged by beating Castlebridge 6 - 1. They got off to a great start with a goal in the first minute and scored another in the 9th minute. Castlebridge missed a penalty after 14 minutes and Kingsbry made in 3 - 0 after 19 minutes. Castlebridge got one back when they scored from a penalty after 8 minutes of the second half. However, they failed to score again despite strong pressure and Kingsbry went on to score another 3 goals to run out very easy winners. As this was Castlebridge's first time in the tournament they did exceptionally well to reach the final.

Thanks

I would like to thank the organising committee for giving so much of their time in preparing the pitch each evening. They had to be present for 4 hours on each of the 8 evenings and also attend the Final on Sunday the 23rd July. Special thanks is due Michael O'Reilly, Willie Saults, Andrew McMullon, Michael Dempsey, John Doogan, John Saults, Lenny Murphy, Pat Moynan and Christina Saults.

Also, many thanks to our Referee, Bill Gannon, who handled all of the matches very professionally.

Finally, on behalf of the organising committee I would like to thank all of the teams for taking part, TESCO for their sponsorship and the Murphy family for the beautiful trophy.

John McGinley (Organiser)

Maynooth Geraldine Festival 2006

The Joe Murphy Memorial Trophy Tesco 7-a-side Soccer Tournament



Presentation to the Captains of the Runners Up and the Winning Team



Some of the regular spectators at the 7-a-side Soccer



Willie Saults, Bill Gannor (Referee) & John McGinley



Maynooth Geraldine Festival 2006



Kingsbry Galacticos (The Winning Team) with their trophies—The Joe Murphy Memorial Trophy and the Trophies Sponsored by Tesco with John McGinley the Organiser and Lenny Murphy son of the late Joe Murphy



Castlebridge the Runners Up in the Tesco 7-a-side Soccer Tournament

Maynooth Geraldine Festival 2006

On Wednesday 19th July the Maynooth Ladies & Gents Golfing Societies hosted a Mixed Foursome Competition, sponsored by Declan Kennedy of Brady's Clockhouse, in the R & R, Dunboyne Road, Maynooth. Ten teams took part which was very good as a lot of members were on holidays. The Festival Committee would like to thank Tom Nolan, Gerry McTernan and Declan Kennedy for making the day such a success.



John Hynes, Tom Nolan & Albert Harrington one of the teams who competed



John Byrne, Martin Doyle & Anita McNamara on their way to the 1st Tee



Martin Doyle teeing off at the 1st Tee.



Declan Kennedy presenting the winners of the Mixed Foursome, Pat & Michelle Farrell & Dave Kinlon with their prize. Also in picture is Kevin Loftus



Declan Kennedy, Brady's, with Gerry & Mary McTernan, Norman Kavanagh the Runners Up.



Declan Kennedy, Brady's with Mick Fahy, Michael Flynn Jnr. & Michael Flynn Snr. Who came in third

Maynooth Geraldine Festival 2006

An Evening of Light Entertainment in Maynooth Geraldine Castle



Maynooth Geraldine Festival 2006

An evening of light entertainment was held in the Geraldine Castle on Thursday 20th July which was organised by the Local History Group. The Festival Committee would like to thank all those who participated in this event which was very well attended and in particular the following people. The OPW who granted permission for the use of the Castle. Hilda Dunne who co-ordinated between the OPW, the various organisations and the Office to ensure the event took place. The Maynooth Brass and Reed Band, Scoil Rince Ui Dhubhail, Local Writers Group, the U3A Group and last but not least the Local History Group.



Maynooth Geraldine Festival 2006

Traditional Music in Brady's on Thursday 20th July



Sunday 23rd July in Caulfields—Last Evening of the Festival



Maynooth Geraldine Festival 2006



Some of the Players at the Texas Hold'em on Thursday 20th July in Caulfields



Peg Brown (Newtown Inn) Winner of Barperson of the Year during Maynooth Geraldine Festival receiving the John Tiernan Memorial Trophy from Chairperson of the Festival Committee Andrew McMullon

Maynooth Geraldine Festival 2006



Maynooth Geraldine Festival 2006

Under Starter's Orders



Event	Place
Girls U4	1st Olivia Fagan
	2nd Amy Ruthwell
	3rd Chloe Thompson
Boys U4	1st Harry Dunne
	2nd Jack Regan
	3rd Alex Lee
Girls U6	1st Margot
	2nd Aoife Brennan
	3rd Amanda Thompson
Boys & Girls U6 mixed	1st Alison Hastings
	2nd Arron Byrne
	3rd Eoin Harrington
Girls U8	1st Sarah Heaslip
	2nd Nicola Fitzsimmons
Boys U8	1st Matthew Duran
	2nd Paul McGuire
	3rd Ben Carroll
Girls U10	1st Kelly McTigue
	2nd Lauren Hastings
	Shannon Holland
Boys U10	1st Darren McGurie
	2nd Dave Moynan
	3rd Adam Bell

Event	Place
Girls U12	1st Louise Doran
	2nd Emma Ryan
	3rd Shannon Thompson
Boys U12	1st Robert McGuire
	2nd Tadhg Hutchinson
	3rd Mark Thompson
Dads	1st Johnny Nevin
	2nd Cilian Fagan
	3rd Michael Brennan
Mams	1st Catherine Lee
	2nd Ann Gannon
	3rd Sandra Nevin



Maynooth Geraldine Festival 2006



Sandra Nevin with her baby, Molly who won the bonny baby contest. Also in the picture is Molly's grandmother, Margaret Gillick



Marie Carroll with her baby, Andrea who won second place in the bonny baby contest



*2nd Runner Up of the bonny baby contest
Emma Hynes*

The Festival Committee would like to thank all those who made the Family Day in the Harbour Field on Saturday 22nd July such a success. In particular we would like to thank **Brid Feely** of **Remax** for their sponsorship of event and also the bonny baby contest. **Peg Brown** for judging the contest. **Mexx** and **Shanique** for their gift vouchers. **Sean Donovan** of **Londis** for the use of his barbecue and for providing the food. **Tesco** for providing the minerals. **Patricia Moynan and her gang of hard working helpers** for keeping order amongst chaos. Last but not least **Michael and Marie Gleeson**. Michael for organising the races and Marie for doing chef on a very warm day. Without the help of these volunteers we would be unable to run the Family Day which is enjoyed by so many children and adults alike.

Clubs, Organisation and Societies

Maynooth Ladies Golf Society

Kilcock Golf Club was the venue for the Maynooth Ladies Society's most outing on Thursday 22nd June. 17 members took part in the evening outing which was very generously sponsored by The Roost, Maynooth. The winners of the Stableford Competition were-

1st	Eleanor Reilly
2nd	Ciara Greenwood
3rd	Deirdre Glynn
4th	Ann Burns

The members were warmly welcomed by Paddy O'Brien and his staff when they returned to the Roost after their round of golf. Paddy presented the society with a number of very generous prizes for the winners. Congratulations to all the winners and a very big thank you to the Roost for their sponsorship.

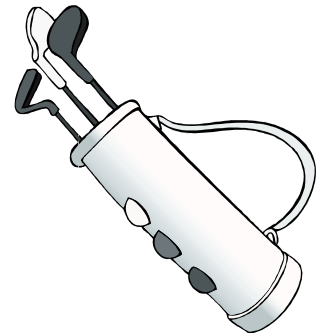
The outing on Thursday 13th July was to Millicent Golf Club. The winners of this outing were-

1st	Ann Connellan
2nd	Ann Burns
3rd	Marie Barrett

Congratulations to the winners. This outing was sponsored by the society itself and the Stonehaven Restaurant, Maynooth.

This year the society which has 50 members has sought sponsorship for prizes from local businesses in Maynooth and the surrounding areas. There has been a great response to this and the society would like to once again thank all the sponsors. The Maynooth Ladies Golf Society can be contacted at 086 8793610. If you are interested in sponsoring a prize or outing for the society.

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Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Playing Pitches for the GAA and Schools

Under the Maynooth Development Plan 2002 it was agreed that 18 acres of land would be given to Maynooth GAA and the VEC, as a community gain, in return for the rezoning of 42 acres for housing on the Moyglare Road. Incredibly, four years later, the land has still not been transferred. As a result Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

"That Maynooth GAA and the VEC be given a licence immediately to enable them to use Satchwells land at Moyglare Road, Maynooth."

Removal of Trees to solve Maynooth's Traffic Problem would be an act of Vandalism

Kildare County Council sent the following letter to Maynooth Community Council on 29th May:

Kildare County Council's Roads Design Department have confirmed that they are determined to achieve maximum efficiency at the traffic lights to ensure the safety of pedestrians in this location.

Unfortunately if this entails the removal of any existing trees, they will be replaced nearby."

Cllr. John McGinley has made it very clear to Council Officials that he would consider the removal of any of the trees as an act of vandalism and he has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

"That under no circumstances should any trees be removed from Main Street, Maynooth, to facilitate traffic management."

Landscaping of The Harbour Field, Maynooth

The Maynooth Harbour Action Area Plan states:

"A landscape plan must be prepared for the Harbour Field and will contain a detailed planting, landscaping and maintenance programme for the area. Improvements to the park would also include:

- *Pedestrian and cycle access*
- *New street furniture including lighting and bins*
- *New planting*
- *Landscaping of the strip of lands between the field and the Straffan Road."*
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Cllr. John McGinley proposed at the last Community Council meeting that a committee of all interested parties be formed to come up with recommendations as soon as possible.

John has also submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

"That a skateboard park be constructed at the side of The Harbour Field, Maynooth as a pilot scheme for North Kildare."

Castledawson Update

Cllr. John McGinley was advised by Willie Hannigan of KCC on July 10, that the developer has submitted a draft proposal, in the last week, for upgrading the pumps in the pump station. Council officials will be meeting him on this matter later in the week.

Allocation of Discretionary Grants

Cllr. John McGinley has allocated funding from his Discretionary Grants for the following:

€8,000 for the surfacing of the car park area between House No's 825 and 826 Old Greenfield and additional works required on the Back Lane serving House No's 826 to 837.

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€13,500 for a tarmac surface on the entrance road to O'Neill Park, Maynooth. The work will involve the taking up of the badly damaged concrete surface and its replacement with a tarmac surface and it should be completed in the next couple of months.

€1,000 for re-laying the footpath between No. 1 Maynooth Park and Greenfield Shopping Centre.

OPW recruiting additional staff after Stagg criticises delay in commencing Rye Flood Study

On 11th May in the Dail Minister of State Parlon was unable to advise Deputy Emmet Stagg as to when the Cathment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study for the Rye River would commence given the limited staff resources available for the work.

Deputy Stagg further raised the issue with the Minister on June 1st by calling on the Minister to recruit additional staff to the OPW if there was a shortage. Minister of State Parlon advised Deputy Stagg that the OPW were in the process of recruiting additional staff at present and that the Rye Study would commence as soon as possible.

Deputy Stagg stated that he welcomed the recruitment of additional staff which would enable the commencement of the Flood Risk Assessment. After all Kildare Co. Council had requested the prioritisation of the study given the severe development pressure in the Towns of Maynooth, Leixlip and Kilcock.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that he would keep up the pressure on the Minister until the Study commenced.

Waiting List for Eye Tests for children in Maynooth Health Centre now A YEAR—Naas 11 MONTHS

Deputy Emmet Stagg has slammed the recent disclosure by the Health Service Executive that the Waiting Time for an Eye Test for a child has risen from 7 months last September to 12 months now at the Maynooth Health Centre, and at the Health Centre in Naas the waiting Time has gone from 4 months to 11 months.

Deputy Stagg has been pursuing the waiting time issue with the Tanaiste and Minister for Health but as with nearly all issues now the Tanaiste referred

the matter to the Health Services Executive. Effectively Mary Harney is washing her hands of the issue despite the fact that ultimately the provision of eye tests is her responsibility.

The H.S.E. advised Deputy Stagg that the Waiting Time for Eye Tests for children was as follows in Health Centres in Co. Kildare:

* MAYNOOTH	12 MONTHS
* NAAS	11 MONTHS
* ATHY	11 MONTHS
* NEWBRIDGE	3 MONTHS

Deputy Stagg stated that the H.S.E. are currently carrying out an exercise to improve administrative efficiency in the Optical Service but have refused outright to increase the number of Opticians to enable the Waiting Times to be drastically cut.

Children in North Kildare are waiting 4 times as long to get an eye test compared to children in Newbridge. This stated Deputy Stagg is unacceptable and children with eye problems are now suffering negatively from the delay in their treatment. This is placing enormous pressure on parents and forces them into the Private Sector seeking an eye test for their children.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that he would raise the issue further with the Tanaiste and Health Services Executive. If there is no Embargo on recruitment in the Public Health Service as the Tanaiste has claimed then why can't additional Opticians be hired by the State?.

Stagg slates Hanafins failure to reduce class sizes in National Schools—Over 31% of Kildare pupils in classes of 30 or more

Deputy Emmet Stagg has slated the Minister for Education on her abysmal record in reducing national school class sizes in Co. Kildare with the revelation that of the 22,070 national school pupils in the County, 6,882 are being taught in classes of 30 or more, nearly 1/3 of all pupils.

The figures were released by Minister Hanafin to Deputy Staggs colleague and Labour Spokesperson on Education Jan O'Sullivan T.D. on June 15th.

Deputy Stagg stated that we have the second largest class sizes in Europe and our spending on Primary Education is currently second from the bottom of EU countries. In other words what you pay is what you get.

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Deputy Stagg further stated that when this Government came to office they promised that children under 9 would be in classes of 20 or less. In other words half of school going children would be in classes of 20 or less.

The breakdown of the figures for Kildare are as follows:

NUMBER OF PUPILS	CLASS SIZE
990	10 to 19 pupils
3761	20 to 24 pupils
10437	25 to 29 pupils
6351	30 to 34 pupils
531	35 to 29 pupils

One would expect that the numbers of pupils would be roughly the same in Junior Infants , Senior Infants and 1st to 6th class. That being the case 11,035 pupils in Co. Kildare should be in class sizes of 20 or less if the Governments commitment was honoured. But the table clearly shows, and this is giving all pupils in the 20 to 24 class size range as being in classes of 20, that only 4,751 are possibly in class sizes of 20 or less. In other words of the under 9`s 6,319 pupils at a minimum are being taught in classes of 25 or more. This is a serious breach of faith by the Minister given the Governments commitment in their Programme for Government.

Deputy Stagg further stated that it is all about Prioritising issues at Government level. Hard Working Families expect and deserve their children to have the best start in life by being taught in classes which are not overcrowded. The Teachers are doing their best but both they, the pupils and their parents are being let down by this Government.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that this Governments Failure on this critical issue deserves a Red Card.

Screening of Manor Mills Development from Maynooth Castle difficult because of Rich Archaeological Deposits

Deputy Emmet Stagg made representations to Minister of State Tom Parlon seeking the provision of proper screening of the Manor Mills Development from Maynooth Castle given the negative impact the new development has on views of the Castle from the Parson Street and College Green area. The New development stated Deputy Stagg has had a

serious impact on the setting of the Castle itself and he had sought the planting of mature trees along the Northern Boundary of the Castle Site.

Minister of State Parlon advised Deputy Stagg recently that the area between the Castle and the Lyreen Stream is rich in undisturbed archaeological deposits. He also pointed out that the stream is below the level of the Castle Site and the stone boundary wall and pointed out that the O.P.W. would not be in favour of planting any additional trees in the area as it would have a detrimental effect on the underlying archaeology and could undermine the wall to the Stream.

Reacting to the response Deputy Stagg stated that the building of the entrance to the Castle Visitors Centre which involved the provision of ugly steps must have posed a similar problem for the O.P.W. as regards the rich archaeological deposits. They obviously overcame this through an archaeological dig and to keep the setting of the Castle in a historical context without the backdrop of the Modern Manor Mills development then a dig could be organised at a number of points where mature trees would be planted. Deputy Stagg stated that there are two views on archaeology – Leave the items undisturbed or carry out a dig which might produce rich materials to display in the Castle Visitors Centre.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that he intended to re-contact Minister of State Parlon on this issue with a view to finding an acceptable solution.

Education going backwards—Ministers policies on class sizes force merging of classes in Maynooth.

Deputy Emmet Stagg has reacted with astonishment to the news that from the New School Year in September next, pupils in Maynooth Boys National School in separate years will be taught by the same teacher in the same classroom.

Deputy Stagg stated that a number of parents had been in contact with him in relation to this unacceptable situation. There are enough pupils for 16 classes in Maynooth B.N.S. but the Minister for Education has only sanctioned 15 Teachers. This means that 4 classes have to be combined into 3 and the option arrived at in Maynooth means that there will be 10 pupils doing 5th class and 26 doing 6th class in the same classroom with the same teacher. This means that neither of the classes can possibly receive the full education they deserve despite the best efforts of the Principal of School and the teachers.

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Children still without School Places

The Government failed to provide school places for 370 children during the last school year. 2005/2006, even though Government Tax Revenue exceeded targets for the first half of this year by €980m. These 370 children, all at least 6 years of age, many have special educational needs, have a constitutional right to an education but instead of being given a school place they've had to settle for home tuition. Minister for Education & Science, Mary Hanafin, has stated "my Department considers the school-based education provision is the most appropriate intervention for all children including those with special educational needs".

Catherine Murphy, TD (Ind) has strongly criticized the Government for failing to ensure that all children are accommodated with suitable school places at the very least from the age 6 through to 18. "Its extraordinary that a Government whose tax revenue is €19.59 billion for only six months can't provide suitable educational places for these 370 children".

"There's so much money in the exchequer, and from today's figures its obvious that we have even more than we thought., why can't the Government make sure that every child in the State gets the education they deserve so they can grow up and pay their own taxes.?" Murphy concluded in highlighting that "after trading on the good name of our education system to generate Tax Revenue it's time for the Government to make sure that every child has the best opportunity to contribute."

New Taxi Ranks needed for new Taxi Services this September.

Deputy Catherine Murphy has called on Local Authorities to take a pro active approach to providing new taxi ranks in the run up to the designation of the entire Country as Taxi Meter area on 25th Sept next. For counties with no current taxi services Local Authorities will need to identify suitable on street locations and designate them as taxi ranks they should also be taking the lead in seeking expressions of interest from retail outlets such as supermarkets, nightclubs and pubs, who would be interested in designating places on a full or part time basis as taxi ranks.

An increased choice of services particularly at night time will no doubt add to Road Safety. It is essential that a means of commuting is available to those wishing to socialise and also leave their car at home. While Hackney services are available in most provincial towns because they are operated under private hire rules, such services set their own fares as opposed to Taxi fares which are set by the Taxi Regulator and are displayed in the vehicle, there can be significant variations, it is in the public interest that there should

be a choice of service and there is no reason why both services cannot co-exist.

Considerable work has been done by the National Taxi Regulator in co-operation with the Industry it is now essential that other key players such as the Local Authorities take the initiative in developing other components of the new service.

Register of Electors

I checked with the Department of the Environment as to the amount that was allocated to the Kildare County Council for upgrading the electoral register and was told they were allocated €118,000 with a further sum of €118,000 to be provided by the end of the year. I am checking with the Council to see if they believe that will be sufficient to do the work. The Kildare register has been a source of complaint for several years. I will get back to you with updates after I have spoken to the Franchise Section of the Council.

Electoral Register

The Central Statistics Office has been in contact with Census Enumerators within the past few weeks to find out who is interested in doing the work on the Electoral Register. I suspect there will be some Industrial Relations Issues at Local Government Level because the function has been one assigned to Revenue Collectors (they used to collect domestic rates). Hope we will see people on doorsteps doing this work soon enough. Obviously this is intended as a once off clean up of the register it will be necessary to put systems in place that it will be updated on a regular basis rather than allowing the same situation to arise again in a few years. In Kildare, specific targeting of new estates would seem an obvious job that needs continuous work, this together with young voters that could be done at 6th year level in the schools throughout the county.

Weston

I received the following e-mail from the Irish Aviation Authority this morning. I will be talking to those who have made complaints to me:-

I refer to your e-mail regarding Weston Aerodrome. There has been no change to the licence for Weston Aerodrome. The hours of operation are strictly during the hours of VFR (Visual Flight Rules) that is, from the 1st day of April, and ending on the 30th September, the time between a half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise, and during the remainder of the year, the time between sunset and sunrise. At this time of the year the latest time an aircraft could operate in and out of Weston would be approximately

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2210Hrs. The tower at the aerodrome closes outside of these times and no aircraft movements are permitted. In fact, any unusual activity would be reported by security to the airport manager who has given assurances that no aircraft movements have taken place at the times you have stated.

One explanation is that due to predominantly easterly winds over recent times the easterly runway at Dublin Airport has been in use and when both Baldonnell and Weston Aerodromes are closed this allows Air Traffic Control at Dublin to descend aircraft approaching from the east to two thousand feet above sea level in that area whilst they are positioning to land in Dublin. If any unusual aircraft activity was occurring at Weston during the night, the radar at Dublin Airport would pick them up and they would be reported to the Irish Aviation Authority.

Weston Decision Bizarre says Murphy

Kildare County Council has granted planning permission to Weston Aerodrome for the widening of its stopway / clearway located at the end of its 800m runway, however the decision has been deemed bizarre by Catherine Murphy, TD as at the time it was made Kildare County Council were also considering pursuing Weston for inappropriate use of the same stopway / clearway. "On one hand the Council are telling they're endorsing rule breaking by allowing a widening of the facility. This is so inconsistent it's absolutely bizarre and needs to be revisited by the Council".

Weston was originally given permission to construct the stopway / clearway at the end of its 800metre long runway to accommodate emergency use only, so its purpose is as a safety measure and not as an extension of the runway itself. However, Kildare County Council has been supplied with both video and photographic evidence of planes taking off and landing with the use of the stopway / clearway during routine and not emergency movements, which is not permitted. This is significant according to Murphy as "the length of a runway determines the type and size of aircraft that can take off and land, obviously the longer and wider the runway the larger the aircraft that can be accommodated. Ducting has also been laid to the side of the stop way and locals fear it is intended to provide lighting allowing night time activity at the Aerodrome."

Weston applied some months ago to the Irish Aviation Authority for a change to their airspace licence in which they sought some "limited" night flying together with an expansion to the area of airspace under Weston's control, they are seeking to move to instrument control for takeoff and landing in addition to visual control. Most of the smaller fixed wing

planes will continue to rely on visual control simply because they do not have the required instruments on board. South Dublin County Council has also approved a similar stopway/clearway extension, which is currently under appeal with An Bord Pleanála.

"Local concerns are based around noise and safety. The large number of helicopters now regularly using Weston is a particular source of complaint but it's vital that we don't allow the extension of the Aerodrome's runway which would allow for larger aircraft to operate from there" concluded the North Kildare T.D.

Preliminary Census figures must be applied to funding of all services as promised.

Catherine Murphy, TD has today demanded that Government adopt a more consistent approach to their use of preliminary and main Census figures in the wake of the recently released preliminary census report. "I spoke with officials at the Department of the Environment who said they would refer to the preliminary census figures when allocating money to Local Authorities in the Local Government Fund next year, which is what I'd like to see happen. But the Minister for the Environment today stated that as the figures were preliminary he would not use them to assess whether the level of representation in the Dail is within Constitutional limits. It's an anomaly to say the least, either these figures are reliable enough for Government or they're not" - Murphy

Murphy also highlighted the consistent level of growth that Kildare has seen since the establishment of the State in warning that Government must change its approach to resource allocation. "According to today's figures the population of Kildare has increased by approximately 38% since 1996, 13.5% of which occurred since 2002 and the county as a whole has experienced phenomenal growth over the past half century. It's not entirely unreasonable to presume that growth will continue to occur. But the Department of the Environment Fund does just that in failing to take growth patterns into consideration when allocating funding. Instead it allocates funding based on the number of inhabitants in a county at the last census, which in real terms means that this year Kildare County Council is under funded by at least 13.5% as the budget received was based on the population figures for 2002. This is completely unacceptable and must change as growing areas need more funding to put new services in place, not less"

She described the difference in policy applied within the Department of Environment as absurd and called

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on Government to ensure that the preliminary census figures be applied across the board among Government Departments to ensure that the promises made during the publicity campaign for participation in the census are kept. The ad campaign told the public that vital services such as Health, Education, and Transport Planning would be based on the data collected. 30% of the National Growth is accounted for by that growth that has occurred in Fingal, Meath and Kildare. There needs to be a shift in emphasis now in providing services. "Sustainable development is all about planning for the future and investing in that future now rather than later when cracks appear. The Government said it wanted to collect accurate data to plan for the future, so why not use preliminary figures and get a head start on all forward planning? But by the same token, if the figures are good enough for one Government Department, or one section within a Department they must be seen as good enough for all aspects of Government" - Murphy.

Update on Rye River Flood Risk Report

Below is the text of a letter received this week from the OPW regarding the Flood Risk Assessment and Management Report to be carried out regarding the River Rye. As you can see there's going to be a significant delay in both the completion of the report and also the implementation of any measures recommended by it.

Dear Catherine,

I refer further to your recent letter regarding the Local Catchment Flood Risk Assessment & Management Plan for the River Rye.

The Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) Study for the Rye River, will be undertaken by Consultants under the direction of a Steering Committee, which will comprise of representatives from the Office of Public Works and Kildare County Council and will commence later this year. The Office of Public Works is currently preparing tender documents for the appointment of Consultants.

The length of time required to complete a Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study varies with the extent of the area to be studied and the complexity of the watercourse as well as the environmental, archaeological and other issues, which have to be taken into account. I expect that the Rye River Study, which will provide a comprehensive basis for dealing with all of the flood related issues in the sub-catchment which included the towns of Leixlip, Maynooth and Kilcock could be completed within 12 to 18 months.

My Officials in the Office of Public Works have been in contact with Officials from Kildare County Council and it is expected that a meeting will be arranged in the near future to discuss the C.F.R.A./M study in addition to studies currently underway by ESBI in Leixlip and Environs.

I trust the above clarifies the position for you.

Yours sincerely,
Tom Parlon, T.D.
Minister of State

Maynooth & Leixlip Bridge Projects Progress Report

Having received the latest progress report on Maynooth's Bond Bridge Project and Leixlip's Liffey Bridge Project, Catherine Murphy TD (Ind) has stated that "while there has been significant disruption caused by both projects the result of the works is already showing to be very positive."

Murphy stated on the Bond Bridge project that "I have had several enquiries in relation to Bond Bridge and checked with the Project Manager" The Council sought the road closure in order that the work could be done within a six month time frame. The expected date to re open the road was 6th June. There was a schedule of work outlined prior to the closure which mapped out how the work would be done within the time frame. There were unexpected delays with ESB and other agencies and it is now expected that the bridge will open for pedestrians and cyclists on 1st September and for vehicles in the 3rd week of September. The slip road between the bridge and railway station will not be completed for some time after that, it is important I have been told that this area is made safe. It will be necessary I have been told that lighting etc. is in place prior to opening for vehicles. Some of the work still remaining will be the construction of a path under the bridge for the canal together with ramps, there are steps to be constructed, landscaping and a significant amount of work still to be done by stone masons.

Murphy also commented on the Liffey Bridge Project in Leixlip, stating "Most of the work as we know is now done on the Liffey Bridge, it's looking very well and the works have made a big difference to both road users and pedestrians. The new railing is a significant improvement astatically to the ugly fence that was held together with pieces of wire where there were gaps so all in all I am very pleased with the work. Given the extent of what was done with significant underground services everything from fibre optic cable to sewage connections is accommodated

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so it was a complicated job. I have been told the contractor has been given a snag list, which included 29. These include flushing out the storm drains in order that they function correctly in wet weather. There is still a bit of work to be done under the bridge, securing ducting and bolting the pedestrian section of the bridge. There are two pillars that need to be constructed and there is some painting needed which is currently being attended to. The contract included retaining a portion of the payment for the job in order that there was an incentive to complete the snag list quickly. Thankfully we have seen an end to the traffic disruption that goes with a big job in a sensitive location. Generally it was well managed and I believe there is general approval for the work done."

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To Willie Saults and Ray McTernan who both celebrate their 50th birthdays in August. From family and friends.

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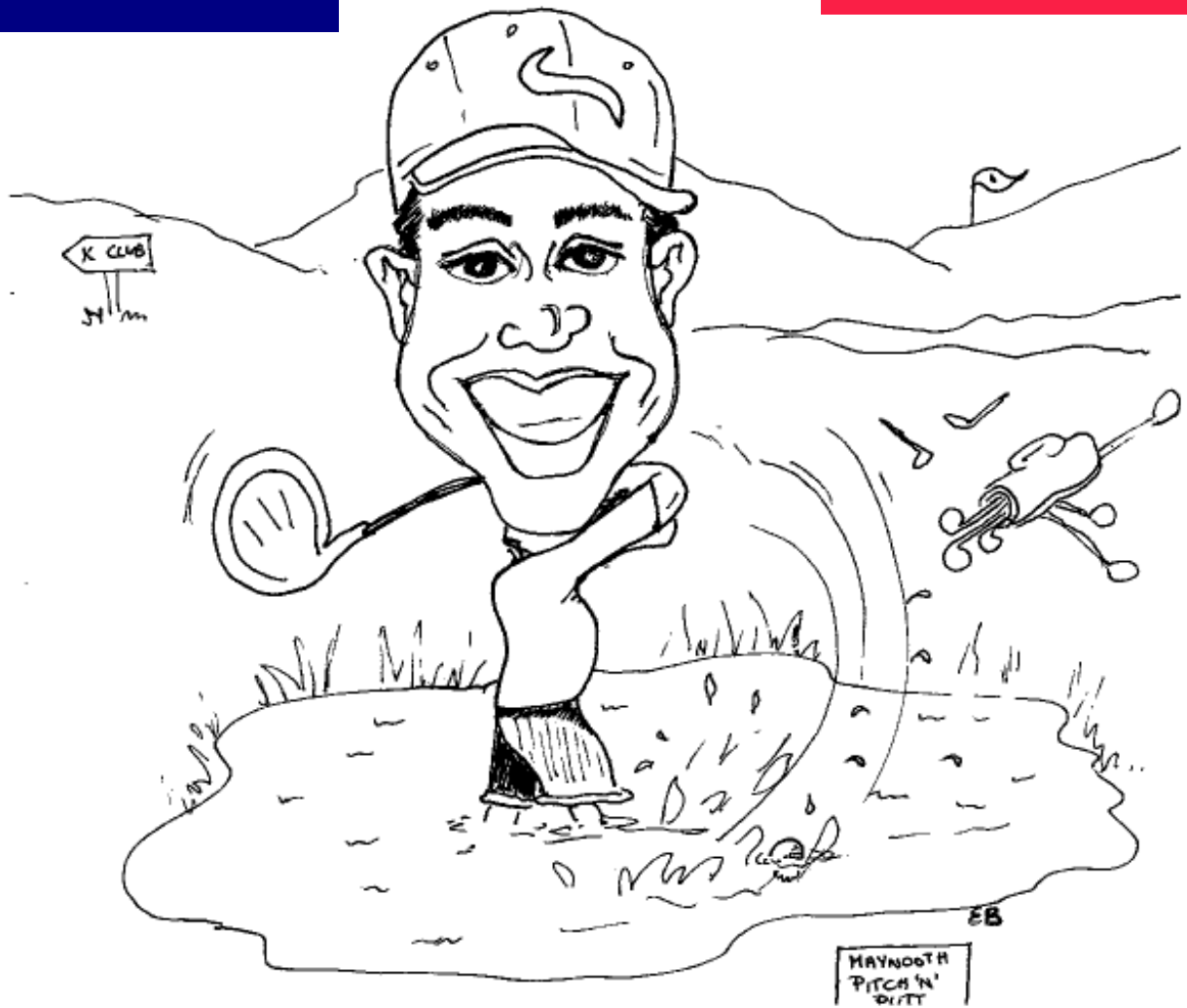
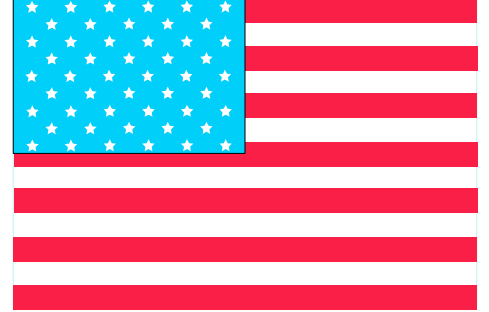
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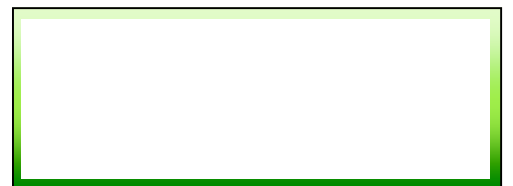
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Editorial

The town has been noticeably quiet for the past number of months with the large student population away for the summer holidays but September will mark their return along with school openings. The traffic that was not really a problem during the summer will suddenly multiply with many students driving to the College and the parents who insist on driving their children to school. The opening of Bond Bridge should alleviate some of this congestion but people should try to walk and cycle instead of driving everywhere. We are well served with cycle lanes on most roads in the town making this mode of transport much safer than in past times.

We would like to welcome the new students to the area and wish the best of luck to all the children going back to school particularly those who are facing that pleasure for the first time, whether in national school or making the huge transition to the Post Primary School.

This month marks the biggest road show ever to hit Kildare when the Ryder Cup comes to Straffan. Kildare Fáilte have been organising events for the 40,000 visitors who are expected to attend and Tidy Towns groups all over the county are working hard to make their towns as attractive as possible. The Minister for Tourism and Sport, John O'Donoghue, has requested that people do not charge exorbitant prices during the Cup; what a pity that the same concern for 'rip-off Ireland' does not apply to our own citizens.

If the Galway Races is anything to go by, the skies above will be crawling with helicopters – the new toy of choice for those who have been successful in our so-called Celtic Tiger economy. Earplugs and earmuffs may be necessary in Maynooth for the few days as these noisy creatures fly back and forth over our heads.

Finally, I would like to mention two deaths within our community. We said a final farewell to both Jim Reilly nicknamed 'The Camel' and to Pius Kelly. Both came to Maynooth from elsewhere but became well-known characters around the town. Pius worked for the Community Council on the FÁS projects on a number of occasions and contributed to the Newsletter. He will be sadly missed by family, friends and all of those who knew him in Maynooth. *Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anam.*

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Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
06/1594	Michael & Josephine Kelly	Ballagh Donadea Naas Co Kildare	P	28/07/06	Consequential application for full planning permission 04/306 construction of two storey detached dwelling house comprising of 3 bedrooms and assoc development works to site at side.	4 Brookview Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1603	James & Gabrielle Hoare	Dowdstown House Maynooth Co Kildare	T P	28/07/06	Up-grading of the existing two storey retail/residential & storage premises with ground floor shop units or optional shop unit 325m sq street setback etc.	Double & Pound Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1683	CMC Accident Repairs	Old Carton Maynooth Co. Kildare	Permission for Retention of Development	31/07/06	Extension to the workshop to rear (150.74m2) and retention of rear parking area and proposed new storm water drain and oil interceptor and associated works.	Old Carton Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1616	William Byrne	13 Shanid Road Harold Cross Dublin 6	P	01/08/06	Construction of a new ground floor extension to side of existing house providing enlargement of kitchen and utility room, alteration to ground floor in-suite window, and 3 new additional velux rooflights to first floor.	79 Leinster Wood Carton Demesne Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1628	Teresa Doherty	21 Brenley House Tabard Garden Estate London SE11Y6 England	P	02/08/06	Construction of a dormer bungalow, detached garage, bison treatment system and all ancillary site works.	Moneycooly Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1664	Dan Carr	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare	Permission for Retention of Development	04/08/06	Retention of existing single storey dog kennels used for hobby purposes and all assoc site works.	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1673	Catherine Kiernan	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	04/08/06	Construction of a four bedroom dormer bungalow, mechanical aerated treatment plant with raised percolation area, new entrance onto public road, and all assoc site works.	Clonfert South TD Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1691	NUI Maynooth	NUI Maynooth Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	08/08/06	Construct a single storey extension to the North of the former SMA Missionary building providing crèche and associated playground facilities on the North campus of NUI Maynooth.	NUI Maynooth Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1700	Thomas & Wendy Murphy & Forster	Rose Cottage Ladycastle Straffan Co. Kildare	P	09/08/06	Bungalow, amall waste water treatment unit and percolation area to (WWTM 2000)	Smithstown Maynooth Co. Kildare

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06/1730	Lisa Halton	Treadstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	14/08/06	Alteration to elevations, reduction in gross ground floor area & provision of 2 new dormer windows to the rear of previous planning permission ref 02/1669.	Treadstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1735	Fionnuala O' Flaherty	Kilmacredock Upper Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	14/08/06	Construction of a 5 no. bedroom detached house and a proposed garage with drainage for the house and garage been a mechanical aeration system and a partially raised soil polishing filter.	Kilmacredock Upper Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1754	Derrinstown Stud	29 Earlsfort Terrace Dublin 2	P	16/08/06	Construction of new single storey extension to the side of the existing offices with a connection to the existing septic tank.	Derrinstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1759	The Trestees of St Patrick's College	St Patrick's College Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	17/08/06	Construction of a new disability access, cut stone apron surround to the President's Arch etc, landscaping and assoc works.	St Patrick's College Maynooth Co. Kildare



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Feature

Supported Employment

What is Supported Employment?

Supported Employment enables people with a disability to access paid employment in the open labour market by providing on-the-job supports.

Supported Employment identifies existing jobs, matches suitable individuals with those jobs and assists them to integrate into the work by providing on-going supports in the workplace including support in relation to adapting to the work environment.

Who is Eligible?

The Supported Employment programme assists the placement and support of people with different types of disability and varying degrees of disability. However, the nature of disability must be such that the job seeker genuinely needs the initial support of a Job Coach to obtain and integrate into employment in the open market.

How Does the Programme Work

Supported Employment involves four key strands:

When a jobseeker is referred to Supported Employment they will be allocated an employment specialist called a Job Coach who will carry out a "Needs Analysis" with the Jobseeker to identify the type of employment the Jobseeker would like to pursue in the open labour market.

The Job Coach will identify suitable jobs, carry out job analysis and market the Jobseeker's abilities with prospective employers.

The Job Coach will then help to source job options, which match the Jobseeker's skills with the employer's requirements.

Both employer & employee will be provided with the necessary support and coaching in the workplace by the Job Coach. The amount of support provided should decrease over time as the employee adapts to the job and the workplace. The provision of support is helpful to the employee and to the co-workers in facilitating the integration of the employee with a disability into the workplace.

How can I avail of the Programme?

Supported employment is nationwide. In Kildare and West Wicklow the service is provided by the Kildare Coalition of Supported Employment Ltd. (KCSE) which is based in Kilcullen.

Referrals for this service **must** be made through FÁS. Therefore in order to access Supported Employment, you should first call into your local FÁS or LES office and register with FÁS.



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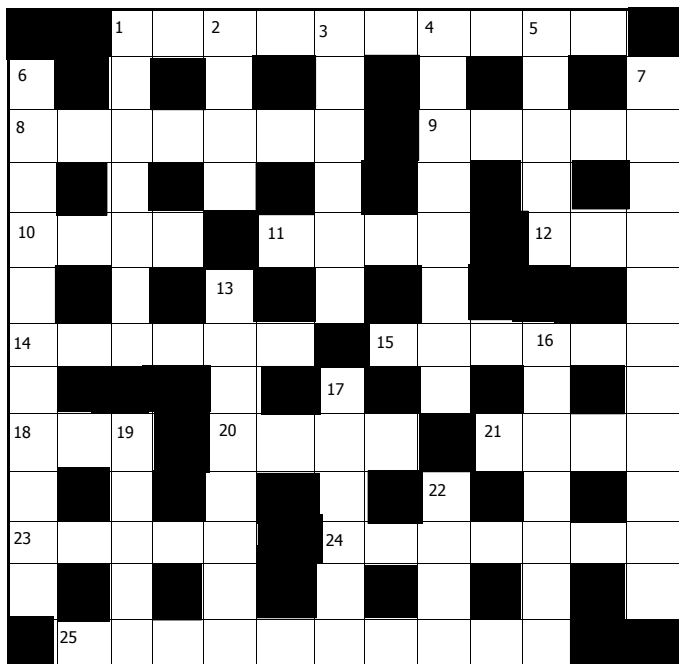
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Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Across:

1. Style of swimming (10)
8. Mike- - -, comedian/raconteur (7)
9. Lorna- - -, R.D. Blackmore novel (5)
10. Healthy colour? (4)
11. Graham- - -, the 'Galloping gourmet' (4)
12. Equipment (3)
14. Golden red (6)
15. Oath (6)
18. Compressed ball (3)
20. Harvest (4)
21. Stone particles (4)
23. Rule (5)
24. America's second-largest city (7)
25. Below (10)

Down:

1. Hereditary title (7)
2. Prune (4)
3. Type of finger ring (6)
4. Vanessa- - -, actress (8)
5. Hit (5)
6. Union representative (4,7)
7. Fresh air circulation (11)
13. D.H.- - -, British novelist (8)
16. Indian route to conflict (7)
17. The Maltese- - -, film (6)
19. See fit (5)
22. Birthplace of Galileo (4)

Across:

3. Stability, 8. Paul, 9. Radiator, 10. Copeck, 13. Forge, 14. Remorse, 15. Auk, 16. Evening, 17. Refit, 21. Raisin, 22. Waterloo, 23. Boar, 24. Intercept.

Down:

1. Specified, 2. Supporter, 4. Tarka, 5. Bo Derek, 6. Loan, 7. Tool, 11. Professor, 12. Centenary, 14. Rug, 15. Angelic, 18. Group, 19. Dawn, 20. Mere.

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How to Save Energy in the Winter

Winter Home Energy-Saving Checklist

Steps:

1. Insulate your house. Cover walls, floors and heating ducts as well as ceilings and attic access and basement trapdoors with insulation.
2. Weather-strip doors and windows. Fill any holes or cracks in window frames, door frames, pipes and ducts.
3. Check for and plug any gaps around pipes, ducts, fans and vents that go through walls, ceilings and floors from heated to unheated spaces.

Daily Energy-Saving Tips

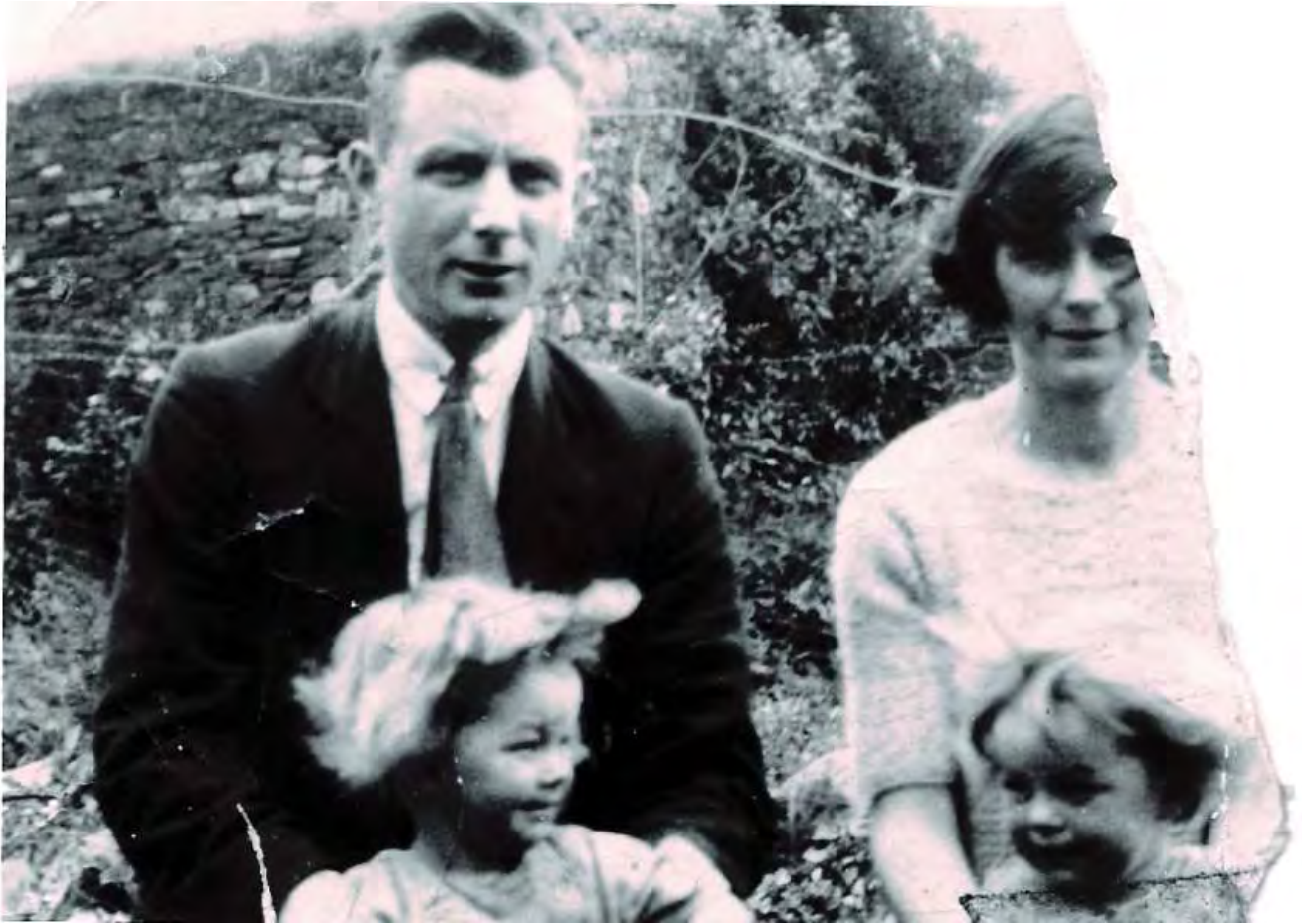
Steps:

1. Set your thermostat to 68 degrees F or lower during the day and 55 degrees when you leave the house for more than 4 hours or before you go to bed.
2. Close off rooms that don't need heat if you have automatic thermostat controls.
3. Turn down the heater when using the fireplace.
4. Close the damper when not using the fireplace.
5. Keep your range clean, lubricated and properly adjusted.
6. Clean and replace the range filter regularly.
7. Open curtains on south-facing windows to let in sunlight.
8. Keep warm indoors by wearing layers of lightweight clothing.

Tips:

1. Get an electric blanket for each bed in your house. You can stay warm during the night without blasting the heat and wasting energy.
2. The cost of heating your bed or your bedroom is much lower than the cost of heating your entire house.
3. Oh, and insulate everything, water heaters, windows, doors, etc. Insulation is cheaper than energy.
4. Fit a lagging jacket to your boiler.
5. Let your pooch climb in bed with you, just this once! You'll be so warm, you might even end up kicking him out!
6. Leave oven door open after baking in the winter to let the heat out. (Unless of course you have toddlers!)
7. Clean your chimney thoroughly before the season starts and, if you can, during the season. A clogged chimney can fill your house with smoke or even catch fire.
8. Open curtains or drapes in early morning to let sun in when shining; then re-close them as soon as sun goes down. Try to prevent opening doors as much as possible.

Happy 78th Birthday on the 19th September to Maynooth Twins



Shown here in a photograph taken in Dillons Row with their late Parents Edward and Nan Maguire are Tosheen Farrell and Theresa Ranson when they were four years old. Theresa has just returned to her home in Birmingham where she lives with her husband Peter for the past fifty six years, having spent a weeks holiday in O'Neill Park with Tosheen. Maynooth has been home to Tosheens all her life. She moved to O'Neill Park with her late husband Nicko in 1951, where they raised ten children. We wish them both many more years of health and happiness.

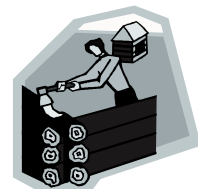
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Your Stars September 06



ARIES MARCH-21-APRIL-20

Things are all happening at once this week, and not all good. This should work itself out by the weekend you seem to be working hard; take time out. Saturday the stars shine. Lucky colour green. Lucky number 5.



TAURUS APRIL-21-MAY-21

A new job or a windfall could see you spending more than you should so be careful not to overspend. And a chance meeting with a person from your past could see you meeting new friends. Lucky colour: brown; Lucky number 6.



GEMINI MAY-22-JUNE-22

You are willing to forgive and forget the past. This week things will change for you by the weekend, when a boat trip could change your mood. The weekend is on top form. Lucky colour: forest green; Lucky number: 2.



CANCER JUNE-23-JULY-23

You could not be happier at the moment and your good spirits and good luck seems to have no end. Things come to a head on Monday. Lucky colour: red; lucky number: 8.



LEO JULY-24-AUGUST-23

You are ready to go anywhere now and you could be in for a promotion and all your hard work will be rewarded. Things are moving fast. luck Tuesday is your day lucky colour: orange; lucky number: 14.



VIRGO AUGUST-24-SEPT-23

You are seeing the world through rose colour glasses this week. And not every one shares your opinion. Smile and take the joke. The sun always shines tomorrow. Lucky day : Tuesday; Lucky colour: lemon; lucky number: 7.



LIBRA SEPTEMBER 24-OCT-23

Today is the first day of the rest of your life. Romance is high as is travel. The stars shine this week for you. Lucky day: Thursday; Lucky colour: gold; Lucky number 1



SCORPIO OCT 24 NOVEMBER-22

You are now thinking over your options this week. A new job or an old romance could reawaken the past for you. Lucky day: Wednesday, make a wish. Lucky colour: ruby red; lucky number: 4.



SAGITTARIUS NOV 23 - DEC 21

Things look good this week don't take your good luck too lightly as lady luck smiles on you over the next few days. And about time too if the past few days are to be believed. Lucky day: Friday; Lucky colour: blue; Lucky number: 10.



CAPRICORN DEC-22 - JAN-20

You are in two minds this week at work and at home. You are caught between family and friends and you don't know where to turn, slow down and look around you: your happiness is at stake. Tuesday brings joy; Lucky colour-purple;lucky number:12.



AQUARIUS 21-JANUARY-19-FEB

You feel life is passing you by and you are not getting the rewards you need to see you through. Every thing has a time and a place. Things will change. Next week things will seem clearer. Monday starts the week well. Lucky colour-silver;Lucky number- 16.



PISCES FEBRUARY 20-MARCH-20

You are in two minds this week and you feel no one is listening to you. Your judgement is in question at work this week but you will come out on top. Family may need your support.Lucky day is Thursday; Lucky colour: black; lucky number: 17.

Useful tips

First-Aid Box

Always keep the following items of first-aid equipment in a clean container where you can find them in a hurry:-

- Striking plasters - either a box of assorted sizes or a strip that can be cut to the correct size.
- Cr pe bandages for bandaging wounds in awkward places, such as elbows, and to bind strains.
- Sterile dressings in various sizes.
- Blunt-ended scissors for cutting bandages and dressings to size.
- Sterile cotton wool for cleaning cuts and grazes.
- Pain-killers—keep paracetamol and aspirin that are suitable for both adults and children.
- Tweezers for removing insect stings or splinters.
- Antihistamine cream for treating insect bites and stings.
- Triangular bandage to make a sling.
- Safety pins to hold bandages or a sling in place.

First-Aid Tips

Animal bites and scratches:

All animals carry germs in their mouths and claws. When these penetrate the skin, the germs will be left in the muscle tissues and may cause infection if not cleaned thoroughly.

Hold the wound under warm running water and wash the affected area with soap for at least 5 minutes to remove any saliva or dirt particles. Gently pat the area dry, then wipe the wound with a mild antiseptic solution before covering it with a plaster or sterile dressing. A serious wound should always be referred to hospital.

Burns and scalds:

Immediately douse the burned or scalded area in cold running water. Gently try to remove any jewellery or constricting clothing from near the burn before it starts to swell. Keep the affected part in cold water for at least 10 minutes, then place a clean dressing over the burn and gently bandage it. Any injury larger than 2.5cm / 1in will require treatment in hospital.

Some tips include:

- Never breakably butter, lotions or ointment to the affected area. blisters
- Never use a sticking plaster

Electric shocks:

It is vital not to put yourself at the risk of an electric shock as well when dealing with a casualty. Immediately switch off the source of power at the mains. If you are unable to do so stand on a good insulating material such as a thick book, a rubber mat or a pile of newspapers before attempting to help the casualty.

Use a wooden broom handle or chair to push the casualty away from the source of electricity. Otherwise, without touching the casualty, a scarf or or rope looped around their arms or feet can drag them clear. Once the victim is free from the electric current place him in the recovery position or, if unconscious be prepared to resuscitate.

Tips include:

- Do not touch the casualty until you are sure that the electric current has been switched off
- Never use a damp or wet towel or a metal object to free the casualty, even when the power has been turned off.

Insect stings:

Remove a sting that is left in the skin by carefully pulling it out, using a pair of tweezers. Rinse the area under cold running water. Wine or vinegar can reduce the swelling caused by a sting from a jellyfish but seek medical advice if the pain does not subside after a few hours.

Nose bleeds:

Help the casualty to sit down so that his head is well forward. Ask him to pinch his nose just below the bridge and to breath through his mouth. After 10 minutes the pressure can be released but, if the nose is still bleeding re-apply the pressure for another 10 minutes. Once the bleeding has subsided gently swab around the nose and mouth with warm water.

Sprain or strain injuries:

A sprain or strain will cause swelling of the injured areas, but raising the part and applying a cold compress or a bag of ice wrapped in a cloth will ease it. Wrap the area in thick padding then bandage it firmly before resting it in a slightly raised position.

Computer Training for the Terrified!



"Terrified" to learn the Computer?

I was terrified myself when I first tried to get to grips with the computer. It wasn't until I bought my own and tried out different things on it that I became more confident and relaxed. And then there was no stopping me! However I will never forget how difficult it was for me and for that reason I decided ten years ago to set up my own computer training company, Swift Computer Training, and I'm glad to say that it is still going strong. I train mainly on a one-to-one basis and in that way classes can be geared to suit the student's needs. I can train on my own computer, or on the student's which ever suits the student.

Never too Old to Learn

Many people in their fifties and sixties now want to learn the computer. They were not part of the computer generation but now want to catch up. They want to be able to send and receive emails, look up sites on the Internet etc. etc. There is absolutely no reason – age wise – why anybody cannot learn the computer.

Be Creative!

You can create greeting cards for example, work out your weekly budget (depressing!) write letters, create flyers etc. You can also transfer (download) photos from your digital camera to your computer, change the photos if you so wish (remove people, scenery, change the brightness/darkness etc). If you have a scanner you can scan your old photos in and keep them safe.

Using the Internet and having Fun

If you go on the Internet for example, you can listen to radio programmes live from all parts of the world, if you miss a programme on RTE you can listen to it later that day.

Jargon

Part of the problem with computers is the jargon. Words like font, desktop, window, download, gigabyte are not in most people's vocabulary! Unfortunately there is no way to avoid these words – they are here to stay. But you will pick them up as you go along and if you don't understand what the computer teacher is saying, ask! She will only be too delighted to explain and if she doesn't know the answer she will find it out for you.

Finally, computer teachers don't know everything. We are learning all the time. However if there's one thing I've learned it's that the computer can generally do almost anything if it has the right programmes, and if I don't know how to do something it's because I have never learned how! So on it goes – never ending but it's exciting and challenging and opens up all sorts of new vistas for everyone. So go for it!

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Poetry Corner

The Duffle Coat

Romantic gleam the eyes betray
A longing, long since long astray
A memory in moist afresh on
Continental soils the sips
The black foaming
Beauty whip
Reeling time unwind to slip
And there stand still
Until, a past seem redream
And brushed on canvas new
There to be hung
In a mid-still cheeken hue

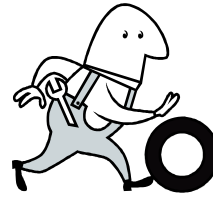
And she, needing drapes an old
Culture round,
Did sense a greener part had grown
Though it was thought left behind
That greeny duffle-coated garment
Never shed
Must have slipped inside the case
When back was turn
And came a chase

And being in pursuit adrift
To enrope around and pull to shore
As if the soul itself had never left
It's very thoughts tugging gently
In resistance to the flow

Perhaps is then the reason why
The emigrant is always seem
A half, lone figured side
Lost unto the stream

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At
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1st	Mick Flynn	46 pts
2nd	Joey Edwards	40 pts
3rd	Dave Kinlon	38 pts
4th	Philip Doyal	37 pts
5th	Dave Weafer	36 pts
6th	Don O Sullivan	35 pts (B.3)
7th	Mick Flynn (Jnr)	35
Front 9	Tommy Campell	19 pts
Back 9	Kevin Loftus	19 pts
Nearest The Pin	Philip Doyle	
Twos Club	Niall Farrell + Mick Flynn (Snr)	
Visitors	Alan O'Brien	27 pts

Next outing to Athlone will be for the Shay Moore Cup on Saturday 26th August.
Tee Time 1.00 p.m.—2.30 p.m.



Marie Murray wife of the late Dodo Murray and daughter Olive presenting the trophy to the overall winner Mick Flynn (Snr)

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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. We will look at what needs to be done this month in the flower garden and in the glasshouse.



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 immediately.

- Start bulb and corm planting this month, particularly the smaller bulbs. Broadly, the earlier they are expected to flower, the earlier they should be put to bed. Plant the corms of crocus 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 sand 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 soils. Set them on their sides, to prevent moisture collecting in the dimple, 15cm (6in.) deep.



The Garden Under Glass

Make sowing of early maturing carrots ('Amsterdam Forcing', 'Early Market Horn', 'Konfrix') in frames or under cloches early in the month. Sow a hardy lettuce ('Winter Density') this month and next to winter under cloches and head up in the spring. Also a quick-maturing radish ('Saxerre', 'Cherry Belle', or 'Scarlet Globe') and salad onions can now be grown.

The Cool Greenhouse

Keep temperatures in the greenhouse as equable as possible; ventilate freely if daytime temperature rises to avoid the clammy atmosphere that encourages fungus disease. Close up early before the cool of night. Stop damping down on cool cloudy days.

Planning Ahead

Carry on potting up bulbs, hyacinths, narcissi and tulips, each week or fortnight, so that a number can be forced to give a succession of blooms for the new year and winter months. Place bulbs in a dark, cool place, not an airing cupboard, for 6 weeks or so until at least 5cm (2in.) of shoot shows through. At this point move them into subdued and then better light over a few days. Alternatively, place them outdoors under a north wall (see August notes). *Iris tingitana* may also be treated in this way.

Bring in chrysanthemums which have been growing in pots out of doors towards the end of the month. Clean up the pots, remove flagging leaves and water very moderately until the plants adjust to their new conditions. Remove tomato plants to make room for the chrysanthemums and other winter-flowering subjects

Wipe down glass and greenhouse structure that is greening with algae with a cleaning solution. Line the greenhouse with an anti-condensation plastic sheeting, fastened with clips or tape, as a kind of double-glazing that will conserve heat and increase the possibilities for growing plants in winter.

Overhaul and repair heating units for the cool greenhouse. Have electrical equipment and propagators tested. Clean oil heaters thoroughly, wipe dry the exterior parts and renew the wicks.

Make use of fine days to repair and repaint greenhouse structures; seal in glass with fresh putty where necessary, or make windproof with sealing tape.



Recipes

Back to School Healthy lunches as recommended by VHI

Healthy lunch suggestions



Lunches should be composed of a variety of foods and include at least one item from the different food groups. Example there should be something in the lunch box from:

1. Fruit and vegetable group

Some typical choices are a whole fruit, a fruit juice drink, vegetable soup, salad, or cooked/raw vegetables.

2. Cereal group

Foods such as bread, rice, pasta, potatoes, bagels, pancakes or pitta bread.

3. Dairy group

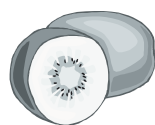
Milk, cheese or yogurt.

4. Protein-rich food

Meat, chicken, fish, egg, beans, peas, lentils or cheese.



The following foods are suitable for lunches:



Whole fresh fruit	Fruit juice
Vegetable soup	Batons of raw vegetables
Salad vegetables in sandwiches	Wraps and rolls
Homemade fruit salad	Fruit chunks in ready to peel packs
Sandwiches	Crackers
Bread sticks	Rice cakes
Flour tortillas (wraps)	Ciabatta bread
Foccacia bread	Pitta bread
Naan bread	Bagels
Pancakes	Madeira cake
Pasta salad	Rice salad
Potato salad	Bean salad
Couscous	Yogurt drinks
Yogurt pots	Cheese strings
Cheese (sliced/grated/cubed/cream)	Milk
Cheese triangles	Fromage frais
Smoothies	Ham
Tinned fish in brine	Cheese
Egg	Turkey
Chicken	Beans
Houmous	Flapjacks
Oatcakes	Fairy buns
Plain digestive biscuits	



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Dominic's Day

After the Maynooth Festival I usually head for Urlaur Pattern in Co. Mayo. On August 4th each year, this Festival and Sport's Day takes place on the grounds of the ancient Dominican Abbey. As a former runner I usually gravitate towards the running track.

I have been doing well in the Men's 100 metre sprint in recent years, finishing second twice. This could be my Year I sensed, as I studied the track picking the smoothest lane. Who should join me on the sideline but Dominic Nyland of Maynooth who is a native of that area. I told Dominic I was running and I encouraged him to run as well. He is very reluctant at first stating that he had just ate a big feed of bacon and cabbage. He also informed me that the last time he ran was chasing cows as a young lad. Eventually he agreed to run.

Soon the race started with ten runners. I got the best start of my life heading into a clear lead. Within five yards of the finishing line I sensed someone coming up fast on my right shoulder. I threw myself at the line almost crashing into a camera man. When I eventually stopped and looked I could not believe when I saw the stewards grabbing Dominic and taking his name. Then I realised that he had pipped me at the line.

Dominic proved to be a very popular winner among the home crowd. I can still see the smile on his face as they carried him away shoulder high.



Willie Healy



Amanda Fahy and Niamh Dillon



Una Healy & Gary Brennan

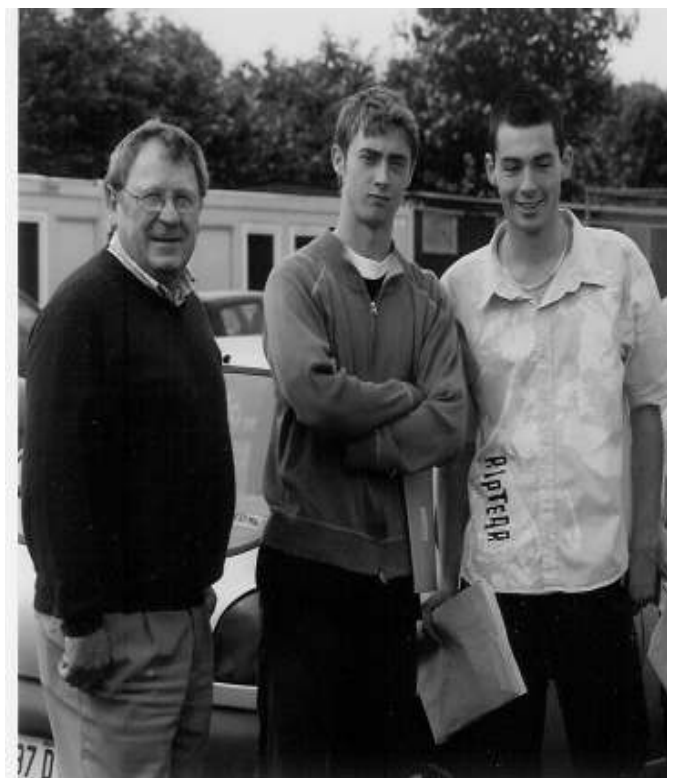
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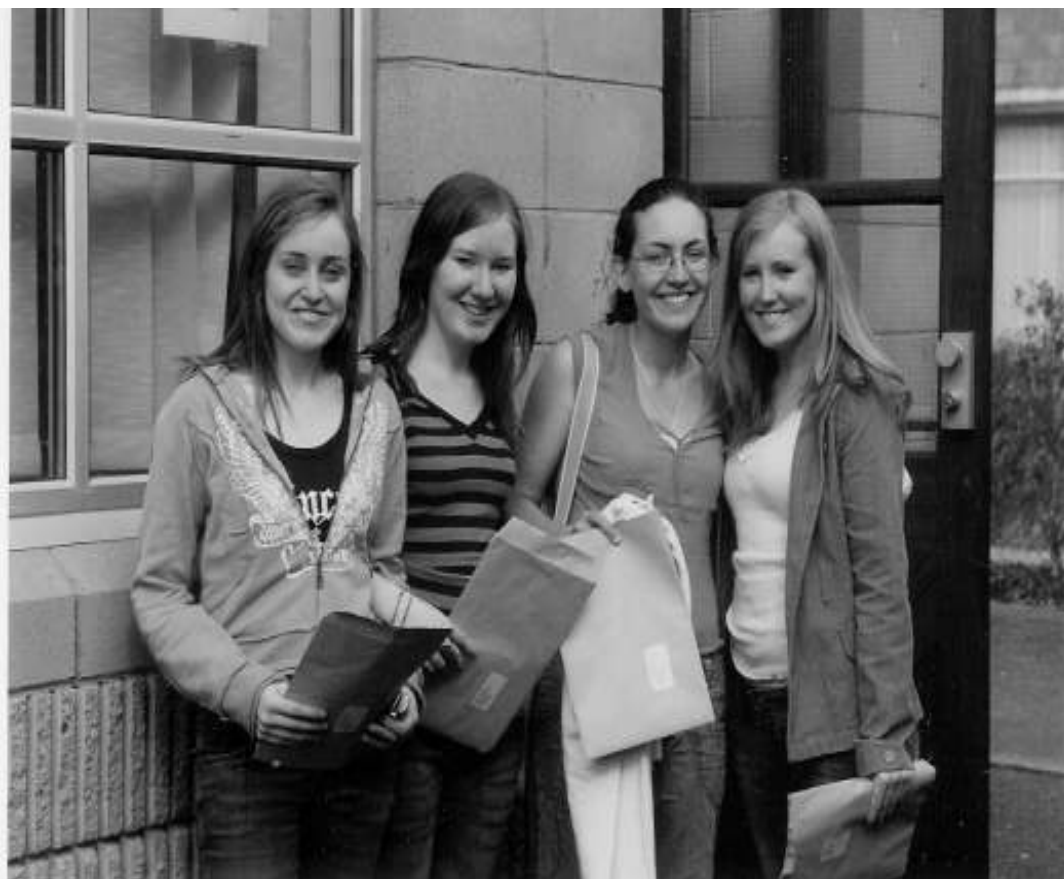
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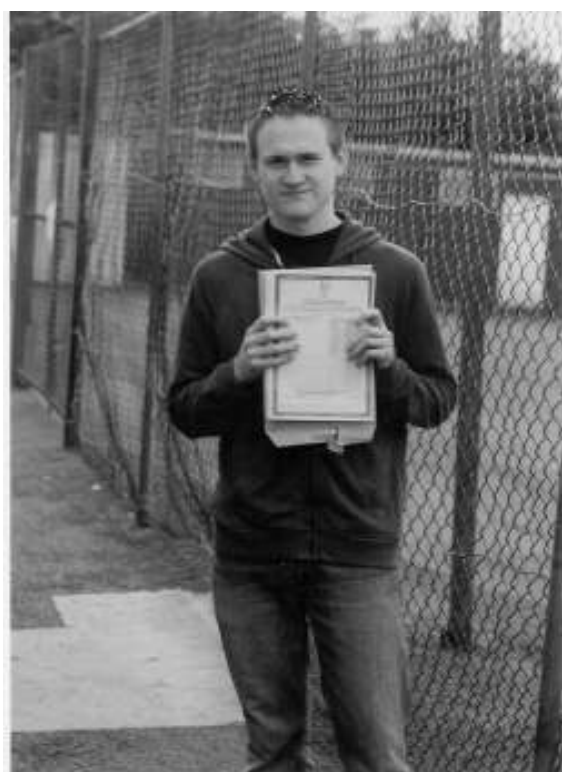
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Hard Ridden - The Epsom Derby of 1958 The story of Michael and Capt. Tim Rogers

After Orby made the breakthrough and won the Epsom Derby in 1907, it would have been a reasonable expectation that Irish Trainers would have produced a steady stream of winners of this prestigious Race. This did not happen because the environment was not there for the improvement of the Irish Blood-Horse.

The Irish Free State, poverty stricken and socially backward, stood still for nearly forty years after its inception. Some of the following economic indicators show that in some cases the State actually went backwards over the period between our first and second win in the Epsom Classic. In 1958 when Hard Ridden won the Derby, Ireland has less railway track than when the British Administration left in 1922. The price of prime agricultural land on the eastern seaboard was more or less unchanged since 1916. There was mass immigration to England and unemployment was at an all time high. We had suffered the consequences of a trade war with our powerful neighbour and had been pushed into isolation by the United States for our failure to join the Allies in their war against Germany. These factors had enormous consequences for our Economy and our Bloodstock Industry. The quality of our horses were not up to standard.

It is true that our horses were winning abroad and the Irish Bloodstock Breeders Annual Review proudly

listed their successes in countries like Italy and Turkey. It was all poor quality really and with few exceptions not worth talking about. There were some opportunities for the Irish Blood-Horse to develop but the opportunities were not taken at the time. The purchase of Tulyar by the Irish Government from the Aga Khan in 1954 met with widespread disapproval. There was bitter criticism of the Government in the Dail for its attempts to upgrade the quality of Stallions standing at the Irish National Stud. Opposition TD's could not see the economic benefits in the purchase of the horse and he was subsequently sold to the United States. It has to be accepted that the purchase price of £250,000 was deemed to be excessive and a waste of taxpayers money when most of the population were living in poverty. Although he was a failure at stud, Tulyar represented a genuine attempt by the Irish Government to upgrade our breeding stock and put the industry on a forward track for the first time in our history.

The sale of the McGrath owned Nasrullah to the United States was another setback in the development of the Irish Thoroughbred Racehorse. Champion Sire in America on five occasions, his influence on the North American thoroughbred equates to that of Northern Dancer. No blame can be attached to the McGraths who sold him as they received an offer from Bull Hancock that could not be turned down. Joe Mc Grath did indeed have second thoughts but it is believed that Hancock's



Hard Ridden (C. Smirke) winning the 1958 Epsom Derby, the first Irish trained winner since Orby

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determination to "nail down" the Irishman on his verbal agreement to sell, left Mc Grath with no line of retreat. The fact that Nasrullah made history in America and not in his first home, Ireland ,must remain a matter of considerable regret. It is in this context that the year of 1958 and the win of Mick Rogers trained colt, Hard Ridden, turned out to be an event of major significance. It heralded the arrival of an exceptionally gifted trainer on the Epsom Derby stage. It also provided the motivation for his brother, Captain Tim Rogers to start breeding quality horses on what was up to then his father' stud farm at Airlie, Lucan, Co. Dublin. In the following decades Tim Rogers was to succeed where Irish Governments down the years had failed. He became the most influential thoroughbred horse breeder, not only in his native Ireland but also Europe. He was the founder breeder of the modern Irish Blood Horse and the Industry owes its present position to his dedication and passion in developing the quality of the Breed.

Hard Ridden was bred by Sir Oliver Lambert. The colt was not bred to be a Derby winner as his sire, Hard Sauce, never raced beyond six furlongs. Hard Sauce had plenty of class however as he numbered the July Cup and the Challenge Cup amongst his victories. Hard Ridden probably derived his stamina to stay the one and a half miles at Epsom from his dam Toute Belle II. Sir Victor Sassoon bought him at Goffs yearling sales at Ballsbridge for 270 guineas. The purchase price probably represented the limited expectations for the horse. Sir Victor turned out to be quite a lucky owner as he won the Epsom Derby on three occasions in the space of ten years with St. Paddy, Never Say Die and Hard

Ridden. The colt was sent to the Curragh to be trained by Michael Rogers. As a two-year-old he had only one run to finish second on his home course. The following year he won the Irish 2000 Guineas after a prep run, finishing second, in the Tetrach Stakes. This was a very good renewal of the Irish Classic as the second horse home, Sidon, went on to win the Irish Derby.



Tim Rogers. He played a decisive part in raising the standard of Irish breeding by installing top class stallions at his Airlie and associated studs.



Horse racing was going through a very difficult period at the time with doping scandals seriously affecting the integrity of the sport. That year (1958) it was widely accepted that the ante-post favourite for the Derby, Alcide , was got at by dopers paid off by elements within the book makers fraternity. Alcide owned by Sir humphrey de Trafford, won the Chester Vase and the Lingfield Derby Trial before being routed for Epsom. A week before the race he was withdrawn due to "a strained stomach muscle" Subsequent informed opinion suggested that he had been got at. It is probable that he would have won at Epsom as later on in the season he won the Great Voltigeur and the St. Leger. He was not the only Derby favourite to be got at. The Noel Murless trained, Pinturischio, was also got at and his racing career destroyed by dopers in 1961. It is a cause of regret that the perpetrators behind these disgraceful acts were never brought to justice.

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Maynooth Town Football Club



New Club-House Development:

The goal of the Club had always been to acquire a permanent home for soccer in Maynooth. This was effectively secured in 2001 with the signing of a 99-year lease on the 10-acre site on the Rathcoffey Road.

The next priority was to install temporary changing facilities, develop the playing surfaces to the best possible standard, and provide car parking. Grant funding from the Government (€127,000) and Kildare County Council (€20,000), together with local fundraising and contributions from families made this phase of the development possible, and it was completed without the need for bank borrowings in 2003. €250,000 has been spent to date installing 3 full size pitches, a 7-a-side pitch, training area, drainage & car parking, safety netting, fencing and pitch improvements.

The growth of the club today to 25 teams is due to the efforts of a small, dedicated core of people who kept the game going with huge effort and personal commitment over the last 37 years. We can now boast that we own our own pitches, something most clubs can only dream about.

However, the need for proper permanent changing facilities, with toilets, showers, and training resources, to meet the increasing demands of the community in which we live is now more acute than ever.

Following a meeting in early January 2005, a working group was set-up to investigate planning & funding for the next phase of the development. An architect was engaged by the club to draw up plans for a modern clubhouse and submitted for planning permission to Kildare County Council. Planning Permission was granted in late 2005.

A project team is now in place to progress the development. Professional advice has been sought on the next steps for the development, and it is clear that major fundraising will be required to complete the project, as conservative estimates indicate the construction costs will be in excess of €500,000.

Lotto funding of €350,000 was applied for in

February 2006, which represented 70% of the total budgeted cost, and in June 2006, €250,000 was approved for Maynooth Town FC towards the cost of the project under the Sports Capital Grants Scheme. However, this money must be utilised before September 2007, or it will be withdrawn.

Our own fundraising efforts have begun with the provision of pitch-side advertising opportunities to businesses in Rathcoffey Road.

Projected Costs and Sources of Funds:

Est. Total Construction Costs:	€500,000
<i>Funded by:</i>	
Lotto Grant	€250,000
KCC Grant	€20,000
Bank Loan	€100,000
Club funds already raised	€30,000
Fundraising	€100,000
Total:	€500,000

The challenge facing the club now is enormous with an urgent need for facilities immediately, and a shortfall in the funding required to commence/complete the project.

While we intend to borrow money for some portion of the project, we will also need to raise a large portion ourselves. To do this, the support of parents and friends of the club is essential.

In the longer term, it is also planned to develop other facilities such as all-weather pitches for year round use by the members of the club and other local organisations.

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Can You Help?

- Would you have an occasional few hours to help with the running of the club or to contribute towards this project?
- Do you have experience, skills or contacts that might be useful in getting things done?
- Do you have any fundraising ideas worth trying?
- Would you be prepared to become involved in helping with fundraising activities?
- Would your business/employer be interested in availing of our pitch-side advertising at competitive rates?
- Would you like to be part of the team that delivers this badly needed facility for the members of the club and the people of Maynooth?

We readily acknowledge that this project is a major undertaking for us, and we are seeking all the help we can get. If the answer to any of the above is yes, and you feel you can help in some way, however big or small, please contact Seamus Thompson, 6286270. Thank you.

New Season 2006/07:

Now that the summer is almost over, the new season is already upon us, and managers have begun their preparations. Following another very successful year, Maynooth Town FC continues to grow with 25 teams taking to the field this year (5 more than last year!).

This year the club will have 3 Senior Men's teams competing in the Leinster Senior League. Training takes place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7.30, Rathcoffey Road. New Players are always welcome.

We will have 13 teams playing eleven-a-side football, in the North Dublin Schoolboys League (NDSL), and matches begin on the 3rd September. There will be a number of midweek matches during September, in addition to the Sunday games.

This year sees the introduction of nine-a-side football for Under 10s, to ease the transition from the 7 a-side game to the 11 a-side game. We wish both Under 10 teams well in this new and interesting development.

7 seven-a-side teams will take to the field this year which will ensure that Rathcoffey Road on Saturday Mornings will continue to be a hive of enthusiasm and excitement! First match of the new season kicks off on 9th September.

Every Manager's nightmare is the administration and

paperwork involved in putting a team onto the pitch. We ask for your support by ensuring that registration details and membership subscriptions are returned promptly, so that league formalities and insurance cover is completed on time.

Assistance with transport to away fixtures is always appreciated, especially midweek, when work commitments can delay some people. We suggest that parents organise a car-pooling arrangement among themselves, and take turns bringing the lads. Finally, we ask you to acknowledge and support our sponsors whenever possible. Without their generous help, many of our achievements would not have been possible.

Club Contact Details:

<i>Chairman</i>	<i>Pat Moynan</i>	6286865
Secretary	Seamus Thompson	6286270
Treasurer	Joe Walsh	6285871
Vice-Chairman	Tommy Daly	6289817

Sportsmanship: Club Guidelines

Players:

- Play for enjoyment, not just to please your parents or coach.
- Play by the rules of the game. Always accept the referee's decision.
- Play with control. Do not lose your temper.
- Play for yourself and your team – your team's performance will benefit and so will your own.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good play.
- Respect your opponent. Treat all players, as you would like to be treated.
- Co-operate with your coach and other players.
- Remember that the goal of the game is to have fun, improve your skills, and feel good.
- At the final whistle shake hands and thank your opponent.
- Win with humility – lose with dignity.

Parents:

- Remember, young people are involved in soccer for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage your child always to play by the rules of the game.
- Teach your children that honest endeavour is as important as winning, so that the result is accepted without disappointment.
- Help young children to work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship.
- Set a good example by applauding good play on both sides.

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- Never ridicule, humiliate or shout at young players for making a mistake or losing a match.
- Do not place emphasis on winning at all costs.
- Do not force an unwilling child to participate in playing soccer.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from soccer.
- As a spectator, do not use profane language or harass referees, coaches or players. They give of their free time to provide recreational

Poetry Corner

At The Botanic Gardens

To Cheryl

In flowerbeds overgrown and bleak,
Teenagers with rakes and clippers
Clear a space for nature's rebirth,
As we venture like Adam and Eve
Back Through this recovered Eden.

Skirting yew and belladonna,
Where a cat stalks a hidden mouse,
We pause by unfamiliar trees:
Cork oak, redwood, eucalyptus,
All the wealth of distant countries
Grown to tease us from our worries.

Then wander down a curving path,
Shedding the dead growth of acceptance,
So that you are once again a child,
Enraptured with snowdrops and crocuses,
And look, just dropped from where they
grow,
Berries of pearl-pure mistletoe!

Patrick Devaney



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Maynooth Tidy Towns

Maynooth Tidy Towns awaits the results from the surveys carried out by students from NUI, Maynooth

Late last autumn students of Geography from NUI, Maynooth carried out a number of environmental surveys around Maynooth as well as visiting over six hundred household to ask residents in the town for their views on the voluntary work of Maynooth Tidy Towns committee as well as for their ideas for enhancement works that they would like to see created in our town. Under, the co-ordinating control of Dr. Shellagh Waddington the results have been collated and we look forward to unveiling the report at our annual awards ceremony. More on this story next month.....

Best Estates and Shop Front Competitions 2006

More results just to hand are the prize winners in our Annual "Best Estates" and "Best Shop Front Competitions" 2006 sponsored by the Glenroyal Hotel, Conference and Leisure Centre. Each year residents anxiously await the judges' opinion on their area and to find out have they done enough to make it into the prize winners. As these results are a carefully guarded secret until the awards night we are all going to have to wait just a few more weeks.

Is Maynooth ready for the visitors that will come during the Ryder Cup?

In an effort to maintain the blaze of colour provided by the hanging baskets filled by Maynooth Tidy Towns, we delayed putting them in place this year until mid July. This was a risky strategy as we could have missed our first judging in the National Tidy Towns competition as it has taken place before as early as the June Bank Holiday weekend.

However, we wanted the flowers to look their best for the period of the Ryder Cup so that it would help to leave a favourable opinion with visitors during this prestigious golf event. The baskets were also removed from the Straffan Road beyond the Glenroyal so that they could be erected in Mill Street and elsewhere in the centre of Maynooth.

Our committee are very disappointed with the failure of Kildare County Council or indeed "Failte Ireland" to recognise the importance of Maynooth and Celbridge as the two largest urban centres close to the K CLUB and where services not available in Straffan can be secured including much

accommodation. This failure means that badly needed funding for well overdue maintenance work in Maynooth will not be provided. See some recent photographs taken in the Main Street showing bins without lids and rusting. The surface of the street is greasy not having been cleaned since the paving was originally put in place. Bins overfull having not been emptied during the weekend and litter strewn all over the place as the town does not have a seven day street cleaning service. As usual self appointed volunteers can be seen in the pictures (members of Maynooth Tidy Towns and friends) cleaning the street. On the day these pictures were taken four people cleaned the Main street, side streets, the square and around by the college in just over an hour. In other words there was four man hours work involved – is that too costly to organise when the eyes of the world are upon us?

Paul Croghan
PRO
Maynooth Tidy Towns.



Greasy Surface



Damaged and rusty bin in Main St

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Maynooth Tidy Towns (continued)



Litter blight when everything else is attractive



Litter being collected by MTT



Pizza boxes difficult litter to collect

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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Notes

Question

I heard that the income guidelines for the GP Visit Card have been increased. Can you please give the details?

Answer

The GP Visit Card allows you to attend your family doctor free of charge. For all other health services you are treated the same as a non-Medical Card holder and you have to pay the appropriate charges.

To qualify for the GP Visit Card you have to pass a means test. The means test is similar to the means test for the Medical Card but the income guidelines are higher. In June 2006 the income guidelines for the GP Visit Card were increased and are now 50% higher than the Medical Card guidelines.

GP Visit Card Income Guidelines—June 2006

Weekly income limit (gross less tax & PRSI deductions)

Age	Single Person living Alone	Single Person Living with Family	Married Couple/ Single Parent with Dependent Children
Up to 66 years	€276.00	€246.00	€400.00
66-69 years	€302.00	€260.00	€447.00
70-79 years			€895.00*
80 years or over			€940.50*

Allowance for each dependant	Under 16 years	Over 16 years
First two children	€57.00	€58.50
Third and subsequent children	€61.50	€64.00
In full-time third-level education and not grant-aided		€117.00 *Where one of the couples is aged under 70 years.

There are also allowances for expenses incurred on childcare costs, rent/mortgage payments and travel to work.

Where your means are assessed as being higher than the income guidelines, a card may still be given to cover your whole family or an individual member on the grounds of financial hardship, if you have exceptional medical expenses.

You apply on the same form you apply for a Medical Card. The application form is available from your Local Health Office or health centre.

Question

We have just returned from a package holiday in Spain. Unfortunately the holiday was a disaster as we did not have the hotel facilities promised in the brochure. Is there anything I can do about it in terms of making a complaint and getting our money back?

Answer

Yes there is. The Package Holidays and Travel Trade Act 1995 implements an EU Directive and gives you a certain level of protection should the package holiday not be satisfactory or if the operator goes out of business. For you to benefit from this protection, your holiday should be a package holiday, sold at an inclusive price that covers a period of more than 24 hours or overnight accommodation and be made up of a combination of at least two of the following pre-arranged by the operator/organiser:dge

- transport
- Accommodation
- Other tourist services which account for a significant proportion of the package (e.g. golf or fishing).

You are entitled to compensation for financial loss that you have incurred as a consequence of relying on information given to you about your package holiday. Compensation may also be claimed for disappointment at the quality of the holiday.

If the brochure was inaccurate, or things went wrong during the holiday itself, you can look to the tour operator and/or the travel agent for compensation. Your contract must give you at least 28 days from the date the package holiday ended to lodge your complaint.

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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Notes (Cont'd)

If your holiday is altered or cancelled you have the right to either a replacement package of similar or superior quality, a lower grade package plus compensation up to the cost of the original package or a full refund. Alternatively you can sue for breach of contract. If, however, cancellation was caused by factors beyond the organiser's control, or the minimum number for the package was not reached and you were given the required notice of this in writing, you will not be entitled to any compensation.

Question

We are returning to Ireland after living in Germany for a few years. Will we be able to bring our dog with us?

Answer

If you want to import a dog or cat into Ireland from any EU country, except for the UK, your pet must have an EU Pet Passport. This EU Pet Passport certifies that your pet has been identified by means of a microchip and vaccinated against rabies.

Your pet needs a blood test, at least six months before travelling, to certify that the rabies vaccination has worked. Your pet also needs to be treated for tick and tapeworm between 24 and 48 hours before travelling. The test and treatment are also certified on the Passport.

Your pet must travel with you, or with a person acting on your behalf, and must travel on an approved carrier on an approved route. Unaccompanied pets cannot travel to Ireland under the EU Pet Passport System.

Pets coming from other "qualifying" countries must also satisfy these requirements, including microchipping, and must be accompanied by a Veterinary Certificate.

Pets coming from non-quality countries or coming from qualifying countries but have not been properly prepared will need an import licence. They will also have to spend six months in quarantine in Ireland on arrival.

Pets coming to Ireland from the UK (or the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man) are not subject to the quarantine or passport requirements and can travel freely.

Question

Can I claim tax relief for third-level tuition fees?

Answer

Yes you can, providing the courses are eligible. Tax relief for third-level tuition fees is available for the following courses:

- Approved undergraduate and postgraduate courses (full-time and part-time) in both private and publicly funded third-level colleges in the State.
- Approved undergraduate and postgraduate courses (full-time and part-time) in both private and publicly funded third-level colleges in any EU member State.
- Approved undergraduate and postgraduate courses (full-time and part-time) operated by colleges in any EU member state providing distance education in this State.
- Postgraduate courses in certain private and publicly funded third-level colleges in non-EU countries.

Undergraduate courses must be of at least 2 years duration. Postgraduate courses must be for at least 1 academic year, but not more than 4 years, and must lead to a postgraduate award based on a thesis or an examination.

Tax relief is also available for approved information technology and foreign language courses in the State resulting in a certificate of competence (not just a certificate of attendance) and of less than 2 years duration.

Tax relief is at the standard rate of income tax (20%). The maximum relief allowable for the academic year 2006/2007 is €5,000. For the information technology and foreign language courses the relief applies to fees ranging from €315 to €1,270 maximum.

The tuition fees must be paid by you on your own behalf or on behalf of your spouse, your child or someone for whom you are the legal guardian. Application forms (IT 31) are available from the Revenue Commissioners website at **www.revenue.ie** or telephone **Lo-Call 1890 306 706**

A Special Thank You

Gerry and Deirdre McDonnell wish to thank everyone who participated in The Benefit Night which was held in The Newtown Inn on Saturday August the 19th.

A very big thank you to everyone who bought tickets for the event, your generosity was over-whelming. To all those who donated the wonderful spot prizes, both from the business sector and from good friends and neighbours. A very special word of thanks to John and his team from The Newtown Inn who provided the music and the lovely food on the night.

To Dympna and the gang who worked so hard to make the night such a great success.

Thanks once again from The McDonnell's and their extended family's.

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Answer

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Less than 4	€37,365	€39,695	€42,030	€44,365	€46,700
4-7	€41,055	€43,625	€46,190	€48,760	€51,325
8 or more	€44,580	€47,365	€50,150	€52,930	€55,325 The limits can be where there are third-level educational child.

	Non-adjacent rate	Adjacent rate
Full maintenance	€3,110	€1,245
Part maintenance (75%)	€2,335	€ 935
Part maintenance (50%)	€1,555	€ 625
Part maintenance (25%)	€ 780	€ 310 The adjacent rate is paid if you normally reside 15 miles or less from your college. Mature students will receive the non-adjacent rate in all courses.

The scheme is also available to full-time students who are attending full-time undergraduate courses of at least two years' duration in publicly funded third-level institutions in other EU member states, with certain exceptions.

The income limits (for the period 1 Jan-31 December 2005) are as follows:

The maintenance grant rates are as follows:

The Special Rates of maintenance grants for 2006/2007 are €5,970 for non-adjacent rate and €2,390 for the adjacent rate, equivalent to a top-up of €2,860 and €1,145 to the standard rates respectively. The income limit for these grants is €16,748. You must be receiving an eligible social welfare or other payment.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre.

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Emmet Stagg T.D.

Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Saving the Trees on Main Street, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley placed the following motion on the Agenda for the Leixlip Area Committee Meeting of the Council on 21st July in order to prevent any of the trees being removed from Main Street, Maynooth:

"That under no circumstances should any trees be removed from Main Street, Maynooth to facilitate traffic management."

Cllr. Gerry McDonagh seconded John's motion. Unfortunately, Cllr.'s Paul Kelly and Senan Griffin would not support the motion and Cllr. McGinley deferred it in the hope that they would change their minds when they had time to consider the views of the general public.

Cllr. John McGinley made the following points in support of his motion:

- ❑ Removing two trees at Bradys/Caulfields to create a left turning lane is pointless as it has already been agreed that Doctors Lane will become one-way from the Dublin Road end and thus creating a permanent left turning lane. It makes nonsense to say that these two trees can be replaced elsewhere as the straight line of trees from the Lime Walk Avenue to the College Gates must be retained. Removing them would destroy the integrity of the 18th century tree lined Main Street as well as the Square.
- ❑ Removing two trees to move the pedestrian lights at the Bank of Ireland a few metres closer to the square beggars belief. These pedestrian lights are a hazard to both pedestrians and motorists and should be removed. Also, they are not required as there are new pedestrian lights at the Roost and another set of lights at the Square. The Council engineers seem to be ignoring the fact that FOUR new pedestrian crossings have been created at the Roost.
- ❑ Removing trees to widen the bus bay at Buckley's borders on the criminal. The good drivers are able to pull fully into the bay at present and the poor drivers will continue to block the road irrespective of how wide the bay is made.

In addition Clause 2.8.5 of the Maynooth Development Plan states:

"It is the policy of the Council to make tree preservation orders for the trees, groups of trees and woodlands listed in section 3.11.4."

The trees listed in 3.11.4 include:

**Main Street
Lime Avenue
Leinster Street
College Lands
Maria Villa
Castle Area**

This section also states **"that a tree survey of trees on Main Street and the Lime Avenue be carried out and replace if necessary"**

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This survey was carried out by Costin & Associates and it called for the immediate removal of one of the trees (at Barry's) and direct replacement. This was done and all of the other remedial work called for in the report has been carried out.

In October 2004 Cllr. John McGinley submitted a motion calling for a tree protection order in line with section 2.8.5 of the Maynooth Development Plan and this was agreed.

When the Council wrote to the Maynooth Community Council on the 29 May 2006 stating that they were proceeding to remove trees to "**achieve maximum efficiency at the traffic lights**", Cllr. McGinley submitted his motion above.

It is Cllr. John McGinley's view that if all four Area Councillors support his motion protecting the trees it is highly unlikely that the Council Engineers will proceed any further. Therefore, John is requesting the people of Maynooth to make their views known to Cllr.'s Senan Griffin and Paul Kelly before the next Leixlip Area Committee Meeting on the 15th September.

Also, the Maynooth Web Site (Maynooth.org) is running an on-line "Save the Trees" Petition and every entry counts.

North Kildare Swimming Pool Complex

On the 26th April 2006 Cllr. John McGinley was given the following progress report on the North Kildare Swimming Pool Complex to be constructed at the Leixlip Amenity Centre:

"There has been agreement among the clubs at the Amenity Centre on the movements necessary to facilitate the construction of the Complex. The project has been divided into three phases i.e.

- ❑ *Phase 1. Construction of 6 all-weather pitches costing €250,000. The Tennis club is moving to facilitate this and when the pitches are completed six tennis courts will be built at a cost of €150,000. It is hoped to have Phase 1 completed by September 2006.*
- ❑ *Phase 2. The Athletic Club will move from the back of the Centre to the raised ground close to Louisa Bridge. Funding approval is expected from the Department by end May or early June 2006. The cost of Phase 2 is 500,000.*
- ❑ *Phase 3 is the Swimming Pool Complex and an application for Exchequer Funding will be*

made early next year. It will be a 25m pool, with facilities similar to the new pools being constructed in Naas and Athy. It will cost €7 or €8m."

It therefore came as a great shock to Cllr. McGinley when the Council's Director of Services casually stated at the Council Meeting on the 31st July *"that it would be between one, two or three years before serious progress would be made on the Leixlip pool issue."* Cllr. John McGinley immediately submitted the following motion for the next Leixlip Area Committee Meeting:

"That a detailed progress report on the North Kildare Swimming Pool Complex be given to the meeting, in the light of the comments made by the Director of Services at the July Monthly Meeting of the Council."

Re-opening of Bond Bridge

Cllr. John McGinley was again advised by the Project Manager for Bond Bridge on the 8th August that the 1st September was still the scheduled date for the re-opening of the bridge to pedestrians and cyclists. It is expected to have it opened to vehicles some three weeks later.

Land Between the New Bond Bridge and Silken Vale/The Arches

At the request of Silken Vale/The Arches Residents' Association Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the next Leixlip Area Committee Meeting of the Council:

"That the land between Bond Bridge/Meadowbrook Road and Silken Vale/The Arches housing estate be landscaped with low maintenance shrubs and trees, instead of the proposed high maintenance grass seeding, and that the gate for maintenance access be removed as there will be no need for it."

Carton Action Area Plan Adopted

The Carton Action Area Plan, for the lands either side of the Lime Walk Avenue, was adopted at the Council Meeting on 31st July.

While there are many good features in the Plan, especially the new public park, Cllr. John McGinley and his Labour Party colleagues, along with Independent Cllr. Tony McEvoy, voted against the Plan because of the height and densities of the buildings proposed. There were a total of 31 objections to the Plan and all of these were opposed to the height and densities. Residents will of course have another opportunity to object when Planning Applications are lodged, but it will be much more difficult to win following the a

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Adoption of the Action Area Plan.

Castledawson Taking in Charge Update

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following update on the taking-in-charge of Castledawson housing estate by the Council on the 14th August:

"The current developrs have submitted proposals (in compliance with the conditions of the planning permission) for upgrading the existing pump station, this has been referred to Water Services who are considering these proposals. I will follow this matter up with them to make an early decision on these proposals..

Sherwood Homes have been in contact in the last week, they are lining up a contractor to lay the wearing course on the main access road in Castledawson. I anticipate that this will happen in the next couple of weeks.

The developers were on holidays when the recent difficulty with the Pump station occurred. They have been instructed to ensure that the existing pumps are kept working properly until the pump station had been upgraded".

Recycling Centre in the Public Car Park in Maynooth

When Cllr. John McGinley asked for details, at the Area Meeting on 21st July, on the amount of fines and summons issued since the CCTV cameras have become operative at the recycling centre in Maynooth he was given the following incredible response:

"The CCTV at the recycling centre in Maynooth is not yet fully functional. It is expected that the outstanding technical problems will be resolved in the next two weeks. The Litter wardens will then be in a position to act on all evidence obtained and issue fines as appropriate."

Cllr. McGinley stated that it was beyond belief that the CCTV cameras were still not operating two years after they were supposed to be installed. He asked that he be given regular updates on the amount of fines and summonses issued from now on and this was agreed.

Request for Roundabout at junction of Moyglare Abbey/The Paddocks

At the request of the Residents' Association Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to examine the

possibility of installing a roundabout at the junction of Moyglare Abbey/The Paddocks, in the interests of public safety.

Stagg objects to 3 storey element of development adjoining Carton Court/Greenfield Estate and calls for transfer of Amenity Lands to council.

Deputy Emmet Stagg has along with his colleague Cllr. John McGinley lodged an objection to the proposed development of lands adjoining Carton Court, Greenfield Estate, and Griffinrath Estate near the M4 at Maynooth.

In objecting to the Development Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley raised concerns about aspects of the Development and the Transfer of 6.25 acres of Amenity Land to the Council which is to be developed as a District Park for the Area in line with the Maynooth Development Plan 2002.

In relation to the Transfer of the 6.25 acres of Amenity Land the applicants state that they have no control over this land despite the fact that when their land was zoned in 2002 there was a common owner (The Land now the subject of this planning application was purchased by the applicants sometime after the land was zoned). Deputy Stagg in his submission has called on the Council to seek proposals for the transfer of these lands from the applicant to the Council. The Amenity Land is of no value to anybody so why would somebody buy it or hold onto it. In any event given the way the lands were zoned in 2002 one would assume that the current applicants have some clause in their purchase contract covering the raising of these lands at the planning stage, giving them the option to purchase the Amenity Lands also.

Other issues raised by Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley include the following:

- The proposed 3 Storey Duplex Units are ugly and out of character with the existing built environment in Carton Court, Greenfield Drive and Maynooth Park.
- Similarly 2.5 Storey houses are out of character with the area.
- The lands proposed for development and nearby are subject to serious flooding every Winter. Measures to deal with this during construction and on a permanent basis are required.
- No landscaping proposals have been submitted in relation to the 91 Metre Setback from the Motorway. The bulk of this area

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should be planted with a forest of evergreen trees in order to prevent it becoming an overgrown wilderness and this would also help to reduce traffic noise from the Motorway.

- The proposed mix of housing comprises too many 2 bedroomed units and more 3 and 4 bedroomed family type units should be included in a revised proposal.

In conclusion whilst Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley accept that development will occur on the lands zoned residential it was critical that the aspects of the development which were unsatisfactory and the issue of the transfer of the Amenity Lands to the Council were dealt with now.

Minister confirms Rye Flood Study will commence in 2006

Deputy Emmet Stagg has continued to pressurise the Minister of State for Finance in relation to the commencement of the Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study of the Rye River.

The Minister of State advised Deputy Stagg in the Dail on July 6th that the Office of Public Works are in the process of recruiting additional staff and that the OPW are currently preparing Tender Documents for the appointment of Consultants to carry out the Study. The Minister further advised that the Study will commence this year and that a Steering Committee comprising representatives from the OPW and Kildare Co. Council will oversee the Study.

Welcoming the confirmation that the Study will commence this year Deputy Stagg stated that it was a critical Study given the level of Development presently being experienced in the North Kildare Towns of Kilcock, Maynooth and Leixlip, and the need to eliminate flooding in the area which has been experienced in the past particularly in Leixlip and Maynooth.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he would continue to monitor progress on the issue to ensure that the Study commenced at the earliest possible date.

Stagg rejects O'Donoghues explanation on low Sports Grants for Kildare

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism in the Dail on Thursday 6th July in

connection with the unfair distribution of Sports Capital Grants in 2006 which saw Co. Kildare receiving €8-58 per head of population whilst the National Average was €13-72 per head of population, and he also sought information in relation to the amount of grants sought and awarded by County.

Minister O'Donoghue advised Deputy Stagg that applications under the Sports Capital Programme are assessed under a detailed assessment criteria which takes into account the existing levels of facilities in an area, the number and quality of applications received and population in the area and that every effort is made to achieve a balanced geographical spread of funds throughout the country, whilst also affording priority to projects in areas of social and economic disadvantage. Of the 28 applications for funding from Kildare in 2006, 17 were provisionally approved whilst 11 were unsuccessful, 10 of which the Minister stated failed to meet basic minimum qualifying conditions. The Minister also pointed out that the number of applications from groups in Co. Kildare was down 25% on the years 2003, 2004 and 2005.

Dismissing the Ministers attempts to gloss over the harsh treatment of Co. Kildare Groups, Deputy Stagg stated that of the total amount of grants sought Kildare had received only 33% whilst Kerry had received 42% of Grants Sought, Monaghan 44% and Meath 59%. Under the Programme Grants of up to 70% can be awarded but in the case of one of the successful groups in Co. Kildare, Maynooth Town Soccer Club, the Minister only awarded a 50% Grant. If the Minister had really wanted to assist Co. Kildare Groups he could have given maximum grant aid to take into account the fact that 10 of the applications were not up to scratch. This would have seen our rate per population draw nearer to the average for the Country.

Referring again to the case of Maynooth Town Soccer Club, Deputy Stagg stated that the Ministers reluctance to award the full 70% Grant meant that they would now have to reassess their proposals for the development of dressing rooms and other facilities at their Grounds at Newtown, Maynooth, because the Minister had left them short by €100,000.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg reiterated his contention that Co. Kildare had been badly treated by Minister O'Donoghue and his attempts at trying to explain the small award to the County held no water.

Hanafin Washes her hands on forced merging of classes at Maynooth Boys National School

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Education in the Dail in relation to the entirely

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unacceptable situation at Maynooth Boys National School where through the loss of a teacher for the next school year, 5th and 6th class pupils will be taught in the same classroom and by the same teacher from September next.

The Minister advised Deputy Stagg in the Dail on July 4th that the staffing of a primary school is determined by reference to the enrolment at the school on the 30th September of the previous school year and that any staffing appeals must be made to an Independent Appeals Board. The Minister stated that the next meeting of the Independent Appeals Board is due to be held in October 2006 and that it would be inappropriate for her to intervene in the operation of the process.

Deputy Stagg has reacted angrily to the Ministers washing her hands of the problem by stating that the Board of Management must appeal the decision to an Independent Board. Deputy Stagg further stated that having looked at the criteria for appealing the staffing at Maynooth Boys National School it would appear that an appeal under the circumstances is not covered. Deputy Stagg further criticised the Minister for stating that the Board was independent when it is her as Minister for Education who determines the criteria for appeals.

Deputy Stagg stated that practical flexibility in the running of our National Schools is non existent under this Minister and this Government, and apart from forcing the merging of classes we also have 31% of our pupils being taught in classes of 30 or more in Co. Kildare.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that he would contact the principal of the school with a view to seeing what options were open at this stage given the fact that the Minister couldn't care less.

New census figures show population of 26,266 in Celbridge and Maynooth with no local Authority Town Council

Deputy Emmet Stagg has again criticised the inexplicable reluctance by the Minister for Environment to bring forward regulations under the Local Government Act 2001 to allow for the Establishment of new Town Council's.

The recent Preliminary Census Figures produced last Wednesday stated Deputy Stagg show Celbridge with a population of 14,790 people and Maynooth with a population of 11,476 people. Neither of these towns

have Town Councils where democratically elected people would have power and funding to decide on whats best for the development and enhancement of their Town. Voluntary Community Council's exist in both towns and their members are to be congratulated on the work they do. But real power lies in Town Councils stated Deputy Stagg.

In his most recent response to Deputy Stagg the Minister for Environment refused to give a timeframe for the conclusion of consultations on the setting up of the Local Government Commission which is a prerequisite for the setting up of new Town Councils. If this Commission was set up a proposal for a Town Council in both Celbridge and Maynooth could be made.

Deputy Stagg stated that the really galling thing about all this is that Towns for Historic Reasons have Town Councils with significantly less of a Population than either Celbridge or Maynooth – Such as Trim in Co. Meath –Population 1,581 – Longford Town , Population 7,612 – Kells in Meath – Population 3,663.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that the refusal of this Government and Minister Roche to allow for the setting up of new Town Councils was anti-democratic and an insult to the hard working families of Celbridge and Maynooth.

Contract documentation under preparation for upgrade of the N4 between Leixlip and the M50

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been advised by the Director of Transportation in South Dublin County Council that a Consulting Engineer is at present preparing the Design and Build Contract Documentation for the upgrade of the N4 between Leixlip and the M50.

Deputy Stagg was further advised that a shortlist of suitable contractors was been drawn up to issue the contractual documents to, with a view to having the contract in place early in the New Year and the contractor on site in the second quarter of 2007.

The Improvements planned under this scheme include the following stated Deputy Stagg:

- Widening the Existing Carriageway to 3 lanes in each direction.
- Provision of new Interchange at the Lucan/Newcastle Road junction on the Lucan Bypass.
- Closure of existing Median Crossings along the full length.

Whilst welcoming the slow but steady movement on this important project for the hard pressed commuters from North Kildare who have no option but to travel by car to Dublin daily to work, Deputy Stagg said it was

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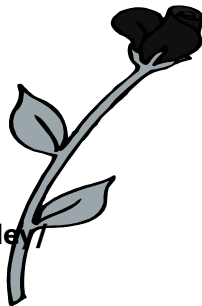
scandalous that this main artery into our Capital City was not upgraded in 2004 as originally intended. The reason the project was not completed then was not South Dublin Co. Council's fault but this Government of Wasters we have who imposed massive cutbacks on infrastructural projects following the 2002 General Election.

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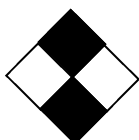


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Bord Pleanala asked to reverse Council decision to widen Weston stopway.

Deputy Catherine Murphy together with Conyboro Residents Pat McCabe & John Farrell have lodged an appeal with An Bord Pleanala against the decision made by Kildare County Council that would allow Weston Aerodrome widen the stopway by 7metres.

The three have pointed out that the stopway which is located at the end of the runway was sought in 1998 for safety reasons however the Irish Aviation Authority at the time pointed out to Kildare County Council that stopway's were frequently sought as an economical first stage in the extension of an existing runway. Since then Kildare County Council have issued both warning letters and at least one enforcement notice because there was evidence of the stopway being used as an extension to the runway.

The appeal refers to a previous Bord Pleanala decision in 2003 in which it was pointed out to Weston that any material change in the type or capacity of existing aircraft using the aerodrome would require a further planning permission. However it points out the enormous increase in the number of helicopter movements in that context yet no planning permission was sought for the substantial change.

Drawing attention to the application made to the Irish Aviation Authority for changes to their Airspace the appeal contains a copy of the proposal submitted by Weston which includes the following quotation;

"The airport infrastructure has been geared towards the handling of executive aircraft. The size of aircraft permitted to use Weston is limited by the runway and taxiway width and strength."

Widening the runway and stopway would obviously allow larger aircraft to take off and land.

The Kildare County Council permission sought details on drainage. Weston is located adjacent to the reservoir which ultimately supplies drinking water to North Kildare, parts of Meath and a significant part of Dublin. They included photographs taken from the reservoir of large drainage pipes with their outfall directly into the reservoir.

The appeal questioned why Kildare sought as a condition lighting and a new entrance when clearly they did not form part of the application.

The three asked An Bord Pleanala to overturn the decision of the Council on the basis that if widened it would allow larger aircraft to land and take off from Weston.

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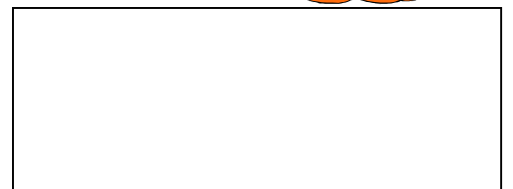
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Editorial

Despite all the bad weather, including the tail end of a hurricane, the Ryder Cup in the K-Club in Straffan appears to have been a great success. The dramatic European win, for the third time in a row, added to the jubilation on the last day as the crowds greeted and celebrated with the players, particularly the Irish. The use of public transport, park and ride ensured that the traffic in the area was at a minimum and the three-day festival was a great showcase for Ireland all over the world. The green fields, lakes and wonderful scenery was dappled in sunlight on the Sunday – what a pity the rest of the country doesn't look as good. When the organisers and the Government advertise the country abroad, I presume that they forget to tell the intending tourist that 10% of our monuments are being destroyed every year. At this rate, there will be precious little left, including Tara's Gabhra Valley, by 2016. At a recent tourist fair in Japan, the advertising included an image of Tara. Best take as many photos and video images as possible while the place is still there as they will be all that we have when the cultural vandals and developers have their way.

The Tidy Towns committee put a great effort into presenting Maynooth in the best possible light for the tourists who might have visited the town and the Main Street and the Square in particular look particularly well. What a shame that it may not look like that for long as the cultural vandals turn their attention to the trees to make room for – guess what? Cars. We have already suggested here that a lot of the congestion in the town is caused by the timing of the traffic lights and no adjustment had been made yet. The traffic lights at the Bank of Ireland on the Main Street are unnecessary and for the most part those installed, at the insistence of An Bord Pleanála, at the car park entrance to Manor Mills shopping centre are unnecessary also as the amount of cars leaving and entering are generally quite small.

The results of the Tidy Towns competition shows that the town is improving year on year and we would like to congratulate the hard working committee for their hard work. Litter is still a real problem however. It would appear that regardless of all the education and requests to people not to drop litter this is falling on deaf ears. The state of the bottle bank that must be cleared periodically also shows this disregard for tidiness and cleanliness. But there is a great deal of praise for Maynooth and its landscape in the report that can be read in full in this issue of the newsletter.

**Happy Hallowe'en
To all
our readers
and advertisers**

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

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

A vote of sympathy was extended to the families of Peter Connell on the death of his father and to the family of Pius Kelly.

Festival

Willie Sauls said that the festival went well. The 7 aside was a great success this year, with 19 teams and 190 kids involved. John McGinley thanked all who gave their time, he said a lot of meetings took place that involved 4 hours per evening for 10 evenings.

The family day in the Harbour was also a great success said Marie Gleeson. Patricia Moynan, Angela Leavey, Bridget Doran, Catherine Carton, Mick Gleeson, Liz Stole and of course Andrew McMullon were thanked.

Christmas Lights

The question of funding was raised again. Brid Feely told us what costs are involved in putting up the lights, money will have to be raised. A lot of money was raised a couple of years back, but the cost of buying the lights and fittings put paid to that. Also the cost of putting up the lights every year is considerable and with the cost of insurance and keeping with E.S.B. regulations the bill could be in the region of €12,000. The general feeling was that the Business people of Maynooth should be more involved and give the people of Maynooth something back.

Tidy Towns

Results this year put Maynooth 10 points up on last years marks. Paul Croghan said the judges didn't miss a thing even the impact of Manor Mills Centre was noted. There was no change in the marks for litter, it was also pointed out that there was a new system of marking now in place. Maynooth was on Nationwide and it gave a good view of Maynooth but when it came down to the nitty gritty it is a different story. Litter remains a huge problem in Maynooth, there is a huge amount of litter around the take away outlets. It was strongly felt that these people responsible should be fined, Beafield is also suffering from this problem with pizza boxes all over the place, we now have no other option but to write to the Litter Warden, Sean Cushen said that there was no point in doing that as the Tidy Towns had already rang the Litter Warden and they had no response at all. Sean also told us that they collect up to 4 bags of rubbish around the take aways most

Sunday mornings, surely he said that this cannot be allowed to continue. Paul Croghan said that the estates have already been judged, but urged people to keep up the good work.

The point was also raised, and maybe there is something in it, that if children were trained from a very young age to bring home their rubbish etc. it would make a big difference eventually. Mary Joyce suggested that our places of interest around the town should be highlighted and information should be in place, the Church of Ireland is a good example, they have a plaque and information in place.

Ryder Cup

Kildare Failte invited Maynooth to put on a Festival for the Ryder Cup. Maynooth Community Council representatives and the Business people of Maynooth did have some meetings but nothing came of it. Why? Or is it now just a distant memory.

Bond Bridge

As you know Bond Bridge is now open to pedestrians, and the bridge will be fully open to all traffic by the end of September. The height of the walls on the bridge was commented upon, one cannot see the canal now when crossing the bridge. John McGinley stated that the walls are 1.5mts. High.

This is to accommodate the possibility of the rail line being electrified in the future.

John O' Connor raised the very worrying problem we still have with the traffic lights in Maynooth, so when the bridge is completed and Parson Street realigned, will it affect the traffic management of the town he asked. The timing of the traffic lights will probably have to be changed it was felt.

Marie Gleeson
PRO

**Remember your Animals
on the run up to
Halloween
as they are terrified of
fireworks and associated
noise**

Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
06/1784	Dermot O'Neill	Pebble Hill Lodge Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	21/08/06	Construction of a gable end pitched roof to the west end of the building, in place of previously approved hipped roof end—(Reg Ref 05/168)	Pound Lane/ Kelly's Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1789	Colm & Carol Feeney	Ballygoran Developments Ltd. Moneycooley Celbridge Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	21/08/06	Changes to the existing planning permission (PL Ref 04/2890): A) the removal of one bay window and one window to the rear of the proposed neighbourhood centre B) for the construction of a two-storey staircase to the rear and side etc	Moneycooley Celbridge Road Maynooth
06/1795	Judy Frayne	Richardstown Clane Co. Kildare	P	22/08/06	Erection of a part single and part two storey dwelling house, a domestic garage with attic space, a waste water treatment system, a bored well and all assoc site works	Graiguesallagh Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1800	Seamus Nevin	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	23/08/06	Relocation of the existing septic tank with the installation of an effluent treatment system and percolation area to the rear of the house	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1836	CMC Accident Repairs Ltd	27 Glen Easton Way Leixlip Co. Kildare	R	28/08/06	An extension to the rear of the existing workshop, retention of additional parking area to the rear, proposed new storm water drain and oil interceptor and associated works.	Old Carton Dunboyne Road Maynooth
06/1847	Gary Foley	14 Kinvere Park Cypress Downs Templeogue Dublin 6W	P	29/08/06	To install a door and balcony on the southwest elevation of an existing permitted dwelling and associated works	76 Leinster Wood Carton Demesne Maynooth
06/1855	NUI Maynooth	Buildings Office NUI Maynooth Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	30/08/06	Erect open mesh safety canopy on existing pedestrian footbridge over Maynooth/ Kilcock Road	Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1866	Linda Brady & Gary Lynch	Courtown Bridge Kilcock Co. Kildare	R	31/08/06	Additions to previously approved development 02/207 include dormer window to rear at first floor level, window to side at ground floor level and minor internal alterations consisting of ensuite bathroom	Laragh Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1908	Mary Dunne	C/o Seamus Dunne Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	06/09/06	Construction of a wall plate dormer bungalow, puraflo treatment system and septic tank together with associated site development works	Clonfert South Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1925	High Degree Construction Ltd	Johnstown Road Enfield Co. Kildare 85 Main Street Leixlip Co. Kildare	P	07/09/06	143 no residential units comprising 45 no. two storey 4/5 bedroom detached houses/ optional house types A, B & G with attic space bedroom accommodation, 66 no two storey 3/4 room semi-detached houses/optional house types C, D, E & F, 20 no two storey 3 b	Dunboyne Road Maynooth Co. Kildare

Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
06/1932	Bank of Scotland (Ireland) Ltd	Bank of Scotland (Ireland) Ltd Bank of Scotland House 124-127 St. Stephens Green Dublin 2	P	07/09/06	1 no externally trough lit fascia sign (c3.61sqm) and a double sided externally illuminated projecting sign (c0.41sqm)	Unit 10 Manor Mills Shopping Centre Mill Street Kilcock Road Maynooth
06/1939	Fionnuala O'Flaherty	Kilmacreddock Upper Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	08/09/06	A proposed five no. bedroom detached house and a proposed arage with the drainage for the house and garage been a mechanical aeration system and a partially raised soil polishing filter	Kilmacreddock Upper Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1960	Ballygoran Developments Ltd	Celbridge Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	12/09/06	Minor alterations to four houses previously granted under ref no 04/2968 as follows A) extension to front incorporating bay window B) addition of new bay window to front elevation at first floor level, C) extension of r	Celbridge Road Maynooth Co. Kildare



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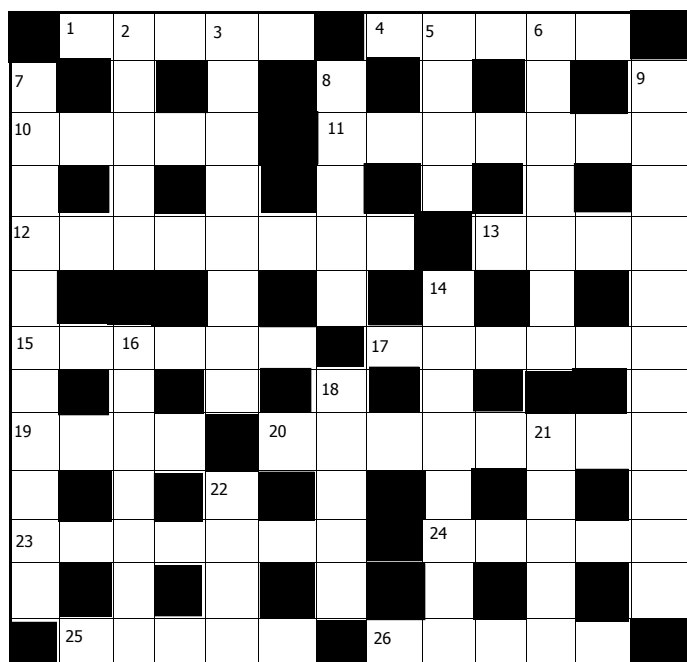


BRAND NEW

LATE NIGHT

DISCO BAR

Crossword No: 49



Entries before 16th October 2006

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Across:

1. Hunting dog (5)
4. Surprise (5)
10. Clumsy (5)
11. Generous (7)
12. See 13 Across
13. & 12 Across—co-star of grease (4,8)
15. Major Italian seaport (6)
17. Manor house with farm (6)
19. The Taurus animal (4)
20. Level-headed (8)
23. Foremost (7)
24. Edouard - - -, French painter (5)
25. Take up (5)
26. Small hill (5)

Down:

2. Musical drama (5)
3. Common gas (8)
5. Tramp (4)
6. Humorous drawing (7)
7. Famous Sioux chief (7,4)
8. Popeye's arch enemy! (5)
9. Pyjamas fabric (11)
14. Loyd- - -, TV presenter (8)
16. Su- - -, comic actress (7)
18. Grass border (5)
21. Trite (5)
22. Flaccid (4)

Across:

1. Backstroke, 8. Harding, 9. Doone, 10. Pink, 11. Kerr, 12. Kit, 14. Titian, 15. Avowal, 18. Wad, 20. Reap, 21. Grit, 23. Reign, 24. Chicago, 25. Underneath.

Down:

1. Baronet, 2. Clip, 3. Signet, 4. Redgrave, 5. Knock, 6. Shop steward, 7. Ventilation, 13. Lawrence, 16. War-path, 17. Falcon, 19. Deign, 22. Pisa.

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We opened our national help line on the 6th July and I am pleased to say it is a great success however I am very sad and worried to know that there are so many young people out there in dreadful emotional and mental pain. This national help line is manned by trained volunteers.

Please help us to save lives.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Maureen Bolger (Mrs) PRO.

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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Notes

Question

Could you please tell me who is eligible for the Back to Education Allowance?

Answer

The Back to Education Allowance (BTEA) is paid by the Department of Social and Family Affairs (DSFA) to unemployment people, lone parents and people with disabilities who wish to do approved second-level or third-level courses of education.

To be eligible for the allowance you must be:

- Aged 21 or over (24 or over for a postgraduate course) and for the previous 6 months* have been receiving a social welfare payment such as Unemployment Assistance/Benefit or One-Parent Family Payment
- Aged 18 or over and for the previous 6 months* have been receiving a disability payment such as Disability Allowance or Invalidity Pension.
- Aged 18 to 21, out of formal education for 2 years, and for the previous 6 months* have been receiving One-Parent Family Payment or Unemployment Assistance/Benefit
- In receipt of Disability Benefit for at least 3 years

*It is 12 months for a third-level course.

Periods spent on employment schemes, training courses and in prison may count towards the qualifying period. From September 2006, periods spent on Supplementary Welfare Allowance or in Direct Provision from the HSE may also count. If you are eligible, your spouse/partner may qualify providing you are getting a Qualified Adult Allowance for him/her with your payment.

Courses you can attend include full-time second-level courses certified by the Department of Education and Science or approved by FETAC, such as the Leaving Certificate or a Post Leaving Certificate course. Also eligible are full-time third-level courses approved by the Department for its maintenance grant schemes or which FETAC recognition.

When you have been accepted for a course you should apply to DSFA for the allowance on Form BTE 1. You will be paid the allowance instead of your

social welfare payment at a rate equivalent to the maximum of your current social welfare payment. If you were previously getting an unemployment payment, the BTEA will not be paid during the summer period between academic years. Those who had been receiving other payments will continue to receive the BTEA during the summer. You are entitled to a Cost of Education Allowance (€400) at the start of each academic year.

Question

I understand that there are changes being made to the Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension. Can you please give the details?

Answer

You are correct. From 29 September 2006, Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension from the Department of Social and Family Affairs is being replaced by a new State Pension (Non-Contributory). The new pension will also replace the Widow's/Widower's (Non-Contributory) Pension. Blind Pension, One-Parent Family Payment, Deserted Wife's Allowance and Prisoner's Wife Allowance for those aged 66 or over.

Those aged 66 or over who are already receiving one of the means-tested payments listed above will be automatically transferred to the new pension on 29 September. Those who are on one of the payments listed but will not have reached age 66 by 29 September will have to apply for the new pension. You should apply 3 months before you reach age 66.

People on the new pension will get a payment for their spouse or partner providing their spouse or partner is under age 66. At age 66 their spouse or partner is entitled to the new pension in their own right but, they must apply for it.

The means test for the new State Pension (Non-Contributory) will be similar to the existing means test with some improvements. The first €100 of weekly earnings from employment will be disregarded in the means test. A similar disregard of €100 will apply to the earnings of the pensioner's spouse or partner. However, the disregard or part of the disregard cannot be transferred from one to the other. In addition, the disregard will not apply to earnings from self-employed.

The maximum rate of payment for the new pension is the same as the maximum rate for the Old Age

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(Non-Contributory) Pension. A person on the new pension will receive the maximum rate of payment provided his/her assessed weekly means are not greater than €20. This is an increase from the €7.60 means threshold that applies to the pension it is replacing. As a result, all those receiving a reduced Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension will automatically get an increase when they transfer to the new pension.

Question

I am applying for a 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 HSE 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 €14. 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 smokeless fuel supplementary also be payable to those receiving Disability Benefit, Occupational Injury 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.

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 per week in combined income or savings/capital of more than €46,000 above the appropriate maximum Irish contributory pension/benefit. For example, someone without any savings receiving a Widow's or Widower's Contributory Pension of €171.30 per week should qualify if his/her income does not exceed €171.30 plus €51, that is €222.30.

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. Application forms (NFSI) are available from any post office or your local Social Welfare Office.

Question

My 16-year-old son has been offered a job in a local shop. How many hours a week can he work?

Answer

The Protection of Young Persons (Employment) Act 1996 sets limits on the maximum number of hours for young workers. Under the act a "child" means a person under the age of 16 and a "young person" means a 16 or 17 year old.

A child aged 14 may not work during the school term. He/she may do light work during school holidays for up to 7 hours a day and 35 hours a week.

A 15 year old may do light work for up to 8 hours a week during term-time. During the holidays the same maximum number of hours apply as for 14 years old.

Both 14 and 15 year olds are not allowed to work between 8 pm in the evening and 8 am in the morning and they must be given a thirty-minute break if they work more than 4 hours. If working during the summer, they must get two days off a week, which should be consecutive where thus is practicable, and complete break of at least 21 days.

A young person aged 16 or 17 may work up to 8 hours a day and 40 hours a week. However, in general, they should not work before 6 am in the morning or after 10 pm at night. They are entitled to a thirty-minute break if working more than four and a half hours. They are also entitled to two days off a week, which should be consecutive where this is practicable.

Where someone has two or more jobs, the combined daily or weekly hours worked must not exceed the maximum permitted hours. While it is up to the employer to ensure that the law is not broken, a parent or a 16 or 17 year old who helps

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breach the law may be committing an offence.

If your son is offered a job he should request a contract of employment in writing. After one month on the job he is entitled to a written statement of his terms of employment. This is not, however, a contract of employment. His employer is also obliged to give him a summary of the Protection of Young Persons (Employment) Act 1996.

Further information is available from
The Employment Rights Information Unit, Department of Enterprise,
Trade and Employment,
Davitt House,
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Dublin 2.
Tel: 01 631 3131 Lo-Call 1890 201 615

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Your Stars October 06



ARIES MARCH-21-APRIL-20
Keep your self together as things come to a head
This week on the home front you could hear news
Form aboard keep near your telephone
Lucky day Sunday, lucky colour grey, lucky number 3



LIBRA SEPT. 24-OCT-23
This could be a big week romantically with a person you thought was just a friend but could turn out to be more than what they seemed at first. You could be going on an outing and this is just what the doctor ordered as you are desperately in need of a little respite. Lucky Day Wednesday,



TAURUS APRIL-21-MAY-21
You lose your cool this week when you cross swords with someone in management or higher up but things look better on the home front when someone you had forgotten about turns up. Monday is unforgettable, lucky number 2, lucky colour green.



SCORPIO OCT 24 NOV 22
Time seems to be going very slow and you are feeling life pass you by and you feel that you have achieved very little. Time for you to reflect on taking up a course or learn how to play the piano. The options for you are endless and you will find you niche in life. Lucky number 7, lucky colour purple.



GEMINI MAY-22-JUNE-22
You could be in for a small windfall this week and it seem your good luck will continue. Don't carry all your eggs in one basket or else your luck could break just like one of the eggs. Lucky day Tuesday, lucky colour green, lucky number 8.



CAPRICORN DEC-22 - JAN-20
You could come into conflict with a person you might be better off if you had avoided. Ignore and the problem will just disappear. You have to back off sometimes. Lucky Day Sunday: Lucky number 4, lucky colour orange.



CANCER JUNE-23-JULY-23
You've you could be off on a well earned winter break due to all the hard work you've put in over the summer months. And now you can let your hair down provided you're not bald. Either way you could reap the benefits of the fruits of your labour. Lucky day Saturday, lucky colour green.



SAGITTARUS NOV 23 - DEC 21
Time to be generous this month. A friend could be in need and the onus could be on you to help in his recuperation. Either way it could be seen as one of your good deeds for the month. Lucky Day Friday and your lucky colour is blue.



LEO JULY-24-AUGUST-23
A chance meeting with a stranger will see you look at life in a different light. The planets are aligned in your planet which means life is on the up. Don't get carried away with all the hype or you could find yourself trapped. Remember you hold all the aces. Lucky day Sunday, lucky number 15.



AQUARIUS 21-JAN-19-FEB
You will find yourself going to support a relative involved in some big competition and you don't want to let the side down. However you will find time to relax this month after all the running and racing. Lucky Day Thursday: Lucky colour red, lucky number 22.



VIRGO AUGUST-24-SEPT-23
A very turbulent last couple of weeks will come to an end this month and you will begin to find your feet again. This could turn out to be a turning point in your life. You will be starting a new business soon and this could mean more time away from your friends. Lucky Day Monday, lucky number 15, lucky colour yellow



PISCES FEB 20-MARCH-20
You feel now is the time to think about booking that long planned holiday break. A couple of friends are in contact this week about finalising a project that you had talked about doing. That promotion you've been promised will soon bear fruit and there will be extra responsibility in the offing. This you will take all in your stride. Lucky Day Friday – Lucky Colour Red, lucky number 9

Useful tips



Getting ready for Halloween



Fancy Dress

Try this for a fun outfit - turn yourself into a slice of pizza. Start with a piece of carpet foam underlay; cut it into a triangular shape as tall as you are. Spray it orange onto the 'crust' at the base of the triangle (allow for plenty of 'crust' because you'll have to fold some of it over your shoulders). Then spray the rest of the triangle tomato-sauce red (or red and yellow if you like your pizza with cheese). Cut mushroom slices, green pepper strips and onion rings from plastic foam meat trays and paint them the appropriate colours. For pepperoni sausage, cut circles from a brown paper bag and paint them reddish-brown - they curl up just like the real thing. Glue the pieces on the pizza slice or, better still, attach them with Velcro glued to the slice and to the backs of the various pieces. Fold over the crust, cut a hole for your head, and staple the crust together at your shoulders.

Use household items and cast-off clothing to create Halloween or fancy-dress costumes that don't cost money.

Transform old colanders, bowls and plastic containers into helmets and other hats. Cut a deflated football in half and spray-paint it silver for a robot's, spaceman's, Valkyrie's or knight's helmet. Turn thick work gloves into gauntlets by spraying them silver.

Use shredded cellophane from gift baskets as a wig. A balaclava makes a good start for a lot of costumes; attach animal ears, wool or jewellery.

Make white clown makeup by mixing 2 tablespoons of cornflour with 1 tablespoon of solid margarine or butter. Add some colour, if you like, with a few drops of food colouring.

For facial decoration, cut stars, flowers or hearts from brightly coloured tissue paper. To make the glue, cook one large potato, with its skin, until it's soft; let it cool. Rub the cut-outs on the potato and then stick them on dry, clean skin.

If you need extra padding for a costume, wear large tights and stuff them with cushions or rags.



Pumpkins

Most people use pumpkins to make Jack O'lanterns for Halloween, although they can also be eaten as sweet pumpkin pie.

To make a lantern, take a large round pumpkin (or swede) with a flat bottom. Draw a face on one side, placing the mouth high enough so a candle inside won't be seen. Then cut a circular lid around the stem at the top (the hole must be large enough for your hand to pass through), and remove it. Cut away the stringy material on the inside of the lid, and then remove the seeds and membrane from inside the pumpkin. Cut out the face with a sharp knife. Place a candle holder inside the pumpkin, light it and replace the lid. Put it on a window sill away from curtains or other flammable material.



Gardening Tips for October

Welcome to Gardening Tips for the month of October. October is a variable month and the pace of change is, as ever, dictated by the weather, both general and local. Autumn comes earlier further north and on higher ground. The daily rises and falls in temperature are at lower levels and sharper. October is seldom without its warm spells and the weather may turn markedly mild in the later part of the month or early November. Take advantage of such spells: lift frost-tender plants and give them winter protection, and get under way plans for soil cultivation's and new plantings.

The Flower Garden

- Remove annual bedding plants as soon as flowering is over. Plant up bulbs and polyanthus, pansies or wallflowers for spring. Take up gladioli corms from mid-month without waiting for the frost to kill the top growth. With stems attached, the plants can hang in an airy place until the corms are completely dry. Retain the large top new corms, and the younger corms for increasing the stock for next year; discard the old shrunken ones.
- Lift dahlia roots intact with tubers as soon as the top growth is blackened by a night frost. Cut the stems to within 5cm (2in.) of their base, remove surplus soil, leave to dry upside down under cover, and when dry, store in boxes or crates. Label them and dust with a fungicidal powder before storing in a dark cool place, cellar or spare room, where there is an even temperature of about 7°C (45°F).
- Take up the stools or roots of border chrysanthemums when flowering is over. Cut the stems to about 5-7.5cm (2-3 in.), and place in a deep box or cold frame just as they are, with added soil to cover, where the temperature will not fall below 1.6°C (35° F).
- Lift clumps of lily-of-the-valley now three to four years old. Divide and plant the strong crowns just clear of each other, and with points just at soil level. The new planting stations should be deeply dug and enriched with well-rotted manure or compost, and a little bone meal, in partial shade.
- Cut down and remove stems and top growth

of herbaceous perennials in the border; crush or chop tough material before adding to the compost heap. Remove stakes and clean them before storing.

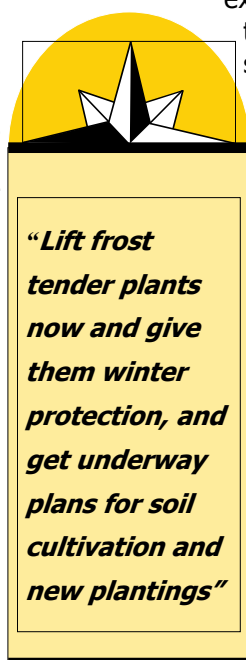
- Lift to divide long-established peonies early in the month; discard the older parts of the roots taking care not to damage the remainder and replant the other pieces, comprising good crown buds with roots, in a well-dug soil enriched with humus-forming organic matter, and basic slag. Do not expect the new plants to flower for a year or two while they recover as they are susceptible to the shock of transplanting.

The Ornamental Garden Hedges

- Make a final clean-up of hedge bottoms to reduce the hibernation quarters for insect pests. The cleared ground can be planted with snowdrop bulbs, or primroses, if the hedge is deciduous. Both will be happy under the shelter of the branches.
- Plant evergreen hedges this month and next. The classical hedges of box, holly or yew suit all soils with decent drainage and a humus content. They need a year to become well established, and then make growth of 25-30cm (10-12 in.) annually. The high initial cost is offset by ease in maintenance, and longevity. Holly is the only safe choice where grazing animals have access.
- For flowering evergreen hedges, consider laurustinus (*Viburnum tinus*) with white or pink flowers, or *Osmarea x burkwoodii* with white flowers.

Shrubs

- Complete planting of evergreen shrubs as soon as possible so that their roots can keep the leaves nurtured during the winter. Low temperatures and frost can be fatal to newly planted shrubs if planted too late.
- Plant deciduous shrubs in congenial weather and when the soil is easily worked between now and next March, though the earlier they are planted, the more quickly they are likely to re-establish themselves.



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Winner of the August Children's Colouring
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Some festive delights for Hallow'een

Colcannon

Ingredients

25g Butter
25g Chopped Onion
25g Cooked Mashed Potato
25g Cooked Cabbage
Salt/Pepper
Little Milk

1. Melt butter, add onion and sweat for 10 min.
2. Add all other ingredients, mix well together and reheat thoroughly.
3. Turn into heated vegetable dish smooth and score with fork

Irish Tea Brack

Ingredients

1 cup strong tea
6oz/ 180g brown sugar
9oz/180g plain flour
1 lb/450g mixed dried fruit
1 egg lightly beaten
½ level teaspoon bread soda

1. Put tea sugar and dried fruit in a bowl leave to soak overnight
2. Preheat oven 180°C/350°F /Gas mark 4
3. Grease 1lb loaf tin
4. Add lightly beaten egg to fruit mixture
5. Sieve flour and bread soda together fold into mixture
6. Turn into prepared tin place in preheated oven and bake for 1½ - 1¾ hours
7. Cool on wire tray and serve sliced with butter

Irish Stew

Gourmet Stew!

Ingredients (serves 4-6)

1Kg (2 lbs) shoulder of lamb well trimmed and diced (keep the bones)
2 carrots, chopped
1 onion, chopped
2 small white turnips, chopped
4 potatoes, chopped
2 sticks celery, chopped
1 leek, finely sliced
Salt and black pepper
50g (2oz) approx. green cabbage, finely shredded
Salt and black pepper
125ml (¼ pt) cream
Dash of Worcester sauce
Chopped parsley

To Cook: Place the lamb in a large pot. Cover with cold water and bring to the boil. Drain and rinse the lamb, place in a clean pot. Add the bones to the pot. Cover with approx. 1 litre (2 pts) water. Add the vegetables, except the cabbage. Season. Cover the pot and cook gently for approx. one hour, or until the meat is tender. Then remove the bones.

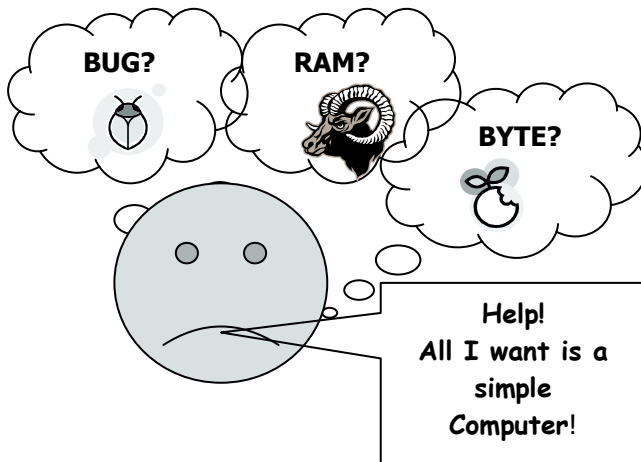
To Finish the Sauce: Remove about 250ml (½ pt) of the liquid and vegetables from the pot. Process this with the cream and return to the pot with finely shredded cabbage. Add the Worcester sauce. Simmer for 5-10 minutes, until the cabbage is heated through. Check the seasoning. Add the parsley and service in deep plates.

Can be substituted with beef



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When is a Bite not a Bite? When it's a **BYTE**!



Computers have become much cheaper in the last year or so and some of you may be considering making a purchase in the next few months. One of the problems associated with making a purchase is trying to understand the computer jargon so I will try and explain.

First of all let's look at some of the computer terms used to describe the computer's bits and pieces (called components):

Hardware: This is the word used to describe your monitor, central processing unit, mouse, keyboard, speakers, etc. **In other words anything you can touch on the computer.**

Software on the other hand describes the programmes you use to produce something on your computer - for instance you would use word processing software to write a letter.

Operating System: A computer has to have an operating system—its like the engine that drives the car. When you buy a computer it will have an operating system installed, usually called Windows XP.

Memory: Also called **RAM** or random access memory. This is the temporary memory you need when you are carrying out something on the computer. The bigger the memory, the more tasks you can carry out at the same time. Memory is measured in terms of MB or megabytes, which brings me nicely onto the title of this piece BYTES. At least 512 MB memory is recommended as anything less will slow your work. Buy as much as you can afford, up to 1GB. Unfortunately, if there is power failure of

if the computer crashes, all the information stored in RAM will be lost unless it has been saved.

Unit	Representation	Description
b	Bit	Single binary digit of information, either 0 or 1
B	Byte	Group of 8 bits
KB	Kilobyte	Approx. 1,000 bytes
MB	Megabytes	Approx. a million bytes
GB	Gigabyte	Approx. a billion bytes
Mhz	Megahertz	(MHz) The prefix "mega" means 1,000,000, so there are 1,000,000 Hz in one MHz

Here are a few definitions:

So what how do all these bytes etc. translate into meaningful everyday uses? Well here are a few examples

Information Object	How many bytes
A single text character	1 byte
A typical text word	10 bytes
A typewritten page	2 kilobytes (KBs)
A low resolution photo	100 kilobytes
A short novel	1 megabyte (MB)
The complete works of Shakespeare	5 megabytes

Processor: The central processing unit is what you might call the brains of the computer. It carries out calculations and logical operations and the speed of its processing is measured in Megahertz.

More mysteries will be revealed next month, so watch this space

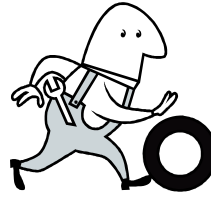
Poetry Corner

Lady

Lady of the dark night
What are you thinking of
You look a pretty sight
With a heart made of love
There you are alone
Dreaming of a new day
With no one to call your own
For a lover you pray
Down by the river glen
Waits the man of your dreams
You soon meet then
On a sunset that gleams
Both of you in ecstasy
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Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Golf Society

The Results are as follow:

Our last outing was to Athlone Golf Club on August 28th for the Shay Moore Memorial Cup. The event is sponsored by the Moore family each year and we had a great turnout of 47 players which included Sean, Joe, Terry, brothers of Shay, nephew Robert and Leo Crawford brother in law to Joe Moore.

The overall winner was out early and came in with 39 points. Later in the afternoon word came in that after nine holes three of the big hitters had 19 - 20 - 21 points coming into the famous 10th hole - over the ridge and a sharp dodgy left. As the last two fourballs came in it became clear that the big hitters had faded away and Pa Conway was the man of the day.

The winner of the Visitors 1st Prize was 16 year old Robert Moore with 30 points, nephew of Shay Moore and one to watch in the future.

The next outing is the weekend away. We play Longford on Friday 15th September and Carrick-on-Shannon on Saturday 16th September.

1st	Pa Conway	39 pts
2nd	Steve Greenwood	32 pts
3rd	Tom Flatley	31 pts B9
4th	Martin Maguire	31 pts
5th	Terry Moore	30 pts B9
6th	Paddy Foy	30 pts B9
7th	Ken Donnelly	30 pts
Front 9	Barry Desmond	19 pts
Back 9	Philip Doyle	16 pts
Visitors	Robert Moore Mick Harrigan	30 pts 29 pts
Nearest the Pin	Mick Harrigan	
2's	Mick Flynn (Jnr), Philip Doyle	
	Mick Harrigan	



L to R: Terry Moore, Pa Conway & Philip Doyle



L to R: Gerry McTernan, Robert Moore & Philip Doyle



L to R: Sean Moore, Pa Conway & Philip Doyle

Features

Toastmasters Comes to Maynooth

A new Toastmasters Club for the people of Maynooth and the surrounding areas is being formed on October the 9th next.

Toastmasters International is the leading movement devoted to making effective oral communication a reality. This world-wide, non-profit, volunteer, community based, educational organisation helps men and women learn the arts of speaking, listening and thinking.

We are each presented with these situations from time to time. And yet, these simple everyday situations can be both daunting and terrorising frequently rendering us speechless. As Maureen from Bandon in Cork, a very active community worker once said "because of my silence, it was assumed I had no views". That prompted Maureen to do something about it.

John, from Dublin, a young man starting his working life, troubled by questions at job interviews left every interview with the same feeling: "I wish I had thought of that earlier". John did something about it by being quicker to think out his answers.

Mary from Limerick, working for a major multinational, was frequently been pulled up by her supervisor for not following instructions. Mary wished she could understand better – she did something about it.

Tom retired and recently elected Chairman of the residents association. Tom, from Sligo, found the job frustrating and felt everybody in the estate was pulling this way and that. Tom knew he had to pull the group together but how. Tom did something about finding out the how.

Darragh, who had lived all his life in a rural part of Kerry. Never one too much for books but a great memory for the many stories he had picked up over the years from his father and others in the parish. Darragh knew the stories he had were interesting, each with its own little lesson for life. But how to tell the stories as well as he had heard them. Darragh found out.

And there was Eileen from the Midlands believing that the grass was greener on the other side of the hill, questioning the value of her own life. Eileen

did something about it and went on a journey of discovery in her own mind.

Different people in different parts of Ireland each in turn addressing different issues. But all found their answer in Toastmasters and each in turn got a bonus.

Maureen's need to organise her thoughts and present them clearly were addressed by the Communication Programme offered by Toastmasters. This is a basic ten stage programme, each stage addressing one of the fundamental skills in oral communication, from gestures, to voice use, word selection and structure leading to the final stages of persuading and inspiring.

John the young man developed quick thinking by participating in the impromptu question session at Toastmaster meetings. A variety of questions on topical matters are assembled and put to the members in turn without prior notice. The idea is to provide a short reply in less than two minutes. Replying to these unexpected questions helped John to "think on his feet". Perhaps a scary prospect for most of us but think on this – how many times a day do we have to answer a question where we do not know what's coming next.

Mary from Limerick honed her listening skills by getting involved in the evaluation sessions at Toastmasters meeting. Evaluation sessions involve providing feedback to a speaker where we mark the positives and identify areas for improvement. To do that properly Mary knew she had to listen intently to the speaker and learned to eliminate distractions from her thinking.

Tom, when he attended his first Toastmasters meeting, one he attended just to see what it was like, realised he had found his answer. He realised the structured meetings, following a published agenda, was just what he needed to keep focused on an end-game. For some people, initially at least, the highly organised structure of a Toastmasters meeting can be a little off-putting. But for those who persist they see the benefit of using well that increasingly scarce resource – time. Meetings are confined to a two hour period with a refreshment break. As a rule meetings are held fortnightly from September to May – in that way Toastmasters will contribute to your life but not take it over.

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Darragh's power to pass on a lesson through stories was magnified by working through one of the Advanced Speaking Programmes – the very one dealing with storytelling. This is one of fifteen Advanced Speaking Programmes available, many of which are targeted at career development. Each programme follows a standard method of five projects, each providing objectives, executive summary, how to do it and evaluation criteria.

Eileen found, by working through the foundation programme, that all new members undertake, that she entered a dialogue with herself; a voyage of discovery so to speak. In this she was able to recalibrate her goals, refocus on the things that were important to her and by so doing add great energy to her life.

But they all got more than their original objective – they got tremendous enjoyment. Enjoyment from involvement in their clubs where they met like-minded people, some of whom became life-long friends. Further opportunities for socialising through various inter-club events. The chance to meet up with some of the 5,000 members from right across Ireland and the UK is available when two conferences are held each year in November and May. Conferences venues alternate between Ireland and the UK and are held in different parts of each country to add variety.

Up and down the country, from Westport to Waterford, from Clonee to Clonakilty, from Cookstown to Cork there are over 80 Toastmasters clubs catering for the needs of their members. Each of these clubs is made up of a small group of between 20 to 30 people. Each of these Toastmaster clubs provides an environment that is mutually supportive where everyone has the opportunity to grow.

And the good news is that Sean Brady, Lucia Hughes, Peter Farrelly and a team are bringing Toastmasters to Maynooth. A new Toastmaster club specifically to serve the people of Maynooth. The first meeting will be held on the 9th October, next, in Maynooth.

For further information you can contact Lucia Hughes at 086-2491051 or Sean Brady at 087-2413297 alternatively log on to www.toastmasters.org.

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First Day at St. Mary's Presentation School



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L-R: Chancela Quiala Kanda, Aisling Cunningham & Carys Judge



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First Day at Boys' National School



*L-R: Back Row: Conor VanDuyvenvoorde, James Flattery, Dainius Taraskevicius, Joseph McCabe
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Maynooth Tidy Towns

Tidy Towns Competition 2006 Adjudication Report

Centre: Maynooth

Ref: 377

County: Kildare

Mark: 235

Category: F

Date: 21/07/2006

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2006
Overall Development Approach	50	44
The Built Environment	50	32
Landscaping	50	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	23
Litter Control	50	24
Waste Minimisation	20	7
Tidiness	30	16
Residential Areas	40	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	26
General Impression	10	8
Total Mark	400	235

Overall Development Approach:

The adjudicator would like to welcome Maynooth to the 2006 Tidy Towns Competition. Maynooth is a very interesting town steeped in heritage that has some character and a great feeling of friendliness. Thank you for the most comprehensive documentation submitted with your Entry Form all of which was really useful on adjudication day. The press cuttings supplied were really interesting and your publicity strategy seems to be working well. The high degree of commitment that Maynooth has to Tidy Towns is appreciated and commended. There appears to be a good level of engagement with the school students in the town and that is crucially important. Have you considered co-opting two 5th year students to your committee as full members? The Carton Avenue action plan is interesting and we would be interested to see a copy in 2007.

The Built Environment:

The completion of the Manor Mills complex has been a great step forward for Maynooth and especially for that riverside area. The restoration work that you mentioned at the Castle and entrance area has been very well carried out. It would be good to have a roadside information panel that would give further details on these buildings to assist the visitor. The bilingual signs using a smart blue and white design are effective and it is especially encouraging to see their use on lesser used back lanes throughout Maynooth. As last year Court House Square continues to be well presented and acts as a focus for the town. Again an information panel here would be interesting and useful if it contained a town centre map like that at the start of Carton Avenue. At the Presentation Girls Primary School consideration might be given to painting the large steel gates here in matt black. The Roost bar stands out in Maynooth. It occupies a key corner location and was attractively landscaped with colourful hanging baskets. Unfortunately there are still some plastic retail signs in Maynooth and quite a number of projecting signs that cannot all be essential from a retail marketing point of view. However good signage was also noted such as that at the Elite Confectionary premises that has adopted a hand-written signage style that is effective and fitting for a town such as Maynooth.

Landscaping:

Good landscaping and Maynooth seem to go hand in hand and your committee has done excellent work in this area. The new rockery outside the Boys National School and the tree planting here together with the flower beds at the Girls School add much to the town. The many hanging baskets, window boxes and small landscaped areas compliment the fine mature trees that line the main street area. This landscaping helps to link Maynooth with the surrounding rural countryside. Some graffiti was noted at the small park area to the side of the St. Mary's Band premises. The beautiful wild flowers at the Small Pound park by the river were much admired. It was disappointing to find so much litter here. The NUI and St. Patrick's College grounds were superbly presented again this year. Opposite the Castle buildings the landscaped area by the railings caught the eye. This area was attractively presented but the railings need some repair and could be repainted matt black to good effect.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The involvement of some of the Maynooth school children in Nature Watch in the local parks is a great initiative. It was good to see the wildlife in the river at

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Manor Mills but some water discoloration was noted here at the small stream that joins the larger stream and the case of this should be investigated. The river bank area to the side of Manor Mills looked quite rough and uncared for. Litter was noted along the bank together with some rubbish here and in the river. The progressive approach of your committee in the promotion of the new wildlife area at the Business Park in cooperation with National Learning Centre is strongly welcomed. The preservation of areas on approach roads to allow for the needs of wildlife is an excellent initiative but do make sure that these areas are checked for litter on an ongoing basis. The Canal together with the nature trail and amenity walk here is another great wildlife resource for the people of Maynooth.

Litter Control:

You have adopted a very structured approach to litter control and the litter pick-up ongoing programme. It was therefore rather disappointing for the adjudicator to see a lot of litter in and around Maynooth on adjudication day. Litter was noted along Main Street and Leinster Street and much at the start of Carton Avenue. Litter was also seen in the river at Little Pound Park. Some of the litter bins were quite grubby and would benefit from being powered-hosed. Congratulations to the Gaelscoil on becoming a Green School. The NUI Questionnaire on Tidy Towns made very interesting reading considering that it represented a total of 579 residents. The 91% awareness level of Tidy Towns is indeed most encouraging.

Waste Minimisation:

This is a new category in the Tidy Towns Competition introduced in 2006. The purpose of this new category is to encourage Tidy Towns Committees and the community that they support, to get involved in projects that will reduce waste and encourage recycling. Marks can be gained by Maynooth for the promotion of best practice. This can include community guidance on methods of reducing waste, segregating litter during clean up events. You could also consider a partnership with local firms and businesses to encourage them to reduce unnecessary waste. The segregation of litter after litter collections and the involvement of the Maynooth in waste minimisation programmes all make a useful local contribution to waste minimisation.

Tidiness:

The weed management strategy is welcomed and every Tidy Towns Committee should adopt such an approach. A large coil of yellow piping was noted

inside the entrance to Carton Avenue and this looked untidy and above all out of place. Much more can be made of the Mill Wheel display. The area itself was rather untidy with long grass and litter and this area looked quite unfinished. Other grass had been very roughly cut. It would be useful to have an information panel here that would give a little of the history of the wheel and how it relates to Maynooth. Litter and rubbish was also noted in the river at this location. To the side of the Coffee Mill the area looked quite untidy with litter noted again at the river arches area. It is possible to rationalize the nine directional signs at the Straffan Road \ Main Street junction? Some of the signs cannot be read when approaching from Maynooth.

Residential Areas:

The Best Estate Competition that is organised by your Tidy Towns Committee is an excellent way of developing further community involvement in the Tidy Towns movement. The encouragement of estate bilingual signage is welcomed. At Straffan Wood good tree planting was noted and the fine mature trees at Rail Park provide an attractive backdrop for the built environment here. A good use of colour was noted at Rockfield at the entrance area and this continues throughout the estate. The beautifully presented older cottages at Charter School Lane with their colourful hanging baskets are a most attractive feature of Maynooth. The nearby Leinster Cottages off Back Lane would benefit from the provision of some hanging baskets or a window box on for each cottage. In Pound Lane the well presented terraced of two storey houses are a credit to the occupiers. In a town the size of Maynooth that has so many housing estates it is not possible in one paragraph to sum up all estates in the town in terms of overall presentation. However the following recommendations are offered by the adjudicator who suggests that the Tidy Towns Committee bring these points to the attention of all estates in Maynooth.

- ⇒ Road boundary walls will probably need to be painted twice each year especially on busy roads.
- ⇒ Gable end walls though sometimes difficult to paint should be painted when the rest of the house is being painted.
- ⇒ Timber fencing will require treatment at least twice per year.
- ⇒ All estates should be encouraged to provide entrance name signs and directional signage within the estate.
- ⇒ Green open space grass areas will need to be cut frequently if a quality presentation is to be achieved. Remember that grass will probably

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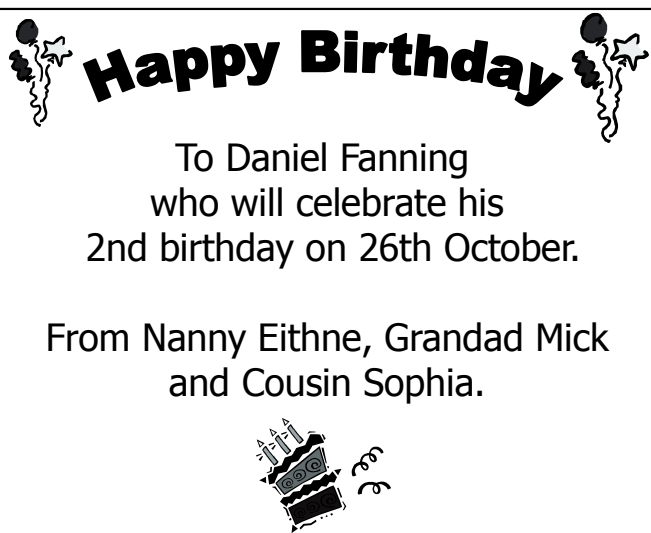
- have to be cut back from the top of kerbing by hand. The provision of a few well chosen trees can often transform an open space.
- ⇒ Areas to the back of estates can sometimes become dumping areas for cut grass and other materials.
- ⇒ Simple landscaping at individual houses can often be very effective if the proper trees and shrubs are planted.
- ⇒ By their nature estates can sometimes have litter control problems and this must be addressed by each individual estate in the town.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

On the Kilcock R148 approach no recent work appeared to have been carried out. The landscaped area near the Leinster Clinic was attractive but needed a little work to improve the overall impact. Poor verges and a lot of litter was a feature of the Maynooth Gate R157 approach. Little work was evident on the Dunboyne road. Work on the verges out from Tesco would improve the presentation of the Dublin road. At the 60 KPH sign on the Straffan road the Maynooth sign was partially obscured by growth and the verges on the right needed to be cut. The fine stone walls and the mature trees are fine features here. On the Celbridge KR405 road the long timber post and rail fencing on the left by Laurence Avenue needs to be painted. The verge near the Gaelscoil would also benefit from cutting.

General Impression:

Maynooth has a serious traffic problem and hopefully there are some plans to improve the situation in the not too distant future. It is an attractive town where the Tidy Towns Committee and the community are enormously committed to Maynooth.



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Hard Ridden - The Epsom Derby of 1958 The story of Michael and Capt. Tim Rogers

The French colt Wallaby II started favourite for the Epsom Derby of 1958. Another French horse, Noelor II was joint second favourite in a field of 20. Hard Ridden, backed at 18/1, was joined by his compatriot, Paddy's Point in the field. The story of the race is simply told. The race was run at a modest gallop to Tattenham Corner where the field was still tightly bunched. Guersillus, ridden by Eddie Hide led from Amerigo, Artic Grittel, Bald Eagle and Boccaccio, who was Sir Victor's second horse in the race, ridden by Lester Piggott. Hard Ridden was lying in tenth place as they entered the straight but the ever-watchful Charlie Smirke spotted an opening on the rails. He took the opportunity and was soon clear. He was never in danger of being caught and went on to win by five lengths. Paddy's Point trained by Mick Hurley and ridden by the great national hunt jockey, Willie Robinson, finished second. Paddy's Point later finished second in the Irish Derby to the Ann Biddle owned Sindon.

Hard ridden was to run only once again, finishing unplaced behind the Vincent O'Brien trained Ballymoss in the King George and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot. There is no doubt that the absence of Alcide removed the main threat to Hard Ridden's Derby win but the subsequent performance of a number of horses in the Derby field suggested the race was up to standard. Nagami who finished third won the Coronation Cup at Epsom the following year. Bald Eagle twice won the Washington International at Laural Park and subsequently sired the Arc winner San San. Amerigo had a very successful career in the States winning many races and subsequently sired Fort Marcy another dual winner of the Washington International. Hard Ridden never raced again and was exported as a stallion to Japan. There is no doubt that Hard Ridden's success was down to the genius of his trainer, Michael Rogers, who was to change little in the following decade in his method of getting a horse ready for both the Epsom and Irish Derby.

Michael's brother, Tim, was born on November 28th 1922. His grandfather, Jack Rogers, was a successful amateur jockey on the flat and over

jumps. Jack moved to Ireland during World War One and set up a training establishment on the Curragh. He did well and was champion trainer on three occasions during the the 1930's. He sent out Museum to win the Irish Triple Crown in 1935. Both Mick and Tim highly respected their grandfather and subsequently the family sponsored the Group One J T Rogers Gold Cup at the Curragh. The prestige of this race was recently further enhanced by an outstanding winning performance by the 2005 Arc winner, Hurricane Run, ridden by Kieran Fallon. Tim's father, Darby, also trained in England before he moved to Ireland to take over the reins held by Jack.

Tim suffered a bad ankle injury during his first year in senior school and never returned to finish his education. This decision did not hinder him in later life. Tim joined the British army at the start of World War Two. He was initially posted to Northern Ireland where he joined up with the legendary jockey, Charlie Smirke who was to play such a vital role in Hard Ridden's Derby win. Tim spent some time at Sandhurst where he was commissioned as a junior officer. He was subsequently posted to North Africa where events took place that not only changed his life but arguably had a major impact on the development of the Irish Blood-Horse. Dispatched by his commanding officer to drive Winston Churchill from Cairo to Army Command HQ at the height of the North African campaign, Tim and Mr Churchill seemed to hit it off from the start. The young officer from Dublin impressed the Prime Minister and on subsequent visits Churchill requested Tim as his aide. Tim's regiment then joined the Italian Campaign.

When the War was over Tim joined his fellow horse loving colleagues in riding races at unofficial racetracks in Northern Italy. It was at one of these meetings that Tim brought off a betting coup that netted him a villa beside an Italian lake. On his return to Ireland and with nothing else on hand, Tim, took over the management of his father's small stud farm, Airlie. Standing two stallions of little consequence and slipping into the general malaise that existed at the time, Tim drifted from party to party enjoying the laid back attitude of social life in Ireland. He did have some initial success with the three-year-old filly, Discipliner. The mare bred eight winners including Martial, the Paddy Prendergast

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trained winner of the English 2000 Guineas. The mare also bred two top class sprinters in Skymas and Ell Gallo. Tim was very close to his brother and when Hard Ridden won the Derby he realised that Mick had reached the top of his profession and that he was not making a similar commitment. Having decided to purchase Airlie from his father, in order to get control of the breeding operation, he formed a partnership with a family friend, William Barnett. He realised that in order to make progress he had to upgrade the quality of the bloodstock standing at Airlie. He purchased Omeiad, a beautiful son of Hyperion and installed him as the foundation stallion. Due to his contacts with Winston Churchill who became interested in horse racing after the war, Tim was able to add two top class horses, High Hat and Vienna to the stallions standing at Airlie. High Hat bred the Vincent O'Brien trained Glad Rags winner of the English 1000 Guineas. Tim was to prove a very astute player in his field but Vienna was the one of the very few that got away.

Initial reports of his first offspring were not favourable and he sold the stallion. Vienna subsequently sired the great Arc winner Vaguely Noble. In the following decades Tim Rogers was to house the best stallions in Europe at his three stud farms in Dublin and Kildare, Airlie, Grangewilliam and Simmonstown. The names read like a roll of honour, Habitat, Petingo, Sea Hawk, Astec, Ela Mama Mou amongst many others. There is no doubt that he was the maker of the modern Irish Blood- Horse, in many ways a patriot who turned the tide of selling our best horses abroad. Captain Tim Rogers died in 1983 after a long and courageous fight against leukaemia. The Irish Breeding Industry owes him a great deal.

If because of his breeding, Hard Ridden was an unlikely winner of the Epsom Derby then his jockey, Charlie Smirk, was perhaps fortunate to take the mount on that momentous day in June 1958. By then a veteran with a rapidly diminishing book of rides this was one of Charlie's final moment of glory. If ever a term "colourful" could be assigned to a jockey, then

Charlie more than qualified. A supreme belief in his own ability to an insufferable degree, he managed to get the back up of his trainers, owners and fellow jockeys during his thirty year career. A trained boxer, who was not averse to settling scores with his fist while his loud mouth was used as a psychological weapon against his fellow jockeys. Some of the best trainers in England and Ireland used his services on the basis that they could not do without him but many found it impossible to deal with him. To be fair the prevailing ethos at the time was to address the trainer as Sir or Mr. and to always know your place in their presence. Charlie Smirke rode in the golden age of English jockeys against the likes of Gordon Richards, Edgar Britt and Doug Smith. He preceded Lester Piggott and maybe the maestro himself learned from Charlie how

to poach mounts from his fellow jockeys. He had no problems in approaching legendary owners like the Aga Khan with the intent of poaching rides from Britt and Smith and went as far trying to jock off Gordon Richards on occasions. Smirke's conduct certainly cost Britt two classic winners and possibly four. This kind of behaviour



led to many weigh room confrontations often resulting in fisticuffs with Edgar Britt in particular.

It is true that down the years the English Jockey Club carried out acts of injustice against race riders. In many cases the jockeys may have been innocent of the specific charge laid against them but some had walked a narrow line and were nailed by their reputation. Charlie had a lot of enemies in the game and when his 11 to 4 on mount, Welcome Gift, failed to start in a race on August 31st 1928 his case was referred to the Stewards at Portman Square. Facing a trio of Lords, Rosebery, Ellesmere and Hamilton it was payback time for the horse racing establishment. He was warned off, indefinitely. Each year he reapplied for his licence only to be refused. He spent five years in the wilderness and it was only the subsequent

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behaviour of the horse, Welcome Gift, who had become unmanageable that allowed Charlie to get his licence back. The stewards had to accept that the horse had temperament problems which probably stopped him from running on the day in question.

There is no doubt that Charlie Smirke was a great jockey. In the following twenty years following the resumption of his career in 1933 he rode some great horses. The Triple Crown winner Bahram, the Derby winners, Windsor Slipper and Tulyar. He also rode the legendary Mamoud and Palastine. Charlie was fifty two when he rode Hard Ridden to his Classic wins at the Curragh and Epsom. Still as cocky as ever and ignoring the fact that he was in the twilight of his career he took the opportunity to remind his previous trainers and owners that he could still ride a Derby winner. He was to ride for just one more season and many observers reckon he was one of the best Derby riders ever. John Hislop breeder and owner of the legendary Brigadier Gerard wrote that Smirke was probably the best Epsom Derby race rider since Steve Donoghue. Of course the history of the Epsom Derby had to be rewritten with the superlative performance of Lester Piggott in winning the famous Blue Riband on nine occasions.

Let there be doubt that Michael Rogers was a talented trainer. He put Irish Racing on the map by his Epsom Derby wins with Hard Ridden and Santa Clause (1964). He was certainly affected by the death of Royal Sword, perhaps the horse with the greatest unrealised potential he ever trained, when the colt broke a leg in the 1967 running of the Irish Derby and was put down. Michael Rogers retired from training at a relatively young age.

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Features

My Experience working with The Street Children Of India

Aoife McTernan, daughter of Ray and Noelle McTernan of Moyglare Village spent her summer vacation in India working on community based projects for the neglected street and working children of India. The following are excerpts from her emails homes which I am sure you will find interesting.

Tuesday June 20th.

Hi guys arrived here on Friday morning about 7.00 a.m., heat was such a killer even at that time, by the time I got from airport to the university where I'm staying, we were all soaking wet with sweat. The road system is crazy, there doesn't seem to be any sort of rules of the road, just beep for any reason, even when stuck in traffic.

We are staying in a hostel at a Muslim university, have to say, accommodation is quite sweet. Girls are on the second floor and boys on the first. We have a kitchen area and a huge common area on both floors. There is a/c in the common area but it's still like a sweat box!

I'm sharing a room with two girls, Sinead is a teacher from Cork, get on great with her. We have en-suite with shower, sink and hole in the ground. I've become quite accustomed to squatting!!

One of the lads arrived a day late, he actually got the day wrong, he thought that we were leaving on Friday, he arrived the next day though...it's still a running joke!

We all went for dinner in the next town that evening but we had to be split between two restaurants because they wouldn't take 22. We got a rickshaw to the restaurant, three wheeled little car—very dodgy!!! There were so many children begging it's so hard to turn away, but we were told not to give to them because they usually have a pimp or else hundreds just swarm around you.

There are shanty towns all over the place, I would make two of most of the men here!

Saturday and Sunday we went shopping in Paraganj Bazaar in central Delhi—it was so much fun. We all bought Salwars—the local Indian dress (includes a pair of very large baggy trousers, a long tunic and a scarf) for about a fiver

1 We bought so much clothes for next to nothing! Also got myself a knife, fork, spoon, two plates, a glass, 2 large Tupperware containers and a bowl for €3—I love bartering! Sat in and drinks on Sun night, our group all got on so well.

Yesterday we were brought to Prayas, the NGO we will be working for over here. We got to find out who our teaching partners are, I'm with a guy called Aonghus, get on really well with him. We will be teaching from 9—12.30 daily. Then we got to meet

with the organiser of Prayas and were split into our groups for our work in the afternoon from 2—5, we start Friday. I will be with 6 other girls, we will be teaching informally in a girls shelter aged 3—11 and 14—18. These girls have been used for trafficking, been raped or been used by pimps. We got to meet them, most of them are under 10, they all seem so sweet. We start there Thursday. Today we were brought to a boys shelter run by Prayas, this was like a juvenile prison, some boys are in for petty crime but others are in for rape, murder etc. The facilities are lovely and it seems to be well run. All the boys learn a trade.

Last night some of us did yoga, actually just laughed through the whole session, very sweaty indeed!

Tomorrow we are going to another Prayas boys shelter, 2.5hrs away. This is to cater for railway children who have run away from home for various reasons, they usually arrive in Delhi train station and are picked up by Prayas, really looking forward to it.

MY hindi is coming on slowly but surely. It's such a crazy place, but I'm loving it!

Friday 23rd June

Started teaching yesterday. It's located down a market slum area—quite smelly. It's got two classrooms—quite small. Aonghas was given one class and I was given another. His teacher was there to meet him, I was just left on my own with my class. They had little or no English so communication was difficult but I managed.

They ranged in ages from 1—7 or 8 (I think it's hard to tell) I think the baby was just there to be minded though, poor little thing was petrified of me. The other kids were jumping all over me!

Today I got to go to the girls shelter home. The girls were 14-18. There were 7 of them, but I think a few were in bed. I really enjoyed it, they had basic English, so we chatted about music and I got my nails painted!!

Next week we will be doing more structured learning with the, mainly English and maths.

Don't think I've sweated as much as I did today—47 degrees—hope it rains soon (never thought I would say that!).

Friday June 30th

Delhi Belly Delights!!!

Delhi Belly started Sunday morning and literally kept me running non-stop till Wed. Lets just say it wasn't pleasant, especially on a squatter—if it wasn't one end it was the other!!! Horrible.

So on my second visit to the hospital they decided to

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Poetry Corner

In The Playground

Children playing with great fun
Screaming with laughter so clear
A fantasy time has again begun
Until school time draw near
Such sweet joy in their hearts
As I listen to them in play
It is of them all pain departs
With another happy day
Sweet voices echo everywhere
With running shouting and games
An innocent world beyond compare
I which life never blames

Excitement flow from each other
In their wavelength of thought
They are all like sister and brother
In great joy in them brought
Joy of youth is within them all
A happy childhood for each one
Love that never falter or fall
In ecstasy each child is gone
I once was a child like them
As it all seems a dream
I once was the happiest of men
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admit me. I was put on a drip for fluids and to get an antibiotic into me. The hospital was like a 5 star hotel. I had a huge room all to my self, a huge bathroom with a proper toilet, much to my delight. I was made feel right at home, with cable TV and real cool a/c.

Just gotten out and am doing great. I haven't been sick since Wednesday evening. I'm starving so heading for dinner—back to my usual self!

Thank you all somuch for the e-mails. It means so much when your away.

Tuesday, July 18th

Monsoon!!

Monsoon began at about 7.30 this morning, by 8.30 the water was flowing rivers along the university where we are staying. There is no school when it is raining, the street which we have to walk to school becomes a slurry river, not too pleasant.

Myself and a few others decided to head into the local town to write e-mails instead. Most transport was not running. We waded to the nearest bus stop and were pulled on to a jam packed bus-people were hanging out of the doors and windows for dear life-was a great laugh. So sitting here drenched, but it makes a nice change for being sweaty!

The Monday after my birthday, my teacher had a party for me in school. All the children (about 50), myself, my teaching partner Aonghus, and two teachers squashed into a tiny little box room. I was given a party hat and myself and Aonghus were made to stand up in the middle of the circle of kids and dance to Bollywood music-these songs last about 10-15 mins. The sweating was something else, then the fan broke!!! 2 hours later the dancing was still going on—we weren't a pretty sight! Then my teacher presented me with roses and a heart shaped birthday cake-the tradition over here is that the birthday person is fed the cake, so she dug out a few handfuls of cake and fed it to me, then to Aonghus. All the kids got a little and a sweet each-it was an experience!!

Headed up the Himalays both last week end and the week end before-just couldn't get enough of it. The scenery is amazing, its so peaceful. The weather is much cooler too, only about 16 degrees, makes a pleasant change.

The bus journey, both week ends were between 9-12 hours, no a/c and a few screaming babies thrown in for good measure. The driving over here is so erratic, we take our life in our hands when we step onto those buses, they rally them up and down the mountains-needless to say there were a lot of sick people on our journey!

Last week end we were horse riding, boating and trekking, it was really great fun. We had to get a cable car to our bungalow. We couldn't get alcohol in most of the restaurants, but the one we decided to eat in, snuck in beer for us and wrapped the bottles in tissue, the manage said we were all very noble doing the work we did and allowed us stay there till the early hours-people over here are always more than willing to help us out.

At my evening placement at the girls shelter yesterday, they showed us how to make Indian dishes, they're great cooks! The food was delicious. It was one of the girls birthdays so we brought sweets and cakes, they were delighted! School is going great. I introduced stickers for their copies last week-all hell broke loose, they are so proud of them. We are really getting to know the kids, but they had an exam last Friday, they were tested on random things like birds names, days of the week, colours, opposites, my fathers name is etc. They had been learning in rote, they don't actually understand the concept of name. I said my name is Aoife, they all shout it back at me—My Name is Aoife. Or after a day of doing phonetics of the letter A and then they point to W (they have an obsession with W) - it can be frustrating.

I have a few very smart kids so I'd say they passed the exam, they'll be leaving for the government school next week. So I'll have new kids again.

Sunday, July 30th

Hey there, hope alls well at home.

Monsoon season is slowly starting to die down again and the sun is starting to show its face again. Myself and a few of the girls are up on our roof trying to catch a few rays, the farmers tan is really not a good look!!! We can only say in it for a max half an hour because its so hot! Last week end we were brought on a tour of New Delhi Train Station. It is a massive place where there are hundreds of homeless people, especially children. Our guide was a guy who had lived at the train station for 6 years(6-12 yrs). He then was persuaded to join the Salim Balik Trust which offers railway boys an education and accommodation. It is such a fantastic organisation, they have so many successful stories. Our guide was currently studying for his Masters in Social Work. His English was perfect-he was such an inspirational guy. He showed us where he used to sleep, where he used to find work for food, where to hide if the police were after him. He told us about his addiction to tip-ex (this is a huge problem for all street kids over here. They can get through 5-10 bottles a day because its sold for about .08 cent a bottle). He'd had suffered so much abuse both physical and sexual, from both

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the other gangs at the station and train travellers.

He said volunteers from various organisations often approached him offering help but that most children are very reluctant. They feel loved and secure at the station with their friends. All these children want to be movie stars and spend any money they get buying cinema tickets. On Wednesday this week we are all heading to the Salim Balik shelter and painting it for them. If I'd any more time I'd really love to help out more because they are looking for volunteers.

Cians group arrived yesterday, so now there are 45 of us. Was great to see him.

Yesterday we all went to Agra to visit the Taj Mahal, it was amazing. It seemed almost surreal being there, even looking at my photos it looks a bit like a fake backdrop rather than the real thing.

Thursday, August 17th

Hello all,

Sorry its been a while but life's very hectic over here at the mo. Can't believe the programme is nearly over. Just one week left, I'm going to be so upset leaving. Last Thursday I helped one of the other girls, Denise, with a tour with her evening placement. She's a group of 8 girls, aged between 4-8. They are so cute. We brought them to a playground, then on a boat trip and finally to McDonalds. They were so impressed with the food but enjoyed the novelty of the happy meal box and toy.

Last week end I was in Jaipur-its known as the jewel capital, its where you get them at 'good price.' It was so nice there. We were staying in a nice hotel with a pool (which was filthy but we got in anyway) but for less than €3 per night what more can you expect. We visited all the sites and got in an elephant ride as well.

It was a holy day yesterday so no school. My teacher brought me sari shopping. I got a really nice blue one, even got the tacky gold jewellery to go with it.

From today till next Wednesday is creation week. Today was sports day. We had 120 kids in an open field, 44 degrees heat from 9-4. I've never sweated so much in all my life-needless to say there are a lot of beetroot faces.

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L-R: Amy O'Keeffe, Rebecca Waldron & Lisa Cully



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Features

The Late Pius Kelly 1956 - 2006

Remembering the late Pius Kelly is an easy thing to write about because he was so much part of the public face of Maynooth Community Council for so many years. The only thing that is difficult about it is that being still relatively young when he was taken from us there was so much more that we have lost.

Over the years I have met many employees who have really taken an interest in the work of the community council. However, in Pius Kelly we had a person who would undertake any task that needed doing (he drew the line when it came to computers) in the office. His flexibility and enthusiasm meant that he could paint the walls, sell ads and write articles all in the same week. He never took the "cannot do" approach and in everything he would do he would give you the confidence that a good job would be done. In particular, when Pius was writing articles for the Maynooth Newsletter I would occasionally ask him for the source of his material and with his sharp wit he would always assure me that he was accurate, but his sources must remain confidential.



His positive attitude and good humour was very useful in diffusing difficult situations and it would be difficult not to be guided by his wisdom. For several years his role included the responsibility to take the photographs for the Maynooth Newsletter and he has provided us with many unique pictorial records of events in Maynooth in recent years. He rarely if ever would let us down and despite our occasional difficulties in finding him when he worked outside the office he always came back having been somewhere else working on our behalf.

On a personal level he was very good company and through his work with Maynooth Community Council and other jobs in the town, he was well settled in our community. The affection with which he was held was borne out by the very large number of people that came to his removal and mass before he returned to his home village of Ballygar for his final resting place.

I believe that Pius had happy years in Maynooth combining his work with being an active parent, partner and friend. He often put other people before himself and we will miss him.

Paul Croghan
Participant Development Officer
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Features

Presentation to Fr. John Nevin as Scholarship Fund gathers momentum.

The Fr. John Nevin Pakistan Scholarship Fund for Children, launched in July this year to support children's education in Satellite Town, Rawalpindi, is proving to be an outstanding success. The Fund committee wish to acknowledge and sincerely thank all those who have to date assisted this endeavour by way of monthly standing orders and donations.

At this early stage the committee are pleased to announce that through people's generosity, they are currently in a position to provide funding to enable forty children commence Primary education at Raja Sultan Holy Faith Public School in Rawalpindi.

Prior to his return to Pakistan Fr. John recently celebrated a Mass of thanksgiving for all those who have supported him and afterwards at a function in the G.A.A. Club, the Committee presented him with a cheque for €12,000 to commence the Scholarship process. As the Fund grows, more children will be helped to their basic human right of education.

In his address Fr. John Thanked all those who are supporting the Scholarship Fund and all those who have assisted him over the past 41 years. He said that the Scholarship Fund would signal a very positive change in the lives of so many children in his Parish. Fr. John also thanked Alverne, Sallyann and Ted Keogh who very generously provided and sponsored the delicious food and refreshments at the function.

The committee are asking people who intend assisting the Fund by way of standing order or donation to consider doing so soon. Completed standing order forms or donations may be sent to Mr. Willie Holmes, Treasurer, Barrogstown, Maynooth or to any member of the committee. All contributions will be acknowledged and regular updates on the Fund will be published in this Newsletter.

Sandra Nevin will run The New York City Marathon at the end of October and her chosen charity is the Fr. John Nevin Pakistan Scholarship Fund for Children.

Colm Nelson
Chairman.



Presenting the cheque for €12,000 to Fr. John Nevin are Colm & Mary Nelson & Willie Holmes

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Minister's Inaction on Constituency redraw equals abandonment of Democracy

Catherine Murphy, TD (Ind) has today expressed her outrage at Minister for the Environment, Dick Roche's announcement that he will not be appointing a Constituency Commission to examine the potential redraw of Electoral Constituencies until after the official census figures are published in early 2007. Murphy, who has already indicated her intention to seek legal advice on the matter, referred to the Minister's decision as a "copout" and an effective abandonment of the democratic process.

"The Constitution states that representation in each Constituency must be equal 'as far as is practicable' and that this be measured with reference to the closest census preceding each election. The operative words here being 'as far as is practicable'. Is it practicable for the Minister to take heed of the preliminary census figures released in April? Yes. Is it practicable for the Minister to establish a commission to examine the situation with a view to introducing a redraw upon the release of the official census figures next year? Yes. So what exactly is the motivation for the Ministers decision?" - Murphy

Doe already using preliminary census figures elsewhere

Although Minister Roche does not regard the preliminary census figures as adequate to prompt him into acting in the interests of preserving proportional representation, it has emerged that his own Department will however apply these figures when allocating millions of euro to Local Authorities throughout the country next year under the Local Government Fund. It would appear that the Department of the Environment regards the preliminary census figures as being of sufficient accuracy to decide which Local Authority gets how many million next year, over €885 million was distributed under this fund last year alone. Such dependence on the preliminary census data shows a marked contradiction of the Ministers cautious reaction towards the figures where electoral boundaries are concerned.

"I'm very supportive of the DOE's use of these preliminary figures for the administration of the Local Government Fund but it does seem a little unusual that the same Department takes two entirely approaches to one set of figures", stated Murphy.



Emmet Stagg T.D.

Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Bond Bridge

Cllr. John McGinley has been advised by Kildare County Council that Bond Bridge will be opened to traffic at the end of September.

John has asked that the agreed safety measures for the Meadowbrook Link Road be carried out immediately. These measures include traffic ramps and the Council promised that they would be in place before the bridge opened to traffic.

John has also asked for the planting of low maintenance trees and shrubbery between Bond Bridge and Silken Vale/The Arches instead of the proposed high maintenance grass seeding.

Proposed Removal of Some Trees to "Facilitate Traffic Management"

Cllr. John McGinley is very pleased with the public's response to the draft proposal to remove some trees from our Main Street. A decision was due to be made by the four Councillors at the Leixlip Area Meeting on 15 September, however, at the time of writing it is not listed on the Agenda. It is possible that the proposal has been dropped as a result of the public views of the people of Maynooth.

Incredibly, the Draft Minutes for the Leixlip Area meeting of 21 July state that Cllr. John McGinley's motion not to remove any trees was agreed by the four Councillors. Readers will recall that Cllr. McGinley deferred his motion to the September meeting as Cllr's Griffin and Kelly would not support it. John will be looking for a positive decision to his motion on the 15 September and he will also be seeking confirmation that the Council Officials will abide by the decision.

Castledawson

Cllr. John McGinley got the following reply from the Council, on 14 August, when he asked for an up-date on the taking in charge of the estate:

"The current developers have submitted proposals (in compliance with the conditions of the planning permission) for upgrading the existing pump station, this has been referred to Water Services who are considering these proposals. I will follow this matter up with them to make an early decision on these proposals.

Sherwood Homes have been in contact in the last week, they are lining up a contractor to lay the wearing course on the main access road in Castledawson. I anticipate that this will happen in the next couple of weeks.

The developers were on holidays when the recent difficulty with the Pump station occurred. They have been instructed to ensure that the existing pumps are kept working properly until the pump station has been upgraded."

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Noise from the M4 and other Motorways

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the members of Kildare County Council at their monthly meeting on 25 September:

"That the NRA be asked to undertake noise mitigation measures of installing timber noise barriers and a low noise thin wearing course of asphalt macadam (similar to that on the new N7) where this is required on the M4 and M7, especially on the section of the M4 at Maynooth."

Stagg welcomes deemed withdrawal of proposal for restaurant/wine bar in residential area

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the deemed withdrawal of a proposal for a Restaurant and Wine Bar at 1 Pound Lane, Maynooth, following the failure of the applicants to respond to a request for further information within a 6 month period.

Deputy Stagg had objected to the proposal in May 2005 given the residential nature of Pound Lane and in objecting to the proposal he made the following points:

- The proposal would have an adverse effect on the residential amenity of residents in Pound Lane through the introduction of a commercial enterprise to one of the oldest residential enclaves off Main Street, Maynooth.
- The proposal would cause an odour and noise nuisance for residents of the area.
- The proposal would lead to disturbance in the area particularly at night.
- The proposal would increase traffic and parking problems in the area.
- The proposal would have a negative effect on the quality of life of the existing residents of Pound Lane.
- A similar proposal for a restaurant on East Main Street, Maynooth, had been rejected by An Bord Pleanála because of the effect it would have had on residents in the area.

Deputy Stagg stated that the Further Information Request which was not responded to included the issues he had raised and whilst the applicant may make a further application in relation to this site at some future date, for the moment we have successfully blocked this unacceptable proposal.

Stagg disappointed over commissioners refusal to sanction 24 hour Garda Station for North Kildare

Deputy Emmet Stagg has expressed his disappointment at the refusal of the Garda Commissioner to reconsider the case put forward by Deputy Stagg for the provision of a 24 Hour Garda Station to serve the North Kildare Towns of Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth.

With a population of 45,324 in the Towns based on the 2006 Preliminary Census figures Deputy Stagg stated that he found the reluctance of the Commissioner to deal with the issue unsatisfactory to say the least.

Deputy Stagg stated that when he requested the Commissioner to review his position on the 24 Hour Garda Station last April he pointed out that there was no great visible presence of Gardai in either of the towns at present so the fact that members might be tied up manning the 24 Hour Station instead of being on the streets did not really cut ice. Deputy Stagg stated that Co. Leitrim with a population 30% below that of Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth had two 24 Hour Stations which was presumably because of border problems in the area previously. This situation no longer pertained and surely one of these could be closed with a view to opening one where it is required, namely in North Kildare.

The Commissioner in his response to Deputy Stagg outlined the current number of Gardai in each of the Stations which is Celbridge 20, Leixlip 25 and Maynooth 16. He further advised that all the towns have a 24 hour mobile patrol service which is augmented by the Divisional Traffic Units and District Detective Units. However the bottom line was that there are no plans to provide a 24 hour station in North Kildare but that the matter will be kept under review.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that he did not accept the Commissioners view and indicated that he intended to continue to raise this matter with the Commissioner until a satisfactory outcome was arrived at. That can only be the provision of a 24 hour station in North Kildare.

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Editorial

As we head in to the winter months and turn our attention to mostly " indoor " interests and pursuits, I would like to take the opportunity to briefly outline an issue which needs to be highlighted.

Political Party Notes in the Maynooth Newsletter.

One event of importance which is looming and drawing ever closer is the forthcoming General Election which is generally expected around May/June 2007 – only a couple of months away.

It is important at this junction to clearly outline the policy of the Editorial Board of the Newsletter with regard to the Political Party notes which are published on a monthly basis.

The policy of the Editorial Board is to be apolitical i.e. not to encourage or express political opinions or interests which are partisan or biased towards any one section of the political sector.

With this very important fact to the forefront, the Editorial Board has written to each individual Political Party in the Maynooth area and invited them to submit articles on a monthly basis for publication.

In order to demonstrate the impartiality of the Editorial Board, such articles submitted by any Party must not exceed a limit of 2,500/3,000 words. This will be vigorously enforced.

In all events, where any Political Party submits such an appropriate article, the article will be published. Where no such article appears in the monthly edition of the Newsletter, it can immediately be taken " as a given " that no such article was submitted by that particular Party to the Editorial Board for publication in that month.

In effect therefore where no Articles appear in the Newsletter from the various Political Parties, it is the Parties themselves who have to bear the responsibility for failing to provide any notes and ultimately for the absence of their presence in the local Newsletter.

To this end, the Editorial Board clearly outlined the above in our letter to the Parties concerned.

Brid Feely and Members of the Editorial Board of the Maynooth Newsletter.

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

The October meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on Monday 9th in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Removal of lime trees from Main Street

At the last area committee meeting John McGliney stated that the original plan to remove 6 of the lime trees was not going to happen. But the County Manager said they would remove 3 of the trees, one from Brady's Pub, one at The Square, one from the Bank of Ireland. All the councillors voted against it so for the time being it has been put on hold. Doctor's Lane will be a one way towards the west as soon as a contractor has been appointed. Traffic calming will also be put in place because of the library and the public car park.

The pedestrian lights at the Bank of Ireland are going to be temporarily turned off and a survey is to be carried out to see if it will improve the situation.

Bond Bridge

Des Matthews said that the bridge will not open till December and it was an absolute disgrace that the residents of Newtown were misled by the Engineer and Contractor. He said at the meeting last September in the Newtown Inn that the bridge will be done in 26 weeks and I went away very happy and impressed that they were going to do this, but 12 months later it's just a disgrace.

John McGinley said he was told in mid September that all was going to plan and it would be open on time. Two weeks later he was given the new story.

Tom McMullon said it was also a disgrace.

Peter Connell said the Community Council should write to County Manager to express our anger and disappointment that the residents of Newtown and the Community Councillors were misled.

RYDER CUP

Sean Cushen expressed his disappointment in Kildare County Council for not keeping their promise of 7 day street cleaning, this did not happen. John McGinley said that they had promised seven day cleaning. Sean Cushen asked the Community Council to write to KCC and it was seconded by Paul Croghan.

Sub committees

Tidy Towns

The annual awards for the tidiest Town will take place on Tuesday the 24th of October in the Glenroyal Hotel at 8.00 pm, on the night we will get the results from

the survey taken by NUI Maynooth, which is to promote the Community of Maynooth.

Festival

Andrew McMullon said he was very disappointed with the Community Councillors that some of them did not deliver the Festival Brochure. That they are asked to help out only three times a year, for the Festival, St Patrick's day and the Annual Collection and that if they could not deliver the brochure all they had to do was ring the office and say they were unable to so.

Terry Nealon said it was terrible that Andrew had done everything himself. We need more people.

Arts

Terry Nealon brought up the arts centre and said he put in plans three years ago. Peter Connell is going to meet with Terry during the week about his plan and fill in the gaps. We are still waiting on the ICA to get back to us to say if they are coming on board.

Tom McMullon is going to organise a meeting with the executive for next Monday or Tuesday. Terry and Peter will also attend.

Tom McMullon raised the issue of the Glenroyal and the music licence in the conference centre. Andrew McMullon said as there was no bars in any of the rooms they could not have a music licence.

Meeting concluded

Weston

Frank O'Shea said he was very concerned at the possibility of drugs coming into Weston and the executive was asked to write letters to the Minister of Justice and the Minister Finance to install proper custom services in all small airports to ensure that smuggling did not become an issue there..

The next meeting will be held on:

Monday 13th November 2006

in The GlenRoyal Hotel.

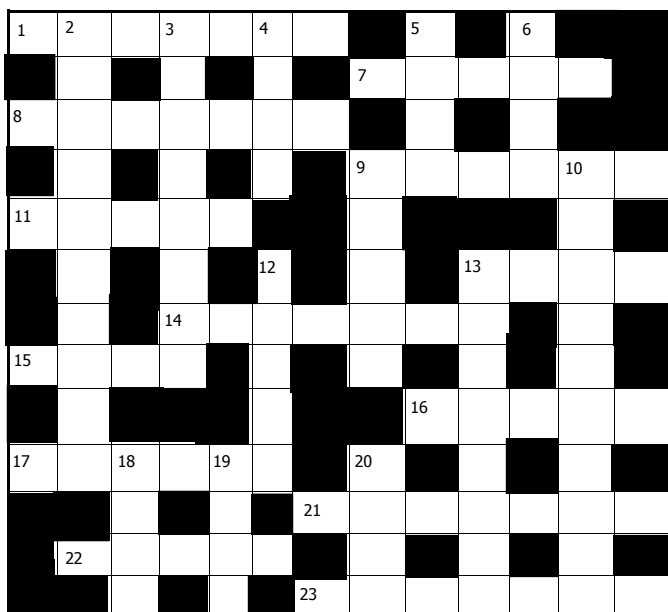
Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
06/2010	Fiona Kenny	Clonfert Maynooth Co Kildare	P	18/09/06	Construction of a five bedroom dormer bungalow mechanical aerated treatment plant with raised percolation area, new entrance onto public road and all associated site works and permission for removal pf condition 1 see 01/2027 etc	Clonfert South Maynooth Co Kildare
06/2029	Leixlip Amenity Group	Collinstown Maynooth Co Kildare	P	19/09/06	Replacement of existing GAA pitch with new athletics track and pitch, replacement of athletics track and pitch with two no full size soccer pitches, six no six-a-side soccer pitches with 3.65m high rigid mesh perimeter fencing and 16 no 12m high floc	Collinstown Maynooth Rd Leixlip Co Kildare
06/2027	Nancy Nevin	Lismore Barrogstown Maynooth Co Kildare	P	20/09/06	The erection of a house, entrance gates and the installation of an effluent treatment system and percolation area to the rear and all ancillary works	Barrogstown Maynooth Co Kildare
06/2051	Garland Homes	Unit 12 Block 5 Argus House Greenmount Office Park Harolds Cross Roads Dublin 6W	P	22/09/06	The demolition of 1 habitable house and the construction of 98 no. dwellings, comprising 4 no. 2 storey 4 bedroom semi detached houses, 28 no duplex units (of which 24 no. are 2 bed and 4 no are 3 bed) in 3 no. 3 storey terraces etc...	Mariaville Dunboyne Road Maynooth
06/2055	David & Patricia McAuliff & Ring	249 Kingsbry Maynooth Co kildare	P	25/09/06	Demolition of existing to side and construction of a new double storey extension to side of property	249 Kingsbry Maynooth Co Kildare
06/2064	Justin & Grainne Dunne	Dowdstown Maynooth Co Kildare	P	26/09/06	122 no. 3/4 storey buildings of mixed sizes of residential houses, duplex, apartment dwellings, single storey crèche, 254msq ESB substation 22msq demolition of house. 8 no. townhouses 3 storey 3 bed at terraced block A, 6 no townhouses 3 storey 3 bed	Greenfield Maynooth Co Kildare
06/2105	Mary Lennon	Kilmacredock Maynooth Co Kildare	P	29/09/06	Build a traditional 2 storey house, separate double garage, septic tank & new vehicular entrance	Kilmacredock Maynooth Co Kildare
06/2116	Mary Murray	Donaghstown Maynooth Co Kildare	P	29/09/06	Retention of a conservatory at the rear of my bungalow type dwelling and the proposed conversion of a flat roof to a pitched roof at the rear of my dwelling, erection of a B&B sign at Ladychapel Crossroads, Kealstown, Maynooth, and all associated site	Donaghstown Maynooth Co Kildare

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File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
06/2131	Yvonne & Sharon Regan	480, 481 The Cresnet Straffan Rd Maynooth Co Kildare	P	02/10/06	Construction of a dormer extension to the rear of the existing childcare centre, comprising of reception area, office, kitchen, cot room and four additional classrooms to ground floor with a homework facilities at former level:	480, 481 The Cresnet Straffan Rd Maynooth Co Kildare
06/2148	Brian Murphy	27 Beaufield Ave Maynooth Co Kildare	P	04/10/06	Construct no. 1 granny flat extension to the side of my existing dwelling.	27 Beaufield Ave Maynooth Co Kildare
06/2156	Aldi Stores Ireland Ltd	Newbridge Rd Naas Co Kildare	P	05/10/06	Extension of the previously permitted single storey discount foodstore reg ref 03/1233 on a 68ha site at the Kilcock Rd M, Maynooth, the gross will increase from 1,151 sqm (net retail area of 760 sq.m) to 1,529sq.m	Kilcock Rd Maynooth Co Kildare
06/2177	Peter & Alicia Alford	12 The Close Mariavilla Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	06/10/06	Change of use from domestic garage with store (as granted under PLref.06/755) to residential consisting of study room, utility and WC	12 The Close Mariavilla Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2226	Robert Hines	Rowanstown Bungalow Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	13/10/06	Erect 1 and half storey private school totalling 273msq with 3 no. 20 child classroom's for I.M.E.B (Irish Montessori Education Board) with 1 no. classroom	Newtown Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2240	Joseph Murphy	6 Leinster Park Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	16/10/06	Demolition of existing dwelling house, construction of 4. no detached dormer bungalows, and associated site works, provide for new, and revised existing site entrance arrangements, also to provide for connection to existing public services	2 Leinster Park Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2242	Michael Kennedy	Johninstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	16/10/06	Extension to the existing split level dwelling to include (a) an extension to the existing kitchen for a new dining area, (b) and extension to the existing basement for the existing front porch area © retention permission for the existing basement	Johninstown Maynooth Co. Kildare

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Entries before 13th November 2006

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Across:

1. Be in the running (7)
7. Extend (5)
8. Dignity (7)
9. Discarded odds and ends (6)
11. Threaded fastener (5)
13. David- - -, snooker presenter (4)
14. Without levy (3,4)
15. Emma- - -, Watching actress (4)
16. Harmonious sound (5)
17. Holiday place (6)
21. The papal government (7)
22. Maid (5)
23. Infectious disease (7)

Down:

2. Price too highly (10)
3. Possessions (8)
4. Brutal lout (4)
5. A performing art (4)
6. Supreme Greek god (4)
9. Model, -- - - Hall (5)
10. Destroy completely (10)
12. Wield (5)
13. Italian volcano (8)
18. Ranked player (4)
19. Boulder (4)
20. Animal's hair (4)

Doodle Box

Across:

1. Hound, 4. Shock, 10. Inept, 11. Liberal, 12. Travolta, 13. John, 15. Naples, 17. Grange, 19. Bull, 20. Sensible, 23. Leading, 24. Manet, 25. Adopt, 26. Knoll.

Down:

2. Opera, 3. Nitrogen, 5. Hobo, 6. Cartoon, 7. Sitting Bull, 8. Bluto, 9. Flannelette, 14. Grossman, 16. Pollard, 18. Verge, 21. Banal, 22. Limp.

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Gardening Tips for November

Things to Do in the Garden in November

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Insulate containers to stop roots from freezing. 2. Plant herbaceous perennials, providing the soil isn't too wet or frozen. 3. Continue to divide overgrown clumps of herbaceous perennials. 4. Plant tulips and lilies. 5. Prune redcurrants, blackcurrants and gooseberries if you haven't already done so. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Plant deciduous trees, hedges and shrubs, fruit trees, herbaceous plants and climbers. 7. Sow broad beans for an early crop next spring. 8. Rake autumn leaves regularly from the lawn and add them to the compost heap, if you have one. 9. Protect all tender plants from frosts with horticultural fleece or mulch. |
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Some November plants in flower and vegetables in season

The Flower Garden	The Ornamental Garden	Vegetables in Season
Autumn Crocus Cyclamen Genetian <i>Iris Unguicularis</i> Nerine Schizostylis	Lonicera standishii Mahonia Prunus <i>Subjirtella</i> <i>Autumnalis</i> Viburnum Winter Jasmine	Artichokes, Jerusalem Brussels sprouts Cabbage Chicory Parsnip Spinach beet Swede



How to... KEEP WILD BIRDS FED THIS WINTER



Help wildlife over winter – they'll repay the favour by controlling pests in the garden and providing you with much viewing pleasure.

- ◇ Birds use a great deal of energy looking for food, and if you put food out, they'll travel long distances to eat here. So if you begin feeding them, you are making a winter-long commitment—if they turn up to find nothing to eat, they will have wasted valuable reserves that they may not be able to replace.
- ◇ If you are using a bird table, get one with a roof to keep the food dry.
- ◇ Provide a good cross section of food, making it strong on high-energy foods such as nuts, fats (butter and bacon rind) seeds and bread.
- ◇ Make a bird cake by half-filling an old yogurt pot with mixed seed, pouring melted lard over the top and mixing it together.
- ◇ Birds must have water. Use a shallow dish or permanent birdbath and refill it with fresh water every day.

Your Questions...

What herbs can be grown for use fresh in winter?

Chevril (*Anthriscus cerefolium*) is an excellent winter herb: sow it in August September; it will withstand most winters outside.

Other evergreen herbs are the thymes (*Thymus*) rosemary (*Rosemary officinalis*), which needs protection in cold areas, pot majoram, and winter savory. All these, and chervil, are more productive in winter if grown in frames or under cloches.



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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Notes

Question

My Mother is ill and needs full-time care I intend taking Carer's leave from work to look after her. Can I earn any money if I am receiving Carer's Benefit while on leave?

Answer

You can earn money but you are restricted in how much you can earn and the number of hours you can work.

Carer's Benefit, which is based on social insurance contributions, is a payment made by the Department of Social and Family Affairs to people who leave employment to look after someone in need of full-time care and attention. It is paid for up to 2 years. You can claim Carer's Benefit as a single continuous period or in any number of separated periods.

Providing you meet the contribution conditions and the Department decides that your mother is in need of full-time care and attention you should qualify for Carer's Benefit.

While looking after your mother you may

- Attend an educational or training course or take up voluntary or community work for up to 15 hours per week.
- Engage in limited self-employment in your home.
- Engage in employment outside your home for up to 15 hours per week provided it had been approved by the Department.

The maximum weekly earnings that you are allowed from such employment/self-employment is €290.

Question

What is the Family Mediation Service?

Answer

The Family Mediation Service is a confidential service that helps couples in Ireland, who have decided to separate or divorce, to negotiate their own terms of agreement, while addressing the needs and interests of all involved. The service, which is part of the Family Support Agency, is free and is available to married and non-married couples.

The service encourages the separating couple to co-operate with each other in working out mutually acceptable arrangements on all or any of the following:

- Financial support
- Family home and property
- Parenting the children
- Other problems related to the separation/divorce

The service does not provide marriage counselling or legal advice.

For an appointment with the Family Mediation Service, both parties must contact the service and confirm their willingness to attend. Mediation usually takes between two and six sessions, and each session lasts approximately one hour. A trained mediator assists the couple to reach their own agreement. The discussions are confidential and the mediator does not take sides.

Most mediations end with a written document that sets out all the details of the couple's agreement. This can then be taken to solicitors to be drawn into a legal Deed of Separation and/or used as the basis for a Decree of Divorce.

When a couple has reached an agreement, a session is offered to parents to invite their children in to discuss their new family arrangements.

There are four full-time Family Mediation Service Offices in Ireland and a number of part-time offices.

Further information is available from:

Family Mediation Service,
St Stephen's Green House,
Earlsfort Terrace,
Dublin 2.

Tel: (01) 872 8277, Website: www.fsa.ie

Question

I live in rented accommodation and my landlord is raising my rent again this year. What can I do?

Answer

Under the Residential Tenancies Act 2004, if you are in dispute with your landlord you can refer your dispute to the dispute resolution service of the Private Residential Tenancies Board (PRTB).

The legislation does not apply to owner-occupied accommodation, social housing, the formerly rent-controlled sector, long occupation equity tenancies, business lettings, holiday lettings, "rent a room" or

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other arrangements whereby the landlord also resides in the dwelling.

The Dispute resolution process used by the PRTB is confidential, supportive and non-confrontational. Landlords, tenants or other parties directly affected (e.g. neighbours) can initiate the dispute resolution process. Landlords must be registered with the PRTB to use the dispute resolution service.

The service covers disputes about such things as deposits, lease terms, termination of tenancies, rent arrears, complaints by neighbours, and breaches of statutory obligations by either landlord or tenant. You must refer any dispute about rent increases to the PRTB before the rent increase is due to take effect or within 28 days receiving formal notice of the new rent (whichever is later).

It should not be necessary to have legal representation when taking a case to the PRTB. Initially the dispute is dealt with by mediation or alternatively by adjudication (the parties can decide which method they prefer). The fee for referring the dispute for mediation or adjudication is €25. If the parties do not wish to accept the mediation agreement or the adjudicator's decision, the dispute can be appealed to a public hearing by a three-person Tenancy Tribunal within 21 days. It costs €40 to appeal the dispute to the Tribunal.

A mediated agreement, the decision of the adjudicator or the decision of the Tribunal results in a binding determination order from the PRTB which can be enforced through the Circuit Court.

Further information is available from
Private Residential Tenancies Board,
Canal House, Canal Road,
Dublin 6.
Tel: (01) 888 2960, Website: www.prtb.ie

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 (ECC) in Dublin. 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 France.

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 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 your 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. They can be contacted at

European Consumer Centre,
13a Upper O'Connell Street,
Dublin 1.
Tel: (01) 809 0600, Website www.eccdublin.ie

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre.

This column has been compiled by the Citizens Information Centre which provides a free and confidential service to the public.

Tel: 01 6285 477
Lo-Call: 1890 777 121



Features

Cluain Aotbhinn Residents Association Who did this

On Thursday the 12th October at around 2a.m. some idiot decided to have a joyride in his car and destroy our green area which was one of the main focus points and play area of our estate. Whoever this idiot is the residents association is asking you to come and repair the damage you have caused. **You were seen, your number taken. But** as we are a fair organisation we will give you the chance to repair the damage you have caused before we pass the number onto the Garda. What I would like to know is why you did it? Have you got a vendetta against us, the residents, were you drunk? Did you do it to say O look at me I'm brilliant look what I can do with my car. Well I hope you woke up today feeling like a fool and I do hope you will do the right thing and come forward and fix the damage you have caused.

C.A.R.A.



The Roost

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The Roost Christmas Dinner Menu



To Start

Tomato and Gin Soup, served with brown bread
Smoked Salmon on a Horseradish Potato Salad with salsa Verde
Baked Pastry Parcel of Brie & Apple Chutney on a bed of seasonal leaves
Endive Salad with Warm Bacon, Caesar Dressing & Celeriac Crisps

Main Course

Roast Stuffed Turkey & Ham cranberry sauce & rich natural gravy
Grilled Steak Mexicano, on a bed of Cajun Potatoes with a rich tomato sauce (€3 supplement)
Vegetarian Penne Pasta with roast Mediterranean vegetables in a tomato & basil sauce
Baked Fillet of Seabass on a Red Pepper Relish with basil pesto
Pan Fried Breast of Chicken on Roasted Vegetables with garlic & Rosemary jus
Served with Fresh Market Vegetables & Potatoes

Deserts

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Features



Winner of the September Children's Colouring Competition is Maeve Cowhey pictured above

Sudoku

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Colouring Competition



Well Done to all the Children from
Kidz @ Play
who entered our Colouring Competition in the October Issue.

James Sutton

Natasha Hughes

Kirsty Fitzpatrick

Stephen Horgan

Fergal Reilly

Fiachra Brennan

Ellie Molyneaux

Isabelle Keely

Anna Ryan

Mario Mathais

Lydia Fagan

Leah Edwards

Owen Yanyongo

Jack Hourigan

Stephen Saults

Grace Brennan

Adam Dunne

Niamh Krahn

Oisin Marron

Luke Cunningham

Claire Hawkins

Eoghan Walsh

Darragh Hetherington

Veronica Stewart

Cian Doyle

Nell Mescal

Aidan Duffy

Dillon Tuke

Iseult Brennan

Aisling Wilks

Dawid Koziel

Aoife Shine

Tom Kelly

Tom Cullen-Tinley

Aoife Mescal

Cillian Karney

Alex Pure

Ella Hayes

Recipes



Get Ahead for Christmas



Stained-glass ginger biscuits

Spiced biscuits that look great as a tree decoration

65g/2½oz butter, at room temperature
50g/2oz brown sugar
4tbsp golden syrup
150g/5oz plain flour sieved
1tsp ground ginger
½ tsp bicarbonate of soda
Clear boiled sweets (one per biscuit)
You will need some ribbon and cutter



1. In a bowl, beat butter and sugar with an electric whisk till pale. Add syrup, flour, ginger and bicarbonate soda and beat together until it forms a dough. Wrap in a clear film and chill for at least 30 minutes.

2. Preheat oven to gas mark 5/190°C (180°C in a fan oven). Roll out dough on a lightly floured surface and cut out biscuit shapes with a star or circle cutter. Stamp out hole in the centre of some biscuits with a smaller cutter, but cook these to make bite-sized biscuits. Make a small hole for ribbon using a skewer.

3. Place biscuits on a baking sheet lined with baking powder and cook for 5 minutes. Remove from oven and put a clear boiled sweet in the centre of each biscuit. Return to oven for 2 minutes till sweet has melted. Lift baking paper and biscuits onto a cooling rack and leave to cool on paper till the melted sweet has firmed up, then transfer biscuits to cooling rack. They will keep for up to a week in an airtight container. Thread with ribbon to hang.

Macaroons

These little chewy bites will melt in your mouth

100g/3½oz ground almonds
250g/9oz icing sugar/sieved
1tbsp plain flour
4 egg whites
2tbsp caster sugar
Pink food colouring (optional)



1. Preheat oven to gas mark 3/ 170°C (160°C in a fan oven). In a bowl, mix the ground almonds, icing sugar and flour together. In another bowl, whisk egg whites till they form soft peaks, then whisk sugar till its shiny. Gently fold in almond mixture in batches till it has combined to make a soft batter. Gently stir in pink food colouring (if using).

2. Drop teaspoonfuls onto a baking sheet lined with baking paper. Leave room for them to spread. Then cook for about 15mins, till crisp to touch but still soft inside. Leave to cool on baking sheet for a couple of mins before carefully transferring them to wire rack to cool completely. These will keep for up to a week in an airtight container.

Biscott

Crunchy Italian-style biscuits, perfect for coffee



300g/11oz plain flour, sieved
150g/5oz unrefined caster sugar
1tsp baking powder
3 eggs
1tbsp vanilla extract
125g/4oz chopped almonds
50g/2oz dried cranberries or cherries

1. Preheat oven to gas mark 4/ 180°C (170°C in a fan oven). In a bowl, mix flour, sugar and baking powder together. Add eggs and vanilla extract, and work with your hands until it forms a soft dough—the longer you mix it the softer it will become. Knead in almonds and dried fruit. Cut into four pieces and roll these out to slightly flattened sausage shapes—you may need to dust your hands with flour if dough becomes too sticky. Place on a baking sheet lined with baking paper and cook for 20 minutes.

2. Carefully cut into slices about 1½cm thick using a serrated knife. Then return to baking sheet and cook for about 10 mins, till golden and dry. Leave to cool completely on a wire rack. These keep in an airtight container for up to a week.

Useful tips



Christmas

Advent Calendar

You will need:

30cm of 115cm– wide red gingham fabric
30cm of 115cm-wide red and white stripe fabric
Matching thread & Sweets or tiny gifts
6m of 3mm-wide red ribbon
White paint & 60x40cm cork memo board
Nickel drawing pins & black felt-tip pen
Flexible stencil for numerals

To Make:

1. Cut 12 rectangles measuring 25x10cm from both fabrics. Fold each one in half with right sides together and stitch the sides, taking 1cm seam allowances. Turn right side out and press. Press under 4cm around the top of each one. Fill each one with a small gift. Cut ribbon into 24 lengths measuring 25cm. Tie each ribbon around the tops of the bags and knot the ends, leaving a 5cm loop. Trim excess ribbon.
2. Paint the memo board and leave to dry.
3. Arrange the bags on the board in four staggered rows to work out positions for drawing pins and numbers. Draw numbers on the board in felt-tip pen.
4. Insert drawing pins on the board and hang the bags from them.

Striking Centrepiece

Traditional

Create a stunning festive arrangement for the table by spraying a flowerpot with gold paint and filling it with red rose heads, ivy leaves and mini baubles, before placing a pillar candle inside.

Elegant

An old glass cake stand can be dressed up with glittery flowers, baubles and pretty tea light holders to create a glam table centrepiece. Place it on a gold charger plate and finish off with some ivy.



Countdown



Instant

For a classic look that's so simple to achieve, simply place a berry wreath on a large gold cake board and sit three pillar candles inside.

Greeting Cards

You will need:

Packs of plain cards, oddments of fabric card, string, buttons, craft glue, skeleton leaves and chenille tinsel stems.

To make:

Enlarge templates by 200 per cent or to fit your cards. Draw triangle for tree and irregular star shape freehand.

For simple country style, decorate plain brown cards with string and shapes cut from oddments of fabric.

Tree

From fabric, cut a tall triangle for the tree, a rectangle for the base and a small square for the present. Glue in place and add a string bow.

Heart

Cut heart from fabric and glue in place over a string loop.

Stocking

Cut stocking and band from fabric and glue in place on top of a string loop.

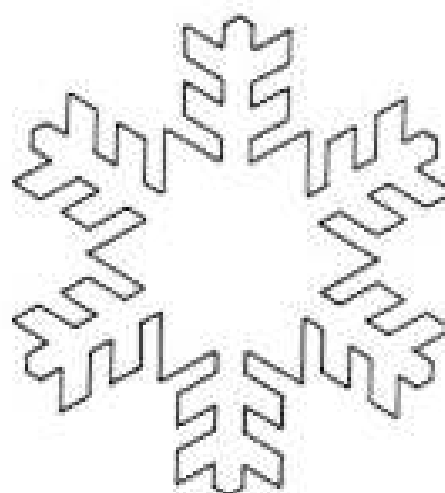
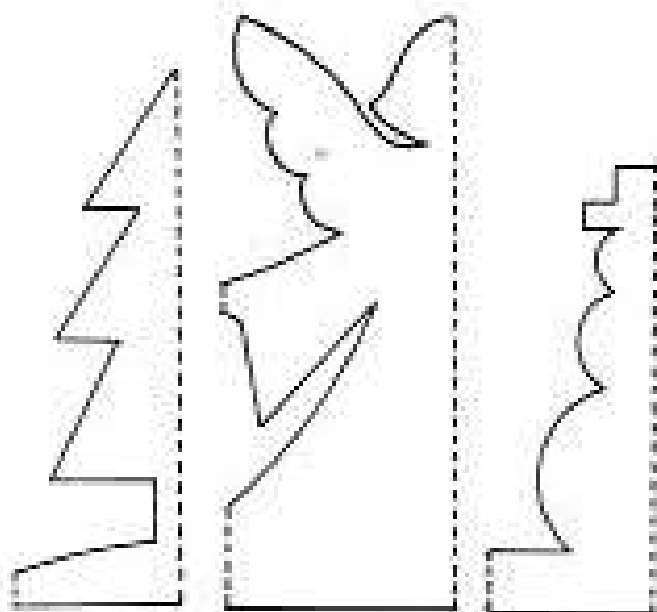
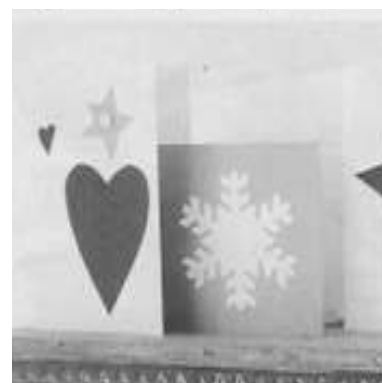
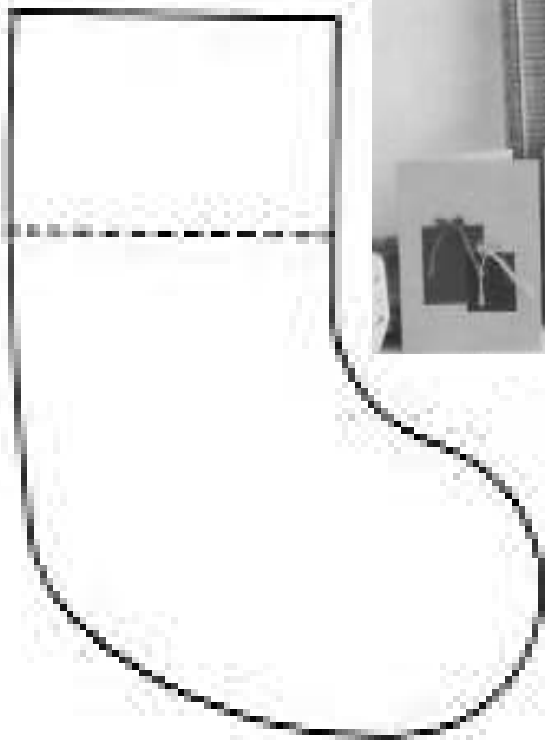
Presents

Cut rectangles of fabric and glue in place. Add string bows.



Useful tips

Templates for Christmas Card Making



Horoscopes



ARIES—March 21—April 20th

Life is full of ups and down just now but losing your cool won't help clear the air. Best just let sleeping dogs lie and smile through it all. Sunday will be one day you won't want to miss.

Lucky number 5, lucky colour black



TAURUS—April 21—May 21

You're wondering what it's all about this month when someone gives you some surprising news about a colleague. Take it with a pinch of salt and don't be the one to spread gossip. On Monday the truth will be revealed.

Lucky number 3, lucky colour yellow.



GEMINI—May 22—June 22

Getting your point across is not always easy. You need to take things slowly and avoid jumping into situations where you are not comfortable. You will get there in the end.

Lucky number 2, lucky colour gold



CANCER—June 23—July 23

Friends come and go but you can only be true to one person—yourself. Be aware of your strengths and you will be fine and more content with life. Have courage and take that risk you have been contemplating.

Lucky number 2, lucky colour gold.



LEO—July 24—August 23

A chance meeting with someone could help make your dreams come true. Get yourself ready for action and keep all doors open. Your lucky day is Saturday so be prepared.

Lucky number 9, lucky colour green.



Virgo—August 24—September 23

You feel bad about not saying how you feel to a close friend but you may get a second chance to speak up. Your friendship will be valued and you will be delighted with the outcome.

Lucky number 1, lucky colour purple



LIBRA—September 24—October 23

You are feeling unwell this week. You may be trying to do too much and suffering from burn out. Remember to relax from time to time and your body will recover. Lucky number 9, lucky colour brown.



SCORPIO—October 24—Nov 22

You could put your foot in it this week when meeting someone for the first time. Watch what you say and all will be well. You may have a hectic timetable over the next month so be sure to keep on track of everything.

Lucky number 12, colour dark red.



CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan. 20

A shopping spree is on the cards but keep an eye on the bank balance. Don't be tempted to buy just because you see a bargain. Make a list and stick to it.

Lucky number 10, lucky colour royal blue



SAGITTARUS—Nov. 23—Dec. 21

Major changes are indicated in your stars this week—maybe a move to a new house or job. Don't make any hasty decisions and all will be well.

A weekend away is possible if you make plans.

Lucky number 7 lucky colour pink.



AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb. 19

Follow your heart this month as your feelings are spot on and you know what want. Now is the time to strike while the iron is hot and you will be going around with a big smile on your face. You get an unexpected gift of something you always wanted.

Lucky number 14, lucky colour white.



PISCES—February 20—March 20

You are not sure where to spend Christmas and want to change your normal schedule. However this won't go down well with the relatives and you will have to live with the consequences. Be brave!

Lucky number 6, lucky colour peach.

Poetry Corner

The Moon

How I love my yellow moon
Shining so brightly in the sky
You lie in space like a ruin
So barren and ready to die
O' planet moon what brought you
here

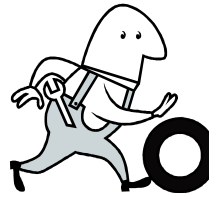
To a universe of plentiful source
To mother nature you are so near
With many a gravitational force
O' yellow moon I cherish you so
Shining over us with great light
As for your source I do not know
But you certainly are a precious sight

The moon shines over the hill
A romantic myth of your night
You stay so bright and still
With many a guiding light
Me and my old reliable moon
Stay with me forever more
Whenever my days be of gloom
Fade away like a time before

Whenever my time is of end
You will still caress the sky
My moon will always be my friend
May you never ever die

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Buying a Computer

The vast majority of people buy a PC to browse the Web, check and send e-mail, and perform word processing or spreadsheet work. Today, even the least-expensive, lowest-of-the-low-end PC can perform any of those jobs admirably. You'll want a little extra performance if you use peripherals such as a printer or scanner. You'll want even more performance if you're a gamer, if you're interested in digital video, if you perform other processor-intensive tasks, or if you simply need to have the latest and greatest. Below is a rough breakdown of some of your options.



A 2-GHz Athlon 64 X2 3800+ or 2.8-GHz Pentium D 915 processor. For everyday work, word processing, spreadsheets, and e-mail, you don't need the latest, greatest, and most expensive processor.

At least 512MB memory. Anything less will slow your work. Buy as much as you can afford, up to 1GB.

Be careful when you buy integrated graphics. If you buy a computer with integrated graphics, ask if it has a PCI Express slot. If it doesn't, you won't be able to upgrade your graphics chip.

Subwoofers improve sound. Adding a sound system with a subwoofer (a large speaker that produces very low bass tones) can dramatically improve the sound quality of a home system. But think of the neighbours!

A 17-inch flat-panel LCD monitor. Unless you're really pinching pennies, a 17-inch LCD will let you see your documents with greater definition than smaller displays would.

A rewritable DVD drive. Floppy drives have faded away. CD-RW-only drives are on the way out. Though your computer might still include a CD-RW drive, many users find that USB flash drive, (a small stick-like drive, very useful for backing up or transferring data). CD-RW/DVD-ROM combination drives, and recordable DVD drives are better options for data storage and transfer.

Word of mouth can often give you the best info on who provides the best (and worst) value, technical support and warranty service.

A 60GB or larger hard drive. A 40GB hard drive is fine for simple word processing or Web browsing tasks, but you'll likely fill that hard drive pretty quickly. .

Connectivity up front. Many PCs now offer a pair of USB ports on the front of the case, so you can connect multiple peripherals such as digital cameras or MP3 players without having to fumble around in back.

Graphics cards for novice gamers. If you want to do some gaming and you're keeping an eye on the future, get a mainstream graphics board. You'll need a card with a built-in TV tuner if you plan to record from your TV.

Other Shopping Tips

In addition to choosing a PC with the above specifications, you can save money and avoid unnecessary hassle by following these tips:

Don't buy additional software unless you really need it. Purchase an operating system, an office suite, and an antivirus package. But if you need more, look for vendors' software bundles to upgrade your software. Also students are entitled to buy Microsoft software at discounted prices. Ask about this if you are upgrading.

Upgrade at the time of purchase. Often, you can get a better deal on a larger hard drive or a better monitor when you first order your computer. Even doubling the size of a hard drive may add very little to the cost, and upgrading to a higher-quality monitor may add only €50.

When buying a printer, ask about cartridge costs—often a printer sells cheaply but the manufacturers make their money on print cartridges. A printer may cost only €80 but replacement cartridges may cost €40!

Get the lowdown on the store before you buy. Word of mouth can often give you the best info on who provide the best (and worst) value, technical support and warranty service.

And finally—good luck!

Next Month's Article will be on choosing and buying a printer. So watch this space for tips.

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Poetry Corner

November

As soon as Halloween ends
Winter awakes like a hungry bear
He growls that he is finally here
Whipping wind around us as we
walk
Teaming rain of which we talk
Old raincoats taken out
Its damn cold to be out and
about!

And the local garden centre is
already
Decked out for Christmas time
Some run to buy before the rush
Will it be natural or fake pine?

The first month of Winter
And evening darkens ever earlier
Time to put the cents aside
Or is this your rainy day?

The cogs and wheels that
Put the year in motion
Now begin to creak
And in ending, tune a notion
Of birth and rebirth speak

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Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth ICA Notes

The Guild started back its new year in September, with everyone ready to take on this years programme, a Drama Workshop was held in Castledermot on 12th, 19th and 26th of October and the tutor was Peter Hussey a former employee of the Community Council. There will be a fun night in Kilteel on Wednesday 1st November where hopefully we will see some Drama from the classes. Kildare ICA weekend in An Grianán took place from Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd October and seventy members attended on this weekend.

A one day course on style and image will take place on the 14th March 2007 given by Celia Larkin. A Council meeting had taken place in Dolmen Hotel Co Carlow on 14th October and the next federation meeting will take place on Thursday 23rd November in Kildare Town. Competitions coming up are gingham embroidery and coloured embroidery, there is also a new Irish Competition "A Short Storey" as Gaeilge. The Timmire hopes to organise Irish classes for members and Set dancing classes are held every Monday night by Rita Doyle in the Boys School.

At the November meeting we will have a service for deceased members.

Winners of the September Competition in the Guild were as follows:

- 1st Madeline Stynes,
- 2nd Mary O Gorman
- 3rd Mary Halton

Crafts continue every Monday night and Badminton continues on Monday and Thursday mornings. More members are needed to join the Badminton group. The Guild members will help out at the Church Gate Collection for Arthritis. European week will take place in An Grianán from 13th to 16th November and Kildare week in An Grianán will take place from 2nd to 6th July 2007. The Kildare weekend will be 2nd to 4th November 2007.

Congratulations to Mary O' Gorman who was in the top three at National level with her candlewick item.

Handcrafts week will take place in An Grianán from 16th to 20th April 2007 with twenty one workshops to choose from, certainly something for everyone here. Kildare has been requested to host the National ICA AGM in the County and work has started on this event as it takes place in May 2007.

Winners of the October Competition were as follows:

- 1st Catherine O' Reilly
- 2nd Mary Halton and Mairead Scanlon
- 3rd Mary Mc Namara

The raffle winners are as follows:

- 1st Irene Mathews
- 2nd Vera Kearins
- 3rd Betty Farrell
- 4th Mary Dunne

As you can see by this report there is plenty of variety in ICA, something for everyone and we would like to see lots of new members join this year.

Our next meeting will take place on Thursday 2nd November at 8.00 p.m. in the ICA Hall in the Harbour.

New Members always welcome



Poetry Corner

The Four Seasons

Seasons of the year in pattern lay
Constantly changing as the years
progress.

An influence of weather for each day
Each passing day our Mother Nature
bless.

Early growth of Spring sprightly free
A youthful start to each landscape
known

A lively spirited time for me
Each seedling in time is grown.

Summer when the sun shines down
With its radiant beauty to all
An ecstasy free time without a groan
With lots of good weather in stall.

Then the fading Autumn gradually
comes near
A harvest time with a generous reward
It is a time for great love and cheer
With fruit of plenty from our true lord.

The winter scorn comes its way
With rainfall, snow or frosty nights
This hardship season seems forever to
stay
With grey clouds and dismal sights.

May the seasons guide us in nature's
course
With special days of a new tomorrow
No one knows of your strange source
With weathered days of all our sorrow.

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Features

Racial Awareness night which was held in the Parish Hall recently.



Tazy Berman, Tyra Berman, Shannon Thomson, Elenor McCovey & Lydia Doyle



Pat Twoney, Jairus Thomas (Romeo) & Thomaz Gorski



Marie Josee Grah, Jojack Killo & Luigi



Jairus Thomas (Romeo), Thomaz Gorski & Louise Muntandu



Pat Twoney, Aideen (Shorty), Jairus Thomas (Romeo), Thomaz Muntandu, Marie Josee Grah & Jojack Killo

Features

The following is an Executive Summary of recommendations from the NUI Maynooth who carried out two surveys for the Tidy Towns:

LITTER SURVEY - RECOMMENDATIONS

- Efforts should focus on education of the public to reduce incidence of littering and on enforcement of existing legislation;
- Businesses should be encouraged to reduce packaging where possible and/ or use more biodegradable materials. Outlets which appear to be particularly involved in the problem by reason of their customers dumping packaging should be encouraged to participate more actively in its removal.
- Street cleaning and emptying of litter bins should be undertaken by Kildare County Council on a daily basis in the most heavily used areas and regularly elsewhere in the town.
- More frequent emptying of bring banks in public car park, plus usage of CCTV cameras (already in place) to target offenders.
- An "Environmental Management Plan" should be implemented so that a coherent strategy to deal with all environmental issues is in place.

RESIDENTS SURVEY - RECOMMENDATIONS

Tidy Towns awareness/ participation

- Concentration on raising awareness of the local programme, and the exploration of ways to communicate with people. One way to do this is clearly using the local newspapers, which are already a major source, but it is likely that direct contact, such as leafleting, may be needed to contact the rest of the population.

Recycling/ General waste in Maynooth

- Provision of a local site or widening the range of acceptable contents for home recycling bins.

- Further information provided to householders on acceptable contents of home recycling bins.

Attractions/ detractions of Maynooth

- In addition to more frequent and more widespread street cleaning, focus by authorities improving traffic conditions in the town and by property owners on maintenance would improve the general appearance of Maynooth.

Active Citizenship/ community involvement

- Research should be undertaken on ways to encourage increased participation in voluntary groups, followed by the implementation of the most useful strategies
- Additionally, local and national authorities may need to review provision on a non-voluntary basis if the required increase in active participation by volunteers can not be achieved, since it would be unreasonable to expect the same level of involvement to be maintained by a decreasing, and ageing volunteer body.

Involvement of young people

- To develop links between TT and the local young people
- For authorities to develop programmes within schools and elsewhere to encourage children and young people to move from awareness and interest into active involvement in their community and environment.

**Paul Croghan—Maynooth Tidy Towns
PRO**

Features

Members of the Maynooth Boys' National School Chess Club



Fawaz Oduyebo, Mubarak Oduyebo & Anthony Barrett



Adam Cully & Joseph Millett



Tomas Feeney & Seoirse Murray



Robert Reilly, Maverick Andaloc & Luke Coyle,



Lorcan Halton, Daniel O'Kee, Ross O'Connor & Sean Kearney



Aaron Tobin & Brian McGloughlin

Features

Maynooth Toastmasters

Maynooth's Newest Club Launches with a sell out audience !!!!

A great night was had by all upstairs in Brady's Clockhouse Bar on Monday Oct 9th. If you yourself had been there, there would have been a total of 40 people at the launch meeting. Lucia Hughes was the Chairperson (Toastmaster) of the meeting. Excellent speeches were given by Michael Fitzpatrick, Deborah Brannelly and Peter Farrelly. Liam Power led a lively and humorous session where everyone present had their opportunity to contribute. The Ryder Cup Award was won by Mary Jennings of Maynooth.

Prepare for meetings no. 3 and 4 upstairs in Brady's Clockhouse Bar on Monday November 13th and 27th at 7.45pm, for further episodes of fun and enjoyment.

All are Welcome !

Toastmasters: "Better Speaking, Better Listening, Better Leading".

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L-R: Mike Lang & Andrew Lang



P. L. Curran presents the Ryder Cup Award to the first winner Mary Jennings



L-R: Sigi Fan & Martin Vural



L-R: John Cronin & Deborah Brannelly



L-R: Maureen Giblin, May Farrell and Lucia Hughes

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Press Release

An interesting event takes place in our local Maynooth library on Thursday 9th November, when a teacher from India will give an introductory talk on meditation and spirituality. Thursday's presentation will include a guided meditation, which will bring deep relaxation to the mind and body. It will serve as an introduction to its practise in daily life and will also introduce and explain the programme in the upcoming workshops.

Diwakari Devi is a teacher of Transpersonal Relaxation and Divine love meditation. She has helped thousands of people in her workshops and programmes in New Zealand, India, Hong Kong, Canada and the United States. Her extensive studies over the last twenty years include years of advanced studies in India, where she investigated the deeper aspects of both the philosophy and practise of Meditation, and incorporating spirituality into daily life. The form of meditation as taught by Diwakari Devi is a very simple and natural process and is extremely effective in developing a person's positive potential.

Its benefits are profound: Sincere practise deepens the awareness, bringing inner peace and contentment in life.

Diwakari Devi will also conduct a number of workshops during her visit to Ireland and the following are some of the comments from previous course participants:

"Nothing could have prepared me for the total relaxation I experienced in the workshop. An so easy to do! It awoke feelings of great love in my heart".....Gerard, Galway.

"It is rare in life that you come across something so special, so pure, so beautiful, that it can touch the essence of your being and change your life".....Carol, Dublin.

"This joyful programme gave me insight and tranquillity. But what is more surprising for me is that this something special never left me, it stays and guides me, it became a strong foundation that streams joy, peace and love. Alex, Dublin.

You are invited to attend this free, public lecture at the library at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, 9th November. For further information telephone (01) 490 5495 / 086-891 5580.

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Maynooth Public Library

Thursday 9 Nov

7.30 p.m.

Admission: No Charge

Workshops:

Four 3 hour workshops will be held in Rathgar.

**Dates: Nov 11 and 12
Nov 18 and 19**

Booking and Details: 014905495/0868915580



Maynooth Town FC



For their safety, please ensure that younger children are accompanied to and from training in the evenings, and for their prompt collection at the finishing time.

Under 7's start out

Pictured left are Maynooth Town's new Under 7's team following their 1-6 win away to rush F.C. This is the first year The Town have compete at the under 7's training with 2 teams entered for the 2006/7 season. Best of luck to both teams as they start their footballing careers and we look forward to seeing them play at senior level in 13/14 years.

Parents Help Needed:

We are again appealing to parents to assist us in the running of our club.

Under 12s:

We are looking for one or two parents to come forward and take on the management of the second Under 12 Team. At present we have 25 players at the under 12 age group, but only one team due to lack of people to look after the second team. This results in many players not having the opportunity to play football on a regular basis. Full support is available from the club.

Transport:

A big thank you to those parents who regularly help out with transport to away games. However, we do need others to take their turn occasionally and offer to bring lads to away games, rather than leaving it to the same families all the time. We find a car-pooling rota-system often works best, and lessens the load on everyone.

Winter Training:

Now that autumn has arrived, the weather worsens, and the evenings get darker, we have to relocate training away from the playing pitches to other suitable locations.

Each Manager will be making the appropriate arrangements for his team according to its needs. The club has now arranged for the renting of the All Weather pitch at the boys school, which will be used by many teams, while others will train in the harbour field.

Weekly Lotto Jackpot heading for €5000!

The Maynooth Town FC weekly Lotto is the Club's main source of income, and the funds raised are used to cover our running costs and other expenses involved in putting 25 teams on the pitch each week.

You can enter the lotto draw by selecting 4 correct numbers from 1 to 28 on either panel to win. Entries are available from Team Managers and Committee Members, and they are sold in local pubs on Sunday evenings. The jackpot currently stands at €4275 and it is increased by €75 each week if there is no winner. Tickets cost €2.

You can also choose to be included in the lotto every week, by completing an auto-lotto entry form. Your entry will be automatically included in the draw each week and €8 will be deducted monthly from your bank account by standing order.

Club Website:

Have you visited the Club's website yet? You can find out the weekend fixtures, see league tables and check pitch availability, as well as a host of other useful information. Visit us at www.maynoothtownfc.com

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Maynooth Town FC Results To Date:

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Seniors LSL Sunday Premier:

27/8/06	Maynooth Town	3	Athy Town	2
10/09/06	Maynooth	0	Mid-Sutton	1
17/09/06	Fort Rangers	3	Maynooth	5
24/09/06	Maynooth	6	Palatine Celtic	0
1/10/06	Pearse Club 61	0	Maynooth Town	0

Seniors LSL Saturday Division 2:

19/8/06	Maynooth Town	0	Blanchardstown	3
26/8/06	Blackrock	5	Maynooth	2
2/09/06	Maynooth	6	Dunshaughlin	2
9/09/06	Ballyouster	5	Maynooth	1
23/9/06	Freewheelers	7	Maynooth Town	0
30/9/06	Cherryfield	0	Maynooth	1

Seniors LSL Sunday Division 3A:

20/8/06	Maynooth Town	7	East Meath	2
27/08/06	Walkinstown	2	Maynooth	1
3/09/06	Maynooth	2	St Pats CY	2
10/9/06	Clonee	2	Maynooth Town	0

NDSL Under 17A:

3/9/06	Maynooth Town	1	Hartstown	3
10/09/06	Portmarnock	0	Maynooth	9
24/09/06	Mid Sutton	2	Maynooth	1
1/10/06	Maynooth	3	Clontarf	1

NDSL Under 16A:

3/9/06	Maynooth	2	Castleknock	2
10/09/06	Priorswood	2	Maynooth	6
24/09/06	Boyne Rovers	2	Maynooth	1
1/10/06	Maynooth	2	Boyne Rovers	4

NDSL Under 16B:

17/09/06	Balbriggan	0	Maynooth	1
1/10/06	Maynooth	3	Athboy	1

NDSL Under 15 Premier:

3/9/06	Balbriggan	4	Maynooth	0
5/9/06	Mullingar	1	Maynooth	1
10/09/06	Maynooth	1	Dunboyne	3
1/10/06	Clontarf		Maynooth	

NDSL Under 15B:

10/9/06	Swords Rvs	3	Maynooth	1
24/9/06	Trinity	3	Maynooth	4
1/10/06	Swords Rvs	1	Maynooth	5

NDSL Under 14 Premier:

10/09/06	Maynooth	1	Ratoath	3
1/10/06	Maynooth	2	Boyne Rvs	1

NDSL Under 14 D:

24/09/06	Maynooth		Castleknock	
1/10/06	Darndale		Maynooth	

NDSL Under 13D:

17/09/06	Darndale	1	Maynooth	1
24/09/06	Maynooth		Portmarknock	
1/10/06	Maynooth		Castleknock	

NDSL Under 12A:

24/09/06	Swords Rvs	1	Maynooth	5
1/10/06	Maynooth	6	Donaghmede	0

NDSL Under 11Premier:

3/9/06	Maynooth	0	Clontarf	3
10/09/06	Maynooth	4	Rivervally	2
17/09/06	Skerries	3	Maynooth	2
24/09/06	Maynooth	4	Boyne Rvs	1
1/10/06	Maynooth	2	Raheny	3

Seniors Under 11 B:

3/9/06	Maynooth	8	Clonee	2
10/09/06	Castleknock	2	Maynooth	5
24/09/06	Maynooth	7	Ratoath	3

NDSL Under 10A:

9/9/06	Maynooth	0	Tolka Rvs	2
16/9/06	Corduff	2	Maynooth	4
23/9/06	Maynooth	2	Swords Manor	1
30/9/06	Ashbourne		Maynooth	

NDSL Under 10A1:

16/9/06	Cloughertown	0	Maynooth	3
30/9/06	Woodlawn	2	Maynooth	1

Larkspur—The Epsom Derby of 1962

The first of six Epsom Derby winners for Dr. M V O'Brien

1962 was to prove a momentous year in the history of Irish Racing. The Irish Derby sponsored for the first time by the Irish Hospital Sweepstakes heralded a new era for the Curragh. The newly constructed Grandstand was an outwards sign of confidence for the future of the sport. The economic situation was also improving. Sean Lemass left to labour in the background for decades was finally having his day. Lemass set about improving the economy and increasing the prosperity of the Irish people. A draft outline of a free trade agreement with the United Kingdom was prepared and contacts made with Germany and France regarding association with the emerging Common Market.

The same year heralded the arrival of Doctor Vincent O'Brien on the English Classic scene. Born at the family home, Clashganif, near the town of Buttevant Co. Cork in April of 1917. Vincent was involved with horses from an early age. His father Dan, although primarily a farmer, always trained horses for local owners. Vincent received his early education at the local national school in Churchtown and was subsequently sent to Mungret College, Limerick to complete his secondary education. His heart was not in it and his father agreed to him leaving the College when he was sixteen.

Already an accomplished horse rider and huntsman he spent the remainder of that year (1933) with Fred Clarke in Leopardstown before returning to assist his father. In the years that followed he took over the training responsibilities previously exercised by his father. He won the Irish Cambridgeshire with Solford in 1939 and the Irish Cesarewitch with Asometer in 1941. As a sign of things to come he won the Beresford Stakes at the Curragh with Barfelt in 1947.

However, in the space of eight years from 1948 to 1955, Doctor O'Brien became one of the great national hunt trainers of our time. He won the Cheltenham Gold Cup on four occasions and the Champion Hurdle on three. Cottage Rake won a hat trick of Gold Cups and Hatton's Grace repeated the feat in the Champion Hurdle. The fourth success in the Gold Cup was achieved by Knock Hard in the 1953 running of the race. His success with novice hurdlers at Cheltenham was nothing short of sensational. From 1952 to 1959 he won divisions one and two of the Gloucestershire Hurdle on no less than ten occasions. His feat of winning three successive Aintree Grand Nationals with three different horses has never been equalled. Early Mist won in 1953, Royal Tan in 1954 and Quare Times completed the hat trick in 1955.

His successes were not confined to the national hunt. From the early days of his training career he had shown a deft hand in laying out some of his national

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American owner Raymond Guest leads in Larkspur and Neville Sellwood

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hunt horses for the big flat racing handicaps. A typical example was Hatton's Grace. A few weeks after winning the Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham, the horse was turned out to win the Irish Lincoln at the Curragh. Vincent also trained the same horse to win the Irish Cesarewitch on two occasions. It has to be said that Hatton's Grace was probably one of the best Champion Hurler of all time. Vincent only got the horse when he was eight years old. What might have been the case if he got the hurler at five or six years of age? However, it was at this time that his national hunt career was drawing to a close.

During the mid fifties the quality of the flat horse entrusted to his care showed a marked improvement and Vincent moved his training operation to an exclusively flat one. John McShain who later donated large areas of Killarney parklands to the State as a gift to the Irish Nation was one of the first significant flat racing patron of Ballydoyle. John Mcshain was the owner of both Ballymoss and Gladness. Ballymoss finished second to the great Crepello in the Epsom Derby of 1957. He probably would have won the Derby in any other year. After winning the Irish Derby and the English St. Leger, Ballymoss remained in training as a 4-yr-old. In 1958 he won the King George and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot before crowning a great career by winning the Arc in Paris on a rain drenched track. Gladness, an exceptional mare won the Ebor under a welter burden of nine stone seven pounds and also won the Ascot Gold Cup.

This was a significant year for the Irish Blood-Horse as Larkspur, on his breeding, was a more likely thoroughbred to win the Derby than our two previous winners, Orby and Hard Ridden, who were at best, unfashionably bred and would have never expected to compete never mind win the Blue Riband at Epsom. Larkspur was bred at the Marley House Stud at Rathfarnham, Dublin, by Mr. Phillip Love. He was a January foal by Never Say Die, out of the mare, Skylarking. Never Say Die, with Lester Piggott in the saddle won the Epsom Derby in 1954 and was the first of nine winners of that race for the Champion Jockey. Larkspur's dam, Skylarking, won three races up to a mile and six furlongs and also finished third in the Park Hill Stakes.

Larkspur was submitted to Goff's yearling sales at Ballsbridge and was knocked down to Vincent O'Brien acting for the horse's new owner, American Ambassador, Mr Raymond Guest. The purchase price of 12,000 Guineas was substantial for those times and as it turned out, a record price for a future Derby winner at that time. His two year old career was not rushed. He made his debut in the Barrow Maiden Plate

at the Curragh. He finished unplaced, and was not seen on a race course again until Sept.1961. Larkspur showed greatly improved form to win the Laragh Maiden Stakes at Leopardstown over seven furlongs. He was not fancied to win as he started at odds of 100/8. His next run was in top class company. He started joint favourite with Arctic Storm for the National Stakes, run over seven furlongs, at the Curragh. He ran well, finishing third to the Ann Biddle owned, Mystery, with Arctic Storm not in the first three. Arctic Storm was to mature into a very good three-year-old, winning the Irish 2000 Guineas and coming within the proverbial whisker of winning the first running of the Irish Sweeps Derby at the Curragh.

Larkspur was sent to Doncaster for his final start as a two-year-old. The Timeform Gold Cup run over a mile had a field of thirteen runners. He was never in the running and finished out of the first six home. Vincent

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O'Brien and owner, Guest were not despondent. Larkspur's sire had not shown much as a two-year-old and the trainer felt that the colt had shown enough to inspire confidence for his three-year-old career. Interestingly enough, jockey, Tommy Gosling, who had ridden Larkspur in the Timeform Gold Cup had been impressed by the horse. He maintained that with better luck in running his mount would have finished far closer to the eventual winner, Miralgo.

Larkspur ran twice as a three-year-old before the Epsom Derby in 1962. In April he was unplaced in the Madrid Free Handicap at the Curragh. One month later he won the Wills Gold Flake Stakes at Leopardstown by a length from Sicilian Prince. The second horse home, trained by Michael Hurley, went on to win the French St. Leger ridden by Liam Ward. As the flat season progressed, more attention was focused on Vincent O'Brien's second entry for the Derby, Sebring. After an impressive performance by the son of Aureole in the Players Navy Cut Stakes at the Phoenix Park, Pat Glennon, the talented Australian stable jockey for Ballydoyle decided to stay with Sebring as his Derby mount. Pat will be remembered in racing history as the rider of the magnificent Sea Bird II who won the Epsom Derby in 1967 and is rated as the best Derby winner of all time. A number of top class jockeys were approached to ride Larkspur but all declined because they were already booked to ride in the race. Neville Sellwood, a highly competent Aussie, riding in France and well in contention for the jockey championship was eventually booked for the ride.

A couple of weeks before the Derby, Larkspur developed a swelling on his hock. The injury was

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noticed at a morning inspection and it was left to head lad, Maurice o'Callaghan to break the news to Vincent. Also present in the trainer's kitchen that morning were, owner, Raymond Guest and jockey Neville Sellwood who had flown over from France to ride work on the horse. Vincent O'Brien was sufficiently concerned that the betting public be advised of the horse's condition and the press were notified accordingly. However, by June 1st, six days before the Derby, the Trainer issued a further statement saying that the horse had recovered and would run.

The Derby of 1962 will be remembered for the sensational fall of seven runners on the descent to Tattenham Corner. Amongst the fallers was the race favourite, Hethersett, trained by Dick Hern and ridden by Harry Carr. The field of twenty six runners was the largest in years and was ultimately responsible for the carnage that occurred. It was widely considered a sub-standard field with many of the leading contenders not showing a consistency of form. Favourite at 9/2 was Hethersett, a colt by Hugh Lupus. Joint second favourite at 8/1 was Miralgo, winner of the Timeform Gold Cup at two and a narrowly beaten second in the Lingfield Derby Trial. The other joint second favourite was Le Cantillien from France, runner up to Montfleur in the Prix Lupin. Sebring was the better fancied runner from the O'Brien stable with Larkspur virtually friendless at 22/1.

Romancero made the early running closely followed by Valentine, Escort, Ribobo, Miralgo and Sebring. At halfway, Hethersett began to close as Larkspur improved his position to shadow the favourite. Halfway down the hill the disaster occurred. To this day it is not known precisely what happened. All that is known is that the bad horses were falling back as the contenders jostled for position. Romulus was the first to fall, he brought down Hethersett. In the following seconds, Crossen, Pindaric, Persian Fantasy, Changing Times and King Canute II were brought down. Larkspur narrowly escaped being brought down by the first to fall, Romulus. As the race developed Larkspur joined Sebring to mount a challenge to the new race leader, River Chanter. With two furlongs to go it looked all over as Sebring looked poised for victory. However, it was Larkspur who showed a better turn of foot to win by two lengths. The fast finishing Arcor finished second with Le Cantillien, third. Sebring faded to finish fifth. A brief stewards inquiry was held into the betting patterns for Larkspur and the circumstances surrounding his injury before the Derby. Needless to say this was unnecessary and again reflected the Jockey Club's peremptory way of dealing with anything Irish at the time.

Larkspur's subsequent racing career did not set the world on fire. Favourite for the first running of the

Irish Sweeps Derby, he finished fourth to the French trained winner, Tambourine II. He was beaten by Sicilian Prince in the Blannford stakes by a short head, conceding three pounds to the winner. This was not a bad performance, as Michael Hurleys colt went on to win the French St. Leger. His final race was the English St. Leger at Doncaster where he finished 6th to Hederstett. Larkspur was syndicated for stud purposes and stood at Ballygoran Park, Maynooth. He was subsequently sold to Japan in 1967. Larkspur was the first of six winners of the Epsom Derby for the greatest trainer of the 20th century, Doctor Vincent O'Brien



The great Neville Sellwood.

Nevill Sellwood, Larkspur's jockey, was born in 1922. He was born to be a jockey. His father, Charlie, was himself a retired jockey and his mother, a capable horse-woman. Neville began his riding career as apprentice to Queensland trainer Jim Shean. In his early days Neville had nearly as many falls as he rode winners but his luck changed after he had spent four years in the army during World War II. In 1946 Maurice McCarten invited him to become first jockey to his stable in Sydney. Neville battled as a senior jockey and won his first Championship in 1949. In the following 13 years Neville rode 1700 winners, including two Melbourne Cups (on Delta and Toparoa), three Caulfield Cups (on Grey Booth, Basha Felika and Tulloch) three Sydney Cups (on Gold Scheme, Sailor's Bride and Grand Garry), a Brisbane

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Cup (on Cambridge) and an Adelaide Cup (on Spearfolio). Few of Sydney's big races eluded him and he won five Victoria Derbys at Flemington. Australia has a great tradition of sprinters going way back. That tradition had been emphasised at Royal Ascot in recent years by the stunning performances of Choisir and Take-over Target. Neville had the privilege of riding one of the Walabies greatest ever sprinters, Todman. Trained by Maurice McCarten Todman smashed time records in six of his ten runs.

Neville first came to England in 1951 to ride for Atty Pearse. He made his mark straight away and his victory on the temperamental Val d'Assa in the Royal Hunt Cup was among his notable successes. He became homesick, however, and returned to Australia at the end of the flat season. It was to take a decade for Neville to return to Europe. Alex Head, the legendary French based trainer, with the backing of the Aga Khan persuaded the Jockey to take up a retainer for his stable. The year was to encompass both triumph and ultimate tragedy. On June 6th 1962 Neville experienced a career highlight when he rode Larkspur to victory in the Epsom Derby. On November 7th, in the same year, the highly respected and well liked Australian, aged 39, lost his life in a tragic fall, when his mount, ironically called Lucky Seven, fell at Maisons-Laffitte. Quiet and friendly, a first class race rider and like all good Australian jockeys, a fine judge of pace. Neville Sellwood was a good loser and a modest winner. it is appropriate that his name is engraved on the records of the Blue Riband.

Jim Healy

*If anyone has a
Christmas Story to
tell we would like to
hear from you.*

*Our Closing Date for
receipt of articles is
November 13th.*

Maynooth Town FC

NDSL Under 9A:

9/9/06	Maynooth	0	Clontarf	6
16/9/06	Huntstown	4	Maynooth	0
23/9/06	Maynooth	0	Glebe Nth	2
30/9/06	Darndale	2	Maynooth	1

NDSL Under 9C:

9/9/06	St Itas	3	Maynooth	0
23/9/06	Lusk	3	Maynooth	0
30/9/06	Maynooth		Swords Manor	

NDSL Under 9E:

9/9/06	Maynooth	1	Malahide	2
16/9/06	Drumcondra	5	Maynooth	1
23/9/06	Maynooth	1	Rivervalley	3
30/9/06	Maynooth	0	Ratoath	6

NDSL Under 8B:

9/9/06	Maynooth	6	Hartstown	1
16/9/06	Baldoyle	2	Maynooth	1
23/9/06	Maynooth	1	Mid Sutton	6
30/9/06	Maynooth		Malahide	

NDSL Under 8C1:

9/9/06	Swords Celtic	6	Maynooth	3
16/9/06	Clontarf	0	Maynooth	2
23/9/06	Rivervalley	2	Maynooth	3
30/9/06	Maynooth	5	Rivervalley	1

NDSL Under 7B:

23/9/06	Maynooth	1	Clonee	0
30/9/06	Maynooth	5	Balbriggan	1

NDSL Under 7C1:

23/9/06	Maynooth	4	Cloughertown	0
30/9/06	Rush		Maynooth	

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Installation of Chief Druid of Ireland and Tara

On Sunday 22nd October 2006, Gina McGarry was installed as the chief druid of Ireland and Tara. She takes this position from the previous archdruid, Michael McGrath of Kilkenny. The ceremony lasted an hour and was attended by dozens of druids. A lone piper played a tune as she was congratulated by her followers. The ceremony was also watched by dozens of interested bystanders.



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8.00 p.m.	The Broadford Inn, Broadford

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Michael is also available to meet constituents outside the above times by appointment and he can be contacted any time on 086 2706150

Cllr Michael Fitzpatrick Fianna Fail

HALLOWEEN SAFETY SCHOOLS ROADSHOW

Over fifteen hundred students across Co. Kildare received a stark warning last week about the dangers of messing with bangers this coming Halloween.

A Halloween Schools Safety Roadshow took place in schools in Naas, Clane and Kilcock in a bid to combat the irresponsible use of 'bangers'.

Cllr. Michael Fitzpatrick FF organised 3 speakers, including a Consultant from the A and E Department of Naas General Hospital to address the students and educate them to the dangers of using bangers.

Dr. George Little, who has extensive experience of treating injuries incurred from bangers, packed no punches during his 15 minute address at the various schools and used visual images to hammer home the message that young people are playing 'Russian Roulette' once they engage in the practise. He drew similarities between bangers and rocket launchers saying that this similarity is 'Not extreme, as bangers are essentially made of the same explosive components. They are deadly dangerous and it is just

not 'cool' to use them. There is nothing 'cool, about pure recklessness and downright stupidity".

Showing images of injuries suffered by young people, Dr. Little warned the assembled students that bangers are generally made in back street workrooms and have absolutely no safety standards. "Look guys, these are lethal objects, you can do yourselves serious, often lifelong damage if you mess around with them, so think on and please get the message".

Dr. Little concluded his address to the students with this salutary warning "I sincerely hope that I will not have to meet any of you in the A and E rooms of Naas Hospital this coming Halloween".

For his part, Stuart King, Senior Inspector with the KSPCA outlined the cruelty inflicted on animals at Halloween. He chronicled horrific injuries suffered mainly by dogs and cats, terming this "Mindless thuggery, targeting defenceless animals". He said that those responsible for causing harm to animals could "Just as easily cause harm to a tiny child".

Mr. King appealed to the assembled students "Not to make Halloween memorable for all the wrong reasons. Have sense and stay away from bangers. You don't need them to have fun"

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The legal implications were clearly spelt out by Garda Mark Doran of Naas Garda Station who reiterated the fact that bangers are illegal and severe punishment will be meted out to those who persist in "Engaging in this sort of stuff".

Garda Doran told the students that their tender years would not protect them from the rigours of the law, saying that anybody found in the possession of bangers would be dealt with in the juvenile courts.

"Make no mistake about it, if we catch you with bangers, you will be prosecuted".

The principals and teachers at the various schools expressed great satisfaction with the day saying that it was very important, useful and proactive.

Mr PJ Gannon, Principal of Scoil Dara in Kilcock had praise for the speakers saying that "You have served a very useful purpose here today and we are all thrilled that you came" and he thanked Cllr. Fitzpatrick for organising the day calling it a hugely important exercise.

For his part, Cllr. Fitzpatrick said that he was delighted with the day, saying that the three speakers had "Delivered an excellent presentation that was both educational and practical. I think this is the only way that we will get the message across to young people. We all thought we were invincible when we were young and that we would come to no harm and the young people here today think the exact same. However, we know the dangers out there now and bangers are very close to the top of that list. Young people have to be responsible and I hope that our Roadshow will serve its part in saving life and limb in Co. Kildare."

Cllr Fitzpatrick appealed to all the young people of Maynooth to be extra careful and mindful of the dangers and risks posed by the use of bangers, to themselves, neighbours, old people, their environment and of course also, domestic pets.



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100 New buses for Dublin bus nothing more than a drop in the Ocean

Catherine Murphy, TD has today labelled the allocation to Dublin Bus of 100 new buses by the Department of Transport a mere “drop in the ocean”, which will make only “a negligible difference” to the quality and volume of service provided to Kildare commuters. She has highlighted the urgent need for a more substantial resource allocation to be made to Dublin Bus immediately in order to provide a true alternative to private motor transport.

“Its essential that we see expanded services with increased frequency and efficiency if we’re going to encourage commuters to rely fully on the public transport network and leave their cars at home. We need significant investment in Dublin Bus for that to happen, so while I strongly welcome these 100 buses, the investment cannot stop there.”

While Minister for Transport, Martin Cullen TD has given a commitment on the record of the Dáil that funding for a further 100 buses will be made available to private operations in attempts to establish new bus routes, Murphy has expressed her concern at how bus services will be coordinated between the private operators and Dublin Bus:

“We need a public transport network that has truly integrated ticketing and timetabling in order that commuters can make connections using bus, rail, and Luas. Introducing numerous private operators on top of those we already have only puts this type of integration even further out of reach, and will dramatically affect the way in which public transport can be supplied to users. We need a cost effective, reliable efficient, and frequent service for commuters not a mishmash of uncoordinated services that provide a costly and confusing service to commuters.”

National Consumer Agency Report on Management Companies Welcome

Deputy Catherine Murphy has welcomed the publication of the Report and Information Booklet by the National

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Consumer Agency on the issue of Management Companies. It is very clear the Information Booklet is a work in progress and flags some issues consumers should be aware of, it is clear however the solutions lie in both legislation and regulation. The Booklet covers both Apartment blocks and traditional Housing Estate's I welcome the fact that the Minister for the Environment has issued a circular to Local Authorities to the effect that conditions should not be imposed on planning permission for Management Companies however it is clear that Developers are still insisting on a management company as part of the condition of sale, this obviously needs to be stopped.

Many of the recommendations in the actual Report are good for example recommendation 14 which states "a strong case exists for restricting the voting rights to one vote per household, irrespective of tenure..." Currently a developer can issue more shares (vote) than the number of dwellings which means they hold a controlling interest. The Report is comprehensive but not exhaustive indeed it does recommend further consultation with affected parties.

It is exactly 12 months since I was the first person to raise this matter in the Dáil specifically in relation to Management Companies in traditional housing estates, I have been concerned since with the lack of urgency in relation to producing legislation, there is still no indication of when we might see this published.

I would however strongly recommend that consumers don't restrict themselves to reading the information booklet but also read the report the National Consumers Association has produced.

Competition Essential to Telecoms Market

Catherine Murphy, TD today demanded in the Dáil that Government tackle an issue which has left over 40,000 households and businesses without landline telephone services since 5. p.m. on the 2nd of October. Murphy contends that "In selling the national telecommunications network into private ownership the Government has created a private monopoly.

Murphy made the following statement in the Dáil this afternoon:

"In selling the national telecommunications network into private ownership the Government has created a private monopoly. This has highlighted the urgent need for Government to tackle the impossible situation where 40,000 Smart Telecom customers are now without a service are being held to ransom. The Minister must act to provide an interim solution otherwise the only one message that will emerge will be the only supplier that can guarantee a service is Eircom."

Airport Security

Until recently, had most people heard a description of a 10 million euro drugs haul at an airfield on the continent, bound for a small unmonitored aerodrome on the outskirts of Dublin, using a plane borrowed without the knowledge of it's owner, they would have assumed it was an extract from a television show on the lines of Miami Vice. But, unfortunately, life is beginning to imitate art in a very dangerous and worrying way at Weston Aerodrome in Leixlip; where an overwhelming 50 Kilograms of heroin would have landed, and according to the aerodrome's own website, been delayed only "5 minutes between plane touch down and taxi or limousine departure". What is this quote "Key benefit" of a mere 5 minute delay between touch-down and airport exit if not an open advertisement of a light or non-existent security standard? And just who will be attracted most by such an advert? I think we can all agree that the recent events in Belgium provide a clue in answering this question.

Following ongoing discussions with Local people in North Kildare and West Dublin regarding the level of security at Weston, I first raised this issue with the Minister for Finance via a parliamentary question enquiring about customs arrangements at the Aerodrome. The response I received went as follows:

"The volume and type of business conducted at Weston ... does not justify the deployment of a permanent customs presence there. However customs officers visit the Aerodrome regularly as a check against the landing or exportation of prohibited goods, in particular controlled drugs."

Again in February of this year, I asked a further question as to the actual number of customs visits conducted at the Aerodrome and was told:

"that during 2004 officers attached to their Dublin enforcement district carried out 12 planned and six

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unplanned visits to Weston Aerodrome. During 2005, ten planned and six unplanned visits were made by officers to Weston Aerodrome."

Basically what we have here is self regulation at the 27 private airfields within the State. And, while the Government dead bolts front-door access to the State at our major airports, it has handed out copies of the backdoor key to anyone who showed an interest in having one. Lets face it anyone can own, or run, or work at a private airfield without going through a security check, while Aer Rianta, which operates under strict Garda and Customs supervision, won't even issue a security badge to someone with a criminal record, never mind letting them take a plane out for a spin. How can we justify such a relaxed approach to security at private airfields, when we are only too aware of the instances of drugs smuggling at the larger more heavily monitored airports?

Just as there is very limited customs cover at Weston, the same can be said of the Immigration arrangements. In a response to a parliamentary question I tabled to the Minister for Justice I was informed that immigration officials are dispatched to the Aerodrome when they have prior notice of the arrival of a non EEA Citizen. Indeed I refer to an article in the Village Magazine, on the 24th of August, which states:

"An internal Garda report has highlighted 'security risks' at Weston..... the airport has no immigration officers and no x-ray or baggage or people-scanning machines.....The report goes on to say the airport makes it possible for terrorists to enter England or the rest of Europe with explosives". I raised similar security concerns during the Second Stage Debate of the Air Navigation and Transport (Indemnities) Act, 2005. Need I again remind the Government that two major Multinational Operations, and the State Laboratories are based within a short distance of Weston so such opportunistic terrorists wouldn't be without their targets even within our borders. Given the State's obligation in providing a 9 Billion Euro Indemnity against such acts, are we really satisfied to allow private operators enforce their own security standards?

A dedicated operation targeting drug shipments into Ireland by air was cancelled almost 10 years ago because there was no money to keep it going, that operation must be restored without delay. I want to congratulate those involved in the recent heroin detection and seizure in Belgium, those involved in similar operations, and indeed those involved in Customs operations around the country. Just think

how much more success we would see in this area if Government provided the level of funding required by the Gardaí and Revenue Commissioners to police this area properly.

But we also have to consider the financial implications of failure to intercept such copious amounts of heroin before they reach the street. While a street value of 10 million euro, as has been attached to the Belgium Seizure, is an enormous sum, it pales into insignificance when we consider what such an amount of heroin costs the State, the Communities and Families of those using this drug, and the users themselves, in monetary, but most importantly human terms.

Lets consider the monetary cost of drug treatment programmes; drug related crimes and their prevention; lets even consider the cost of imprisoning those who have fallen through the cracks and wound up in our overcrowded, and again underfunded prison system. What about the trail of human misery and destruction that drug gangs, organised crime, and drug use causes for everyone surrounding and including users. It takes far less than 10 million euro of heroin to destroy lives, however can we justify under funding Garda and Customs divisions that could help to prevent all of this?

Every person and every community is affected in some way by this problem. At the most detached level as a taxpayer, and the most involved as a victim of drug related crime, or a victim of drug addiction. And while I don't for a minute suggest that we can prevent all drug use in the future by tightening security at airfields like Weston, we can definitely make it difficult for dealers and users to get their hands on them.

I want to finish in highlighting the irony of the destination for which the Belgium Heroin was headed. Weston Aerodrome is a stone's throw away from Lucan Garda Station where Gardaí have worked tirelessly in gathering evidence relating to the Murder of Veronica Guerin, a victim herself of drugs related crime of the worst kind. I put it to the Government that it's their responsibility to stop the trail of destruction of the drugs trade in its tracks before it hits our shores. We owe it to people like Veronica Guerin and the thousands of other victims of the drugs trade to do everything we can to keep drugs out.



Emmet Stagg T.D.



Cllr. John McGinley

Maynooth Labour News

Bond Bridge Delay in Opening

Readers will be aware that Cllr. John McGinley was advised on 25th September that the opening of Bond Bridge to traffic has gone back two months to the 6th December. The Council Official stated that the delay was due to **"problems with the contractor"**. When John sought details of these problems he was advised by another Council Official **"additional works had to be carried out and also for health and safety reasons"**. Another Council Official advised the Media that there was no delay with the completion of the bridge and that it was actually 12 months ahead of schedule as it was a two year contract.

It is Cllr. John McGinley's view that both Councillors and the general public were misled by Council Officials. We were advised at a public meeting that if we agreed to the complete closure of the bridge the project would be completed in seven months and that it would take two years if the bridge had to be kept open during construction.

Incredibly, the seven months to completion was never put in writing. If we were told at the public meeting that the time to completion could be reduced in half if we agreed to the closure of the site, there would have been acceptance from the public. It is the deception that it is unforgivable.

Proposal to Remove Some trees at Main Street, Maynooth

The trees have been saved for the time being thanks to the support that members of the general public gave Cllr. John McGinley in his opposition to the removal of any trees from Main Street. At the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council on the 25th September the Roads Engineers produced revised proposals. Instead of removing 5/6 trees they now want to remove three and replace them with mature trees about 2m closer to the buildings. Cllr. McGinley objected strongly to this proposal as it would alter the alignment of the trees and it would have very little impact on improving traffic flow at The Square junction. He was supported in varying degrees by the other Councillors. The Council Engineers admitted that their proposal was only an interim solution and that the permanent solution was the provision of the ring road from Dublin Road to the Straffan Road.

Cllr. McGinley again asked for the removal of the pedestrian lights at the Bank of Ireland as they were a hazard to pedestrian safety and were completely unnecessary now that there are four new pedestrian crossings at The Roost. John was supported by the other Councilors and the Roads Engineer reluctantly agree to turn them off for a trial period.

It was also agreed to proceed with a one-way system for Doctors Lane (traffic going westwards) at a cost of €80,000 and for improvements on Dublin Road at a cost of €60,000.

Northern Relief Road

As requested by Cllr. John McGinley a meeting has been sought with the Dunshaughlin Area Committee of Meath County Council to discuss the provision of the Northern Relief Road from Moyglare Road to Dunboyne Road. As part of this relief road is in Meath, Kildare County Council cannot proceed with it without the approval of Meath County Council. Also, with Meath preparing a County Development Plan it is important that the Leixlip

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Area Committee are involved in any proposals for the adjoining land in Meath.

Land Between Bond Bridge and Silken Vale/The Arches

Cllr. John McGinley's motion to have this land planted with low maintenance shrubs/trees was agreed. The Council's Director of Service felt that there would need to be a maintenance gate at Bond Bridge. Cllr. McGinley disputed this and he believed that the amount of maintenance that would be carried out by the council would be very minimal and that access could be gained through the estate for this. The Director of Services stated that one of his staff would contact the Residents' Association to agree on the matter.

Cllr. McGinley's Motions and Questions for the Next Leixlip Area Meeting:

Moyglare Road:

"That the footpath and public lighting on the Moyglare Road, Maynooth be extended from the Nursing Home to Moyglare Hall in the interest of public safety"

Old Greenfield

"That the wild section of green at the bottom of Old Greenfield, Maynooth be tidied up and landscaped so that the residents can maintain it"

Meadowbrook

"That the traffic calming and Miscellaneous Safety Measures outlined in Dwg. No. E-3153 be put in place on the Meadowbrook Road prior to the opening of Bond Bridge."

Public Lighting at The Harbour

" When is the new Public Lighting being installed in The Harbour, Maynooth?"

New Relief Road from Dublin Road to Straffan Road

"What steps have been taken to progress the relief road from Dublin Road to the Straffan Road, Maynooth?"

Stagg welcomes €70,000 funding which will

enable taking in charge of Moyglare Village to proceed

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the approval by Kildare Co. Council of a sum of €70,000 to carry out essential repairs in Moyglare Village Estate, Maynooth, which will enable the Taking In Charge of the Estate.

Deputy Stagg stated that on the proposal of his colleague Cllr. John McGinley the funding was approved on the recommendation of the Co. Manager at the Council meeting held on Monday 25th September.

The process will now move forward as follows stated Deputy Stagg;

Officials from the Council will go through the Repair List with the Residents Association in Moyglare Village to agree on the work required.

Following agreement on the works required it is likely that a proposal to take Moyglare Village Estate in Charge will go before the Full Council meeting in October.

The Taking In Charge Decision will then go on Public Display for comments from Residents.

After the Public Display there will be a Final proposal before the full Council to take the estate in charge.

Once this decision is agreed then the Council will have the legal right to carry out the essential repairs identified and for which the funding of €70,000 has been provided.

Deputy Stagg stated that the campaign to take Moyglare Village In Charge had been ongoing for far too long and that at various stages even Bord Gais refused to supply Natural Gas to the Estate without the permission of the Original Developer which was not forthcoming. Even the resolution of the Boundary with the Moyglare Road a number of years ago when his colleague Cllr. John McGinley provided discretionary funding for Stud Fencing did not resolve all the issues as the Sewer system appeared to deteriorate in a number of areas.

But at last Deputy Stagg concluded we are near the end of the Campaign and he and his colleague Cllr. John McGinley congratulated the Residents Association on their success.

Stagg disappointed at decision on mobile base station at Newtown Inn sets undesirable precedent

Deputy Emmet Stagg has expressed his

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disappointment at the decision by An Bord Pleanála to grant Planning Permission to O2 Communications for a Mobile Base Station on the Newtown Inn, Maynooth, incorporating the provision of a flagpole on the roof of the pub with 3 concealed antenna and a Radio Link Dish on the roof.

Deputy Stagg stated that Kildare Co. Council had originally refused planning permission for the Mobile Base Station on March 21st on the basis that the proposal represented a material contravention of the Maynooth Development Plan 2002 which stipulates that such telecommunications equipment should not be located in the vicinity of residential areas. The Council also stated that the proposal, located in a residential area, would have had a negative impact on the value of residential property in the area and would have set an undesirable precedent for further such developments in the area.

In their decision to Grant planning permission An Bord Pleanála cited National Strategy regarding the improvement of mobile communications services and the fact that the site was within a neighbourhood shopping centre.

Deputy Stagg stated that he remained of the opinion that such telecommunications structures should not be located in Neighbourhood Shopping Areas as these areas were generally surrounded by houses. He was not convinced that O2 had sought other suitable locations for their Base Station.

Whilst the antenna will be visually hidden in the flagpole, this decision Deputy Stagg concluded sets an undesirable precedent in relation to the use of Neighbourhood Shopping Areas for such telecommunications equipment.

Moves underway to eliminate waiting times for eye tests for Children in Maynooth and Naas Health Centres

Deputy Emmet Stagg has consistently raised the scandalous waiting times for Eye Tests for Children at Maynooth Health Centre where there is a 12 month waiting list and at Naas Health Centre where there is a 11 month waiting list with the Health Services Executive.

Over the past 9 months Deputy Stagg has repeatedly questioned the Minister for Health on the issue and as is the norm for this Minister and her Government she passed the matter on to the HSE as if she had no responsibility for the children of hard working families in Kildare.

Deputy Stagg has now been advised by the HSE that negotiations are now under way with the Community Ophthalmologist with a view to pursuing the elimination of the child optical waiting lists in these Health Centres.

Welcoming this positive move Deputy Stagg stated that he awaited the outcome of the negotiations with interest and that he expected a plan to be in place within the next month to eliminate the waiting times at Maynooth and Naas Health Centres.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that it was unacceptable in this rich country of ours that children with eye problems were left to suffer negatively from a delay in their treatment, but hopefully that situation will be eliminated soon.

Investigation of suitability of Maynooth business campus for new Maynooth Ambulance Base underway

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Health in relation to progress in identifying a site for the new Ambulance Base for Maynooth given the funding of €1 Million which is available for the relocation of the Ambulance base from its present position at the Harbour, Maynooth.

The HSE responding on behalf of the Minister for Health have advised Deputy Stagg that the Property Services Section of the HSE have raised the issue with the Agents for the Vendor of the Maynooth Business Campus with a view to confirming the suitability of the site for the new Ambulance Base.

Deputy Stagg whilst welcoming the contact with the agents, stated that the Maynooth Business Campus Site had been looked at before and given the fact that the funding for the new Ambulance Base had been provided last May he had expected more progress at this stage. The Maynooth Business Campus is an excellent site given its location near to the M4 and the direct access it affords to all parts of Maynooth which can readily be achieved speedily off the Straffan Road and down to Main Street.

Deputy Stagg stated that the present site at The Harbour was not very accessible given the narrowness of Leinster Street and the fact that it was a highly pedestrianised area as a link to the Railway Station, The Harbour Field and Children's Playground. For these reasons Ambulances responding to calls had to be very careful in traversing this stretch of road thus hindering response times. In addition with the major developments which will follow the adoption of the Action Area Plan in this area, the Ambulance Service

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would have been severely restricted in responding to calls. Finally the new Ambulance Station will provide better facilities for the Paramedics working with the Ambulance Service.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he would raise the issue further with the Minister and the HSE to ensure the project progresses without any further delay.

Extra buses welcomed-not enough-and why did it take 6 years to deliver

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the decision to sanction the purchase of an additional 100 Buses by Dublin Bus which was announced by the Government on Thursday 28th September but stated that the numbers being purchased were not enough and he questioned why it had taken 6 years to deliver on a promise to provide additional buses.

Deputy Stagg stated that Dublin Bus is the Workhorse of the Public Transport System carrying over 146 Million passengers in 2005. Since 2000 Dublin Bus have been starved of additional buses to increase services and open up new routes as the Greater Dublin Area developed, by the ideological squabbling of incompatible partners in this right wing Government. In the National Development Plan 2000 to 2006, an additional 205 buses were to be provided and yet we are at the end of 2006 and only 100 are now to come on stream.

In 2000 Dublin Bus had sought the provision of an additional 15 buses to serve the Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge Routes and we don't know at this stage how many of the additional buses announced yesterday will be allocated to the 3 North Kildare Towns. However Deputy Stagg declared that these buses should be allocated to the North Kildare Region which has been starved of resources for so long and areas served by LUAS and the DART should be at the back of the queue for additional services.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he would raise the issue with Dublin Bus but pointed out that this State Body had again been left in the lurch by this Government at the expense of the travelling public.

Dempsey's refusal to insist on local exchange upgrade preventing broadband usage

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Communications in relation to assurances he received or sought from Eircom in relation to the Upgrading of Local Exchanges, given the significant Investment by the State of some €13 Million in rolling out Broadband to towns in Co. Kildare.

The Minister responding to Deputy Stagg stated that the provision of Broadband is a matter for Private Sector Companies and the Upgrading of Local Exchanges is an operational matter for Eircom, and that he did not have a function in the matter.

Responding to the Ministers remarks Deputy Stagg stated that it was regrettable that this Government failed to establish a quid pro quo with Eircom in relation to the Upgrade of the Local Exchanges whilst Tax Payers money was being used to roll out high speed open access Broadband networks. Rolling out the Network without upgrading the Local Exchanges is like building a house to live in and not putting on a roof.

Deputy Stagg stated that about 70% of the Country is now Broadband Enabled but just 14% of internet enabled households have a Broadband Connection. The reason for the low take up in Broadband is because Eircom have failed to Upgrade their Local Exchanges.

Given the importance of Broadband to both Families and Businesses Deputy Stagg stated that the Government might as well go the whole way and pay for the Upgrade of the Exchanges. After all this Private Company created by this Government when they Privitised our Telecommunications Infrastructure, have no intention of paying for the upgrades and are holding out for more State Handouts.

Deputy Stagg stated that he would raise this issue further with the Minister and whilst it was regrettable that further State Aid was required at least we might get a service then.

Carlow/Kildare Garda division—worst manned Garda division in the State

For a number of years Deputy Emmet Stagg has been highlighting the serious under-manning of the Garda Force in the Carlow/Kildare Division seeking additional Gardai to be assigned to the Division given the increase in the number of Gardai over the past number of years which has only barely kept up with the population increase in the State since 1996.

New figures released to Deputy Stagg by the Tanaiste and Minister for Justice show no improvement and a shocking level of under-policing in our area. The figures show the Garda Strength as of 25th September 2006.

The following are some examples (City Areas Excluded);

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Garda Division	Number of Gardai	Per Population
Carlow/Kildare people	1 Garda	for Every 558 people
Clare people	1 Garda	for Every 311 people
Cavan/Monaghan people	1 Garda	for Every 305 people
Donegal people	1 Garda	for Every 312 people
Roscommon/Galway E. people	1 Garda	for Every 366 people
Kerry people	1 Garda	for Every 448 people
Mayo people	1 Garda	for Every 451 people
Longford/Westmeath people	1 Garda	for Every 418 people
Laois/Offaly people	1 Garda	for Every 420 people

What this means stated Deputy Stagg is that our Garda Force has been systematically discriminated against in terms of numbers despite the huge population increase in the Carlow/Kildare Area in the past 10 years. This in effect means our Gardai are under pressure to deliver a proper service to the public and has led in recent times to people, who are subjected to crime saying what's the point in contacting the Gardai as they won't show up. Given the figures above few can blame fully our existing force.

To even get to the worst ratio of population to gardai shown above, 451 to 1, Deputy Stagg stated that we would require an immediate allocation of an additional 86 Gardai. To arrive at the best ratio of 305 to 1, we would require an additional 301 gardai.

These figures stated Deputy Stagg show how the Hard Working families of Kildare are treated by this Government. We pay our taxes, suffer incredibly from commuter fatigue, have our children being taught in prefabs, our loved ones are left in Accident and Emergency for Days on end and they can't even allocate Gardai to protect our Communities on a Fair and Equitable Basis.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that he intended to increase the pressure on the Minister for Justice to get a fair share of Gardai for Kildare.

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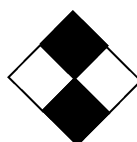


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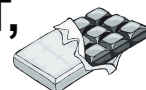


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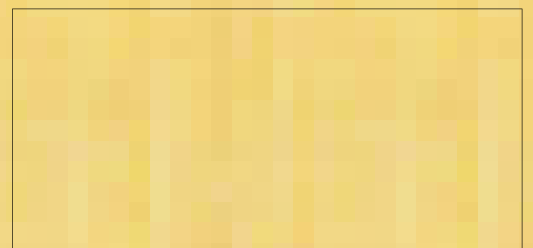
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A few short items of interest to note as we approach the run up to the Christmas and New Year holiday.

1. The Maynooth Community Council represented by the Chairperson, Brid Feely, Secretary Muireann Ni Bhrolchain, PRO Marie Gleeson and members Peter Connell and Terry Nealon met in Kildare County Council offices last week with the County Councillors for our area and Council officials to discuss the proposed Community Centre.

The objective of the meeting was to forward progression on the matter and convey to the council our sense of urgency, expectation and determination to bring the matter forward rapidly to the next stage. The next steps include the forwarding of a feasibility study showing the economics of the venture or in effect how the venture can pay for itself by maximizing its utility. Most of this study has already been drafted by Terry Nealon who has vast experience of knowledge of similar projects and the Feasibility study will be presented to the Council in the next month or so. We will be following up with the Council shortly after its presentation.

2. The festive period is upon us and in our busy lives, we are rushing around trying to make sure that presents are bought, Christmas dinners are planned and that we enjoy the period to the maximum we possibly can. Vast sums of money are spent on ensuring that our families have the best of whats on offer and they deserve it too. Let's just try and make an effort to remember the people who will be spending Christmas on their own – the people who have no families to spend time with – widows, senior citizens etc etc. Some of these people are our neighbours and while we try not to be intrusive, it is nice to look out for them and try and give them the option of being included in some small way.

Finally, on behalf of the Community Council, I would like to wish all the residents of Maynooth a very happy Christmas and an equally happy New Year. Any residents wishing or willing to take part in building a better community for Maynooth are welcome to enquire in the Council offices on 01-6285922 anytime.

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

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

Traffic Lights on Main Street

Traffic Lights at the Bank of Ireland are to be turned off, and railings are to be put up. This will only affect the Pedestrian crossing.

Bond Bridge

The new opening date is now the 15th of December. The road down to the Station was to have been updated, but this has not been done yet.

Community/Art Centre

A delegation representing Maynooth Community Council and the Arts Forum made a presentation to Kildare County Council on Friday. Peter Connell spoke on behalf of Maynooth Community Council and Terry Nealon spoke on behalf of the Arts Forum.

Twinning Committees

Hugh Gallagher invited people to be on the board, he said that they are now at the stage where they will need people with ideas. He also said he felt this was a very interesting project.

Local Matters

Irish Rail are to be invited to a meeting of Maynooth Community Council in January 07. The situation with cars parking in estates is increasing, the question being what can Irish Rail do to improve parking.

Harbour Field

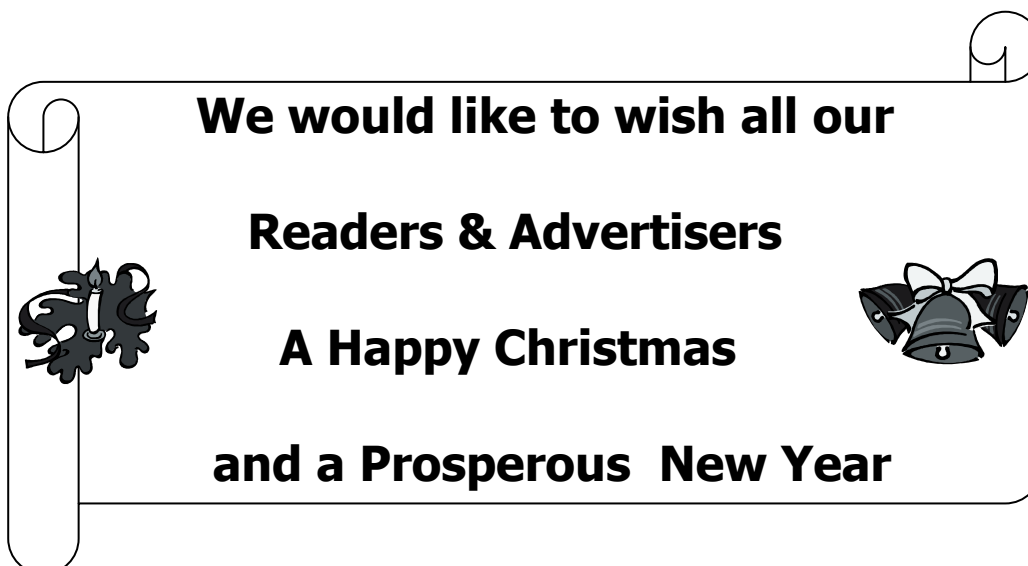
Kildare County Council needs to know what is happening and what we want in the Harbour Field. It was suggested that all weather type courts and places for hard court games would be needed here. It was noted that the Scouts will be relocated here. This area will become the heart of the town, and with the Geraldine Hall, Community/Arts Centre, and the development of the Harbour Field this will be a wonderful amenity for Maynooth.

Amenity Lands on Moyglare Road

Peter Connell called for an update of what is happening regarding amenity lands on the Moyglare Rd. The schools, and the G.A.A., and the community are losing out big time here. Paul Croughan said the land swap is the only way to get things going, but that it may not be the best way. He also said he felt that Kildare County Council are not at fault.

The next Community Council meeting will be held on **11th December 2006** in the Glenroyal Hotel.

PRO Marie Gleeson



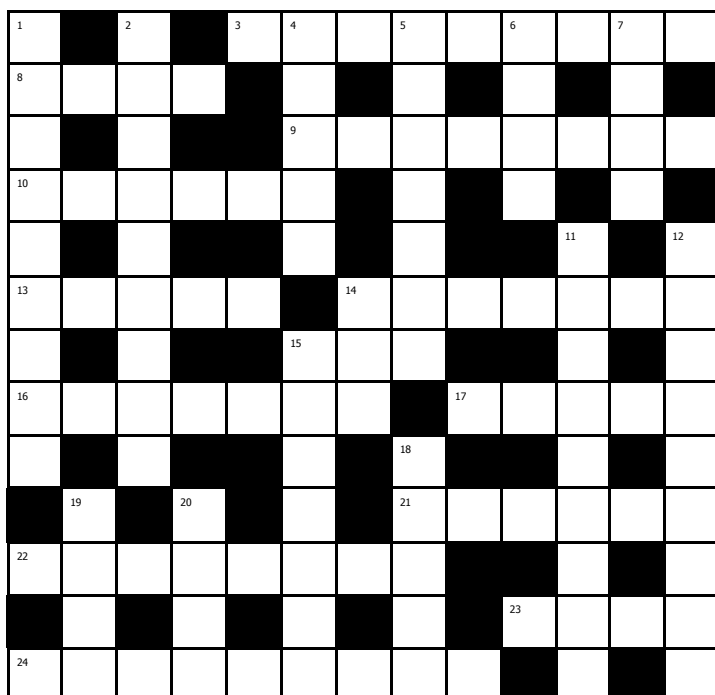
Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
06/2278	Michael McLoughlin	Smithstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	19/10/06	Construct a silage pit and concrete apron.	Smithstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2284	Nicholas & Caroline Byrne	16 Rockfield Grove Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	19/10/06	Construct a porch to front of existing dwelling house.	16 Rockfield Grove Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2280	Joe & Mary Murphy	6 Leinster Pk Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	19/10/06	Demolition of existing dwelling house, construction of 2 no detached dormer bungalows, and associated site works, provide for new and revised existing site entrance arrangements, also to provide for connection to existing public services.	6 Leinster Pk Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2295	James Stephen Corr	54 Doneybrook Castle Donnybrook Dublin 4	P	19/10/06	Single storey house extension of approx 35sqm and a first floor balcony all the rear and side.	49 Leinster Wood South Carton Demesne Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2308	Farrell O'Boy	Greenfield Moneycooley Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	20/10/06	(a) demolition of existing sub-standard single storey rear extension of existing two storey end of terrace house. (b) construction of two storey rear extension to existing two storey house © change of use of existing two storey house	1 Pound Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2307	Tommy Richardson	519/520 Newtown Rd Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	20/10/06	Retention of bungalow and domestic garage as constructed and all associated site works.	519/520 Newtown Rd, Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2351	P & M Tocair	Curraville The Curragh Co. Kildare	P	26/10/06	11.5sq.m conservatory extension and to install a door and balcony on the southwest elevation of an existing permitted dwelling (existing area is 260sq.m) and associated works.	65 Leinster Wood Carton Demesne, Maynooth, Co. Kildare
06/2378	Kieran O'Malley	1 The Green Double Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	31/10/06	Convert the existing ground floor study and utility into a one bedroom granny flat.	1 The Green Double Lane Maynooth, Co. Kildare
06/2405	Patrick Gina Power	6 Rockfield Green Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	02/11/06	Erect a first floor extension to side of existing garage conversion with utility room extended below, a single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling house and also porch to front of existing dwelling house.	6 Rockfield Green Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare

Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
06/2414	Irene Kavanagh	Radio Property Dept 02 Ireland 28/29 Sir John Rogersons Quay Dublin 2	P	03/11/06	The existing base station installation consisting of no 2 panel antennas and 1 link dish measuring 0.6m in diameter all shrouded on and existing 15m floodlight structure and equipment container on ground level.	Maynooth GAA Club Moyglare Rd, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.
06/2412	Edward Power	Kilmurray Clane Co. Kildare	P	03/11/06	2 no dwelling units in a dormer type bungalow	347 Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2447	Padraig, Brian & Joe McHale	Taghadoo Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	08/11/06	Construct a single storey administrative building (256 sq.m) as requested in pl ref 05/2808 and including pro shop, seating area toilets. Reception and storage and all associated site works.	Taghadoo Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2442	Pat & Theresa Mooney	Celebridge Rd Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	08/11/06	The erection of a 2 storey dwelling house, domestic double garage, new waste water treatment plant, site development works landscaping entrance gates and piers.	Mooneycooley Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2450	Stephen Byrne	Donadea Naas Co. Kildare.	P	08/11/06	Construction of a bungalow, detached garage, bison treatment system and all ancillary site works.	Kealstown, Ladychapel Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2480	Emmet House Eastern vocational enterprises ltd	138-40 Thomas St Dublin 8	P	10/11/06	Single storey, flat roofed extension (41sq.m) to the south of the existing kitchen/ dining block to accommodate relocated enlarged kitchen with roof-light and plain rendered finish, it is within the cartilage of a protected structure	Larine Court The Square Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2504	Mary Murray	Donaghstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	15/11/06	Of a conservatory at the rear of my bungalow type dwelling and the proposed conversion of a flat roof to a pitched roof at the rear of my dwelling and all associated site works	Donaghstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2506	Brian McCann	Treadstown House Treadstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	16/11/06	Erection of a lined farm slurry storage lagoon on our farm	Treadstown House Treadstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2520	John Owen	Divine Word Missionaries Mariavilla Moyglare Rd Maynooth	P	17/11/06	Single storey side extension as 2 classrooms and associated car parking	Mariavilla Moyglare Rd Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2527	Mick Keaveney	58 Parklands Court Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	17/11/06	Porch extension to front façade	58 Parklands Court Maynooth Co. Kildare

Crossword No: 51



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9. Wretched (8)
10. Cry for more (6)
13. Opera by Puccini (5)
14. Childbirth assistant (7)
15. Actor, - - - Cruise (3)
16. Plant with red stalks (7)
17. Panache (5)
21. Lubricating (6)
22. Cabbage salad (8)
23. Flat-bottomed boat (4)
24. English racecourse (9)

Ship's Down:

1. The Poseidon- - -, film (9)
2. Yellow flower (9)
4. Tricked (5)
5. Provisional (7)
6. Ambush (4)
7. Small valley (4)
11. Full of vitality (9)
12. Set apart (9)
14. Unruly crowd (3)
15. Caravan (7)
18. David- - -, rock-star (5)
19. Prod (4)
20. Ship's wheel (4)

Doodle Box

Across:

1. Compete, 7. Widen, 8. Decorum, 9. Jetsam, 11. Screw, 13. Vine, 14. Tax-free, 15. Wray, 16. Music, 17. Resort, 21. Vatican, 22. Wench, 23. Measles.

Down:

2. Overcharge, 3. Property, 4. Thug, 5. Mime, 6. Zeus, 9. Jerry, 10. Annihilate, 12. Exert, 13. Vesuvius, 18. Seed, 19. Rock, 20. Mane.

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Indoor Gardening Makes a rewarding Hobby!



Houseplants, also called indoor plants, brighten up your home or office.

The benefits of indoor gardening are numerous. Indoor plants take in carbon dioxide (which you inhale) and in turn release oxygen for you. Indoor plants also brighten the room, providing a cheerful sight for those grey and often dreary winter days.

Caring for houseplants makes for a great hobby during the long winter months, and even through the year. Many gardeners refuse to twiddle their green thumbs as the long winter months keep them indoors. Rather, they actively extend their gardening pleasure throughout the winter by tending to a wide array of indoor plants. Another big benefit of indoor gardening is there is nothing more relaxing than gardening, so if the Christmas rush is getting you down, take some time for yourself and give your plants some t.l.c.

Christmas is the time for giving and receiving flowering potted plants. A bright, colourful azalea, Christmas begonia, chrysanthemum or a gaily decorated poinsettia, Kalanchoe, or Christmas cactus added to the other decorations in the home give the holiday season a festive air.

If care is taken of these plants, they can be enjoyed not only during the holidays but will remain attractive far into January and even February if properly cared for. Care of Christmas plants is easy. Faithful attention will add days and even weeks of life to any of these popular Christmas plants.

Temperature is Important

Temperature has an important influence on the length of time a flowering house plant will remain attractive. The poinsettia is especially sensitive to chilling, and a prolonged chill will cause it to lose its leaves. The plant should be placed in the coolest part of the room, but not in a cold draft. This means away from radiators and other sources of heat. A temperature of 65 degrees at night is satisfactory but 60 degrees is still better for most of the flowering potted plants. In fact, cyclamen like a 50 degree night temperature.

Watch the Watering!

The method of watering also can determine the life of a plant. Many people drown their plants by watering at regular intervals, not considering whether the plant needs. The roots of plants need air as well as water, and excessive amounts of water do not allow a place for air in the soil. Over watering literally smothers the plant roots. Proper watering calls for a little thoughtfulness and often the exercise of restraint. Water should be applied in sufficient quantities to thoroughly soak the soil in the pot and no more watering should take place until the soil approaches dryness again. Plants should be checked for dryness daily but not watered if the soil is still moist. Do not immerse the pot in water—water from the top.

Lots of Light

Remember that most holiday plants have been out of a greenhouse only a short period. The difference between a greenhouse environment and a typical indoor room is usually considerable. In the home as much light as possible should be provided. A dark bedroom, hall, entrance foyer, or living room does not have optimum growing conditions. Place your plants where they receive the morning sun. Poor light will cause leaf drop. And remember, if you place a plant on a windowsill, remove it before you pull the curtains or it will surely die of the cold!

Although the humidity in a house is not easily altered, plants will do best in an area of the house where the humidity is the greatest. This is usually in the cooking area. It often helps if plants are set on pebble-filled saucers with water maintained at a level just below the base of the pot so that it does not touch the water.

By giving your Christmas pot plants the best environmental conditions of proper temperature, adequate water, and good light, they will furnish an attractive display for a longer time.



Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Notes

Question

I understand that the names of some social welfare payments have been changed. Can you please give the details?

Answer

You are correct. A number of payments from the Department of Social and Family Affairs have been renamed. A new pension scheme has also been introduced.

The new names are as follows:

Old Name	New Name
Unemployment Benefit	Jobseeker's Benefit
Unemployment Assistance	Jobseeker's Allowance
Disability Benefit	Illness Benefit
Unemployability Supplement*	Incapacity Supplement*
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	Guardian's Payment (Contributory)
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)
Retirement Pension	State Pension (Transition)
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	State Pension (Contributory)
*part of the Occupational Injuries Benefit Scheme	

A new payment called the State Pension (Non-Contributory) has been introduced. It replaces the Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension.

In addition to the changes to payment names, changes have also been introduced for people getting certain payments from the Department when they reach age 66.

People getting Invalidity Pension or State Pension (Transition) will automatically transfer to State Pension (Contributory). Those getting Blind Pension, Widow's and Widower's Non-Contributory) Pension, One-Parent Family Payment, Deserted Wife's Allowance and Prisoner's Wife Allowance will **not** continue to receive their payment when they reach 66 years of age. They will have to apply for the State Pension (Non-Contributory) and should do so 3 months before they reach age 66.

Question

If a couple who were engaged to be married end the engagement, what happens to any wedding gifts they may have received?

Answer

The Family Law Act 1981 covers what should happen to wedding gifts if an engagement ends. It allows for legal action where there is a dispute over property or finances between a couple or involving a third party following a broken engagement.

When two people who are engaged give gifts (including an engagement ring) to each other, there is a presumption that they are given on the condition that the gifts will be returned (if the donor requests) should the engagement end. If one of the engaged couple dies, however, it is presumed that the gifts the deceased gave were given without any conditions, so the surviving fiancé(e) can keep the gifts.

Where someone gives an engaged couple or one of the couple a wedding gift, there is a presumption (unless there is evidence to the contrary), that it is given to both of them as joint owners. It is also presumed that the gift will be returned (if the donor requests) should the engagement end and the marriage does not take place for any reason. This includes the death of one of the engaged couple.

Where an engagement has ended and one of the couple has incurred substantial expenses in preparation for the marriage (and hasn't benefited from the expenses), that person may apply to the courts for compensation. These expenses might include, for example, expenses incurred in booking the wedding reception or honeymoon. A third party (such as a family member or friend), who similarly incurs substantial expenditure in preparation for the marriage on behalf of one of the couple, and has not benefited, may also apply to the courts for compensation.

Under Section 44 of the Family Law (Divorce) Act 1996, dispute about property between a couple whose engagement has ended are treated in the same way as disputes between a married couple who are separating or divorcing. This only applies to property in which either or both of them had a beneficial interest while they were engaged. It does not apply to property acquired after the engagement ended.

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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Notes (Cont'd)

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Know your rights

Question

I am not included in the Register of Electors and therefore will not be able to vote in next year's election. How do I register?

Answer

A new Electoral Register is compiled each year by each local authority and it is published on 1 November. You have until 25 November to make a correction or have your name included. You can inspect the draft Register in Garda stations, public libraries, post offices and local authority offices.

To be included in the Register you must be at least 18 years of age on 15 February, the day the Register comes into force. You must also have been ordinarily resident in the State on 1 September in the year before it comes into force.

If you miss the deadline for inclusion in the Register you can apply for inclusion in the Supplement to the Register at any time. To be able to vote, however, you must apply at least 15 working days before polling day. You must also be at least 18 years of age on polling day.

Application forms to register are available from Garda stations, public libraries, post offices and local authority offices.

If you are already on the Register of Electors but have now moved to another local authority area you can apply for inclusion in the Register at your new address. Your name will be deleted from the original Register.

Question

Is there a special payment that someone gets when they reach 100 years of age?

Answer

Yes there is. It is called the Centenarian's Bounty.

The Centenarian's Bounty is a national award made by the Irish President which is paid to all those resident in Ireland on their 100th birthday. It is usually presented on behalf of the President by a local member of the clergy or a friend of the person. The person receives €2,540 and a letter of congratulations signed by the President.

Since March 2006, the Centenarian's Bounty is extended to centenarians who were born in the Irish State and are Irish citizens, but who left Ireland to take up permanent residence abroad.

Information about those who are about to reach the age of 100 years and who are getting a pension from the Department of Social and Family Affairs is forwarded automatically to the office of the President in advance of their birthday. The office of the President then makes the award to the person.

Information about those resident in Ireland who are not receiving a social welfare pension, and those Irish citizens abroad who are now included, should be forwarded to the President's residence at:

Centenarian's Bounty, Áras an Uachtaráin, Phoenix Park, Dublin, 8. Tel: (01) 6170000, Loc-Call 1890 430 320.

When it is verified that the person is liable for the bounty, the award is made.

Since 2000, the President has also marked the birthday of each person resident in Ireland over the age of 100 years. On his or her 101st and every subsequent birthday, he/she receives a special commemorative coin in a presentation box, along with a congratulatory letter signed by the President. A new coin is designed for each year.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre.

This column has been compiled by the Citizens Information Centre which provides a free and confidential service to the public.

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Walls for the wind,
And a roof for the rain,
And drinks beside the fire-
Laughter to cheer you
And those you love near you,
And all that your heart may desire!

Irish Blessing



Useful Hints



Christmas Food Safety

Over 100,000 people in Ireland could suffer from acute gastroenteritis during the Christmas holidays according to the website Safe-food.com, While food poisoning is only one of the possible causes of this condition, almost a quarter of respondents in a recent survey suspected that their illness was due to consuming contaminated food or water.

Food poisoning is a particular problem at Christmas for a variety of reasons:-

- The fridge is usually overloaded
- Food is often left out on tables for long periods
- Catering for large numbers is a challenge in a domestic kitchen
- In the rush people can forget the food safety practices they would normally adhere to; such as washing their hands between preparing raw and cooked food
- Leftovers are left out at room temperature for more than two hours.

However the most common danger is from under-cooked turkey. As a poultry, uncooked turkey can contain the *campylobacter* bacterium so it's vitally important that you **cook your turkey** thoroughly to avoid giving anyone food poisoning.

Cooking Turkey

Everybody has a different method of cooking the turkey. Some people slow cook them in the simmer section of the Aga over 24 hours, some people part cook them so there's only an hour or so left on Christmas day, others cook them on Christmas eve and reheat on Christmas day.

Start the cooking process by heating the turkey to an initial high temperature (72 degrees C) in order to kill the bacteria after which normal slow cooking or part-cooking can occur.

Temperature

Raw meat may contain bacteria, which can give you food poisoning. Adequate cooking can kill these bacteria. Temperature and time settings for cooking your turkey are dependent on your oven.

The following are approximate cooking times for turkeys in an oven, which is at 180° C/35° /gas mark 4

Time

The time for cooking a turkey is dependent on its size and whether it is stuffed or unstuffed.

	Cooking Time	
Size of Turkey	Stuffed Turkey	Unstuffed Turkey
8—12 lbs/3.5—55kg	3hrs 20 min—4 hrs 40 min	3hrs—4hrs 20 min
12—14lbs/5.5—6.5kg	4hrs 40min—5hrs 20 min	4hrs 20 min—5 hrs
14—18 lbs/6.5—8kg	5hrs 20 min—6 hrs 40min	5 hrs—6 hrs 20 min
18—20 lbs/8—9 kg	6 hrs—40 min—7 hrs 20 min	6hrs 20min—7 hrs
20-24 lbs/9-11 kg	7hrs 20 min—8 hrs 40 min	7hrs—8hrs 20 min.

Stuffing the turkey?

The safest way to cook stuffing is outside the bird. If you prefer to cook it inside the bird the best way to do it is as follows:

- Prepare stuffing just before cooking
- Stuff the neck region of the bird
- Allow an extra 20 mins for cooking when the bird is stuffed

How do you know when the turkey is cooked?

When the bird is fully cooked the juices should run clear, not pink. A helpful tip is to make sure the bird is cooked thoroughly, just pierce the thickest part of the drumstick and check the juices are clear in colour.

Follow these guidelines to ensure that you have a very merry and safe Christmas.


Catering for large numbers is a challenge in a domestic kitchen





Christmas Recipes



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TURKEY PIE



Ingredients

- 1 lb/500g cooked turkey cut into chunks
- 80z/225g puff pastry
- 1 tin chicken soup
- 1 tin mushroom soup or natural yogurt
- Cup frozen peas
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 onions
- Salt and pepper
- Milk or beaten egg to glaze the pastry

Method

Mix the turkey, soup, natural yogurt, peas, lemon juice, onions, salt and pepper and turn into a casserole dish

Roll out the pastry to about half an inch thickness and cover the casserole

Glaze the pastry with milk or beaten egg

Bake in the oven at 200° /400° /gas mark 6 for 25 minutes

Ham Patties

Mix ground ham with an egg, breadcrumbs, a pinch of sage and pepper. Shape into patties and fry in butter. Serve hot in burger buns.

Christmas colcannon

Chop ham into small pieces and mix into creamed potatoes, cauliflower and leeks. Serve piping hot as a main dish with a little mustard.

Leftover tips

Turkey that is left over should be taken off the bone, cut into small pieces and placed in a shallow dish. Once refrigerated the food should be eaten within 3 days.



CRANBERRY KISSEL (Russian)



kissel (or kisses) is a fruit dessert with a soup-like consistency. The word means sour, so tart berries such as cranberries or raspberries are best, but other fruits such as red or white currants, plums or rhubarb can also be used. This dish is delicious when served with pancakes or waffles and is sometimes used in savoury sauces in the same way you would use redcurrant jelly.

Preparation time: 15 minutes

+ Two hours refrigeration

Total cooking time: 15 minutes

Serves 4

2 lemons

375 g/12 oz sugar

600 g (1¼ lb) cranberries (fresh or frozen)

2 teaspoons cornflour

1 teaspoons orange juice

Yogurt cream

250 ml/8fl oz cream

125 ml/4 fl oz natural yogurt

115 g/4 oz soft brown sugar

1. Remove the peel from the lemons in large strips with a vegetable peeler, avoid the white pith. Place the peel, sugar, cinnamon sticks and 375 ml/12 fl oz water into a saucepan and stir over low heat until the sugar has dissolved. Bring to the boil, reduce the heat and simmer for 5 minutes.
2. Rinse the cranberries (not necessary if frozen) and remove any stems. Add the cranberries to the hot syrup, return to the boil and simmer for 10 minutes, or until the skins have split. Remove from the heat and set aside to cool.
3. When cool, remove and discard the peel and cinnamon sticks. Remove about ½ cup of the berries and reserve. Blend or process the remaining mixture until smooth, return to the saucepan and add the reserved whole berries. Blend the cornflour and orange juice over medium heat for 5 minutes, or until the mixture boils and thickens. Serve cold or warm with yoghurt cream.
4. For the yogurt cream, beat the cream in a bowl until soft peaks form, then fold the yoghurt through. Transfer to a small bowl and sprinkle with the sugar. Refrigerate, covered, for 2 hours.

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Local Girl Runs in New York City Marathon

**A report by Sandra Gillick (Nevin) from 56 Greenfield Drive
who ran the Marathon for her chosen charity**



This year on 5th November I completed the New York City Marathon. I was also collecting for my chosen charity: The Fr. John Nevin Pakiston Scholarship Fund for Children. I wish to thank all those who sponsored and supported me, especially the generosity of family and friends in Maynooth. I collected to date €2,464.80.

Each person who sponsored me was given the opportunity to predict my finishing time, where the nearest time would win a voucher. My finishing time was 4 hours 9 mins and 2 seconds, and the voucher was sponsored by Michael Gillick Driving School went to David O' Hanlon from Palmerstown, Co. Dublin.

It was a great trip and I was delighted to be accompanied by my husband Johnny Nevin, son Jack, daughter Molly and my parents Mick and Margaret Gillick.
Thank you again.

Yours in sport Sandra Gillick.

***May the saddest day of your future be no worse
Than the happiest day of your past.***

Irish Blessing



Horoscopes



ARIES—March 21—April 20th

You are in the party mood and your high spirits will last long in to the holiday season. Be careful of falls as something could get broken. Also be careful of over-eating on Christmas Day. You will be busy on Christmas Eve. CHRISTMAS CAROL: AWAY IN A MANGER



LIBRA—September 24—October 23

You shine this holiday season and there could be some news to make this year one you will remember for a long time. Don't forget Santa on Christmas Eve. - there could be a chance of last minute shopping. CHRISTMAS CAROL/SONG: JOY TO THE WORLD



TAURUS—April 21—May 21

You will be remembering past Christmases this year. Nonetheless you will enjoy Christmas this year and there is a chance you will be up late Christmas Eve putting the finishing touches to your Christmas tree and Christmas gifts. A late arrival for lunch Christmas day will surprise you with some news. CHRISTMAS CAROL/SONG: THE CHRISTMAS SONG



SCORPIO—October 24—Nov 22

It's a quiet Christmas for you this year and a well earned break. However the family will keep you from being bored, and fun and games will be had by all. You may find your self at the panto and joining in the fun and games. CHRISTMAS CAROL/ SONG: IN THE BLEAKER MID WINTER



GEMINI—May 22—June 22

You will be in demand in the week coming up to the holiday season with invites to parties. You may be called upon to sing a carol or too which will put you into the Christmas spirit. CHRISTMAS CAROL/SONG: JINGLE BELLS



CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan. 20

Santa will come with something special for you this Christmas. Enjoy the festive foods as it's only once a year and its nice to celebrate with family and friends and enjoy plenty of laughs as well. CHRISTMAS CAROL/ SONG: SANTA 'S COMING TO TOWN



CANCER—June 23—July 23

You will be feeling pleased with yourself because you have everything done before Christmas Eve. Someone special is thinking of you this holiday season. Go easy on the mince pies! CHRISTMAS CAROL/SONG: WHITE CHRISTMAS



SAGITTARIUS—Nov. 23—Dec. 21

Christmas Eve starts well and you could have a visitor bringing good news which will make the season a joyful one. Make sure you have not forgotten anything for Christmas day and every one should enjoy the day. CHRISTMAS CAROL / SONG: DRIVING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS



LEO—July 24—August 23

You're dreaming of the perfect Christmas and you would like to spend it with some one special. However this someone is not thinking of you and the best thing you can do is get together with some friends and enjoy the season joy and try and forget them. CHRISTMAS CAROL/ SONG: LAST CHRISTMAS



AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb. 19

It's possible that the New Year will see a new arrival in the family! You would love to go to the sales but cash is tight—not to worry by mid month money will come your way. CHRISTMAS CAROL SONG HAPPY NEW YEAR "ABBA".



Virgo—August 24—September 23

Like Leo you would like the perfect Christmas this year. There's lots to see and do and your family and friends will make it one you won't forget. Plenty of everything nice on Christmas Day. CHRISTMAS CAROL/SONG FAIRYTALE: OF NEW YORK



PISCES—February 20—March 20

There will be a party in the house Christmas day buy be careful the turkey does not burn and the potatoes dry up while you are having fun! You will enjoy the holidays and have a good new year. CHRISTMAS CAROL/ SONG: ONCE IN A ROYAL DAVID CITY



PEACE TO YOU ALL THIS HOLY SEASON

Features

The Magic & Mystery of Christmas Plants

Mistletoe



More than any of the evergreens, the mistletoe has inspired fascination throughout history, held in esteem for its medicinal and magical properties. Many traditions and customs have arisen from the beliefs in the power of mistletoe,, but the kissing origins remain obscure. Druids used the plant as an aphrodisiac and in Scandinavian tales it symbolises peace and love. Until the arrival of Christmas trees, the kissing bough held centre stage at Christmas when a berry was placed with each kiss until none were left.

Holly



The tradition of holly decoration lies with the early pagans of Europe, who brought holly inside in the winter to provide fairies with a warm place to sleep. The Romans sent holly branches with presents during the December festival of Saturnalia, believing the prickly leaves drove evil spirits away.

Ivy



Ivy has been a popular decoration over the centuries and was once thought to possess powers of protection against house goblins that were at their most malicious in winter. The custom of decorating homes with ivy and evergreens dates back to pre-Christian times when they were associated with the power of eternity and represented life continuing through the winter.

Frankincense and Myrrh

Both in the time of the tree wise men and today, frankincense and myrrh are commonly used to create incense. You mix frankincense with things like spices, seeds and roots to create different aromas

Frankincense

Frankincense has long been valued for the sweet-smelling fumes it produces when burnt. Ancient Egyptians used the resin in religious rites, in anointing the mummified bodies of their kings, and to treat wounds and sores. Incense containing frankincense was found in Tutankhamen 's tomb. In the Christian faith, frankincense was one of the three gifts given to the infant Jesus by the Wise Men. It is still used in religious ceremonies by the Parssees, cultural descendants of the Wise Men.

Both in the time of the three wise men and today, frankincense and myrrh are commonly used to create incense. You mix frankincense with things like spices, seeds and roots to create different aromas. Traditionally you burn the powered incense in a censer or on a small stand.

Frankincense is the resin produced by various trees in the genus *Boswellia*. The trees grow in the dry areas of north-eastern Africa and southern Arabia. The resin is harvested by nomadic tribes, who visit the trees periodically. They make small cuts in the bark and return to collect the 'tears' of solidified whitish resin a few weeks later. Trees can yield several kilograms of resin each year.

Myrrh

Myrrh is a yellowish-red sweet-smelling resin. It oozes from damaged bark of certain trees in the genus *Commiphora*. The resin gums up the mouthparts of attacking insects such as termites and its antibiotic properties protect the trees against infection through wounds in their bark. Ancient Egyptians used the resin to preserve mummies—its antibiotic quantities reduced decay, it helped to prevent the tissues falling apart, and it smelt sweet. Myrrh has been used from remote ages as an ingredient in incense, perfumes, etc., in the holy oil of the Jews and *Kyphi* of the Egyptians for embalming and fumigations.



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Features

Maynooth – a great place to live!

by Trish Groves

Daydream Believers

Every commuter dreams of finding a perfect home in the Irish countryside, close enough to a large city to enjoy the night life, small enough to feel like a friendly village, but not so small that everyone knows your business!

Somewhere that's safe for children, with good schools, great shops, busy churches and strong community spirit. Somewhere with affordable housing, lots of employment opportunities and good public transport.

That somewhere really does exist – it's called Maynooth. It's north Kildare's best kept secret, and if you're thinking of moving west (like all those glamorous TV ads suggest), then why not call in for a coffee on your way down the M4 and see what Maynooth has to offer? Or if you already live here, why not take some time to really explore and enjoy your town?

Maynooth is best seen on foot, because it's a place to live, not a place to drive through. You can drive down Main Street in less than a minute, and at first glance you might think there's not much to it. Once you start exploring on foot, though, you'll quickly start to discover the hidden side of Maynooth; if you're the kind of person who likes to hunt down bargains on holiday, you'll love Maynooth!

A Home You CAN Afford

Why live in a shoe box in Dublin, when you can buy a spacious home in Maynooth for the same price? If you don't believe me, then spend a few minutes comparison shopping on www.myhome.ie and prepare to be amazed. Then contact any one of Maynooth's excellent estate agents – Bradys Property Partners, Coonans, Matt Bruton, O'Sullivan's and Remax Progressive - and come and arrange a viewing straight away! Not every property for sale or rent is listed online, so ask them what else they have on their books – you may find exactly what you're looking for.

If you don't want to buy right now, there are some lovely homes to rent in Maynooth, at very reasonable prices. A single person or couple can rent a bijou apartment (agent-speak for tiny, but perfect if you just want somewhere to crash out and store your toothbrush 'cos you're out enjoying life!) Or would you prefer a spacious family home with a huge open-plan kitchen? With a sunny garden for relaxing in? Or a conservatory for lazy Sunday breakfasts?

Whatever kind of home you want, you'll find it in Maynooth. Stroll down the Main Street and have a look at the listings in the estate agents' windows and call in for a chat; most of them are open on Saturday mornings.

Appliances and Furniture

Once you've chosen your new home in Maynooth, you need to think about appliances and furniture. Ever felt pressured by a smooth-talking salesman to buy the SensoMatic Auto Toast Extreme for 'only' €165 when all you want is an economy two-slice toaster? Or bought a sofa that's so big the delivery man has to take off all your doors to get it into your living room only to find there's no room left for your coffee table?

That won't be a problem if you shop locally in Maynooth. For appliances, simply write a list of what you really need, then go and talk to Ger or Mark in Three Pin Electrical in Court House Square (phone (01) 6291104, open 9am to 6pm Monday to Friday, and 9.30am to 1pm on Saturday). Three Pin is a tiny little shop which is always packed with useful items like those fiddly light bulbs you can never find for your cooker hood. For bigger white goods like washing machines and cookers, Ger and Mark will order them in especially for you. They will order in exactly what you want, at a price that won't break the bank.

Three Pin will then deliver to your door at a time that suits you, so you don't have to take a day off work. They even plugged in my dishwasher for me. They also offer a repair service, but in the five years I've lived in Maynooth, nothing I bought from them has ever needed to be fixed.

As for furniture, Paddy in Upstairs Downstairs on Mill Street is your only man. (Phone (01) 6290701, open 10am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday. He always has a great selection of furniture in stock, from beds and wardrobes to sofas and dining suites. He also has a huge catalogue of furniture designs to choose from, but best of all, Paddy can also have pieces made to your own design by local craftsmen. Upstairs Downstairs will deliver to your home at a time that suits you and put everything in place. Plus, Paddy knows from experience what will, and will not, fit through your door!

Excellent Transport Links to Dublin

Now that you have found your dream home, at an affordable price in a great location, bought all your appliances and furnished it, you're probably worried about how to get to work, especially if you have a good job in Dublin. Well, don't be! You have a choice

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of bus, train, or driving. I prefer the 40-minute commuter train service from Maynooth to Dublin. You can even buy a really good cup of coffee and your morning newspaper in the station. Maynooth is the terminus for most of the trains, so you have a better chance of getting a good seat. And there's even a table for your coffee. Oh, and a toilet and designated wheelchair spaces in some carriages too. Completely different to the sardine-like experience of the DART.

There is a good bus service too (the 66 and 67), which will bring you to Leixlip, Celbridge and Lucan on the way into the city. There's something quite nice about coasting along in the bus lane, past the bumper-to-bumper traffic. On the other hand, if you really must drive, at least you know the option of public transport is there, and who knows, with the growth in e-commerce and tele-commuting, you may be able to persuade your boss to let you work from home, because Maynooth is fully broadband compatible.

From ABC to PhD - Education in Maynooth

They say Maynooth is the only place in Ireland where you can start your education in a crèche singing ABC, and then grow up to receive a PhD, without ever leaving the town.

There are plenty of childminders, crèches, playschools and montessories for pre-schoolers in Maynooth; word of mouth is always the best recommendation, so ask other parents for their advice. There are three primary schools – one for boys, one for girls and a mixed Gaelscoil. For post-primary students there is the ever-expanding Maynooth Post-Primary and, at third level, students can choose between St Patrick's College and the NUI Maynooth, with degrees covering everything from arts to physics, and computing to philosophy.

Shopping without Dropping

Maynooth now has four major supermarkets – Aldi, Dunnes, Lidl and Tesco – and five smaller convenience stores, Centra, Mace, Spar, Londis and Super-Valu, and a host of other shops. Some stores are open 24 hours, so no matter what time of day you run out of milk, there's always somewhere open nearby.

Dunnes Stores is the anchor tenant in the new Manor Mills shopping centre, which is well worth a visit. Check out the full range of shops at www.manormills.ie. And when you're finished shopping, you can enjoy the lovely view from the coffee shop over the leafy grounds of Maynooth Castle and St Patrick's college.

Chatting, Relaxing and Making Friends

Economists say that you can tell a town is on an upward curve when you see loads of coffee shops appearing; they call it the 'cappuccino effect', and you can see it in operation in Maynooth. In recent years, nearly every pub in Maynooth has been refurbished, new chefs have been hired and there are dozens of places to eat out.

From takeaway to gourmet, you'll find something to suit your palate in Maynooth.

OK, so what's the catch?

Yeah, right, you say, it sounds lovely, but there must be a catch somewhere! Sadly, like everywhere in Ireland, the main problem everyone talks about in Maynooth is the traffic. So far, all parking in Maynooth is free, but there's very little of it, and most of it is taken up by commuters who, quite sensibly, park-n-ride. This really only leaves the supermarket car parks, which have strict time limits.

The road infrastructure in Maynooth seems to have been designed so that when it gets busy, everyone gets stuck behind vehicles trying to make a right-hand turn. The traffic lights at the Bank of Ireland and The Roost pub seem to be the worst. The Glenroyal junction has no lights so is the worst one for pedestrians, with poor visibility for traffic. It's a very wide junction, and perhaps a 'pedestrian refuge' would help – that's one of those raised areas with safety railings so pedestrians can cross half-way and then wait until it's safe to cross the other half.

With the explosion of housing development and new businesses in Maynooth in the last eighteen months, and it will be interesting to see if the infrastructure and services can keep up. Most of the schools in Maynooth are busy with extensions, and even the NUI has expanded. Luckily, so far Maynooth has not had to issue a warning to parents about a lack of school places, which is a real problem in Newbridge and Kill.

Maynooth – for a great quality of life

All the ads say 'Go West!' So if you're travelling from Dublin up the M4, keep an eye out for the Maynooth turnoff and see how you too can enjoy a great quality of life in the countryside of North Kildare.

Next issue:

How to increase the value of your home in Maynooth! An introduction to local services in Maynooth for extensions, attic conversions, refurbishment, and interior design.

Support your community – shop local!



Maynooth Town F.C. Clubhouse Development Draw Local Prize Draw Winners: October



	Prize	Winner	Sold By:
1st Prize	€500	Sam Feeney	Lenny Murphy
2nd Prize	€200	Mary Lynn	Paul Keogh
3rd Prize	€100	Bernie Mooney	Ger Thompson
4th Prize	€100	John O'Neill & Dee Tobin	Declan Foley
5th Prize	€50	Eugene & Mary Brown	Ger Thompson
6th Prize	€50	John Rooney	Joe Walsh
(Bonus Prize)	Hotel Mini Break	Joanne Barry	Ronan Barry

Other Maynooth Town F.C. Prize Winners

Ticket Number	Prize Number	Prize	Winner	Sold By:
200	38	Set of 6 Cavan Crystal Wine Glasses	Anna Cullen	Tommy Daly
787	70	Framed Mirror	Collette Kavanagh	Tommy Daly
672	90	Framed Mirror	Mary Noone	Mickey Noone
675	103	Framed Mirror	Noel & Marie McGovern	Tom McGovern
101	113	Framed Mirror	Liam Aspil	Tommy Daly
280	117	Framed Mirror	Mick Byrne	Gerry Folan
258	127	Framed Mirror	Marie/Olive Murray	Derek Murray
383	171	Framed Picture	Margaret O'Dell	Declan Byrne

Next Draw: 24th November 2006

**Full Official Prize List available from Seamus Thompson—
info@maynoothtownfc.com**

**Prizes will be distributed through ticket sellers when received.
Please allow up to 4 weeks for delivery of glasses/pictures/mirrors etc.
Local prizes will be sent out this week.**



Maynooth Town F.C.

Clubhouse Development Draw

Main Prize Draw Winners:

October



Prize	Winner
€20,000 Car	Martin Murphy, 56 Pearse Road, Enniscorthy
Hotel Mini Break	c/o All Ireland Karate Association
Hotel Mini Break	Elizabeth/Mattie Callaghan, 14 Straffan Way, Maynooth
Hotel Mini Break	Jimmy O'Leary, Tullylease, Charleville
Hotel Mini Break	Joe Clinton, Balrath South, Delvin
Hotel Mini Break	c/o All Ireland Karate Association
Hotel Mini Break	c/o All Ireland Karate Association
Hotel Mini Break	Thurles Croke Athletic Club
Hotel Mini Break	Paul Noonan, Broghill, Charleville
Hotel Mini Break	c/o All Ireland Karate Association
Hotel Mini Break	Salvador Childrens Appeal, Lennox St., Portobello



The
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Academy

The Royal Academy of Dance

The Royal Academy of Dance is an international teacher education and awarding body for Classical Ballet, established in 1920 with the aim of developing and maintaining the highest possible standard of teaching. This remains its objective.

The Dance Academy is a family business, now run by Sadhbh Ó Dúnlain. Every year pupils work towards either R.A.D. Examinations and Presentation Classes or are prepared for stage work through a School Performance. Sadhbh personally teaches every single pupil.

The Dance Academy has been operating successfully in Bray, Maynooth, and Mount Merrion for a number of decades and now is delighted to announce that it has just completed its first year in Edenderry having taken over the local R.A.D. School in Churchwalk.

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Features



Liam and Luke Nulty

Winner of the November Children's Colouring Competition is Luke Nulty pictured above, with his brother.

Maynooth Town AFC

The **Newtown Inn** presented a set of jerseys and associated kit to the Maynooth Town Under 14 team at a recent function at the Inn. Tony Murray, in presenting the kit, praised the work done by the club's members. Maynooth Town plans for a new clubhouse are at an advanced stage and work is expected to begin next year. In reply, Declan Byrne thanked Mr. Murray for his support.



Tony Murray presenting kit to Declan Byrne



Derek Murray, Niall Byrne, Tony Murray, Declan Byrne, Shane Hawthorne, James Walsh



James Walsh, Niall Byrne, Shane Hawthorne

*May your neighbours respect you,
Trouble neglect you,
The Angels protect you,
And heaven accept you.*



Irish Blessing

May peace and
Plenty be the first
To lift the latch to your door,
And happiness be guided to your home
By the candle of Christmas.



Irish Blessing

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth ICA News

The meeting opened by thanking Eilis O'Malley who came to the meeting and organised prayers for our deceased members. Members were thanked for doing the Arthritis collection at the church which realised €807. A Craft Day was held in the ICA Hall on Saturday 18th November from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and a maximum of 15 places were available. The Federation Meeting took place on Thursday 23rd November in Kildare Town. The A.C.W.W. (Associated Country Women of the World) Triennial Conference takes place in June 2007 in Finland. Crafts continue every Monday night, with Badminton on Monday and Thursday morning in the Parish Hall. The Guild competition for December is table flower arrangements, made in any material of your choice.

The Samaritan Purse Project was carried out by the ICA and all members brought their filled shoe boxes to the meeting for collection. Following a good auction at the last meeting Mairéad Scanlon and Mary Halton got a half scholarship to An Grianán. Ongoing competition at the moment is a short story through Irish and had to be related with the aid of flash cards. Competition for gingham embroidery will take place at the next council meeting in Clonmel in February 2007. Next months raffle in the Guild will be for turkeys. The Christmas party takes place on Thursday 14th December 2006 in the Springfield Hotel. The December Meeting will be party night and we will invite neighbouring Guilds.

Norah Mc Dermott was delegate to the National Council Meeting in Carlow in October. She reported that the meeting was opened by Anne Mai Hugh, secretary of the National Ploughing Championships. Maureen Holden, National Secretary was wished a speedy recovery. The ICA is to lobby the powers that be to push out Breast Screening throughout the country and this is to happen in 2007. The ICA campaigned for different heights in Army and succeeded and the height is now 5 ft. 2 inches.

Fundraising is very important for now in the association as we need more members or a higher fee to stay afloat. Over the last eight years ICA has collected €114,000 for Breast Cancer. The coffee shop in An Grianán has closed but the flower and vegetable shop is still trading. ICA is to invest in a defibrillator for An Grianán and federations will be asked to donate towards this. The Aontas Festival Week takes place from 22nd to the 26th January 2007 dealing with adult education. Rural Dublin Leader Board has allocated €31,000 to Dublin ICA for Craft Training Day courses and all tutors have been informed. These sessions must all be held in Dublin. Handcraft week will take

place from 16th to 20th April '07 in An Grianán. We have been informed that Mayo is the only county that has a Road Safety Officer and that we should all be campaigning for one in our own county. We should also be campaigning to have VAT removed from child car seats as they have a 21% VAT rate on them. European awareness week will take place in An Grianán from 13th to 16th Nov '06. One person from each federation will attend this event.

Winners of Guild Competition were:

1st Mary O'Gorman, 2nd Margaret Houlihan, Maura Browne, Mary Deane, Madeline Hynes.

Winners of Guild raffle were:

1st Mary O'Malley, 2nd Mary Halton, 3rd Margaret Houlihan.

This concluded the meeting and our next meeting will take place on **Thursday 7th December.**

New members are always welcome.

Nora Mc Dermott PRO

Snowball

I made myself a snowball as perfect as could be.
I thought I'd keep it as a pet and let it sleep with me.
I made it some pyjamas and a pillow for its head.
Then, last night it ran away.
But first— it wet the bed.

Shel Silverstein



Features



The Flowermill recently opened for business at the Greenfield Shopping Centre, Maynooth. Proprietors, mother and daughter, Carmel and Erica O'Dea have many years of experience in floristry and both girls are qualified Interflora Florists.

Flowermill opened its doors on Monday 13th November following extensive modernisation. The new shop is bright, cheerful and is enhanced by the array of modern exotic flowers and plants on display. Carmel and Erica love what they do and it shows in the final product.

The shop provides the following:

- Exotic and modern hand tied bouquets
- Basket and potted arrangements
- Funeral wreaths and sprays
- Wedding flowers
- Flowers for corporate and private functions

They also stock a broad range of:

- Luxury Irish handmade chocolates
- Cuddly tops
- Indoor and outdoor plants
- Party balloons
- Trendy glassware and vases

10% off 1st delivery order.

Opening Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9 a.m.—6 p.m and Saturday 9 a.m-5.30 p.m.



Carmel & Erica O'Dea

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Wishing all Our Customers a Happy Christmas & a Prosperous New Year

Maynooth Tidy Towns Awards Night



Mary Dunne, Coonan's Real Estate Alliance receiving the Prize for the Best Shop Front Award 2006 from Moira Baxter MTT



Berna Hatton from The Mill Wine Cellar receiving her award from the Runner Up in Best Shop Front category from Richard Farrell MTT



Eddie Tobin MTT presenting the award for the Junior Volunteer to Carmel Cushen



Gerry Lawlor presenting the Environmental Award to Tracey Kirrane from Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich Green School Committee

Maynooth Tidy Towns Awards Night



Mattie Callaghan Vice Chair MTT presents the "Best Large Estate" Award to Noleen Gillick, Lesley Byrne and Eileen Neary from Rockfield Estate



Aidan O'Rourke, MTT presenting the Most Improved Shop Front Award to Mary Houlihan the Hula Bou



Eilish Cushen MTT presenting the Runner Up Award to the Small Estates category to Martin Connolly from Pebble Hill and Rosaleen Higgins MTT presenting the prize for the Most Improved Small Estate to Gerry O'Reilly from Castlebridge



Patricia Moyonan and Bernie O'Meera, Kingsbry receiving the prize for the Runner Up in the "Best Large Estate" category from Mary Jennings MTT



Des Matthews MTT presenting the award for the Most Improved Large Estate to Dave Doherty, Angla Dennehy and Pat Gunning from Moyglare Village



Sean Lyons MTT presenting the "Best Small Estate Award" to Joe Geraghty and Robin Jones from Lyreen Park

Maynooth Tidy Towns Awards Night



Robert O'Reilly President MTT making a presentation to Dr. Shelagh Waddington NUI Maynooth



Tom McMullon "Maynooth Tidy Towns Person of the Year 2006" receiving his award from Sean Cushen MTT



Trevor Holmer receives the prize for "Team of the Year 2006" on behalf of "Intel Involved"

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We wish all our customers a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year



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Clubs, Organisations and Societies

MAYNOOTH Golf Society

The Christy Kenny Cup was played on the 15th and 16th of September 2006. It was a weekend away to Carrick-on-Shannon.

The following are the results:

1st Overall	Martin Deveney	75 pts.
2nd	Niall Byrne	71 pts.
3rd	Tom O Haire	67 pts.
4th	Eamon Murphy	64 pts.
5th	Ken Donnelly	63 pts.
6th	Kevin Loftus	60 pts. (B.18)
7th	Gerry Mc Tiernan	60 pts.
Front 18	David Weafer	35 pts.
Back 18	Norman Kavanagh	27 pts.
Longford Nearest The Pin		Niall Byrne
Longford Two's Club		Albert Harrigan
Carrick-on-Shannon Nearest the Pin		Norman Kavanagh
Carrick-on-Shannon Two's Club		Norman Kavanagh



Capt. Philip Doyle presenting a bottle of Brandy to "Hole in One" man of the day—Tim Mullane

The John Tiernan Memorial Cup was played on Saturday 21st of October 2006. It was held in Castle Barna

The following are the results:

1st Overall	Dave Mahony	19 pts. (B.9)
2nd	Niall Byrne	16 pts.
3rd	Dermot Myles	16 pts. (B.9)
4th	Derek Murray	13 pts. (B.9)
5th	Ken Donnelly	20 pts.
6th	Eddie Connolly	22 pts. (B.9)
7th	Mick Flynn (Jnr)	9 pts.
Front Nine	Colm Loftus	23 pts.
Back Nine	Sean Farrelly	19 pts.
Nearest The Pin	Terry Moore	
Two's Club	Terry Moore, Mick Flynn (Snr), John Hynes & Noel Farrelly	
Visitors	Joe Bidik	38 pts.
	Eddie Bradley	32 pts.
Hole in One	Tim Mullane	



Winner Dave Mahoney being presented with the John Tiernan Trophy by Mrs. Rita Tiernan who was accompanied by her son Mitch and daughter Danielle.

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MAYNOOTH Golf Society

The following are the results:

1st Overall	Philip Doyle	40 pts.
2nd	Dave Weafer	37 pts. (B. 6)
3rd	Brendan Bean	37 pts.
4th	Tim Mullane	36 pts. (B. 9)
5th	Don Sullivan	36 pts. (B. 9)
6th	Steve Greenwood	36 pts. (B. 9)
7th	Dave Kinlon	36 pts. (B. 9)
Front Nine	Dermot Myles	21 pts.
Back Nine	Mick Fahy	21 pts. (B.6)
Nearest The Pin	Dave Kinlon	
Twos Club	Paddy Foy	
Visitors	Joh Aibik	29 pts.



L-R: Pa Conway, Vice Captain, Paddy Foy, President, Mark Doyle, Son of Phillip—Winner & Kevin Loftus, Secretary



L-R:

Mick Fahey,

*Phillip Doyle
(Captain & Winner)*

& Barry Desmond

St. Brigid's Hospice and Home Care Service

To whom it may concern,

On Sept 14th I held a Coffee Morning at my home in aid of St. Brigid's Hospice and Home Care Service in the Curragh. I wish to acknowledge everyone that made the day a success. Whether you gave of your time or made donations of cash or coffee prizes, I am deeply appreciative of your generosity.

There are too many people to name personally so a big thank you to you all. Special thanks go to my family and friends, without whom I could not attempt such an undertaking. The full sum raised was €3,010.83 for which the Hospice also send their thanks. I look forward to your support again next year.

Thank you,

Mary Daly,
Moyglare Rd.

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Dick and Mary Mc Mahon would like to thank all their customers and friends for the tremendous support given over the years.

We wish the New Management John and Deirdre Kavanagh every success in the future.

Again Many Thanks

First Year Students in Maynooth Post Primary



*L-R: Dean Buckley, Sean McKnight
& Neal Vorster*



L-R: Graham Kinsella & Shane Byrne



L-R: Niamh O'Connor & Lauren O'Loughlin



*L-R: Emmet Cullen Tinley, Graham Kinsella
& Jack Hartnett*

Members of The Maynooth Table Tennis Club, who performed exceptionally well at their first Leinster Tournament.



From Left: **Conor Mullally** (who got first in the plate competition, under 12 and second place in the plate competition, under 10); **Kate Connerty** (who got second place, under 10), **Jakob Zukowski** (who got second place, under 12 and first place in the plate competition, under 14) and **Sian Millar** (who got first place in the

First Year Students in Maynooth Post Primary



L-R: Ronan Gallagher, Ben Devine, Rory Penny & Elisei Buceann



Dairmaid Ó Murchú, Eoin MacArdail & Friends



L-R: Phillip Garrad, Aaron Downes & Justin Roux



L-R: Katey McQuillan, Aisling O'Leary, Sharon Tyrrell & Nicole Desmond



Far Right: Niamh O'Connor Second from right: Lauren O'Loughlin & Friends

Tips for Buying a Printer

By Jane MacNulty

Before you Choose a Printer

Deciding what kind of printer you want to purchase—inkjet, laser, or multifunction—can be frustrating and confusing. Here are some basic questions you may be asking:

What kind of printer should I buy?

If you just need to print out documents such as letters, copies or Web pages from the Internet or simple spreadsheets, a low-end **inkjet printer** is fine. If you need to do presentations or high quality photographs you want a **photo printer**. If you print over 100 pages on a daily basis and don't need colour, you may want to look at **laser printers**. And, of course, if you need a combination of scanner, printer, copier, and fax, a **multifunction printer** is best.

What are All-in-One Printers?

An all-in-one printer (also known as a multifunction printer) combines the features of more than one device in one package. At its simplest, an all-in-one offers a printer (either an inkjet or laser printer) together with a scanner so that it can act as a printer, a scanner, and a copier. Many all-in-one devices also have the capability of sending and receiving faxes, which make them very useful for home offices and small business.

What costs come with all-in-ones?

An all-in-one uses the same supplies as ordinary printers: toner if it is a laser printer, ink if it is an inkjet printer. The only additional cost can be if there is a problem with the device: if, for example, the scanner needs to be repaired, you will also be deprived of your printer.

What are the advances of all-in-ones?

- Convenient
- Saves space

Disadvantages

- Repairs means you are deprived of both printer and scanner.

Why are printers so cheap these days?

A lot of the money that vendors make from printers are from selling ink and toner cartridges—which are called in the trade as “consumables”. Because printer users must continually purchase more cartridges when the old ones run out, they can pay more than the original cost of the printer within a year or so.

Quick Tip : Watching Your Ink Disappear

Keep track of how often you have to replace the ink cartridge in your printer, and how much it costs. At the end of the year, add it all up. If the cost of buying ink at the end of one year is more than you paid for the printer in the first place, then you may want to think about replacing the printer!

When you're doing your pre-purchase research, pay attention to **ink consumption**. Some printer manufacturers will publish the approximate number of pages that an ink cartridge is expected to handle (under ideal conditions).

If you plan to do a lot of text printing, and little colour printing, make sure you have a separate black ink cartridge—black ink is usually considerably less expensive than colour.

Most printers have a **draft**, or **ink-saving**, mode, which produces text that is not appropriate for formal letters, but may be fine for everyday use. If you print a lot, this could extend your ink cartridge considerably. Look for draft mode in your printer (normally found under Preferences in the Printer Dialogue Box) or check your manual.

Printer Paper

While you may be very careful while selecting correct inkjet or laser cartridges for your printer, you should not forget the printer paper. Inkjet and laser printers can print on a variety of surfaces, including labels, photo paper, business cards, stickers, and t-shirt transfers. However, most of your printing probably involves standard white papers. However, when it comes to this medium, you may have more options than you realise. One of the advantages of laser printers is their ability to print on almost any paper with quality. But if you own an inkjet printer, you should choose your paper carefully. Although standard printer paper will do the job well, your results will probably be better if you use paper specifically made for inkjet printers.

Tip: When buying paper to print photos be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions regarding printer settings.

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Maynooth Ladies Golf Society

Castlebarra Golf Club was the venue for the Maynooth Ladies Golf Society's outing on Saturday 26th August. 13 members took part in the outing. The winners of the Stableford Competition were:

1st	Anne Finn
2nd	Karen Kelly
3rd	Eleanor Reilly

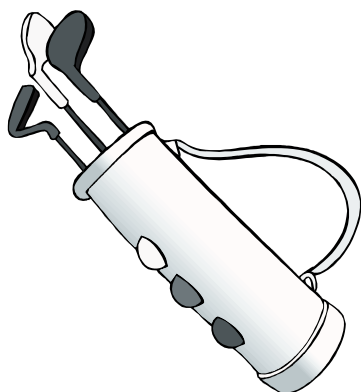
The society held its Captain's Day on Saturday 16th September in Hollystown Golf Club. 21 members took part on the day which was hosted by Captain Pauline Loftus. The prizes were very generously sponsored by Declan Kennedy of Brady's Pub, Maynooth. The winners of this outing were:

1st	Mary McTiernan
2nd	Heather Meldrum
3rd	Mary Hoban
4th	Ann Burns
5th	Deirdre Glynn
6th	Ursula Byrne

The members were warmly welcomed by Declan and his staff when they returned to Brady's after their round of golf for the prize giving. Declan along with Captain Pauline Loftus presented the prizes of Tipperary Crystal to the prize winners. Congratulations to all the winners. A very big thank you to Declan Kennedy for his sponsorship of Captain's Day and for his support throughout the year.

This year the society has sought sponsorship for prizes from local businesses in Maynooth and the surrounding areas. There has been a great response to this and the society would like to once again thank all the sponsors.

Anne Finn
Secretary



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Vegetarian Recipes



Wild Mushroom Gratin with Beaufort Cheese, New Potatoes and Walnuts

This is one of the simplest and most delicious ways of cooking mushrooms. Serve this dish as the Swiss do with gherkins.

Serves 4

900g/2 lbs Small or new salad potatoes
50g/2 oz Butter
350g/12 oz Wild and cultivated mushrooms, thinly sliced
170g/6 oz Beaufort or Fontana cheese thinly sliced
50g/2 oz Walnuts toasted
Salt & Ground Black Pepper
Fresh parsley roughly chopped to garnish
12 gherkins, sliced, to serve

Bring a large pan of lightly salted water to the boil over a medium heat and cook the potatoes for 20 minutes until tender.

Drain well and return them to the pan, add a knob of butter and cover to keep warm.

Heat the remaining butter in a heavy based frying pan that can be safely used under the grill.

Add the sliced mushrooms and fry over a light heat, stirring occasionally until the juices begin to run, then increase the heat and fry until most of the juices have been absorbed again. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Meanwhile preheat the grill. Arrange the slices of cheese on top of the mushrooms. Place the pan under the grill and cook until the cheese is bubbly and brown.

Scatter the gratin with the toasted walnuts, garnish with parsley, and serve at once with the buttered potatoes and sliced gherkins.

Chestnut, Stilton and Ale Pie

This hearty winter dish has a rich stout gravy and a herb pastry top.

Serves 4

30 ml/ 2 tbsp Sunflower oil
2 Large onions chopped
500g/ 1 1/4 lbs Button mushrooms, halved

5ml/1 tsp Yeast extract
5ml/1 tsp Soft dark brown sugar
350g/12 ozs Drained canned chestnuts, halved
30ml/1 tbsp Cornflour, mixed to a paste with 30 ml/2 tbsp cold water
150g/5 ozs Stilton cheese, cubed, beaten egg, to glaze
Salt & Ground black pepper

For the Pastry

115g/4 ozs Wholemeal flour, a pinch of salt
50g/2 ozs Butter
15ml/1 tbsp chopped fresh thyme

Make the pastry, put the flour and salt in a bowl. Rub in the butter until the mixture resembles fine bread crumbs. Add the thyme and enough water to form a soft dough. Knead it lightly, wrap and chill for 30 minutes.

Make the filling, heat the oil in a pan and fry the onions until softened. Add the mushrooms and cook for 3 minutes. Stir in the carrots, parsnip and herbs. Cover and cook for 3 minutes.

Pour in the stout and stock the stir in the yeast extract and sugar.

Simmer, cover, for 5 minutes. Add the chestnuts and season to taste. Stir in the cornflour paste until the sauce thickens. Stir in the cheese and heat until melted, stirring.

Pre heat the oven to 220°C/425°F/Gas 7. Spoon the chestnut mixture into a 1.5 litre/ 2 1/2 pint pie dish. Roll out the pastry to make a lid. Dampen the edge of the dish and cover with the pastry. Seal, trim and crimp the edges. Cut a small slit in the top and use any surplus pastry to make pastry leaves. Brush with egg and bake for 30 minutes.



Poetry Corner By Patrick Murray

Christmas Child

*O' baby child of Christmas time
I wish the best for you
Spirit of this season is always mine
To love a child so true
You lay in your manger there
In peace you slept away
A child with lots to share
To save this world today*

*Sleep heavenly child at rest
Ruler of this earth
A tiny infant forever blessed
At the thought of your birth
So life will be forever more
For each child born like thee
With so much love in store
To enchant a man like me.*

Santa Claus

*Santa Claus is on his way
With gifts for each child
He will travel on a sleigh
Through snow barren and wild.
Rudolf with his red nose
Will carry Santa without fail
For Father Christmas clearly knows
Each and every hill and dale.*

*Down the chimney he will expertise
Any task Santa can undergo
With gifts for all to please.
So sleep tight each one of go
With the greatest of you
And dream of Christmas Day
Santa loves you through and through
In a very special way.*

The Christmas Tree

*Fairy lights on the Christmas tree
Flickering like magic in the night
A special sight for my eyes to see
With many different colours of light
Many treasures are on each pine
That is a treat for the young ones
A spirit of this season is always mine
A sense of happiness each child belongs
On the top shines a silver star
To remind us how Jesus found his way
A peaceful star shown from afar
And guided a place for them to stay
Gifts galore underneath this tree
A treat for each child in store
A special for me feeling it is
When I once was a child before.*

Features

Maynooth Toastmasters

Maynooth newest community club continues to go from strength to strength, with very large full attendances at the meetings from Maynooth and the surrounding areas. There is plenty of fun, excitement and learning at the meetings on the second and Fourth Monday of the month at 7.45 p.m. in Bradys Clockhouse Bar.

The most recent meeting was held in Brady's Clockhouse Bar in Maynooth recently under the leadership of John Cronin. John led a very lively and interesting meeting. There was an attendance of 35 at the meeting. All the prepared speeches were made by Maynooth members. Martin Vural gave a very moving speech outlining the amazing history around his name. Andrew Lang told us a fascinating story about all the countries, greater than ten, he has worked in so far in his life to date. John Fleming gave a very interesting speech outlining his youth in Mayo with great stories of that period. Joe Lyons presented the Ryder Cup Award to Martin Vural.

New Club Website.....Have you visited our new club website yet? You can find out more about Maynooth Toastmasters and other useful information. Visit www.maynoothtoastmasters.com

Next meetings will be held on:

Monday 11th December, Monday 8th and 22nd January 2007 in Bradys Clockhouse bar upstairs at 7.45 p.m.

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Oisín Geoghegan & Michael Kelly



**Alan Brady,
Sigi Fion & Martin
Vural**

Features

Santa Claus: The Epsom Derby - 1964

The Epsom Derby of 1964 will be remembered for a number of reasons. The uniquely named winner that brought a warm glow outside the seasonal context and the conflict of opinion that erupted after his win. It is not the intention to make a judgement on the merits or otherwise of the conflicting positions taken by the horse's connections, the jockey and expert opinion after the running of the 184th Epsom Derby. It can be argued that the rating of 133 plus, given to Santa Claus by Timeform at the end of the 1964 racing season did not do the horse justice. (Sea Bird, the 1965 winner was rated 145) It is true that Timeform could only go on what the horse actually achieved but there are arguments to be made that had events taken a different course, Santa Claus may have ended up with a higher rating, thus bringing him up to the standard of Nijinsky, an outstanding winner of the 1970 Derby.



Santa Claus and Willie Burke

Scobie Breasley entered the winner's enclosure at Epsom Downs on June 6th 1964 wearing a broad smile. Santa Claus had just won the Derby and Scobie had ridden his first winner of the Blue Riband after a lifetime in racing. The smile was quickly wiped off his face. The reception he received from the winning connections of the horse was decidedly muted. Scobie recalls in his autobiography that the Rogers Family were not happy with the ride he had given the horse. Sir Peter O'Sullivan, the racing voice of the BBC and a race reader of great experience went further. In his autobiography "Calling The Horses" he recalls that Mick and Tim Rogers were seething with indignation following the running of the race. Mick Rogers was highly respected as a trainer of two Epsom Derby winners and a number of top class horses including Royal Sword and Candy Cane, from his small stable on the Curragh. His brother, Captain Tim Rogers was the founder of the modern Irish Blood-Horse and a colossus in the Thoroughbred Industry. Both were highly respected for their sound judgement. History is not written in stone. There will always be differences of opinion as to what actually happened in a particular situation. What is clear is that

a decision was made by the Rogers family, before they reached the bottom of the Queens Stand steps, to replace Scobie, as jockey, for future races. It had all started so well

In August 1963 Santa Claus made a pleasing introduction to his racing career as a two-year-old in the Anglesey Stakes at the Curragh. Although unplaced he ran with sufficient promise as did Scissors owned by Ann Biddle. Scissors was subsequently disqualified after winning the Timeform Gold Cup at Doncaster in highly controversial circumstances. The trainer of Santa Claus, Michael Rogers, never in a hurry to rush his charges, waited until September for the National Stakes at the Curragh for the colts next run. Race favourite, Mesopotamia, started at 5-4 on. Owned by the McCalmont family, the filly had destroyed a top class field in the Chesham Stakes at Royal Ascot. The filly had also

won the Railway Stakes at the Curragh. Santa Claus with Willie Burke in the saddle, tracked the leading pair of Mesopotamia and Victoria Quay to the furlong pole and then showed a devastating turn of foot to sweep by the leaders to win by eight lengths. It was a staggering performance by the Colt and he was immediately installed as winter favourite for the Derby. Willie Burke was not a pretentious man, more often than not he chose to be identified as a stable lad rather than a stable jockey as he enjoyed few rides from outside the stable of Mick Rogers.

"The smile was quickly wiped off his face. The reception he received from the winning connections of the horse was decidedly muted."

It was apparent from his win in the National Stakes that Santa Claus had shown a nice blend of speed and stamina. He was bred by the 1945 St. Leger winner, Chamossaire, with the dam, Aunt Clara who came from the same family as Sun Chariot, who won three Classic Races in 1942. Chamossaire also bred two Irish Derby winners in Chamier and Your Highness.

Santa Claus was jointly owned by Mrs. Darby Rogers and Mr John Ismay and had been purchased by the BBA Ireland for 1200 Guineas at the Newmarket September Sales.

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Santa Claus wintered well but he did not appear in public until the Irish 2000 Guineas in May of 1964. His presence proved an enormous attraction and the enclosures at the Curragh were packed. He did not let his fans down. Again, showing a blinding turn of speed in the final furlong, he powered away, with Willie Burke in the saddle, to beat the English trained Young Christopher by three lengths. Santa Claus was now a serious racehorse and his next assignment was the Epsom Derby. This was going to be his most difficult task yet. First, the Colt had never raced outside the Curragh. This course is probably one of the best and most fairest test for a race horse in these Islands and also a course that suited Santa Claus's physical confirmation. Second, the going at the Curragh is never firmer than good and the track has a policy of watering to take the sting out of the ground. Epsom on the other hand tends to be good to firm in the first weeks of June and the gradients and turns on the one mile four furlongs course makes it exceedingly difficult to

"This was going to be his most difficult task yet. First, the Colt had never raced outside the Curragh".

The decision to book Scobie Breasley was a good one. A champion jockey in his native Australia, he was a worthy foe to Lester Piggott in their many Jockey Championship battles during the sixties. Unlike Lester, he sat quiet in the saddle, used the whip sparingly and always done just enough to win a race. A trainer entrusting his horse to Scobie always got his horse back with the minimum of use made of him and plenty to work on for his next race. Scobie in accepting the mount on Santa Claus knew exactly

what was required to get the best out of the Colt and also what was required to get him home in front with minimum wear on those suspect joints. This was never going to be a Curragh repeat but the "iceman" as Scobie was known, was confident that he would deliver the Blue Riband to Mick Rogers.

Although Derby Day (Wednesday June 3rd 1964) was warm and bright, the going was unusually soft, thus providing an optimistic omen for Santa Claus,



Santa Claus (Willie Burke) wins the Irish Sweeps Derby 1964

who started at 15-8 favourite. Second favourite was Lord Howard de Walden's, Oncidium, winner of the Lingfield Derby Trial. There was also plenty of money for the English 2000 Guineas winner, Baldrick II. The seventeen runners went off to a first-time start. Oncidium gave his backers cause for concern as he fought for his head and disputed the lead with Balustrade and Hotroy. Baldrick and Indiana tracked the leaders with Scobie and Santa Claus last

keep a horse balanced while keeping a challenging position.

Santa Claus was lean and lanky, straight in the shoulder and joints that may have caused his trainer a lot of concern. A horse with his confirmation was always going to find it difficult to negotiate a course like Epsom.

but three.

However, on the downhill run to Tattenham corner the favourite made steady progress through the field to be in 9th position as they approached the straight. Scobie gently manoeuvred Santa Claus to the centre of the finishing straight, giving his mount plenty of

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time to balance himself. He let the race develop on the far rails. Oncidium had shot his bolt leaving Baldric, the 2000 Guineas winner to strike for home. He was quickly overtaken, however, by Indiana, ridden by Jimmy Lindley

The Colt by Sayajirao was being called the winner with two furlongs to go. The "iceman" had it measured, however, and Santa Claus having made steady progress up the centre of the course delivered a challenge in the last seventy yards to win by a length.

Paddy Prendergast, one of Ireland's great trainers, described Scobie's challenge as one of the best rides ever given to a horse in the Epsom Derby. His opinion must be respected. So also must be the opinion of Sir Peter O'Sullivan who, admittedly a fan of the great Australian, described it as a "master class." However, the connections of Santa Claus did not agree. Scobie was fired, not given a present (which was traditional) and never rode the horse again. Can there have ever been such conflict of expert opinion?

Willie Burke was reunited with his beloved Santa Claus for his next run. Willie appearing on the race course for only the sixth time that season took the mount for the 1964 running of the Irish Sweeps Derby at the Curragh. The enclosures were packed and Willie did not let the fans down. He gave Santa Claus a professional and confident ride, waiting until the final furlong before sweeping away the opposition to win by four lengths. Lionhearted finished second with Sunseeker third. The reaction of the Irish racing public to Santa Claus was ecstatic and equaled the adulation shown to the new hero of the national hunt, Arkle.

Santa Claus was then entered for the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth stakes at Ascot. The connections decided to stay with Willie as the jockey. This was a mistake. It was one of the smallest King George field in history and tactics were going to play a big part. Facing Willie were the best two jockeys in the world. Lester Piggott (Royal Avenue), the Australian, Bill Pryers (Nasram II) and the field was completed by M. Depalmas (Prima Donna II). It could only be described as "throwing Christians to the lions". To make matters worse Scobie Breasley was bitter about being jockeyed off. He freely admits taking a phone call from Bill Pryers, a good friend, and advising him as to how best to beat Santa Claus. Scobie may have felt no sense of loyalty to the Rogers family. It is hard to understand, however, why he planned the downfall of a wonderful horse that had given him his first win in the Epsom Derby when he was fifty years old and a grandfather. Scobie told Bill Pryers that the firm going would be

Santa Claus's undoing. With suspect joints Scobie knew that the horse would not let his legs down on the rough, rock hard ground. He told Pryers to set a fast pace from the front and not give Burke a chance to balance his mount. That's the way the race developed. Nasram II led from start to finish, Willie did not know who to follow and Santa Claus was never balanced during the race. He finished a poor second at odds of 13 to 2 on. Let there be no criticism of Willie Burke. He made the horse, working on the home gallops he built his mount's confidence and produced him, well schooled, to win three Classic races. He should never have been asked to take on that most difficult task at Ascot.

Santa Claus appeared for the last time on the race course at Longchamp for the 1964 running of the Arc. Ridden by Jimmy Lindley he finished second to Prince Royal II. In his autobiography a clearly embittered Scobie stated that Santa Claus would never have been

"The Curragh comet, a brief but brilliant blaze, was gone but not forgotten."



Scobie Breasley,

beaten had he retained the ride. On his racing record as a jockey, he clearly has the right to say that. On the other hand the Rogers dispensed with his services after Epsom. The matter will continue to be discussed wherever racing men meet.

Santa Claus retired to stud and in a brief career sired Santa Tina to win the Irish Oaks, Reindeer (Irish St. Leger) and Bonne Noel to win the Ebor. He died in 1970. There can be no better epitaph for this wonderful horse than that provided by Guy Williams in his History of the Irish Derby when he wrote in conclusion "The Curragh comet, a brief but brilliant blaze, was gone but not forgotten."

Jim Healy

Feature

**International Language Award presented to:
Ms. Carmen Creighton, teaching staff, Maynooth
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Ms. Carmen Creighton (German Teacher)

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How to lower Mortgage payments even with rising interest rates.

Over the past year interest rates have risen by 1.25% with another 0.25% rate hike expected before Christmas and possibly further rate rises next year.

Along with these changes Banks have introduced new mortgage products onto the Irish mortgage market and making sense of it all can be difficult.

With so many competing mortgage structures how do you know if you are in fact getting the best deal?

Michael Corcoran of Michael Corcoran Mortgages in Maynooth says "there are many property owners out there who could be saving thousands every year off their mortgages and could reduce their repayment period if they switched to a better mortgage deal."

"The mortgage market has changed considerably in the last five years," explained Mr. Corcoran.

There are more options today for people taking out a new mortgage and for those who already have a mortgage. Switching to a better mortgage deal is easy.

"People who may not have qualified for some mortgages a few years ago will find that today with the equity built up in their home or investment and a track record of making repayments they can take advantage of these new mortgages, saving them quite considerable sums of money," said Mr. Corcoran.

Asked how first time buyers could get on the property ladder with rising interest rates Phillip Yeates of Michael Corcoran Mortgages, added "there were a number of different approaches to getting a mortgage for first time buyers such as a gift that a parent can offer to help them with raising a deposit, parents going on the mortgage as guarantors, or young people can get together with their friends and buy a property jointly.

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A Christmas Story

Tom and little Megan, looked at all the Christmas toys in the shop windows. As they did, the tears rolled downed their cheeks, for their mother had told them there will be no presents this Christmas. She could not afford them as she had to pay for their fathers funeral. As they walked along, they thought of all the happy Christmas's they had with their father, playing with the new toys on a Christmas morning.

An old beggar comes up to the two children and asks them for money. The two children give all the coins in their pockets to the beggar man.

Christmas morning arrives, it is a very cold morning after a night of heavy snow. Tom and Megan get up and dress, and get ready to go to Mass to the local Y. M. C. A. for lunch. A knock comes to the door, their mother opens it to find a man there, and he asks can he talk to the two children. A nervous Carol takes her children to the man at the front door. The man asks the children, do you remember me? Both of the children reply that they do not know him. The man tells the children, a week ago I posed as a beggar in the town centre to see if the Christmas Spirit was alive and well. I stood all day in my beggar clothes looking for money and your children were the only ones to give me money. I heard off people of your poor father dying and how poor you are this Christmas so I have come here this Christmas morning to bring you to my estate to spend Christmas day with me.

Tom, Megan, and their mother have a lovely Christmas Day with Mr. Comerford on his estate. The children have a lovely dinner and get lots of new toys to play with.

Happy Christmas one and all.



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Historic Day for Camogie and Girls' Football in Maynooth

Wednesday the 8th of November was an extraordinary day for all concerned with sport in the Presentation Girls' School as the under 11 Camogie team captured the division 1 title and so completed an unprecedented double with the under 11 footballers who were victorious over Clane two weeks previously. There were jubilant scenes as the teams returned to the school where they were greeted by supporters who had travelled to both finals.

The footballers were the first girls team from Maynooth to win the under 11 trophy. This was the school's first time entering this grade and proved to be a successful choice as not only was the team victorious but over twenty five girls were involved in all the girls matches. The games started in mid-September and the team played four matches against Kill, Clane, San Carlo (Confey) and Monasterevin before ending up in a final against Clane.

On a day when Ciana Heneghan was in inspirational form for Maynooth scoring all the teams scores, she was ably assisted by Anne Lavelle, Emma Collins, Shannon Thompson and twins Ciara and Jennifer McMahon. There was a huge sense of relief as the referee blew the final whistle on a score of Maynooth 2 goals and 2 points against Clanes score of 5 points. Between supporters and parents nearly a hundred people poured onto the field and applauded and congratulated the team. The cup was then presented to captains Ciara and Jennifer McMahon. The team returned to Maynooth with horns blaring and on the following day in school they were treated like royalty!

The double was completed when the camogie team defeated Kill after a replay. Like the footballers the games started in mid-September with matches against Coca Naofa (Kilcock), San Carlo (Confey), Ballymany (Newbridge) and Kill National School. The girls played Kill in the final at Allenwood on the 25th of October. After a fantastic match the teams ended level and so extra time had to be played. With both teams trying their utmost the teams couldn't be separated and so a replay was arranged

for Wednesday the 8th of November. On this day there was only going to be one winner as the Maynooth team played superbly with an unbelievable team display. Aoife Coghlan, Ciana Heneghan, Chloe Doyle and goalkeeper Allison Tierney shone. With goals on either side of half time by Louise Qualter and Ali Kelly, victory

was ensured for Maynooth. The trophy was then presented to joint captains Rachel O'Neill and Helen McMillan. The team and supporters returned to Maynooth to the sound of hooters and flags flying.

With around twenty eight girls involved in the camogie team and twenty five girls in the football team the future looks bright and healthy for Gaelic games in Maynooth. Well done again to this group of girls who are the first team to succeed in winning this Division 1 Camogie and Football double.

Their success is in no small way due to the enthusiasm of their coach Fergus Casey. Let's hope he rests for the winter and comes back with renewed energy for the U13's competition in April.



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Michael is also available to meet constituents outside the above times by appointment and he can be contacted any time on 086 2706150

Housing Information Seminar

On Thursday 23rd November 2006 at 8pm. I held the first in a series of Housing Information Seminars in the Carbury GAA Centre. The event was a great success with approximately 100 people attending on the night. The next Seminar I hope to hold in December possibly in the Prosperous area and all who can attend are very welcome – you don't have to be from the immediate area. In the New Year I will hold similar Seminars spreading throughout the North Kildare area and of course I fully intend to have one in Maynooth. Details will be advertised in good time.

Briefly the Seminars will deal with the following issues :

New Planning Guidelines
Rural Planning permission/levies
Buying and selling a site
Developments in Town and Village settlements
Council and Co-operative Housing
Affordable Housing
Subsidised sites
Council Loans
Disabled Persons Grants
Essential Repairs Grants
Tenant Purchase Schemes.

The Seminars will take the format of a short presentation, followed by a question and answer session with a panel of professionals experienced in the housing field.

Brid Feely, your local Remax Estate Agent who is from Maynooth will attend the Seminar when it is held in Maynooth. Other professionals attending will include an Architect, Solicitor, Financial Advisor and Public Representatives. These professionals will be available to give advice on an individual basis in privacy.

In my experience as a County Councillor and for a very long time before that as Assistant for many years to Charlie McCreevy former Minister for Finance and TD for Kildare North, the issues as outlined above are of immense importance to many people hoping to build their own home in Kildare and it is difficult for members of the public to garner all the information they require in one place at any one time. It is my aim to facilitate a greater understanding of the planning process, pitfalls and advantages etc to the general public by holding these seminars.

Of course, at any time, I can be directly contacted with any query relating to any of the above on my mobile 086-2706150 or at my office in Naas at 045-888438 or email to fitzmichael@eircom.net.

Local Authorities Being Priced Out Of Housing Market Due to Failure of Government Policy

Catherine Murphy, TD (Ind), in a Dáil statement last night, slated the current Government's Social and Affordable Housing policy warning that prices are being paid in both "human terms" and economic terms.

Kildare "has seen a couple of dozen units, at the very most, covering both affordable and social housing."

Local Authorities are themselves priced out of the housing market. In many cases they simply can't afford to buy the full 20% they are entitled to in each development as, although a below market value price is negotiated with developers rising costs such as increased land purchase prices are driving even non-market prices upwards. Social and Affordable Housing Schemes introduced to assist people who themselves are unable to buy privately, cannot operate to their full capacity because of rising house prices. The irony here is clear.

"I can see nothing but apartments being offered on social and affordable housing."

As two bedroom housing units, and specifically apartments, are less costly than larger units we are seeing a disproportionate number coming on stream. For many families two bedroom units and apartments are only temporary measures and so there are thousands of families whose needs cannot be met by Part V in its current form.

The system is failing the most vulnerable

Last year a 22 page assessment form was sent to all Social Housing Applicants which, if not completed and returned, would cause them to be removed from the waiting list. "In Kildare, 1,500 families or individuals are on the waiting list. That understates the case, as every week I come across people who have been scratched off the list because they did not complete the assessment last year. A 22-page assessment is pretty daunting for some individuals, and it is part of the reason people have gone off the list." The most vulnerable people are those who

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will loose out in a system like this, and changes must be made.

€10 Million underspend in Disabled Persons Grants must be addressed

Figures from the Department of the Environment provided to Catherine Murphy, TD (Ind) show that almost €10 million of the €74.5 million allocated to the Disabled Persons & Essential Repairs Grants went unspent in 2005. These Grant Schemes aim at prolonging the length of time that disabled or older persons can live in their owns homes by either fully or partially funding home modifications, such as the installation of ramps, chair lifts, and modified bathroom facilities. However Murphy contends that the way the system is run results in Local Authorities being unable to spend the full amount budgeted by the Department of the Environment, leaving many applicants either denied funding or awaiting allocations for long periods of time. **"At a time when there is such huge pressure on healthcare facilities we need to be facilitating independent living for disabled and older people for as long as possible"** stated Murphy.

How the Schemes Work

"The Disabled Persons and Essential Repairs Grants are part-funded by Local Authorities and part-funded by the Department of the Environment. The amount of applications which can be met is ultimately down to how much money Local Authorities have available to spend because they are only entitled to draw down the monies if they can provide a third of the total required. For example, if the Department of the Environment allocate €3 million to a Local Authority for the Scheme however the Local Authority has only €500,000 in its budget for the Scheme it can only draw down a maximum of €1 million from the Department leaving €2 million unspent. This is obviously a flawed system in that applicants whose Local Authorities have very little funding available are unable to avail of the Grants whereas people with the same level of need living in a different Local Authority Area encounter no such problem."

Murphy went on to highlight that even in instances whereby Local Authorities sought more funding than was originally allocated to them there is an indication that the monies made available to them by the Department of the Environment is not sufficient to meet the need that exists. She has therefore called for the funding of these schemes to be met entirely by the Department of the Environment to ensure that where an applicant lives does not have a bearing on their ability to avail of the scheme. **"This scheme must be changed so that applications are assessed on a**

needs basis not a geographic basis."

"Dangerous Parking" - New Commuter Phenomenon Needs Urgent Action.

Catherine Murphy, TD (Ind) has today urged Kildare County Council to take urgent action towards tackling the widespread problem of "dangerous parking" in areas surrounding train stations. Her calls for action came in reaction to continuous complaints to her offices of commuters effectively abandoning their cars in housing estates adjacent to train stations due to the significant under provision of parking facilities within the stations. This emerging driver's behaviour was also confirmed by a Garda Official who stated in relation to one housing estate in particular, **"the local Gardai have been called and have issued tickets for dangerous parking, obstruction, parking on the footpath and green areas, which is provided for in the General Bye-Laws under the Road Traffic Act 1961 as amended."**

Murphy has highlighted that there must be a two pronged approach to this problem which is causing significant disruption to residents and commuters alike whose ideal solution would be the provision of adequate parking and feeder bus facilities to and from each Train Station.

"People are parking in this way because they have no choice. They simply don't have anywhere else to put their cars if they want to use the train, which is a ridiculous situation when you consider that we're trying to encourage the use of public transport. Equally though, residents are being obstructed in getting in and out of their homes, and there's a public safety issue with regard to access routes for emergency vehicles and site lines. We need an immediate solution to this which will satisfy both train users and residents living adjacent to train stations."

Murphy concluded in highlighting that the insertion of double yellow lines at certain points within the affected estates may act as a deterrent for those attempting to park within them, however the most important solution was to increase train station parking facilities, and more importantly provide feeder services which would eliminate the need for this type of private car use.

Nursing Homes Becoming Hospital Overflow rather than Retirement Homes

Catherine Murphy, TD (Ind) yesterday made the following statement in the Dáil concerning the

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worrying trend of Nursing Homes becoming more like overflow wards for acute hospitals than retirement communities wherein the elderly can live in a secure environment that also offers the quality of life and social facilities they need to live out their days in a dignified and fulfilling manner.

"Last Friday, I attended the opening of a well designed modern nursing home in my constituency. It is one of a number of new facilities that have been developed recently and more are planned. This is evidence of the growing need to make provision for our elderly. It is a major step for frail people or elderly couples to leave their homes, move away from the neighbourhoods with which they are familiar and move into nursing homes. However, I fear many of them are moving into an environment that more closely resembles a hospital than a nursing or retirement home. I have noticed a fundamental change in nursing homes due to the shortage of hospital beds. The ratio of high dependency patients is growing continually. I do not refer to people with conditions such as dementia, but to people who are attached to drips and who undergo ongoing acute treatment of the kind one would expect to see in a hospital. Higher proportions of people with acute illnesses affect the social environment and create a higher risk of infection.

“Terms such as step-down facilities have negative consequences. While medical consequences must be anticipated and responded to, social consequences are as important if elderly people are to enter retirement homes to live out their lives. This implies good levels of activity and social interaction, which become difficult with disproportionate numbers of people who are very ill.”

"A patient safety authority in my opinion is needed. I have heard words such as "robust" used in respect of the so-called new arrangements. Unless new arrangements are backed by defined standards, the availability of adequate resources and accountability when failures occur, cases such as Leas Cross will continue to arise. There must be a separate agency to police standards."

Rapid Population Increase to be factor in deploying Gardai and New Civilian Staff

Minister for Justice, Mr. Michael McDowell today in the Dáil informed Catherine Murphy, TD that the Garda Commissioner will be considering her constituency of North Kildare for the deployment of additional resources due to the significant increase in population experienced in recent years. Minister McDowell stated "The Commissioner is obliged when

deploying gardaí across the country to make the maximum use of those members. Population growth in the Deputy's constituency has been considerable in recent times and therefore the Commissioner is paying particular attention to such areas. It is in such areas that the proportion of gardaí to residents has declined most." Murphy later welcomed the fact that the Minister officially acknowledged the significant problems being caused in her constituency due to the under resourcing of the Gardaí and indicated that she will continue to pursue the deployment of additional Garda resources to Kildare.

During the Dáil Debate Murphy highlighted that Gardaí face an uphill battle responding to instances of damage to public property and public order issues so much so that they do not even have the resources to record incidents to which they are called unless arrests are made. As a result, she indicated that many residents of her constituency are becoming disillusioned with the function of reporting such crimes. ~~~~~

The Minister's response directly precedes the release of two reports commissioned by the Garda Inspectorate, headed up by former Boston Police Chief Kathleen O'Toole and policing expert Senator Maurice Hayes, in which the increased civilianisation of certain functions within the force is recommended. **"It's vitally important that the Gardaí we have are deployed and employed in the most effective manner possible, I've always said that the civilianisation of certain roles within the force would help to return many of our Gardaí to non-desk based duties and increase the effectiveness of the force in general, and so I'd be encouraging the Minister to take this stance on the development of the force so that communities in rapidly growing areas like North Kildare get the level of service they need."** - Murphy

Murphy Slams Failure of Minister to Compile List of Rogue Developers

Catherine Murphy, TD (Ind) has today harshly criticized the stance of Minister for the Environment, Mr Dick Roche TD, on how rogue developers are to be prevented from developing in the future. She has continually called for the creation of a central database of developers who fail to comply with planning regulations or fail to complete developments to the standard agreed, however was extremely critical of Minister for the Environment's response to her latest call for this facility, which read:

"Each planning authority has primary

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responsibility for dealing with applications for permission and planning enforcement within its own area. The section [9 of the Planning & Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act, 2006] therefore does not enable a planning authority to rely on information supplied by others, or from a centrally maintained list, when deciding whether to grant or refuse permission in any particular case." (*Question 26, 8th November 2006, Ref 36442/06*)

"This", Murphy highlighted "shows that while the new Act gives Local Authorities the power to refuse planning permissions on the grounds of past developments, it does not extend beyond individual council area's, therefore it doesn't give them the tools or the information to carry out this function. Yet another instance of legislation not being backed up by practical resource allocation."

The North Kildare TD concluded in stating that as a result of a failure to establish a centrally maintained database of rogue developers, each Local Authority is left to operate on its own in such matters in total ignorance of a developer's history in another administrative area. **"Developers will literally be able to jump from one Local Authority area to another leaving behind them a trail of non-compliant developments, which is utterly ridiculous. It's very easy to set up a database that Local Authorities could check for development history so I simply cannot accept the Minister's stance on this."**

Minister Pledges to take action on Aerodrome Security "within the week"

Minister Michael McDowell has, in the Dáil, pledged to **"within the week"** commence an audit on the action taken to bring about a more co-operative approach to policing and customs checking at small airfields around the country, like Weston Aerodrome in Lucan, Co Dublin. His statement came in response to calls from Independent Deputies Catherine Murphy, TD (Ind), and Tony Gregory, TD (Ind) for a more proactive approach to the monitoring of small airfields in light of the massive drugs haul earlier in the year of €10m in heroin destined for Weston at a Belgium airfield. Murphy highlighted the fact that Weston advertises its lack of security on its website stating that it indicates that incoming passengers go from **"touchdown to taxi in 5 minutes"**.

Minister McDowell stated:

"Deputy Catherine Murphy is absolutely right about aerodromes. Responsibility to regulate aerodromes

falls between different Departments. They are licensed by the Minister for Transport, Deputy Cullen's Department and the provision of customs and excise is the responsibility of the Minister for Finance, Deputy Cowen's Department, while my Department is responsible for the policing aspect. The fact that three major Departments are involved in that particular activity does not mean that there is not a very strong case for clear co-ordination of activity. I do not dispute Deputy Murphy's assertion. If private aerodromes are not being adequately policed - I use the term to mean inspections, customs arrangements and the monitoring of who is using what aircraft and for what purpose - that must be addressed, but I do not wish to close them down because they are a very useful facility. They are part of the world we live in but they cannot be an open porthole for people to access Ireland without any adequate safeguards ... I will take up the points made by the Deputies on that matter. Within the week, I will commence a process within my Department to audit the actions being taken ... As Deputy Catherine Murphy said, the public are entitled to reassurance. What appears to be lax procedure must be examined very carefully." (www.oir.ie – *Dáil Debates, 16th November 2006, Europol (Amendment) Bill, 2006*)

Murphy later referred to the commitments made by the Minister as "very positive", and "hopefully an indication that the security issues surrounding Weston will be improved." She concluded in cautioning that she would await the outcome of the Minister's investigations and an announcement of the action he will take to tackle the security shortfall at small airfields before easing the pressure she has been putting on Government Departments since her election on this issue.

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From
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Emmet Stagg T.D.

Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Bond Bridge

Cllr. John McGinley was advised by the Project Engineer on 13th November that the scheduled date for the opening of Bond Bridge is the 15th December. Final surfacing of the bridge was due to take place during week ending the 19th November.

Cllr. McGinley has asked that the Meadowbrook Lawns cul de sac be surfaced at the same time in the interest of efficiency.

Silken Vale/The Arches----Bond Bridge

At the request of Cllr. John McGinley representatives from Kildare County Council met with representatives from the Residents' Association to agree on the tree planting between Silken Vale/The Arches and Bond Bridge. As a result of John's motion it has been agreed that an access gate is not required from Bond Bridge to the estate.

Removal of "The Bandstand" from Pound Park

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following progress report on his endeavours to have the "bandstand" removed from Pound Park.

"The University Authorities are prepared to carry out the foundation and ground works at the campus if the Council are prepared to cover the cost of the relocation of the structure.

The price of relocation is estimated to be €25,000 - €30,000. The Planning Authority are arranging to have this figure factored into the budget for 2007."

Cllr. McGinley welcomed this good news and asked that full re-instatement of the Park be carried out when it is removed.

Wall at Pound Park:

Cllr. McGinley was also given the following good news on the re-construction of the wall next to the Band Hall at Pound Park:

"It is estimated the cost of carrying out these works is €2,500 approx. The Planning Authority are arranging to have this figure factored into the budget for 2007"

John has asked for details of the work to be carried out.

New Public Lighting for The Harbour, Maynooth

Members of the public will be aware of Cllr. John McGinley's ongoing campaign for proper public lighting to be installed from Straffan Road to The Harbour Area and from The Harbour to the Pedestrian Bridge. John was given the following progress report at the October Area Meeting:

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"The Council is committed to the installation of these lights at an early date. A meeting has been arranged with Waterways Ireland to agree the type of lamp-standard. It is hoped that works can commence within approximately four weeks."

Ring Road from Blacklion to the Celbridge Road, Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley was given the following "progress report" on the provision of this essential ring road for Maynooth:

"This is also an objective of the current Development Plan. It is, however, likely to be expensive particularly in view of the fact that it traverses both the canal and the railway. The members will recall that an allocation for constructing the Maynooth ring roads was included in the 2006-2008 capital programme. Certainly, the possibility of advancing this route to preliminary design stage could be considered. It is, however, considered expedient to await the publication of the IFPLUTS study before making this decision. The members will be kept informed of progress."

Cllr. John McGinley stated that the reply was nonsense as this ring road is an objective of the 2002 Maynooth Development Plan and that the IFPLUTS study should have no bearing on it. Anyway the IFPLUTS study is three years overdue. He proposed that the ring road be advanced to preliminary design stage and this was agreed.

Provision of a Footpath and Public Lighting from the Nursing Home to Moyglare Hall;

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following reply to his motion on the above:

"This matter has been examined on a preliminary basis by the Area Engineer. The cost involved will be in the region of €85,000 and there is no budget currently available. The matter should, however, be forwarded to the Planning Section (02/2491) in order that the planning conditions of the Moyglare Hall development can be examined."

Needless to say Cllr. McGinley rejected the reply and he stated that there was funding for this work as Development Levies of €2,670,575 were a condition of planning for the provision of services that facilitate the development. John also stated that it would expedite matters if the developer of Moyglare Hall was asked to provide the footpath and public lighting infrastructure.

CCTV Camera at the Recycling Centre at the Car Park in Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley has been advised that the camera is now in operation and checked on a regular basis. John has asked for a regular update on the fines issued.

Bollards opposite Boy's School, Moyglare

As requested by the Parents Association of the Boy's School Cllr. John McGinley has asked for decorative bollards to be erected on the footpath in the interests of public safety. He was advised *"that this will be considered as part of the 2007 budgetary provision."*

Cllr. John McGinley has made the following submission for Kildare County Council's 2007 Budget:

1. The Council must stay in the waste collection business and maintain the existing waiver system for those on Welfare.
2. Maynooth is the only Town in Ireland with a University. There are 6,500 students attending NUIM. Such a population of young people warrants seven day street cleaning. Indeed there should be seven day street cleaning in all of our major towns.
3. As I have stated at Budget meetings for the past 10 years Litter Management should not be under the control of the Local Roads Engineer. It needs to be given a separate management structure in order to be given the attention it deserves.
4. There should be an allocation for the resurfacing of the roads in housing estates greater than 20 years old.
5. There should also be greater funding for the maintenance of footpaths in housing estates greater than 20 years old
6. Funding must be allocated for the provision of 30kmph speed limits at all schools in the county
7. There needs to be significantly increased funding for traffic calming throughout the county.
8. There should be an allocation for the landscaping and maintenance of the public areas in Council housing estates in order to assist the residents and in order to protect the value of our investment.

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the November Meeting of the Council:

" That this Council calls on the Government to introduce a national waiver scheme for domestic waste charges for those on social welfare and a subsidy for low income households, with grants given

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to local authorities for its operation, in line with the recommendations of the Combat Poverty Agency and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul."

STAGG LODGES OBJECTION TO 4 & 3 STOREY PROPOSALS FOR FORMER PITCH AND PUTT COURSE

Deputy Emmet Stagg has along with his colleague Cllr. John McGinley lodged an objection to the proposal by Garland homes to develop 98 dwellings in three 4 storey blocks of apartments and three 3 storey blocks of duplex units on the former Pitch and Putt Course on the Dunboyne Road, Maynooth.

Deputy Stagg stated that this is the third such application on this site, the 2 previous applications having been turned down by An Bord Pleanála for different reasons, and he stated that the present proposal remained unacceptable;

Outlining his reasons for objecting to the proposal Deputy Stagg stated the following:

The proposal ignores the unique nature and character of development in this Historic Town Area of Maynooth. If the present proposal was allowed to proceed it would irreparably damage Maynooth Village's unique architectural heritage.

2 of the 3 Storey Duplex Units will block a view of the Lyreen River from Leinster Cottages, a view which has been in existence for 200 years.

The 3 Storey Duplex Units and 4 Storey Apartment blocks will over look rear gardens in Leinster Cottages and the Dunboyne Road.

The proposed 4 Storey Apartment Blocks are monotonous and are Cityscape in Design and Style and are most unsuitable for the Centre of Historic Maynooth Village.

The Density of the proposal at 20 units to the acre is excessive when compared with other developments in the area which consist of densities of 6 units to the acre and single dwellings on their own individual sites.

The excessive height of the proposals will impact on the views from Pound Park.

The proposed 3 Storey Duplex Unit fronting the Dunboyne Road is out of character with existing development along the Dunboyne Road and would be an unacceptable low quality development at the entrance to Maynooth.

The overprovision of 2 bedroomed units in the proposal (90 out of 98 units) does not comply with the Maynooth Development Plan 2002 which requires a variation in house types in new developments.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that the Council should reject this unacceptable development in the interests of the existing residents of the area and in the interest of preserving the unique character of the area.

STAGG'S CAMPAIGN FORCES ADDITIONAL OPTICAL CLINICS IN MAYNOOTH AND NAAS HEALTH CENTRES

The Campaign by Deputy Emmet Stagg to force the Health Services Executive to eliminate the inordinate Waiting Times for Eye Tests for Children at Maynooth and Naas Health Centres has borne fruit with the decision by the HSE to commence additional Optical Clinics for children at both Health Centres from November.

In the past 10 months Deputy Stagg has publicly highlighted the fact that there was a 12 month waiting list at Naas Health Centre and an 11 month waiting list at Maynooth Health Centre for children requiring Eye Tests whilst the waiting time at Newbridge was only 3 months. The HSE advised Deputy Stagg on October 19th that extra child optical clinics will commence in November with a view to addressing and eliminating the waiting lists at both Health Centres.

Commenting on the position Deputy Stagg stated that in this rich country of ours we should never have a situation whereby children are left waiting for tests and treatment. Obviously the Minister for Health and the Government took their eye off the ball on this one and he stated that he was pleased that action was now underway to eliminate the waiting times.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he would monitor the impact the additional optical clinics were having to ensure that they had the desired effect on waiting times.

130 ELDERLY PEOPLE ON WAITING LIST FOR ADMISSION TO PUBLIC NURSING HOME BEDS IN KILDARE

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Tanaiste and Minister for Health in relation to the number of elderly people in Co. Kildare who were awaiting admission to a long term care bed in State nursing homes in the County.

The Health Services Executive responded to Deputy Stagg and indicated that there were 130 elderly people

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awaiting such places in the County. The total number of beds in State Nursing Homes in the Kildare Area including Peamount and Baltinglass stands at 349, which are all full. Therefore, Deputy Stagg, stated that there remains an under-provision of 37%, which is likely to worsen as we head into the Winter months.

Deputy Stagg stated that this under-provision causes real hardship for elderly people and their families in a number of ways:

- Elderly people, living alone at home, who are incapable of independent living within the community are struggling to keep going with the support of relatives, friends and neighbours.
- In cases where there are two elderly people at home, one of whom requires long term care, the other elderly person has to struggle to act as a nurse and a carer.
- In many instances adult children are expected to take in their parents, give up their jobs and provide 24 hour care, without any backup, training or compensation.
- Finally, many elderly people are in acute beds in hospital awaiting a placement. Deputy Stagg stated that this treatment of our elderly people, in their twilight years and having paid their taxes all their lives, shows how uncaring this Government is. It's a shocking indictment of this Government and with all the money they have they refuse to build additional Units such as the one in Maynooth, to ease the suffering of elderly people. The Maynooth Unit was built at a cost of €5.4 Million and it costs €2.2 Million a year to run. If similar units were built in Celbridge, Leixlip and Naas at a cost of only €16 Million there would be adequate beds in the system to deal with the numbers requiring long term care. However Deputy Stagg stated that the Government won't fund any additional State Nursing homes pending the carrying out of an assessment of the long term care needs of elderly people. A cop out which leaves our elderly people at the mercy of Private Profit Making Nursing homes.

A National Economic and Social Forum report released in 2005 found that Government Spending on care for the elderly is running at only half the E.U. average and to bring Ireland up to the O.E.C.D. average would entail additional expenditure of €500 Million per year on care services for elderly people.

What are the Government doing instead, stated Deputy Stagg, they are putting on a legislative basis, a provision whereby elderly people with homes in excess of €300,000 in value will have to sell their homes to fund long term care. This Bill presently before the Oireachtas will be opposed by Deputy Stagg and his Labour colleagues.

OUTLANDISH PROPOSAL FOR STRAFFAN ROAD REQUIRES HEIGHT REDUCTIONS AND DESIGN CHANGES

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have lodged an objection to the proposal for 122 dwelling units in 1 substantial 4 Storey Block of Apartments and six 3 Storey Blocks of Townhouses and Duplex Units on lands at the Gateway Entrance to Maynooth along the Straffan Road, bordering Straffan Wood Estate and opposite the Esso Station and Lidl.

Deputy Stagg described the 4 Storey Apartment Block, which fronts the Meadowbrook Link and the Straffan Road in an L shape as one of the worst designs he has seen resembling something from Eastern Europe, which would be a stark soul-less building with a flat roof. In his objection he pointed out that it was critical that an appropriately designed building should be built at the entrance to Maynooth, a Town rich in Architectural Heritage. The present proposal does not comply with Housing and Residential Objectives as outlined in the Maynooth Development Plan 2002.

Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley also made the following points in relation to the overall proposal:

- Taking the proposal as a whole, the 7 Blocks will be a mass of concrete buildings which will be visually obtrusive to people living in the area or walking or driving in the area.
- The bulk of development along the Straffan Road at present is set back from the road giving a soft entrance to the town. The 4 Storey Apartment Block will introduce an inappropriate streetscape along the Straffan Road.
- A number of the 3 storey Townhouses/duplex units back onto 2 storey houses in Straffan Wood and this will cause overlooking and a loss of privacy. The density of the proposal at 23 units to the acre is excessive when compared with existing developments in the area.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that the project is so bad it is incumbent on the Council to reject it outright or to issue a strong request for further information directing the applicant to modify his proposal seriously in relation to the Design and the Building Heights and in particular to put a roof on the building to the front in any revised proposal.

STAGG LODGES FURTHER OBJECTION TO RESTAURANT/WINE BAR IN RESIDENTIAL AREA

Deputy Emmet Stagg has lodged an objection, along with his colleague Cllr. John McGinley, to a further

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Some of the many walkers who took part in the Tony Smith Memorial Walk on Sunday 15th October. (See full report on page 88)
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proposal for a Restaurant and Wine Bar at 1 Pound Lane, Maynooth.

The proposal stated Deputy Stagg is similar to a previous application lodged in April, 2005 which was subsequently deemed withdrawn by Kildare Co. Council because of a failure to respond to a request for further information on the proposal.

This new application stated Deputy Stagg does nothing to address the concerns of residents living in this residential area of old Maynooth and he indicated the following objections to the proposal:

- The proposal would have an adverse effect on residential amenity by introducing a commercial enterprise to one of the last residential enclaves off Main Street, Maynooth.
- The proposal would cause an odour and noise nuisance for residents of the area.
- The proposal would lead to disturbance in the area particularly at night.
- The proposal would increase traffic and parking problems in the area.
- The proposal would have a negative effect on the quality of life of the existing residents of Pound Lane.

Deputy Stagg also pointed out to the Council that a similar proposal for a restaurant on Main Street, Maynooth, was turned down in April 2005 by An Bord Pleanála, because of the negative impact it would have on nearby residents, and he indicated that this proposal should be viewed similarly.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that it was regrettable that developers were trying to encroach on residential areas of Maynooth Village Centre and he looked forward to Kildare Co. Council refusing planning permission for the proposal.

TONY SMITH MEMORIAL WALK 2006 RAISES €7,610

The Tony Smith Memorial Walk 2006 was held on Sunday 15th October and raised a Record sum of €7,610.

Those participating in the Walk were led off by Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley and the route for the walk was from Maynooth G.A.A. Grounds via the Main Street, the Avenue and into Carton Estate.

All funds raised from the Walk, which is now in its 27th year, will be handed over to the Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee at their Christmas Party on Sunday December 17th.

We would like to thank the people of Maynooth for their generosity in sponsoring our walkers.

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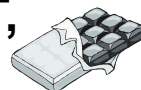


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