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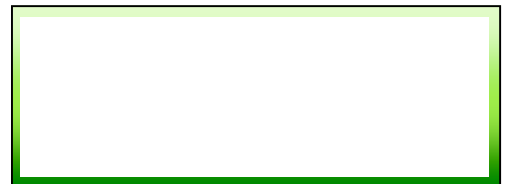


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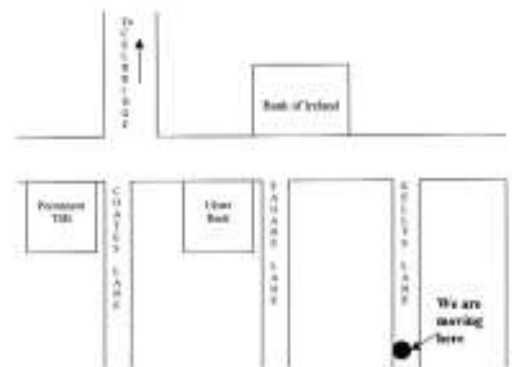
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The debate and the tension between environmental issues and the importance of the car in our society has reached the town of Maynooth. The opening of the bypass and the M4 were supposed to solve all the traffic problems in the town but as everyone 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.

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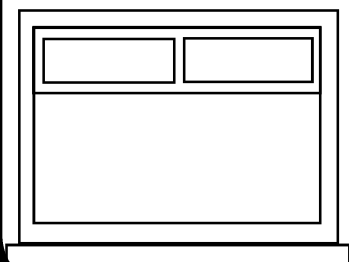
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06/1143	The Board of Management Presentation Girls Primary School	Presentation Girls Primary School Convent Lane Maynooth Co Kildare	P	07/06/06	1) single storey general purpose hall extension including toilets, servery and store room. 2) Single storey 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

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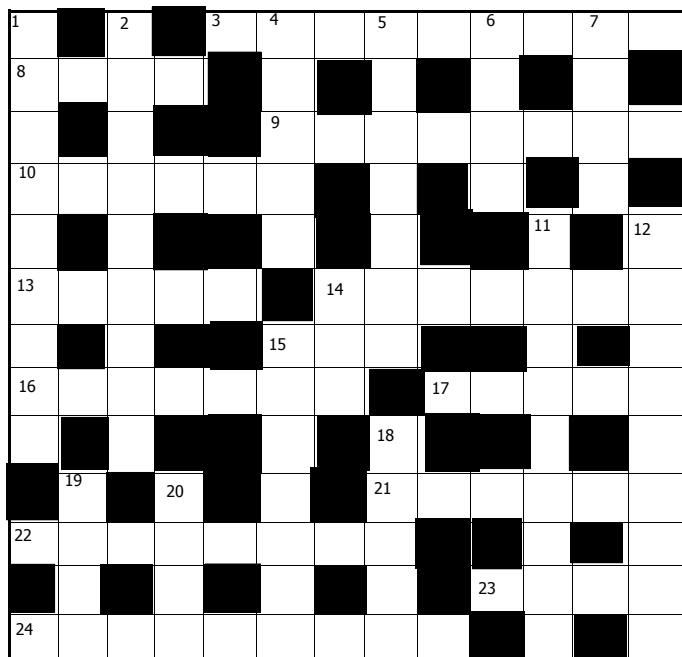
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Across:

- 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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For the towering fantasies of our minds
Will you trip-the-light-fantastic with me?
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...

And treasures of that commune chest
Breathe forth in fumes
Like spirits in translucent space
Like the overflow in a corner of a room
Still tang and taint the room some gloom

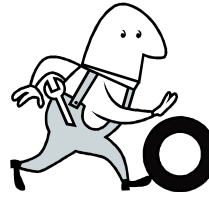
And there leaving for recloak my old
In window sills, where Praha leans
She whispered me her new-birth dreams

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...

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- 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.

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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

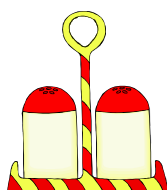
12 asparagus spears
115g/4oz/½ cup cream cheese
4 slices of rye bread
4 slices of ham
a few frisée lettuce leaves
30ml/2tbsp mayonnaise
4 radish roses to garnish

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.



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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 McTernan (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	
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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



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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.

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.

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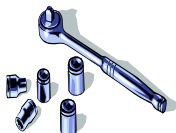
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Maynooth Tidy Towns

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.



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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.

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(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.

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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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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



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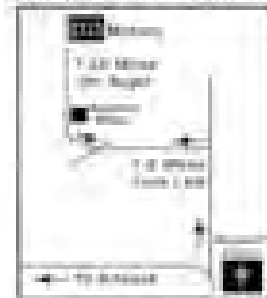


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An Evening of Light Entertainment in Maynooth Geraldine Castle



Maynooth Geraldine Festival 2006

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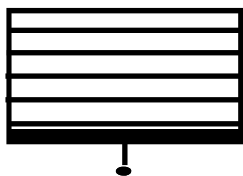
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Traditional Music in Brady's on Thursday 20th July

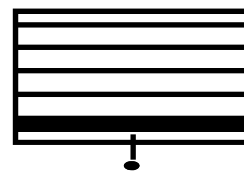


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Some of the Players at the Texas Hold'em on Thursday 20th July in Caulfields



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

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Event	Place
Girls U4	1st Olivia Fagan
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	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 Tadgh Hutchinson
	3rd Mark Thompson
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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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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."*
-

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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Deputy Stagg stated that last week he criticised the Minister for Education for her abject failure to reduce class sizes where 31% of pupils in Co. Kildare are taught in classes of 30 or more. This week we see the incredible situation whereby children from 2 different years are going to be taught in the same classroom by the same teacher from September next. Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that he intended to raise the matter with the Minister in the Dail.

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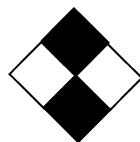
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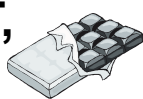
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Deputy Catherine Murphy (Ind) News

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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