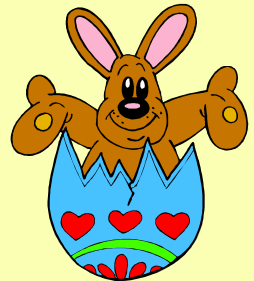


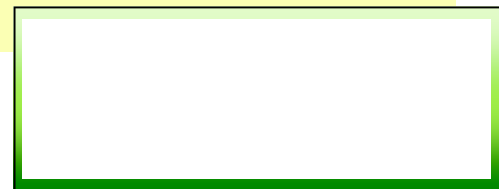
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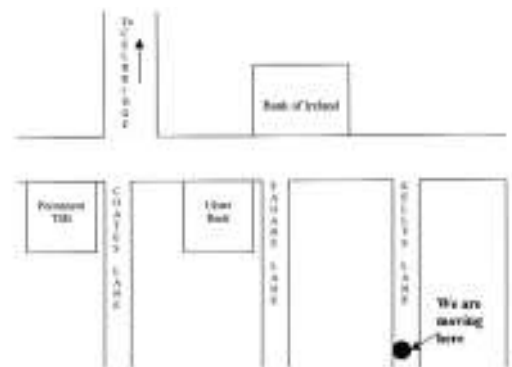
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## Editorial

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 10<sup>th</sup> 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

# Maynooth Community Council Notes

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 or 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:

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

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

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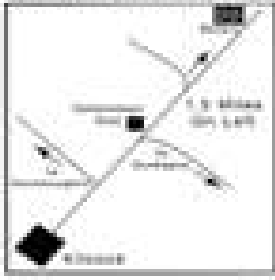
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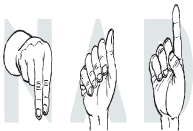
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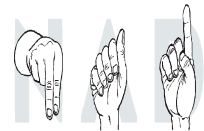


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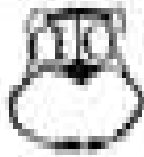


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# Recipes

## 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.

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 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

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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).

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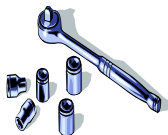
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To make a claim you need to complete a special application form which can be obtained from the Small Claims Registrar at your local District Court office where you can get help in completing the form. The completed form with the fee of €15 (was €9) 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.  
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### 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,  
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# Attention!

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## 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.



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### ***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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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.

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### **Annual Spring Show: Sat April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2006**

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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

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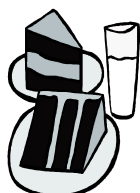
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## Features (Fairycastle cont'd.)

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.





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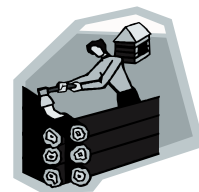
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## Features (Fairycastle cont'd.)

**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



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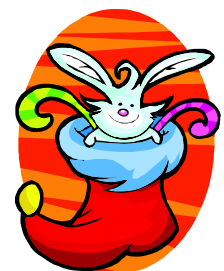
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## Features (Fairhouse cont'd.)

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.

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**25/2/06**

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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.

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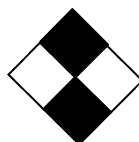
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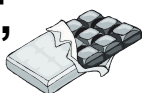
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# Party Political

## 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.

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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.

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## 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.

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**Public Meeting**

**A Campaign to Abolish Management Companies/ Fees in Housing Estates**

**&**

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**Saturday, 1st April**

**Red Cow Hotel, Naas Road**

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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.

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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 21<sup>st</sup> 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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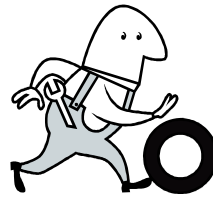
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The proposals stated Deputy Stagg are disgraceful and reflect a total lack of knowledge of the importance of the Trees along Main Street. The Trees apart from being pleasant in appearance, form a line from Carton Avenue to the College Gates and when 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

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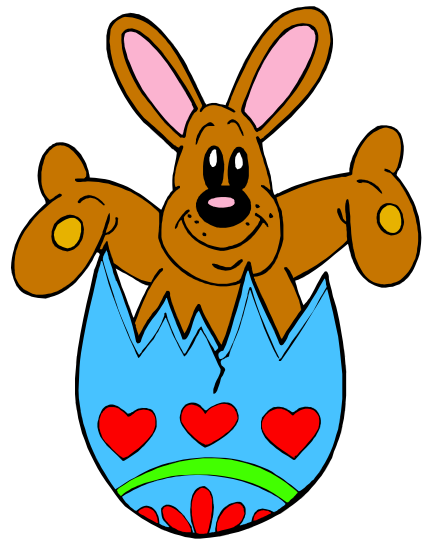
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- Widening the existing carriageway to 3 lanes in each direction.
- Provision of new interchange at the Lucan/Newcastle Road junction on the Lucan By-Pass.
- Closure of existing Median Crossings along the full length..

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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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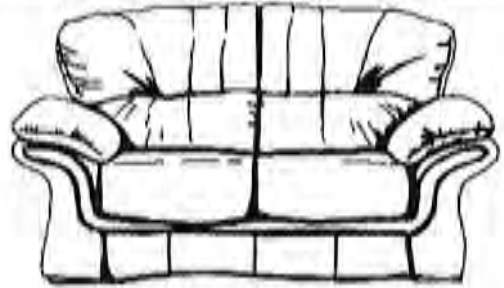


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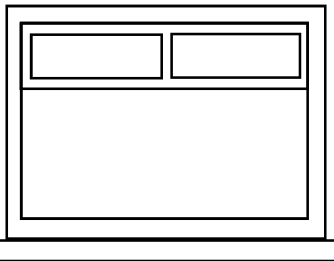
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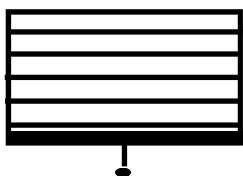
## Kids in Action Programme reaches Maynooth

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

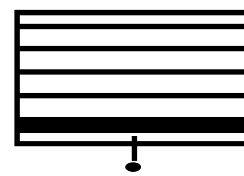


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# Party Political

## **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](http://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.

## Party Political



### **General Election Team**

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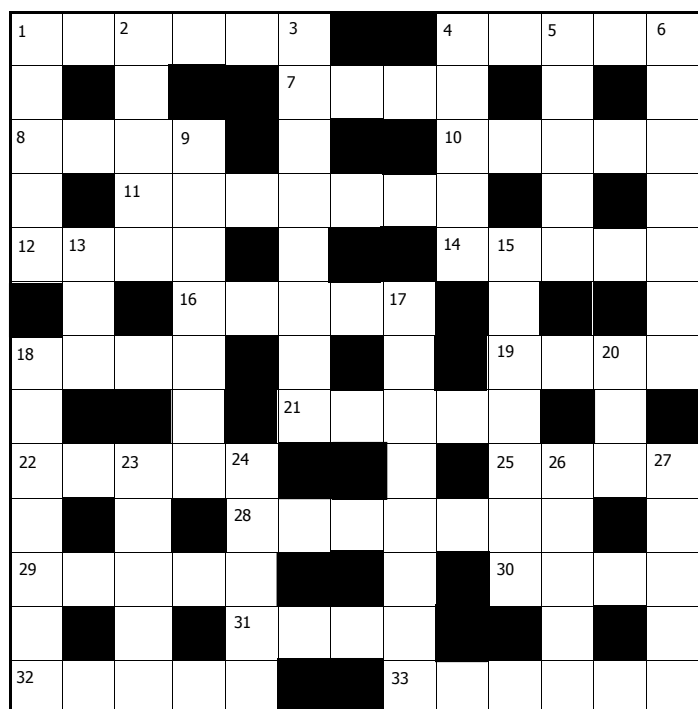
### **Fundraising Breakfast**

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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