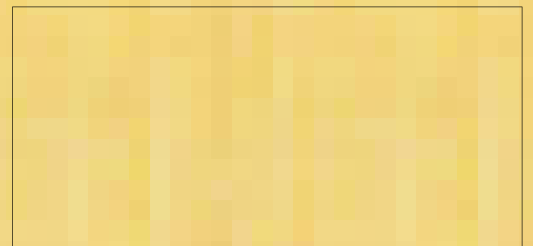


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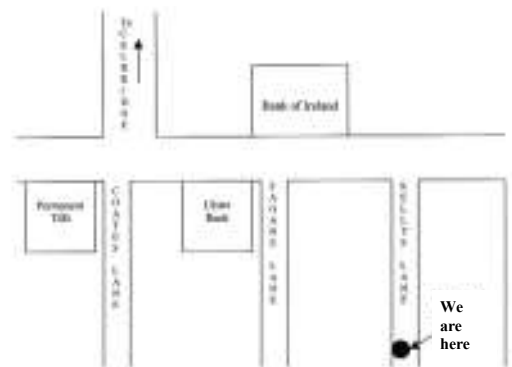
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# Editorial

A few short items of interest to note as we approach the run up to the Christmas and New Year holiday.

1. The Maynooth Community Council represented by the Chairperson, Brid Feely, Secretary Muireann Ni Bhrolchain, PRO Marie Gleeson and members Peter Connell and Terry Nealon met in Kildare County Council offices last week with the County Councillors for our area and Council officials to discuss the proposed Community Centre.

The objective of the meeting was to forward progression on the matter and convey to the council our sense of urgency, expectation and determination to bring the matter forward rapidly to the next stage. The next steps include the forwarding of a feasibility study showing the economics of the venture or in effect how the venture can pay for itself by maximizing its utility. Most of this study has already been drafted by Terry Nealon who has vast experience of knowledge of similar projects and the Feasibility study will be presented to the Council in the next month or so. We will be following up with the Council shortly after its presentation.

2. The festive period is upon us and in our busy lives, we are rushing around trying to make sure that presents are bought, Christmas dinners are planned and that we enjoy the period to the maximum we possibly can. Vast sums of money are spent on ensuring that our families have the best of whats on offer and they deserve it too. Let's just try and make an effort to remember the people who will be spending Christmas on their own – the people who have no families to spend time with – widows, senior citizens etc etc. Some of these people are our neighbours and while we try not to be intrusive, it is nice to look out for them and try and give them the option of being included in some small way.

Finally, on behalf of the Community Council, I would like to wish all the residents of Maynooth a very happy Christmas and an equally happy New Year. Any residents wishing or willing to take part in building a better community for Maynooth are welcome to enquire in the Council offices on 01-6285922 anytime.

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# Maynooth Community Council Notes

**The November meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on Monday the 13th in the Glenroyal Hotel.**

## **Traffic Lights on Main Street**

Traffic Lights at the Bank of Ireland are to be turned off, and railings are to be put up. This will only affect the Pedestrian crossing.

## **Bond Bridge**

The new opening date is now the 15th of December. The road down to the Station was to have been updated, but this has not been done yet.

## **Community/Art Centre**

A delegation representing Maynooth Community Council and the Arts Forum made a presentation to Kildare County Council on Friday. Peter Connell spoke on behalf of Maynooth Community Council and Terry Nealon spoke on behalf of the Arts Forum.

## **Twinning Committees**

Hugh Gallagher invited people to be on the board, he said that they are now at the stage where they will need people with ideas. He also said he felt this was a very interesting project.

## **Local Matters**

Irish Rail are to be invited to a meeting of Maynooth Community Council in January 07. The situation with cars parking in estates is increasing, the question being what can Irish Rail do to improve parking.

## **Harbour Field**

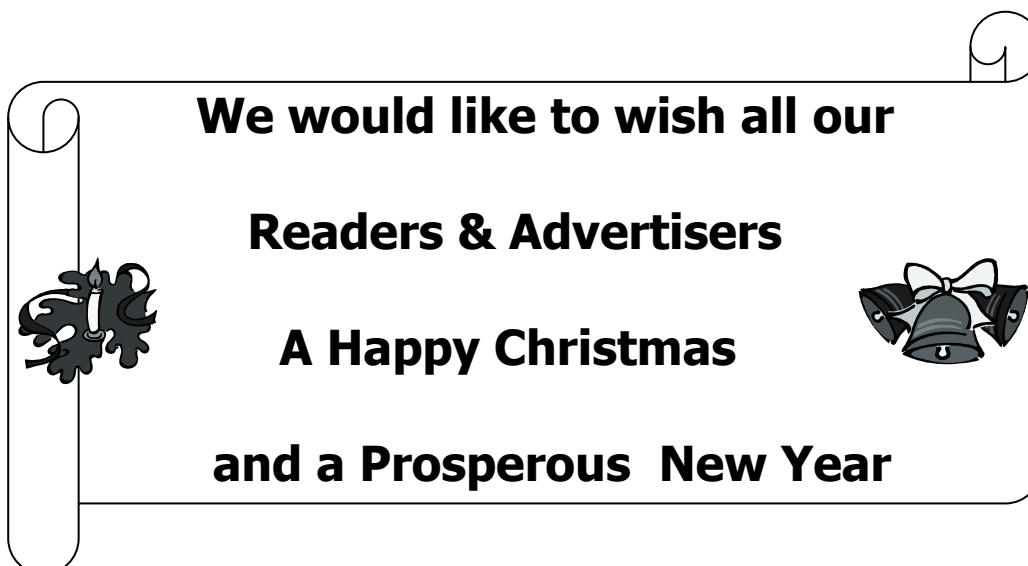
Kildare County Council needs to know what is happening and what we want in the Harbour Field. It was suggested that all weather type courts and places for hard court games would be needed here. It was noted that the Scouts will be relocated here. This area will become the heart of the town, and with the Geraldine Hall, Community/Arts Centre, and the development of the Harbour Field this will be a wonderful amenity for Maynooth.

## **Amenity Lands on Moyglare Road**

Peter Connell called for an update of what is happening regarding amenity lands on the Moyglare Rd. The schools, and the G.A.A., and the community are losing out big time here. Paul Croughan said the land swap is the only way to get things going, but that it may not be the best way. He also said he felt that Kildare County Council are not at fault.

The next Community Council meeting will be held on **11th December 2006** in the Glenroyal Hotel.

PRO Marie Gleeson





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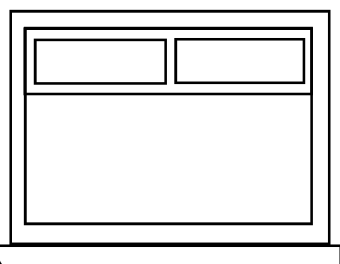
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File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
06/2278	Michael McLoughlin	Smithstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	19/10/06	Construct a silage pit and concrete apron.	Smithstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2284	Nicholas & Caroline Byrne	16 Rockfield Grove Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	19/10/06	Construct a porch to front of existing dwelling house.	16 Rockfield Grove Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2280	Joe & Mary Murphy	6 Leinster Pk Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	19/10/06	Demolition of existing dwelling house, construction of 2 no detached dormer bungalows, and associated site works, provide for new and revised existing site entrance arrangements, also to provide for connection to existing public services.	6 Leinster Pk Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2295	James Stephen Corr	54 Doneybrook Castle Donnybrook Dublin 4	P	19/10/06	Single storey house extension of approx 35sqm and a first floor balcony all the rear and side.	49 Leinster Wood South Carton Demesne Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2308	Farrell O'Boy	Greenfield Moneycooley Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	20/10/06	(a) demolition of existing sub-standard single storey rear extension of existing two storey end of terrace house. (b) construction of two storey rear extension to existing two storey house © change of use of existing two storey house	1 Pound Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2307	Tommy Richardson	519/520 Newtown Rd Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	20/10/06	Retention of bungalow and domestic garage as constructed and all associated site works.	519/520 Newtown Rd, Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2351	P & M Tocair	Curraville The Curragh Co. Kildare	P	26/10/06	11.5sq.m conservatory extension and to install a door and balcony on the southwest elevation of an existing permitted dwelling (existing area is 260sq.m) and associated works.	65 Leinster Wood Carton Demesne, Maynooth, Co. Kildare
06/2378	Kieran O'Malley	1 The Green Double Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	31/10/06	Convert the existing ground floor study and utility into a one bedroom granny flat.	1 The Green Double Lane Maynooth, Co. Kildare
06/2405	Patrick Gina Power	6 Rockfield Green Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	02/11/06	Erect a first floor extension to side of existing garage conversion with utility room extended below, a single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling house and also porch to front of existing dwelling house.	6 Rockfield Green Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare



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# *Christmas*

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File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
06/2414	Irene Kavanagh	Radio Property Dept 02 Ireland 28/29 Sir John Rogersons Quay Dublin 2	P	03/11/06	The existing base station installation consisting of no 2 panel antennas and 1 link dish measuring 0.6m in diameter all shrouded on and existing 15m floodlight structure and equipment container on ground level.	Maynooth GAA Club Moyglare Rd, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.
06/2412	Edward Power	Kilmurray Clane Co. Kildare	P	03/11/06	2 no dwelling units in a dormer type bungalow	347 Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2447	Padraig, Brian & Joe McHale	Taghadoo Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	08/11/06	Construct a single storey administrative building (256 sq.m) as requested in pl ref 05/2808 and including pro shop, seating area toilets. Reception and storage and all associated site works.	Taghadoo Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2442	Pat & Theresa Mooney	Celebridge Rd Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	08/11/06	The erection of a 2 storey dwelling house, domestic double garage, new waste water treatment plant, site development works landscaping entrance gates and piers.	Mooneycooley Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2450	Stephen Byrne	Donadea Naas Co. Kildare.	P	08/11/06	Construction of a bungalow, detached garage, bison treatment system and all ancillary site works.	Kealstown, Ladychapel Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2480	Emmet House Eastern vocational enterprises ltd	138-40 Thomas St Dublin 8	P	10/11/06	Single storey, flat roofed extension (41sq.m) to the south of the existing kitchen/ dining block to accommodate relocated enlarged kitchen with roof-light and plain rendered finish, it is within the cartilage of a protected structure	Larine Court The Square Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2504	Mary Murray	Donaghstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	15/11/06	Of a conservatory at the rear of my bungalow type dwelling and the proposed conversion of a flat roof to a pitched roof at the rear of my dwelling and all associated site works	Donaghstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2506	Brian McCann	Treadstown House Treadstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	16/11/06	Erection of a lined farm slurry storage lagoon on our farm	Treadstown House Treadstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2520	John Owen	Divine Word Missionaries Mariavilla Moyglare Rd Maynooth	P	17/11/06	Single storey side extension as 2 classrooms and associated car parking	Mariavilla Moyglare Rd Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2527	Mick Keaveney	58 Parklands Court Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	17/11/06	Porch extension to front façade	58 Parklands Court Maynooth Co. Kildare

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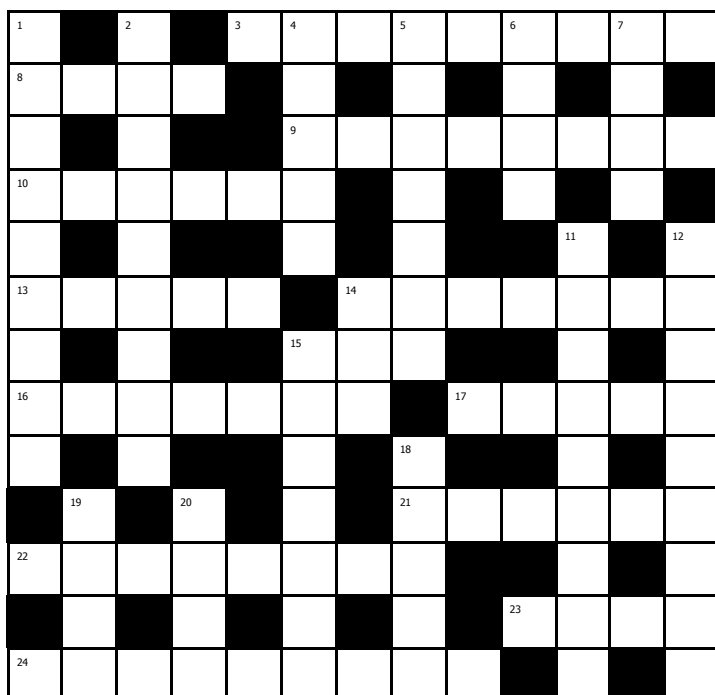
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### Across:

3. Habit-forming (9)
8. Pinewood (4)
9. Wretched (8)
10. Cry for more (6)
13. Opera by Puccini (5)
14. Childbirth assistant (7)
15. Actor, - - - Cruise (3)
16. Plant with red stalks (7)
17. Panache (5)
21. Lubricating (6)
22. Cabbage salad (8)
23. Flat-bottomed boat (4)
24. English racecourse (9)

### Ship's Down:

1. The Poseidon- - -, film (9)
2. Yellow flower (9)
4. Tricked (5)
5. Provisional (7)
6. Ambush (4)
7. Small valley (4)
11. Full of vitality (9)
12. Set apart (9)
14. Unruly crowd (3)
15. Caravan (7)
18. David- - -, rock-star (5)
19. Prod (4)
20. Ship's wheel (4)

### Doodle Box

### Across:

1. Compete, 7. Widen, 8. Decorum, 9. Jetsam, 11. Screw, 13. Vine, 14. Tax-free, 15. Wray, 16. Music, 17. Resort, 21. Vatican, 22. Wench, 23. Measles.

### Down:

2. Overcharge, 3. Property, 4. Thug, 5. Mime, 6. Zeus, 9. Jerry, 10. Annihilate, 12. Exert, 13. Vesuvius, 18. Seed, 19. Rock, 20. Mane.



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Caring for houseplants makes for a great hobby during the long winter months, and even through the year. Many gardeners refuse to twiddle their green thumbs as the long winter months keep them indoors. Rather, they actively extend their gardening pleasure throughout the winter by tending to a wide array of indoor plants. Another big benefit of indoor gardening is there is nothing more relaxing than gardening, so if the Christmas rush is getting you down, take some time for yourself and give your plants some t.l.c.

Christmas is the time for giving and receiving flowering potted plants. A bright, colourful azalea, Christmas begonia, chrysanthemum or a gaily decorated poinsettia, Kalanchoe, or Christmas cactus added to the other decorations in the home give the holiday season a festive air.

If care is taken of these plants, they can be enjoyed not only during the holidays but will remain attractive far into January and even February if properly cared for. Care of Christmas plants is easy. Faithful attention will add days and even weeks of life to any of these popular Christmas plants.

### Temperature is Important

Temperature has an important influence on the length of time a flowering house plant will remain attractive. The poinsettia is especially sensitive to chilling, and a prolonged chill will cause it to lose its leaves. The plant should be placed in the coolest part of the room, but not in a cold draft. This means away from radiators and other sources of heat. A temperature of 65 degrees at night is satisfactory but 60 degrees is still better for most of the flowering potted plants. In fact, cyclamen like a 50 degree night temperature.

### Watch the Watering!

The method of watering also can determine the life of a plant. Many people drown their plants by watering at regular intervals, not considering whether the plant needs. The roots of plants need air as well as water, and excessive amounts of water do not allow a place for air in the soil. Over watering literally smothers the plant roots. Proper watering calls for a little thoughtfulness and often the exercise of restraint. Water should be applied in sufficient quantities to thoroughly soak the soil in the pot and no more watering should take place until the soil approaches dryness again. Plants should be checked for dryness daily but not watered if the soil is still moist. Do not immerse the pot in water—water from the top.

### Lots of Light

Remember that most holiday plants have been out of a greenhouse only a short period. The difference between a greenhouse environment and a typical indoor room is usually considerable. In the home as much light as possible should be provided. A dark bedroom, hall, entrance foyer, or living room does not have optimum growing conditions. Place your plants where they receive the morning sun. Poor light will cause leaf drop. And remember, if you place a plant on a windowsill, remove it before you pull the curtains or it will surely die of the cold!

Although the humidity in a house is not easily altered, plants will do best in an area of the house where the humidity is the greatest. This is usually in the cooking area. It often helps if plants are set on pebble-filled saucers with water maintained at a level just below the base of the pot so that it does not touch the water.

By giving your Christmas pot plants the best environmental conditions of proper temperature, adequate water, and good light, they will furnish an attractive display for a longer time.



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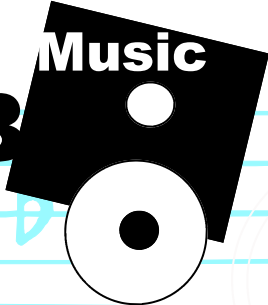
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## Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Notes

### Question

I understand that the names of some social welfare payments have been changed. Can you please give the details?

### Answer

You are correct. A number of payments from the Department of Social and Family Affairs have been renamed. A new pension scheme has also been introduced.

The new names are as follows:

Old Name	New Name
Unemployment Benefit	Jobseeker's Benefit
Unemployment Assistance	Jobseeker's Allowance
Disability Benefit	Illness Benefit
Unemployability Supplement*	Incapacity Supplement*
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	Guardian's Payment (Contributory)
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)
Retirement Pension	State Pension (Transition)
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	State Pension (Contributory)
*part of the Occupational Injuries Benefit Scheme	

A new payment called the State Pension (Non-Contributory) has been introduced. It replaces the Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension.

In addition to the changes to payment names, changes have also been introduced for people getting certain payments from the Department when they reach age 66.

People getting Invalidity Pension or State Pension (Transition) will automatically transfer to State Pension (Contributory). Those getting Blind Pension, Widow's and Widower's Non-Contributory) Pension, One-Parent Family Payment, Deserted Wife's Allowance and Prisoner's Wife Allowance will **not** continue to receive their payment when they reach 66 years of age. They will have to apply for the State Pension (Non-Contributory) and should do so 3 months before they reach age 66.

### Question

If a couple who were engaged to be married end the engagement, what happens to any wedding gifts they may have received?

### Answer

The Family Law Act 1981 covers what should happen to wedding gifts if an engagement ends. It allows for legal action where there is a dispute over property or finances between a couple or involving a third party following a broken engagement.

When two people who are engaged give gifts (including an engagement ring) to each other, there is a presumption that they are given on the condition that the gifts will be returned (if the donor requests) should the engagement end. If one of the engaged couple dies, however, it is presumed that the gifts the deceased gave were given without any conditions, so the surviving fiancé(e) can keep the gifts.

Where someone gives an engaged couple or one of the couple a wedding gift, there is a presumption (unless there is evidence to the contrary), that it is given to both of them as joint owners. It is also presumed that the gift will be returned (if the donor requests) should the engagement end and the marriage does not take place for any reason. This includes the death of one of the engaged couple.

Where an engagement has ended and one of the couple has incurred substantial expenses in preparation for the marriage (and hasn't benefited from the expenses), that person may apply to the courts for compensation. These expenses might include, for example, expenses incurred in booking the wedding reception or honeymoon. A third party (such as a family member or friend), who similarly incurs substantial expenditure in preparation for the marriage on behalf of one of the couple, and has not benefited, may also apply to the courts for compensation.

Under Section 44 of the Family Law (Divorce) Act 1996, dispute about property between a couple whose engagement has ended are treated in the same way as disputes between a married couple who are separating or divorcing. This only applies to property in which either or both of them had a beneficial interest while they were engaged. It does not apply to property acquired after the engagement ended.

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## Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Notes (Cont'd)

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### Know your rights

#### Question

I am not included in the Register of Electors and therefore will not be able to vote in next year's election. How do I register?

#### Answer

A new Electoral Register is compiled each year by each local authority and it is published on 1 November. You have until 25 November to make a correction or have your name included. You can inspect the draft Register in Garda stations, public libraries, post offices and local authority offices.

To be included in the Register you must be at least 18 years of age on 15 February, the day the Register comes into force. You must also have been ordinarily resident in the State on 1 September in the year before it comes into force.

If you miss the deadline for inclusion in the Register you can apply for inclusion in the Supplement to the Register at any time. To be able to vote, however, you must apply at least 15 working days before polling day. You must also be at least 18 years of age on polling day.

Application forms to register are available from Garda stations, public libraries, post offices and local authority offices.

If you are already on the Register of Electors but have now moved to another local authority area you can apply for inclusion in the Register at your new address. Your name will be deleted from the original Register.

#### Question

Is there a special payment that someone gets when they reach 100 years of age?

#### Answer

Yes there is. It is called the Centenarian's Bounty.

The Centenarian's Bounty is a national award made by the Irish President which is paid to all those resident in Ireland on their 100th birthday. It is usually presented on behalf of the President by a local member of the clergy or a friend of the person. The person receives €2,540 and a letter of congratulations signed by the President.

Since March 2006, the Centenarian's Bounty is extended to centenarians who were born in the Irish State and are Irish citizens, but who left Ireland to take up permanent residence abroad.

Information about those who are about to reach the age of 100 years and who are getting a pension from the Department of Social and Family Affairs is forwarded automatically to the office of the President in advance of their birthday. The office of the President then makes the award to the person.

Information about those resident in Ireland who are not receiving a social welfare pension, and those Irish citizens abroad who are now included, should be forwarded to the President's residence at:

Centenarian's Bounty, Áras an Uachtaráin, Phoenix Park, Dublin, 8. Tel: (01) 6170000, Loc-Call 1890 430 320.

When it is verified that the person is liable for the bounty, the award is made.

Since 2000, the President has also marked the birthday of each person resident in Ireland over the age of 100 years. On his or her 101st and every subsequent birthday, he/she receives a special commemorative coin in a presentation box, along with a congratulatory letter signed by the President. A new coin is designed for each year.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre.

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# Useful Hints



## Christmas Food Safety

Over 100,000 people in Ireland could suffer from acute gastroenteritis during the Christmas holidays according to the website Safe-food.com, While food poisoning is only one of the possible causes of this condition, almost a quarter of respondents in a recent survey suspected that their illness was due to consuming contaminated food or water.

Food poisoning is a particular problem at Christmas for a variety of reasons:-

- The fridge is usually overloaded
- Food is often left out on tables for long periods
- Catering for large numbers is a challenge in a domestic kitchen
- In the rush people can forget the food safety practices they would normally adhere to; such as washing their hands between preparing raw and cooked food
- Leftovers are left out at room temperature for more than two hours.

However the most common danger is from under-cooked turkey. As a poultry, uncooked turkey can contain the *campylobacter* bacterium so it's vitally important that you **cook your turkey** thoroughly to avoid giving anyone food poisoning.

### Cooking Turkey

Everybody has a different method of cooking the turkey. Some people slow cook them in the simmer section of the Aga over 24 hours, some people part cook them so there's only an hour or so left on Christmas day, others cook them on Christmas eve and reheat on Christmas day.

Start the cooking process by heating the turkey to an initial high temperature (72 degrees C) in order to kill the bacteria after which normal slow cooking or part-cooking can occur.

### Temperature

Raw meat may contain bacteria, which can give you food poisoning. Adequate cooking can kill these bacteria. Temperature and time settings for cooking your turkey are dependent on your oven.

The following are approximate cooking times for turkeys in an oven, which is at 180° C/35° /gas mark 4

### Time

The time for cooking a turkey is dependent on its size and whether it is stuffed or unstuffed.

	Cooking Time	
Size of Turkey	Stuffed Turkey	Unstuffed Turkey
8—12 lbs/3.5—5.5kg	3hrs 20 min—4 hrs 40 min	3hrs—4hrs 20 min
12—14lbs/5.5—6.5kg	4hrs 40min—5hrs 20 min	4hrs 20 min—5 hrs
14—18 lbs/6.5—8kg	5hrs 20 min—6 hrs 40min	5 hrs—6 hrs 20 min
18—20 lbs/8—9 kg	6 hrs—40 min—7 hrs 20 min	6hrs 20min—7 hrs
20-24 lbs/9-11 kg	7hrs 20 min—8 hrs 40 min	7hrs—8hrs 20 min.

### Stuffing the turkey?

The safest way to cook stuffing is outside the bird. If you prefer to cook it inside the bird the best way to do it is as follows:

- Prepare stuffing just before cooking
- Stuff the neck region of the bird
- Allow an extra 20 mins for cooking when the bird is stuffed

### How do you know when the turkey is cooked?

When the bird is fully cooked the juices should run clear, not pink. A helpful tip is to make sure the bird is cooked thoroughly, just pierce the thickest part of the drumstick and check the juices are clear in colour.

Follow these guidelines to ensure that you have a very merry and safe Christmas.

  
**Catering for large numbers is a challenge in a domestic kitchen**







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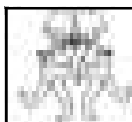
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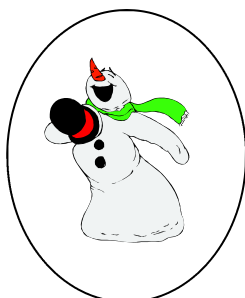
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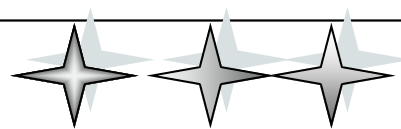


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# Christmas Recipes



## Exciting Christmas Leftover Recipes

Sick of the same leftovers??  
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### TURKEY PIE



#### Ingredients

- 1 lb/500g cooked turkey cut into chunks
- 80z/225g puff pastry
- 1 tin chicken soup
- 1 tin mushroom soup or natural yogurt
- Cup frozen peas
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 onions
- Salt and pepper
- Milk or beaten egg to glaze the pastry

#### Method

Mix the turkey, soup, natural yogurt, peas, lemon juice, onions, salt and pepper and turn into a casserole dish  
Roll out the pastry to about half an inch thickness and cover the casserole  
Glaze the pastry with milk or beaten egg  
Bake in the oven at 200° /400° /gas mark 6 for 25 minutes

### Ham Patties

Mix ground ham with an egg, breadcrumbs, a pinch of sage and pepper. Shape into patties and fry in butter. Serve hot in burger buns.

### Christmas colcannon

Chop ham into small pieces and mix into creamed potatoes, cauliflower and leeks. Serve piping hot as a main dish with a little mustard.

#### Leftover tips

Turkey that is left over should be taken off the bone, cut into small pieces and placed in a shallow dish. Once refrigerated the food should be eaten within 3 days.



### CRANBERRY KISSEL (Russian)



kissel (or kisses) is a fruit dessert with a soup-like consistency. The word means sour, so tart berries such as cranberries or raspberries are best, but other fruits such as red or white currants, plums or rhubarb can also be used. This dish is delicious when served with pancakes or waffles and is sometimes used in savoury sauces in the same way you would use redcurrant jelly.

**Preparation time:** 15 minutes

+ Two hours refrigeration

**Total cooking time:** 15 minutes

**Serves 4**

2 lemons  
375 g/12 oz sugar  
600 g (1¼ lb) cranberries (fresh or frozen)  
2 teaspoons cornflour  
1 teaspoons orange juice

#### Yogurt cream

250 ml/8fl oz cream  
125 ml/4 fl oz natural yogurt  
115 g/4 oz soft brown sugar

1. Remove the peel from the lemons in large strips with a vegetable peeler, avoid the white pith. Place the peel, sugar, cinnamon sticks and 375 ml/12 fl oz water into a saucepan and stir over low heat until the sugar has dissolved. Bring to the boil, reduce the heat and simmer for 5 minutes.
2. Rinse the cranberries (not necessary if frozen) and remove any stems. Add the cranberries to the hot syrup, return to the boil and simmer for 10 minutes, or until the skins have split. Remove from the heat and set aside to cool.
3. When cool, remove and discard the peel and cinnamon sticks. Remove about ½ cup of the berries and reserve. Blend or process the remaining mixture until smooth, return to the saucepan and add the reserved whole berries. Blend the cornflour and orange juice over medium heat for 5 minutes, or until the mixture boils and thickens. Serve cold or warm with yoghurt cream.
4. For the yogurt cream, beat the cream in a bowl until soft peaks form, then fold the yoghurt through. Transfer to a small bowl and sprinkle with the sugar. Refrigerate, covered, for 2 hours.

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## **Local Girl Runs in New York City Marathon**

**A report by Sandra Gillick (Nevin) from 56 Greenfield Drive  
who ran the Marathon for her chosen charity**



**T**his year on 5th November I completed the New York City Marathon. I was also collecting for my chosen charity: The Fr. John Nevin Pakiston Scholarship Fund for Children. I wish to thank all those who sponsored and supported me, especially the generosity of family and friends in Maynooth. I collected to date €2,464.80.

Each person who sponsored me was given the opportunity to predict my finishing time, where the nearest time would win a voucher. My finishing time was 4 hours 9 mins and 2 seconds, and the voucher was sponsored by Michael Gillick Driving School went to David O' Hanlon from Palmerstown, Co. Dublin.

It was a great trip and I was delighted to be accompanied by my husband Johnny Nevin, son Jack, daughter Molly and my parents Mick and Margaret Gillick.  
Thank you again.

Yours in sport Sandra Gillick.

***May the saddest day of your future be no worse  
Than the happiest day of your past.***

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# Horoscopes



## **ARIES—March 21—April 20th**

You are in the party mood and your high spirits will last long in to the holiday season. Be careful of falls as something could get broken. Also be careful of over-eating on Christmas Day. You will be busy on Christmas Eve. CHRISTMAS CAROL: AWAY IN A MANGER



## **LIBRA—September 24—October 23**

You shine this holiday season and there could be some news to make this year one you will remember for a long time. Don't forget Santa on Christmas Eve. - there could be a chance of last minute shopping. CHRISTMAS CAROL/SONG: JOY TO THE WORLD



## **TAURUS—April 21—May 21**

You will be remembering past Christmases this year. Nonetheless you will enjoy Christmas this year and there is a chance you will be up late Christmas Eve putting the finishing touches to your Christmas tree and Christmas gifts. A late arrival for lunch Christmas day will surprise you with some news. CHRISTMAS CAROL/SONG: THE CHRISTMAS SONG



## **SCORPIO—October 24—Nov 22**

It's a quiet Christmas for you this year and a well earned break. However the family will keep you from being bored, and fun and games will be had by all. You may find your self at the panto and joining in the fun and games. CHRISTMAS CAROL/ SONG: IN THE BLEAKER MID WINTER



## **GEMINI—May 22—June 22**

You will be in demand in the week coming up to the holiday season with invites to parties. You may be called upon to sing a carol or too which will put you into the Christmas spirit. CHRISTMAS CAROL/SONG: JINGLE BELLS



## **CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan. 20**

Santa will come with something special for you this Christmas. Enjoy the festive foods as it's only once a year and its nice to celebrate with family and friends and enjoy plenty of laughs as well. CHRISTMAS CAROL/ SONG: SANTA 'S COMING TO TOWN



## **CANCER—June 23—July 23**

You will be feeling pleased with yourself because you have everything done before Christmas Eve. Someone special is thinking of you this holiday season. Go easy on the mince pies! CHRISTMAS CAROL/SONG: WHITE CHRISTMAS



## **SAGITTARIUS—Nov. 23—Dec. 21**

Christmas Eve starts well and you could have a visitor bringing good news which will make the season a joyful one. Make sure you have not forgotten anything for Christmas day and every one should enjoy the day. CHRISTMAS CAROL / SONG: DRIVING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS



## **LEO—July 24—August 23**

You're dreaming of the perfect Christmas and you would like to spend it with some one special. However this someone is not thinking of you and the best thing you can do is get together with some friends and enjoy the season joy and try and forget them. CHRISTMAS CAROL/ SONG: LAST CHRISTMAS



## **AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb. 19**

It's possible that the New Year will see a new arrival in the family! You would love to go to the sales but cash is tight—not to worry by mid month money will come your way. CHRISTMAS CAROL SONG HAPPY NEW YEAR "ABBA".



## **Virgo—August 24—September 23**

Like Leo you would like the perfect Christmas this year. There's lots to see and do and your family and friends will make it one you won't forget. Plenty of everything nice on Christmas Day. CHRISTMAS CAROL/SONG FAIRYTALE: OF NEW YORK



## **PISCES—February 20—March 20**

There will be a party in the house Christmas day buy be careful the turkey does not burn and the potatoes dry up while you are having fun! You will enjoy the holidays and have a good new year. CHRISTMAS CAROL/ SONG: ONCE IN A ROYAL DAVID CITY



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## The Magic & Mystery of Christmas Plants

### Mistletoe



More than any of the evergreens, the mistletoe has inspired fascination throughout history, held in esteem for its medicinal and magical properties. Many traditions and customs have arisen from the beliefs in the power of mistletoe,, but the kissing origins remain obscure. Druids used the plant as an aphrodisiac and in Scandinavian tales it symbolises peace and love. Until the arrival of Christmas trees, the kissing bough held centre stage at Christmas when a berry was placed with each kiss until none were left.

### Holly



The tradition of holly decoration lies with the early pagans of Europe, who brought holly inside in the winter to provide fairies with a warm place to sleep. The Romans sent holly branches with presents during the December festival of Saturnalia, believing the prickly leaves drove evil spirits away.

### Ivy



Ivy has been a popular decoration over the centuries and was once thought to possess powers of protection against house goblins that were at their most malicious in winter. The custom of decorating homes with ivy and evergreens dates back to pre-Christian times when they were associated with the power of eternity and represented life continuing through the winter.

### Frankincense and Myrrh

Both in the time of the three wise men and today, frankincense and myrrh are commonly used to create incense. You mix frankincense with things like spices, seeds and roots to create different aromas

### Frankincense

Frankincense has long been valued for the sweet-smelling fumes it produces when burnt. Ancient Egyptians used the resin in religious rites, in anointing the mummified bodies of their kings, and to treat wounds and sores. Incense containing frankincense was found in Tutankhamen's tomb. In the Christian faith, frankincense was one of the three gifts given to the infant Jesus by the Wise Men. It is still used in religious ceremonies by the Parsis, cultural descendants of the Wise Men.

Both in the time of the three wise men and today, frankincense and myrrh are commonly used to create incense. You mix frankincense with things like spices, seeds and roots to create different aromas. Traditionally you burn the powered incense in a censer or on a small stand.

**Frankincense** is the resin produced by various trees in the genus *Boswellia*. The trees grow in the dry areas of north-eastern Africa and southern Arabia. The resin is harvested by nomadic tribes, who visit the trees periodically. They make small cuts in the bark and return to collect the 'tears' of solidified whitish resin a few weeks later. Trees can yield several kilograms of resin each year.

### Myrrh

Myrrh is a yellowish-red sweet-smelling resin. It oozes from damaged bark of certain trees in the genus *Commiphora*. The resin gums up the mouthparts of attacking insects such as termites and its antibiotic properties protect the trees against infection through wounds in their bark. Ancient Egyptians used the resin to preserve mummies—its antibiotic quantities reduced decay, it helped to prevent the tissues falling apart, and it smelt sweet. Myrrh has been used from remote ages as an ingredient in incense, perfumes, etc., in the holy oil of the Jews and *Kyphi* of the Egyptians for embalming and fumigations.





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Maynooth is best seen on foot, because it's a place to live, not a place to drive through. You can drive down Main Street in less than a minute, and at first glance you might think there's not much to it. Once you start exploring on foot, though, you'll quickly start to discover the hidden side of Maynooth; if you're the kind of person who likes to hunt down bargains on holiday, you'll love Maynooth!

### A Home You CAN Afford

Why live in a shoe box in Dublin, when you can buy a spacious home in Maynooth for the same price? If you don't believe me, then spend a few minutes comparison shopping on [www.myhome.ie](http://www.myhome.ie) and prepare to be amazed. Then contact any one of Maynooth's excellent estate agents – Bradys Property Partners, Coonans, Matt Bruton, O'Sullivan's and Remax Progressive - and come and arrange a viewing straight away! Not every property for sale or rent is listed online, so ask them what else they have on their books – you may find exactly what you're looking for.

If you don't want to buy right now, there are some lovely homes to rent in Maynooth, at very reasonable prices. A single person or couple can rent a bijou apartment (agent-speak for tiny, but perfect if you just want somewhere to crash out and store your toothbrush 'cos you're out enjoying life!) Or would you prefer a spacious family home with a huge open-plan kitchen? With a sunny garden for relaxing in? Or a conservatory for lazy Sunday breakfasts?

Whatever kind of home you want, you'll find it in Maynooth. Stroll down the Main Street and have a look at the listings in the estate agents' windows and call in for a chat; most of them are open on Saturday mornings.

### Appliances and Furniture

Once you've chosen your new home in Maynooth, you need to think about appliances and furniture. Ever felt pressured by a smooth-talking salesman to buy the SensoMatic Auto Toast Extreme for 'only' €165 when all you want is an economy two-slice toaster? Or bought a sofa that's so big the delivery man has to take off all your doors to get it into your living room only to find there's no room left for your coffee table?

That won't be a problem if you shop locally in Maynooth. For appliances, simply write a list of what you really need, then go and talk to Ger or Mark in Three Pin Electrical in Court House Square (phone (01) 6291104, open 9am to 6pm Monday to Friday, and 9.30am to 1pm on Saturday). Three Pin is a tiny little shop which is always packed with useful items like those fiddly light bulbs you can never find for your cooker hood. For bigger white goods like washing machines and cookers, Ger and Mark will order them in especially for you. They will order in exactly what you want, at a price that won't break the bank.

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As for furniture, Paddy in Upstairs Downstairs on Mill Street is your only man. (Phone (01) 6290701, open 10am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday. He always has a great selection of furniture in stock, from beds and wardrobes to sofas and dining suites. He also has a huge catalogue of furniture designs to choose from, but best of all, Paddy can also have pieces made to your own design by local craftsmen. Upstairs Downstairs will deliver to your home at a time that suits you and put everything in place. Plus, Paddy knows from experience what will, and will not, fit through your door!

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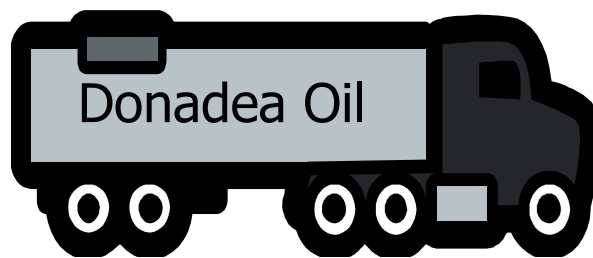
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# Features

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of bus, train, or driving. I prefer the 40-minute commuter train service from Maynooth to Dublin. You can even buy a really good cup of coffee and your morning newspaper in the station. Maynooth is the terminus for most of the trains, so you have a better chance of getting a good seat. And there's even a table for your coffee. Oh, and a toilet and designated wheelchair spaces in some carriages too. Completely different to the sardine-like experience of the DART.

There is a good bus service too (the 66 and 67), which will bring you to Leixlip, Celbridge and Lucan on the way into the city. There's something quite nice about coasting along in the bus lane, past the bumper-to-bumper traffic. On the other hand, if you really must drive, at least you know the option of public transport is there, and who knows, with the growth in e-commerce and tele-commuting, you may be able to persuade your boss to let you work from home, because Maynooth is fully broadband compatible.

## **From ABC to PhD - Education in Maynooth**

They say Maynooth is the only place in Ireland where you can start your education in a crèche singing ABC, and then grow up to receive a PhD, without ever leaving the town.

There are plenty of childminders, crèches, playschools and montessories for pre-schoolers in Maynooth; word of mouth is always the best recommendation, so ask other parents for their advice. There are three primary schools – one for boys, one for girls and a mixed Gaelscoil. For post-primary students there is the ever-expanding Maynooth Post-Primary and, at third level, students can choose between St Patrick's College and the NUI Maynooth, with degrees covering everything from arts to physics, and computing to philosophy.

## **Shopping without Dropping**

Maynooth now has four major supermarkets – Aldi, Dunnes, Lidl and Tesco – and five smaller convenience stores, Centra, Mace, Spar, Londis and Super-Valu, and a host of other shops. Some stores are open 24 hours, so no matter what time of day you run out of milk, there's always somewhere open nearby.

Dunnes Stores is the anchor tenant in the new Manor Mills shopping centre, which is well worth a visit. Check out the full range of shops at [www.manormills.ie](http://www.manormills.ie). And when you're finished shopping, you can enjoy the lovely view from the coffee shop over the leafy grounds of Maynooth Castle and St Patrick's college.

## **Chatting, Relaxing and Making Friends**

Economists say that you can tell a town is on an upward curve when you see loads of coffee shops appearing; they call it the 'cappuccino effect', and you can see it in operation in Maynooth. In recent years, nearly every pub in Maynooth has been refurbished, new chefs have been hired and there are dozens of places to eat out.

From takeaway to gourmet, you'll find something to suit your palate in Maynooth.

## **OK, so what's the catch?**

Yeah, right, you say, it sounds lovely, but there must be a catch somewhere! Sadly, like everywhere in Ireland, the main problem everyone talks about in Maynooth is the traffic. So far, all parking in Maynooth is free, but there's very little of it, and most of it is taken up by commuters who, quite sensibly, park-n-ride. This really only leaves the supermarket car parks, which have strict time limits.

The road infrastructure in Maynooth seems to have been designed so that when it gets busy, everyone gets stuck behind vehicles trying to make a right-hand turn. The traffic lights at the Bank of Ireland and The Roost pub seem to be the worst. The Glenroyal junction has no lights so is the worst one for pedestrians, with poor visibility for traffic. It's a very wide junction, and perhaps a 'pedestrian refuge' would help – that's one of those raised areas with safety railings so pedestrians can cross half-way and then wait until it's safe to cross the other half.

With the explosion of housing development and new businesses in Maynooth in the last eighteen months, and it will be interesting to see if the infrastructure and services can keep up. Most of the schools in Maynooth are busy with extensions, and even the NUI has expanded. Luckily, so far Maynooth has not had to issue a warning to parents about a lack of school places, which is a real problem in Newbridge and Kill.

## **Maynooth – for a great quality of life**

All the ads say 'Go West!' So if you're travelling from Dublin up the M4, keep an eye out for the Maynooth turnoff and see how you too can enjoy a great quality of life in the countryside of North Kildare.

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**Maynooth Town F.C.**  
**Clubhouse Development Draw**  
**Local Prize Draw Winners:**  
**October**



	Prize	Winner	Sold By:
1st Prize	€500	Sam Feeney	Lenny Murphy
2nd Prize	€200	Mary Lynn	Paul Keogh
3rd Prize	€100	Bernie Mooney	Ger Thompson
4th Prize	€100	John O'Neill & Dee Tobin	Declan Foley
5th Prize	€50	Eugene & Mary Brown	Ger Thompson
6th Prize	€50	John Rooney	Joe Walsh
(Bonus Prize)	Hotel Mini Break	Joanne Barry	Ronan Barry

**Other Maynooth Town F.C. Prize Winners**

Ticket Number	Prize Number	Prize	Winner	Sold By:
200	38	Set of 6 Cavan Crystal Wine Glasses	Anna Cullen	Tommy Daly
787	70	Framed Mirror	Collette Kavanagh	Tommy Daly
672	90	Framed Mirror	Mary Noone	Mickey Noone
675	103	Framed Mirror	Noel & Marie McGovern	Tom McGovern
101	113	Framed Mirror	Liam Aspil	Tommy Daly
280	117	Framed Mirror	Mick Byrne	Gerry Folan
258	127	Framed Mirror	Marie/Olive Murray	Derek Murray
383	171	Framed Picture	Margaret O'Dell	Declan Byrne

**Next Draw: 24th November 2006**

**Full Official Prize List available from Seamus Thompson—  
info@maynoothtownfc.com**

**Prizes will be distributed through ticket sellers when received.  
Please allow up to 4 weeks for delivery of glasses/pictures/mirrors etc.  
Local prizes will be sent out this week.**





# Maynooth Town F.C.

## Clubhouse Development Draw

### Main Prize Draw Winners:

### October



Prize	Winner
€20,000 Car	Martin Murphy, 56 Pearse Road, Enniscorthy
Hotel Mini Break	c/o All Ireland Karate Association
Hotel Mini Break	Elizabeth/Mattie Callaghan, 14 Straffan Way, Maynooth
Hotel Mini Break	Jimmy O'Leary, Tullylease, Charleville
Hotel Mini Break	Joe Clinton, Balrath South, Delvin
Hotel Mini Break	c/o All Ireland Karate Association
Hotel Mini Break	c/o All Ireland Karate Association
Hotel Mini Break	Thurles Croke Athletic Club
Hotel Mini Break	Paul Noonan, Broghill, Charleville
Hotel Mini Break	c/o All Ireland Karate Association
Hotel Mini Break	Salvador Childrens Appeal, Lennox St., Portobello



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The Dance Academy has been operating successfully in Bray, Maynooth, and Mount Merrion for a number of decades and now is delighted to announce that it has just completed its first year in Edenderry having taken over the local R.A.D. School in Churchwalk.

### Enquiries



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## Features



**Liam and Luke Nulty**

*Winner of the November Children's Colouring Competition is Luke Nulty pictured above, with his brother.*

# Maynooth Town AFC

The **Newtown Inn** presented a set of jerseys and associated kit to the Maynooth Town Under 14 team at a recent function at the Inn. Tony Murray, in presenting the kit, praised the work done by the club's members. Maynooth Town plans for a new clubhouse are at an advanced stage and work is expected to begin next year. In reply, Declan Byrne thanked Mr. Murray for his support.



Tony Murray presenting kit to Declan Byrne



Derek Murray, Niall Byrne, Tony Murray, Declan Byrne, Shane Hawthorne, James Walsh



James Walsh, Niall Byrne, Shane Hawthorne

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# Clubs, Organisations and Societies

## Maynooth ICA News

The meeting opened by thanking Eilis O'Malley who came to the meeting and organised prayers for our deceased members. Members were thanked for doing the Arthritis collection at the church which realised €807. A Craft Day was held in the ICA Hall on Saturday 18th November from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and a maximum of 15 places were available. The Federation Meeting took place on Thursday 23rd November in Kildare Town. The A.C.W.W. (Associated Country Women of the World) Triennial Conference takes place in June 2007 in Finland. Crafts continue every Monday night, with Badminton on Monday and Thursday morning in the Parish Hall. The Guild competition for December is table flower arrangements, made in any material of your choice.

The Samaritan Purse Project was carried out by the ICA and all members brought their filled shoe boxes to the meeting for collection. Following a good auction at the last meeting Mairéad Scanlon and Mary Halton got a half scholarship to An Grianán. Ongoing competition at the moment is a short story through Irish and had to be related with the aid of flash cards. Competition for gingham embroidery will take place at the next council meeting in Clonmel in February 2007. Next months raffle in the Guild will be for turkeys. The Christmas party takes place on Thursday 14th December 2006 in the Springfield Hotel. The December Meeting will be party night and we will invite neighbouring Guilds.

Norah Mc Dermott was delegate to the National Council Meeting in Carlow in October. She reported that the meeting was opened by Anne Mai Hugh, secretary of the National Ploughing Championships. Maureen Holden, National Secretary was wished a speedy recovery. The ICA is to lobby the powers that be to push out Breast Screening throughout the country and this is to happen in 2007. The ICA campaigned for different heights in Army and succeeded and the height is now 5 ft. 2 inches.

Fundraising is very important for now in the association as we need more members or a higher fee to stay afloat. Over the last eight years ICA has collected €114,000 for Breast Cancer. The coffee shop in An Grianán has closed but the flower and vegetable shop is still trading. ICA is to invest in a defibrillator for An Grianán and federations will be asked to donate towards this. The Aontas Festival Week takes place from 22nd to the 26th January 2007 dealing with adult education. Rural Dublin Leader Board has allocated €31,000 to Dublin ICA for Craft Training Day courses and all tutors have been informed. These sessions must all be held in Dublin. Handcraft week will take

place from 16th to 20th April '07 in An Grianán. We have been informed that Mayo is the only county that has a Road Safety Officer and that we should all be campaigning for one in our own county. We should also be campaigning to have VAT removed from child car seats as they have a 21% VAT rate on them. European awareness week will take place in An Grianán from 13th to 16th Nov '06. One person from each federation will attend this event.

### Winners of Guild Competition were:

1st Mary O'Gorman, 2nd Margaret Houlihan, Maura Browne, Mary Deane, Madeline Hynes.

### Winners of Guild raffle were:

1st Mary O'Malley, 2nd Mary Halton, 3rd Margaret Houlihan.

This concluded the meeting and our next meeting will take place on **Thursday 7th December.**

### New members are always welcome.

**Nora Mc Dermott PRO**

## Snowball

I made myself a snowball as perfect as could be.  
I thought I'd keep it as a pet and let it sleep with me.  
I made it some pyjamas and a pillow for its head.  
Then, last night it ran away.  
But first— it wet the bed.

**Shel Silverstein**



## Features



The Flowermill recently opened for business at the Greenfield Shopping Centre, Maynooth. Proprietors, mother and daughter, Carmel and Erica O'Dea have many years of experience in floristry and both girls are qualified Interflora Florists.

Flowermill opened its doors on Monday 13th November following extensive modernisation. The new shop is bright, cheerful and is enhanced by the array of modern exotic flowers and plants on display. Carmel and Erica love what they do and it shows in the final product.

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# Maynooth Tidy Towns Awards Night



*Mary Dunne, Coonan's Real Estate Alliance receiving the Prize for the Best Shop Front Award 2006 from Moira Baxter MTT*



*Berna Hatton from The Mill Wine Cellar receiving her award from the Runner Up in Best Shop Front category from Richard Farrell MTT*



*Eddie Tobin MTT presenting the award for the Junior Volunteer to Carmel Cushen*



*Gerry Lawlor presenting the Environmental Award to Tracey Kirrane from Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich Green School Committee*





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# Maynooth Tidy Towns Awards Night



*Mattie Callaghan Vice Chair MTT presents the "Best Large Estate" Award to Noleen Gillick, Lesley Byrne and Eileen Neary from Rockfield Estate*



*Aidan O'Rourke, MTT presenting the Most Improved Shop Front Award to Mary Houlihan the Hula Bou*



*Eilish Cushen MTT presenting the Runner Up Award to the Small Estates category to Martin Connolly from Pebble Hill and Rosaleen Higgins MTT presenting the prize for the Most Improved Small Estate to Gerry O'Reilly from Castlebridge*



*Patricia Moyonan and Bernie O'Meera, Kingsbry receiving the prize for the Runner Up in the "Best Large Estate" category from Mary Jennings MTT*



*Des Matthews MTT presenting the award for the Most Improved Large Estate to Dave Doherty, Angla Dennehy and Pat Gunning from Moyglare Village*



*Sean Lyons MTT presenting the "Best Small Estate Award" to Joe Geraghty and Robin Jones from Lyreen Park*

# Maynooth Tidy Towns Awards Night



*Robert O'Reilly President MTT making a presentation to Dr. Shelagh Waddington NUI Maynooth*



*Tom McMullon "Maynooth Tidy Towns Person of the Year 2006" receiving his award from Sean Cushen MTT*



*Trevor Holmer receives the prize for "Team of the Year 2006" on behalf of "Intel Involved"*

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# Clubs, Organisations and Societies

## *MAYNOOTH Golf Society*

The Christy Kenny Cup was played on the 15th and 16th of September 2006. It was a weekend away to Carrick-on-Shannon.

**The following are the results:**

1st Overall	Martin Deveney	75 pts.
2nd	Niall Byrne	71 pts.
3rd	Tom O Haire	67 pts.
4th	Eamon Murphy	64 pts.
5th	Ken Donnelly	63 pts.
6th	Kevin Loftus	60 pts. (B.18)
7th	Gerry Mc Tiernan	60 pts.
Front 18	David Weafer	35 pts.
Back 18	Norman Kavanagh	27 pts.
Longford Nearest The Pin		Niall Byrne
Longford Two's Club		Albert Harrigan
Carrick-on-Shannon Nearest the Pin		Norman Kavanagh
Carrick-on-Shannon Two's Club		Norman Kavanagh



*Capt. Philip Doyle presenting a bottle of Brandy to "Hole in One" man of the day—Tim Mullane*

The John Tiernan Memorial Cup was played on Saturday 21st of October 2006. It was held in Castle Barna

**The following are the results:**

1st Overall	Dave Mahony	19 pts. (B.9)
2nd	Niall Byrne	16 pts.
3rd	Dermot Myles	16 pts. (B.9)
4th	Derek Murray	13 pts. (B.9)
5th	Ken Donnelly	20 pts.
6th	Eddie Connolly	22 pts. (B.9)
7th	Mick Flynn (Jnr)	9 pts.
Front Nine	Colm Loftus	23 pts.
Back Nine	Sean Farrelly	19 pts.
Nearest The Pin	Terry Moore	
Two's Club	Terry Moore, Mick Flynn (Snr), John Hynes & Noel Farrelly	
Visitors	Joe Bidik	38 pts.
	Eddie Bradley	32 pts.
Hole in One	Tim Mullane	



*Winner Dave Mahoney being presented with the John Tiernan Trophy by Mrs. Rita Tiernan who was accompanied by her son Mitch and daughter Danielle.*

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# Clubs, Organisations and Societies

## *MAYNOOTH Golf Society*

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1st Overall	Philip Doyle	40 pts.
2nd	Dave Weafer	37 pts. (B. 6)
3rd	Brendan Bean	37 pts.
4th	Tim Mullane	36 pts. (B. 9)
5th	Don Sullivan	36 pts. (B. 9)
6th	Steve Greenwood	36 pts. (B. 9)
7th	Dave Kinlon	36 pts. (B. 9)
Front Nine	Dermot Myles	21 pts.
Back Nine	Mick Fahy	21 pts. (B.6)
Nearest The Pin	Dave Kinlon	
Twos Club	Paddy Foy	
Visitors	Joh Aibik	29 pts.



*L-R: Pa Conway, Vice Captain, Paddy Foy, President, Mark Doyle, Son of Phillip—Winner & Kevin Loftus, Secretary*



*L-R:*

*Mick Fahey,*

*Phillip Doyle  
(Captain & Winner)*

*& Barry Desmond*

## **St. Brigid's Hospice and Home Care Service**

To whom it may concern,

On Sept 14th I held a Coffee Morning at my home in aid of St. Brigid's Hospice and Home Care Service in the Curragh. I wish to acknowledge everyone that made the day a success. Whether you gave of your time or made donations of cash or coffee prizes, I am deeply appreciative of your generosity.

There are too many people to name personally so a big thank you to you all. Special thanks go to my family and friends, without whom I could not attempt such an undertaking. The full sum raised was €3,010.83 for which the Hospice also send their thanks. I look forward to your support again next year.

**Thank you,**

Mary Daly,  
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## **Edward's Dry Cleaners**

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***L-R: Niamh O'Connor & Lauren O'Loughlin***



***L-R: Emmet Cullen Tinley, Graham Kinsella  
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# Tips for Buying a Printer

By Jane MacNulty

## Before you Choose a Printer

Deciding what kind of printer you want to purchase—inkjet, laser, or multifunction—can be frustrating and confusing. Here are some basic questions you may be asking:

### What kind of printer should I buy?

If you just need to print out documents such as letters, copies or Web pages from the Internet or simple spreadsheets, a low-end **inkjet printer** is fine. If you need to do presentations or high quality photographs you want a **photo printer**. If you print over 100 pages on a daily basis and don't need colour, you may want to look at **laser printers**. And, of course, if you need a combination of scanner, printer, copier, and fax, a **multifunction printer** is best.

### What are All-in-One Printers?

An all-in-one printer (also known as a multifunction printer) combines the features of more than one device in one package. At its simplest, an all-in-one offers a printer (either an inkjet or laser printer) together with a scanner so that it can act as a printer, a scanner, and a copier. Many all-in-one devices also have the capability of sending and receiving faxes, which make them very useful for home offices and small business.

### What costs come with all-in-ones?

An all-in-one uses the same supplies as ordinary printers: toner if it is a laser printer, ink if it is an inkjet printer. The only additional cost can be if there is a problem with the device: if, for example, the scanner needs to be repaired, you will also be deprived of your printer.

### What are the advances of all-in-ones?

- Convenient
- Saves space

### Disadvantages

- Repairs means you are deprived of both printer and scanner.

### Why are printers so cheap these days?

A lot of the money that vendors make from printers are from selling ink and toner cartridges—which are called in the trade as “consumables”. Because printer users must continually purchase more cartridges when the old ones run out, they can pay more than the original cost of the printer within a year or so.

## Quick Tip : Watching Your Ink Disappear

Keep track of how often you have to replace the ink cartridge in your printer, and how much it costs. At the end of the year, add it all up. If the cost of buying ink at the end of one year is more than you paid for the printer in the first place, then you may want to think about replacing the printer!

When you're doing your pre-purchase research, pay attention to **ink consumption**. Some printer manufacturers will publish the approximate number of pages that an ink cartridge is expected to handle (under ideal conditions).

If you plan to do a lot of text printing, and little colour printing, make sure you have a separate black ink cartridge—black ink is usually considerably less expensive than colour.

Most printers have a **draft**, or **ink-saving**, mode, which produces text that is not appropriate for formal letters, but may be fine for everyday use. If you print a lot, this could extend your ink cartridge considerably. Look for draft mode in your printer (normally found under Preferences in the Printer Dialogue Box) or check your manual.

## Printer Paper

While you may be very careful while selecting correct inkjet or laser cartridges for your printer, you should not forget the printer paper. Inkjet and laser printers can print on a variety of surfaces, including labels, photo paper, business cards, stickers, and t-shirt transfers. However, most of your printing probably involves standard white papers. However, when it comes to this medium, you may have more options than you realise. One of the advantages of laser printers is their ability to print on almost any paper with quality. But if you own an inkjet printer, you should choose your paper carefully. Although standard printer paper will do the job well, your results will probably be better if you use paper specifically made for inkjet printers.

**Tip:** When buying paper to print photos be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions regarding printer settings.

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## Clubs, Organisations and Societies

### *Maynooth Ladies Golf Society*

Castlebarra Golf Club was the venue for the Maynooth Ladies Golf Society's outing on Saturday 26th August. 13 members took part in the outing. The winners of the Stableford Competition were:

1st	Anne Finn
2nd	Karen Kelly
3rd	Eleanor Reilly

The society held its Captain's Day on Saturday 16th September in Hollystown Golf Club. 21 members took part on the day which was hosted by Captain Pauline Loftus. The prizes were very generously sponsored by Declan Kennedy of Brady's Pub, Maynooth. The winners of this outing were:

1st	Mary McTiernan
2nd	Heather Meldrum
3rd	Mary Hoban
4th	Ann Burns
5th	Deirdre Glynn
6th	Ursula Byrne

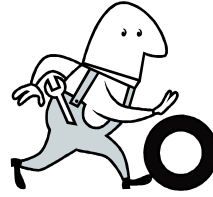
The members were warmly welcomed by Declan and his staff when they returned to Brady's after their round of golf for the prize giving. Declan along with Captain Pauline Loftus presented the prizes of Tipperary Crystal to the prize winners. Congratulations to all the winners. A very big thank you to Declan Kennedy for his sponsorship of Captain's Day and for his support throughout the year.

This year the society has sought sponsorship for prizes from local businesses in Maynooth and the surrounding areas. There has been a great response to this and the society would like to once again thank all the sponsors.

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#### Serves 4

900g/2 lbs Small or new salad potatoes  
50g/2 oz Butter  
350g/12 oz Wild and cultivated mushrooms, thinly sliced  
170g/6 oz Beaufort or Fontana cheese thinly sliced  
50g/2 oz Walnuts toasted  
Salt & Ground Black Pepper  
Fresh parsley roughly chopped to garnish  
12 gherkins, sliced, to serve

Bring a large pan of lightly salted water to the boil over a medium heat and cook the potatoes for 20 minutes until tender.

Drain well and return them to the pan, add a knob of butter and cover to keep warm.

Heat the remaining butter in a heavy based frying pan that can be safely used under the grill.

Add the sliced mushrooms and fry over a light heat, stirring occasionally until the juices begin to run, then increase the heat and fry until most of the juices have been absorbed again. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Meanwhile preheat the grill. Arrange the slices of cheese on top of the mushrooms. Place the pan under the grill and cook until the cheese is bubbly and brown.

Scatter the gratin with the toasted walnuts, garnish with parsley, and serve at once with the buttered potatoes and sliced gherkins.

### Chestnut, Stilton and Ale Pie

This hearty winter dish has a rich stout gravy and a herb pastry top.

#### Serves 4

30 ml/ 2 tbsp Sunflower oil  
2 Large onions chopped  
500g/ 1 1/4 lbs Button mushrooms, halved

5ml/1 tsp Yeast extract  
5ml/1 tsp Soft dark brown sugar  
350g/12 ozs Drained canned chestnuts, halved  
30ml/1 tbsp Cornflour, mixed to a paste with 30 ml/2 tbsp cold water  
150g/5 ozs Stilton cheese, cubed, beaten egg, to glaze  
Salt & Ground black pepper

#### For the Pastry

115g/4 ozs Wholemeal flour, a pinch of salt  
50g/2 ozs Butter  
15ml/1 tbsp chopped fresh thyme

Make the pastry, put the flour and salt in a bowl. Rub in the butter until the mixture resembles fine bread crumbs. Add the thyme and enough water to form a soft dough. Knead it lightly, wrap and chill for 30 minutes.

Make the filling, heat the oil in a pan and fry the onions until softened. Add the mushrooms and cook for 3 minutes. Stir in the carrots, parsnip and herbs. Cover and cook for 3 minutes.

Pour in the stout and stock the stir in the yeast extract and sugar.

Simmer, cover, for 5 minutes. Add the chestnuts and season to taste. Stir in the cornflour paste until the sauce thickens. Stir in the cheese and heat until melted, stirring.

Pre heat the oven to 220°C/425°F/Gas 7. Spoon the chestnut mixture into a 1.5 litre/ 2 1/2 pint pie dish. Roll out the pastry to make a lid. Dampen the edge of the dish and cover with the pastry. Seal, trim and crimp the edges. Cut a small slit in the top and use any surplus pastry to make pastry leaves. Brush with egg and bake for 30 minutes.





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## Poetry Corner By Patrick Murray

### *Christmas Child*

*O' baby child of Christmas time  
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You lay in your manger there  
In peace you slept away  
A child with lots to share  
To save this world today*

*Sleep heavenly child at rest  
Ruler of this earth  
A tiny infant forever blessed  
At the thought of your birth  
So life will be forever more  
For each child born like thee  
With so much love in store  
To enchant a man like me.*

### *Santa Claus*

*Santa Claus is on his way  
With gifts for each child  
He will travel on a sleigh  
Through snow barren and wild.  
Rudolf with his red nose  
Will carry Santa without fail  
For Father Christmas clearly knows  
Each and every hill and dale.*

*Down the chimney he will expertise  
Any task Santa can undergo  
With gifts for all to please.  
So sleep tight each one of go  
With the greatest of you  
And dream of Christmas Day  
Santa loves you through and through  
In a very special way.*

### *The Christmas Tree*

*Fairy lights on the Christmas tree  
Flickering like magic in the night  
A special sight for my eyes to see  
With many different colours of light  
Many treasures are on each pine  
That is a treat for the young ones  
A spirit of this season is always mine  
A sense of happiness each child belongs  
On the top shines a silver star  
To remind us how Jesus found his way  
A peaceful star shown from afar  
And guided a place for them to stay  
Gifts galore underneath this tree  
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A special for me feeling it is  
When I once was a child before.*



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## *Maynooth Toastmasters*

Maynooth newest community club continues to go from strength to strength, with very large full attendances at the meetings from Maynooth and the surrounding areas. There is plenty of fun, excitement and learning at the meetings on the second and Fourth Monday of the month at 7.45 p.m. in Bradys Clockhouse Bar.

The most recent meeting was held in Brady's Clockhouse Bar in Maynooth recently under the leadership of John Cronin. John led a very lively and interesting meeting. There was an attendance of 35 at the meeting. All the prepared speeches were made by Maynooth members. Martin Vural gave a very moving speech outlining the amazing history around his name. Andrew Lang told us a fascinating story about all the countries, greater than ten, he has worked in so far in his life to date. John Fleming gave a very interesting speech outlining his youth in Mayo with great stories of that period. Joe Lyons presented the Ryder Cup Award to Martin Vural.

New Club Website.....Have you visited our new club website yet? You can find out more about Maynooth Toastmasters and other useful information. Visit [www.maynoothtoastmasters.com](http://www.maynoothtoastmasters.com)

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# Features

## Santa Claus: The Epsom Derby - 1964

The Epsom Derby of 1964 will be remembered for a number of reasons. The uniquely named winner that brought a warm glow outside the seasonal context and the conflict of opinion that erupted after his win. It is not the intention to make a judgement on the merits or otherwise of the conflicting positions taken by the horse's connections, the jockey and expert opinion after the running of the 184th Epsom Derby. It can be argued that the rating of 133 plus, given to Santa Claus by Timeform at the end of the 1964 racing season did not do the horse justice. (Sea Bird, the 1965 winner was rated 145) It is true that Timeform could only go on what the horse actually achieved but there are arguments to be made that had events taken a different course, Santa Claus may have ended up with a higher rating, thus bringing him up to the standard of Nijinsky, an outstanding winner of the 1970 Derby.



*Santa Claus and Willie Burke*

Scobie Breasley entered the winner's enclosure at Epsom Downs on June 6th 1964 wearing a broad smile. Santa Claus had just won the Derby and Scobie had ridden his first winner of the Blue Riband after a lifetime in racing. The smile was quickly wiped off his face. The reception he received from the winning connections of the horse was decidedly muted. Scobie recalls in his autobiography that the Rogers Family were not happy with the ride he had given the horse. Sir Peter O'Sullivan, the racing voice of the BBC and a race reader of great experience went further. In his autobiography "Calling The Horses" he recalls that Mick and Tim Rogers were seething with indignation following the running of the race. Mick Rogers was highly respected as a trainer of two Epsom Derby winners and a number of top class horses including Royal Sword and Candy Cane, from his small stable on the Curragh. His brother, Captain Tim Rogers was the founder of the modern Irish Blood-Horse and a colossus in the Thoroughbred Industry. Both were highly respected for their sound judgement. History is not written in stone. There will always be differences of opinion as to what actually happened in a particular situation. What is clear is that

a decision was made by the Rogers family, before they reached the bottom of the Queens Stand steps, to replace Scobie, as jockey, for future races. It had all started so well

In August 1963 Santa Claus made a pleasing introduction to his racing career as a two-year-old in the Anglesey Stakes at the Curragh. Although unplaced he ran with sufficient promise as did Scissors owned by Ann Biddle. Scissors was subsequently disqualified after winning the Timeform Gold Cup at Doncaster in highly controversial circumstances. The trainer of Santa Claus, Michael Rogers, never in a hurry to rush his charges, waited until September for the National Stakes at the Curragh for the colts next run. Race favourite, Mesopotamia, started at 5-4 on. Owned by the McCalmont family, the filly had destroyed a top class field in the Chesham Stakes at Royal Ascot. The filly had also

won the Railway Stakes at the Curragh. Santa Claus with Willie Burke in the saddle, tracked the leading pair of Mesopotamia and Victoria Quay to the furlong pole and then showed a devastating turn of foot to sweep by the leaders to win by eight lengths. It was a staggering performance by the Colt and he was immediately installed as winter favourite for the Derby. Willie Burke was not a pretentious man, more often than not he chose to be identified as a stable lad rather than a stable jockey as he enjoyed few rides from outside the stable of Mick Rogers.

"The smile was quickly wiped off his face. The reception he received from the winning connections of the horse was decidedly muted."

It was apparent from his win in the National Stakes that Santa Claus had shown a nice blend of speed and stamina. He was bred by the 1945 St. Leger winner, Chamossaire, with the dam, Aunt Clara who came from the same family as Sun Chariot, who won three Classic Races in 1942. Chamossaire also bred two Irish Derby winners in Chamier and Your Highness.

Santa Claus was jointly owned by Mrs. Darby Rogers and Mr John Ismay and had been purchased by the BBA Ireland for 1200 Guineas at the Newmarket September Sales.

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Santa Claus wintered well but he did not appear in public until the Irish 2000 Guineas in May of 1964. His presence proved an enormous attraction and the enclosures at the Curragh were packed. He did not let his fans down. Again, showing a blinding turn of speed in the final furlong, he powered away, with Willie Burke in the saddle, to beat the English trained Young Christopher by three lengths. Santa Claus was now a serious racehorse and his next assignment was the Epsom Derby. This was going to be his most difficult task yet. First, the Colt had never raced outside the Curragh. This course is probably one of the best and most fairest test for a race horse in these Islands and also a course that suited Santa Claus's physical confirmation. Second, the going at the Curragh is never firmer than good and the track has a policy of watering to take the sting out of the ground. Epsom on the other hand tends to be good to firm in the first weeks of June and the gradients and turns on the one mile four furlongs course makes it exceedingly difficult to

"This was going to be his most difficult task yet. First, the Colt had never raced outside the Curragh".

The decision to book Scobie Breasley was a good one. A champion jockey in his native Australia, he was a worthy foe to Lester Piggott in their many Jockey Championship battles during the sixties. Unlike Lester, he sat quiet in the saddle, used the whip sparingly and always done just enough to win a race. A trainer entrusting his horse to Scobie always got his horse back with the minimum of use made of him and plenty to work on for his next race. Scobie in accepting the mount on Santa Claus knew exactly

what was required to get the best out of the Colt and also what was required to get him home in front with minimum wear on those suspect joints. This was never going to be a Curragh repeat but the "iceman" as Scobie was known, was confident that he would deliver the Blue Riband to Mick Rogers.

Although Derby Day (Wednesday June 3rd 1964) was warm and bright, the going was unusually soft, thus providing an optimistic omen for Santa Claus,



***Santa Claus (Willie Burke) wins the Irish Sweeps Derby 1964***

who started at 15-8 favourite. Second favourite was Lord Howard de Walden's, Oncidium, winner of the Lingfield Derby Trial. There was also plenty of money for the English 2000 Guineas winner, Baldrick II. The seventeen runners went off to a first-time start. Oncidium gave his backers cause for concern as he fought for his head and disputed the lead with Balustrade and Hotroy. Baldrick and Indiana tracked the leaders with Scobie and Santa Claus last

keep a horse balanced while keeping a challenging position.

Santa Claus was lean and lanky, straight in the shoulder and joints that may have caused his trainer a lot of concern. A horse with his confirmation was always going to find it difficult to negotiate a course like Epsom.

but three.

However, on the downhill run to Tattenham corner the favourite made steady progress through the field to be in 9th position as they approached the straight. Scobie gently manoeuvred Santa Claus to the centre of the finishing straight, giving his mount plenty of

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time to balance himself. He let the race develop on the far rails. Oncidium had shot his bolt leaving Baldric, the 2000 Guineas winner to strike for home. He was quickly overtaken, however, by Indiana, ridden by Jimmy Lindley

The Colt by Sayajirao was being called the winner with two furlongs to go. The "iceman" had it measured, however, and Santa Claus having made steady progress up the centre of the course delivered a challenge in the last seventy yards to win by a length.

Paddy Prendergast, one of Ireland's great trainers, described Scobie's challenge as one of the best rides ever given to a horse in the Epsom Derby. His opinion must be respected. So also must be the opinion of Sir Peter O'Sullivan who, admittedly a fan of the great Australian, described it as a "master class." However, the connections of Santa Claus did not agree. Scobie was fired, not given a present (which was traditional) and never rode the horse again. Can there have ever been such conflict of expert opinion?

Willie Burke was reunited with his beloved Santa Claus for his next run. Willie appearing on the race course for only the sixth time that season took the mount for the 1964 running of the Irish Sweeps Derby at the Curragh. The enclosures were packed and Willie did not let the fans down. He gave Santa Claus a professional and confident ride, waiting until the final furlong before sweeping away the opposition to win by four lengths. Lionhearted finished second with Sunseeker third. The reaction of the Irish racing public to Santa Claus was ecstatic and equaled the adulation shown to the new hero of the national hunt, Arkle.

Santa Claus was then entered for the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth stakes at Ascot. The connections decided to stay with Willie as the jockey. This was a mistake. It was one of the smallest King George field in history and tactics were going to play a big part. Facing Willie were the best two jockeys in the world. Lester Piggott (Royal Avenue), the Australian, Bill Pryers (Nasram II) and the field was completed by M. Depalmas (Prima Donna II). It could only be described as "throwing Christians to the lions". To make matters worse Scobie Breasley was bitter about being jockeyed off. He freely admits taking a phone call from Bill Pryers, a good friend, and advising him as to how best to beat Santa Claus. Scobie may have felt no sense of loyalty to the Rogers family. It is hard to understand, however, why he planned the downfall of a wonderful horse that had given him his first win in the Epsom Derby when he was fifty years old and a grandfather. Scobie told Bill Pryers that the firm going would be

Santa Claus's undoing. With suspect joints Scobie knew that the horse would not let his legs down on the rough, rock hard ground. He told Pryers to set a fast pace from the front and not give Burke a chance to balance his mount. That's the way the race developed. Nasram II led from start to finish, Willie did not know who to follow and Santa Claus was never balanced during the race. He finished a poor second at odds of 13 to 2 on. Let there be no criticism of Willie Burke. He made the horse, working on the home gallops he built his mount's confidence and produced him, well schooled, to win three Classic races. He should never have been asked to take on that most difficult task at Ascot.

Santa Claus appeared for the last time on the race course at Longchamp for the 1964 running of the Arc. Ridden by Jimmy Lindley he finished second to Prince Royal II. In his autobiography a clearly embittered Scobie stated that Santa Claus would never have been

"The Curragh comet, a brief but brilliant blaze, was gone but not forgotten."



*Scobie Breasley,*

beaten had he retained the ride. On his racing record as a jockey, he clearly has the right to say that. On the other hand the Rogers dispensed with his services after Epsom. The matter will continue to be discussed wherever racing men meet.

Santa Claus retired to stud and in a brief career sired Santa Tina to win the Irish Oaks, Reindeer (Irish St. Leger) and Bonne Noel to win the Ebor. He died in 1970. There can be no better epitaph for this wonderful horse than that provided by Guy Williams in his History of the Irish Derby when he wrote in conclusion "The Curragh comet, a brief but brilliant blaze, was gone but not forgotten."

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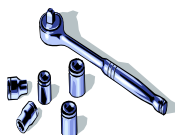
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### *A Christmas Story*

**T**om and little Megan, looked at all the Christmas toys in the shop windows. As they did, the tears rolled downed their cheeks, for their mother had told them there will be no presents this Christmas. She could not afford them as she had to pay for their fathers funeral. As they walked along, they thought of all the happy Christmas's they had with their father, playing with the new toys on a Christmas morning.

An old beggar comes up to the two children and asks them for money. The two children give all the coins in their pockets to the beggar man.

Christmas morning arrives, it is a very cold morning after a night of heavy snow. Tom and Megan get up and dress, and get ready to go to Mass to the local Y. M. C. A. for lunch. A knock comes to the door, their mother opens it to find a man there, and he asks can he talk to the two children. A nervous Carol takes her children to the man at the front door. The man asks the children, do you remember me? Both of the children reply that they do not know him. The man tells the children, a week ago I posed as a beggar in the town centre to see if the Christmas Spirit was alive and well. I stood all day in my beggar clothes looking for money and your children were the only ones to give me money. I heard off people of your poor father dying and how poor you are this Christmas so I have come here this Christmas morning to bring you to my estate to spend Christmas day with me.

Tom, Megan, and their mother have a lovely Christmas Day with Mr. Comerford on his estate. The children have a lovely dinner and get lots of new toys to play with.

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### Historic Day for Camogie and Girls' Football in Maynooth

Wednesday the 8th of November was an extraordinary day for all concerned with sport in the Presentation Girls' School as the under 11 Camogie team captured the division 1 title and so completed an unprecedented double with the under 11 footballers who were victorious over Clane two weeks previously. There were jubilant scenes as the teams returned to the school where they were greeted by supporters who had travelled to both finals.

The footballers were the first girls team from Maynooth to win the under 11 trophy. This was the school's first time entering this grade and proved to be a successful choice as not only was the team victorious but over twenty five girls were involved in all the girls matches. The games started in mid-September and the team played four matches against Kill, Clane, San Carlo (Confey) and Monasterevin before ending up in a final against Clane.

On a day when Ciana Heneghan was in inspirational form for Maynooth scoring all the teams scores, she was ably assisted by Anne Lavelle, Emma Collins, Shannon Thompson and twins Ciara and Jennifer McMahon. There was a huge sense of relief as the referee blew the final whistle on a score of Maynooth 2 goals and 2 points against Clanes score of 5 points. Between supporters and parents nearly a hundred people poured onto the field and applauded and congratulated the team. The cup was then presented to captains Ciara and Jennifer McMahon. The team returned to Maynooth with horns blaring and on the following day in school they were treated like royalty!

The double was completed when the camogie team defeated Kill after a replay. Like the footballers the games started in mid-September with matches against Coca Naofa (Kilcock), San Carlo (Confey), Ballymany (Newbridge) and Kill National School. The girls played Kill in the final at Allenwood on the 25th of October. After a fantastic match the teams ended level and so extra time had to be played. With both teams trying their utmost the teams couldn't be separated and so a replay was arranged

for Wednesday the 8th of November. On this day there was only going to be one winner as the Maynooth team played superbly with an unbelievable team display. Aoife Coghlan, C i a n a H e n e g h a n, Chloe Doyle and goalkeeper Allison Tierney shone. With goals on either side of half time by Louise Qualter and Ali Kelly, victory

was ensured for Maynooth. The trophy was then presented to joint captains Rachel O'Neill and Helen McMillan. The team and supporters returned to Maynooth to the sound of hooters and flags flying.

With around twenty eight girls involved in the camogie team and twenty five girls in the football team the future looks bright and healthy for Gaelic games in Maynooth. Well done again to this group of girls who are the first team to succeed in winning this Division 1 Camogie and Football double.

Their success is in no small way due to the enthusiasm of their coach Fergus Casey. Let's hope he rests for the winter and comes back with renewed energy for the U13's competition in April.



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## **Housing Information Seminar**

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2006 at 8pm. I held the first in a series of Housing Information Seminars in the Carbury GAA Centre. The event was a great success with approximately 100 people attending on the night. The next Seminar I hope to hold in December possibly in the Prosperous area and all who can attend are very welcome – you don't have to be from the immediate area. In the New Year I will hold similar Seminars spreading throughout the North Kildare area and of course I fully intend to have one in Maynooth. Details will be advertised in good time.

Briefly the Seminars will deal with the following issues :

- New Planning Guidelines
- Rural Planning permission/levies
- Buying and selling a site
- Developments in Town and Village settlements
- Council and Co-operative Housing
- Affordable Housing
- Subsidised sites
- Council Loans
- Disabled Persons Grants
- Essential Repairs Grants
- Tenant Purchase Schemes.

The Seminars will take the format of a short presentation, followed by a question and answer session with a panel of professionals experienced in the housing field.

Brid Feely, your local Remax Estate Agent who is from Maynooth will attend the Seminar when it is held in Maynooth. Other professionals attending will include an Architect, Solicitor, Financial Advisor and Public Representatives. These professionals will be available to give advice on an individual basis in privacy.

In my experience as a County Councillor and for a very long time before that as Assistant for many years to Charlie McCreevy former Minister for Finance and TD for Kildare North, the issues as outlined above are of immense importance to many people hoping to build their own home in Kildare and it is difficult for members of the public to garner all the information they require in one place at any one time. It is my aim to facilitate a greater understanding of the planning process, pitfalls and advantages etc to the general public by holding these seminars.

Of course, at any time, I can be directly contacted with any query relating to any of the above on my mobile 086-2706150 or at my office in Naas at 045-888438 or email to [fitzmichael@eircom.net](mailto:fitzmichael@eircom.net).

### **Local Authorities Being Priced Out Of Housing Market Due to Failure of Government Policy**

Catherine Murphy, TD (Ind), in a Dáil statement last night, slated the current Government's Social and Affordable Housing policy warning that prices are being paid in both "human terms" and economic terms.

#### **Kildare "has seen a couple of dozen units, at the very most, covering both affordable and social housing."**

Local Authorities are themselves priced out of the housing market. In many cases they simply can't afford to buy the full 20% they are entitled to in each development as, although a below market value price is negotiated with developers rising costs such as increased land purchase prices are driving even non-market prices upwards. Social and Affordable Housing Schemes introduced to assist people who themselves are unable to buy privately, cannot operate to their full capacity because of rising house prices. The irony here is clear.

#### **"I can see nothing but apartments being offered on social and affordable housing."**

As two bedroom housing units, and specifically apartments, are less costly than larger units we are seeing a disproportionate number coming on stream. For many families two bedroom units and apartments are only temporary measures and so there are thousands of families whose needs cannot be met by Part V in its current form.

#### **The system is failing the most vulnerable**

Last year a 22 page assessment form was sent to all Social Housing Applicants which, if not completed and returned, would cause them to be removed from the waiting list. "In Kildare, 1,500 families or individuals are on the waiting list. That understates the case, as every week I come across people who have been scratched off the list because they did not complete the assessment last year. A 22-page assessment is pretty daunting for some individuals, and it is part of the reason people have gone off the list." The most vulnerable people are those who

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will loose out in a system like this, and changes must be made.

## **€10 Million underspend in Disabled Persons Grants must be addressed**

Figures from the Department of the Environment provided to Catherine Murphy, TD (Ind) show that almost €10 million of the €74.5 million allocated to the Disabled Persons & Essential Repairs Grants went unspent in 2005. These Grant Schemes aim at prolonging the length of time that disabled or older persons can live in their owns homes by either fully or partially funding home modifications, such as the installation of ramps, chair lifts, and modified bathroom facilities. However Murphy contends that the way the system is run results in Local Authorities being unable to spend the full amount budgeted by the Department of the Environment, leaving many applicants either denied funding or awaiting allocations for long periods of time. **"At a time when there is such huge pressure on healthcare facilities we need to be facilitating independent living for disabled and older people for as long as possible"** stated Murphy.

### **How the Schemes Work**

"The Disabled Persons and Essential Repairs Grants are part-funded by Local Authorities and part-funded by the Department of the Environment. The amount of applications which can be met is ultimately down to how much money Local Authorities have available to spend because they are only entitled to draw down the monies if they can provide a third of the total required. For example, if the Department of the Environment allocate €3 million to a Local Authority for the Scheme however the Local Authority has only €500,000 in its budget for the Scheme it can only draw down a maximum of €1 million from the Department leaving €2 million unspent. This is obviously a flawed system in that applicants whose Local Authorities have very little funding available are unable to avail of the Grants whereas people with the same level of need living in a different Local Authority Area encounter no such problem."

Murphy went on to highlight that even in instances whereby Local Authorities sought more funding than was originally allocated to them there is an indication that the monies made available to them by the Department of the Environment is not sufficient to meet the need that exists. She has therefore called for the funding of these schemes to be met entirely by the Department of the Environment to ensure that where an applicant lives does not have a bearing on their ability to avail of the scheme. **"This scheme must be changed so that applications are assessed on a**

**needs basis not a geographic basis."**

## **"Dangerous Parking" - New Commuter Phenomenon Needs Urgent Action.**

Catherine Murphy, TD (Ind) has today urged Kildare County Council to take urgent action towards tackling the widespread problem of "dangerous parking" in areas surrounding train stations. Her calls for action came in reaction to continuous complaints to her offices of commuters effectively abandoning their cars in housing estates adjacent to train stations due to the significant under provision of parking facilities within the stations. This emerging driver's behaviour was also confirmed by a Garda Official who stated in relation to one housing estate in particular, **"the local Gardai have been called and have issued tickets for dangerous parking, obstruction, parking on the footpath and green areas, which is provided for in the General Bye-Laws under the Road Traffic Act 1961 as amended."**

Murphy has highlighted that there must be a two pronged approach to this problem which is causing significant disruption to residents and commuters alike whose ideal solution would be the provision of adequate parking and feeder bus facilities to and from each Train Station.

**"People are parking in this way because they have no choice. They simply don't have anywhere else to put their cars if they want to use the train, which is a ridiculous situation when you consider that we're trying to encourage the use of public transport. Equally though, residents are being obstructed in getting in and out of their homes, and there's a public safety issue with regard to access routes for emergency vehicles and site lines. We need an immediate solution to this which will satisfy both train users and residents living adjacent to train stations."**

Murphy concluded in highlighting that the insertion of double yellow lines at certain points within the affected estates may act as a deterrent for those attempting to park within them, however the most important solution was to increase train station parking facilities, and more importantly provide feeder services which would eliminate the need for this type of private car use.

## **Nursing Homes Becoming Hospital Overflow rather than Retirement Homes**

Catherine Murphy, TD (Ind) yesterday made the following statement in the Dáil concerning the

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worrying trend of Nursing Homes becoming more like overflow wards for acute hospitals than retirement communities wherein the elderly can live in a secure environment that also offers the quality of life and social facilities they need to live out their days in a dignified and fulfilling manner.

"Last Friday, I attended the opening of a well designed modern nursing home in my constituency. It is one of a number of new facilities that have been developed recently and more are planned. This is evidence of the growing need to make provision for our elderly. It is a major step for frail people or elderly couples to leave their homes, move away from the neighbourhoods with which they are familiar and move into nursing homes. However, I fear many of them are moving into an environment that more closely resembles a hospital than a nursing or retirement home. I have noticed a fundamental change in nursing homes due to the shortage of hospital beds. The ratio of high dependency patients is growing continually. I do not refer to people with conditions such as dementia, but to people who are attached to drips and who undergo ongoing acute treatment of the kind one would expect to see in a hospital. Higher proportions of people with acute illnesses affect the social environment and create a higher risk of infection.

“Terms such as step-down facilities have negative consequences. While medical consequences must be anticipated and responded to, social consequences are as important if elderly people are to enter retirement homes to live out their lives. This implies good levels of activity and social interaction, which become difficult with disproportionate numbers of people who are very ill.”

"A patient safety authority in my opinion is needed. I have heard words such as "robust" used in respect of the so-called new arrangements. Unless new arrangements are backed by defined standards, the availability of adequate resources and accountability when failures occur, cases such as Leas Cross will continue to arise. There must be a separate agency to police standards."

## Rapid Population Increase to be factor in deploying Gardai and New Civilian Staff

Minister for Justice, Mr. Michael McDowell today in the Dáil informed Catherine Murphy, TD that the Garda Commissioner will be considering her constituency of North Kildare for the deployment of additional resources due to the significant increase in population experienced in recent years. Minister McDowell stated "The Commissioner is obliged when

deploying gardaí across the country to make the maximum use of those members. Population growth in the Deputy's constituency has been considerable in recent times and therefore the Commissioner is paying particular attention to such areas. It is in such areas that the proportion of gardaí to residents has declined most.” Murphy later welcomed the fact that the Minister officially acknowledged the significant problems being caused in her constituency due to the under resourcing of the Gardaí and indicated that she will continue to pursue the deployment of additional Garda resources to Kildare.

During the Dáil Debate Murphy highlighted that Gardaí face an uphill battle responding to instances of damage to public property and public order issues so much so that they do not even have the resources to record incidents to which they are called unless arrests are made. As a result, she indicated that many residents of her constituency are becoming disillusioned with the function of reporting such crimes. ~~~~~

The Minister's response directly precedes the release of two reports commissioned by the Garda Inspectorate, headed up by former Boston Police Chief Kathleen O'Toole and policing expert Senator Maurice Hayes, in which the increased civilianisation of certain functions within the force is recommended. **"It's vitally important that the Gardaí we have are deployed and employed in the most effective manner possible, I've always said that the civilianisation of certain roles within the force would help to return many of our Gardaí to non-desk based duties and increase the effectiveness of the force in general, and so I'd be encouraging the Minister to take this stance on the development of the force so that communities in rapidly growing areas like North Kildare get the level of service they need."** - Murphy

## Murphy Slams Failure of Minister to Compile List of Rogue Developers

Catherine Murphy, TD (Ind) has today harshly criticized the stance of Minister for the Environment, Mr Dick Roche TD, on how rogue developers are to be prevented from developing in the future. She has continually called for the creation of a central database of developers who fail to comply with planning regulations or fail to complete developments to the standard agreed, however was extremely critical of Minister for the Environment's response to her latest call for this facility, which read:

**"Each planning authority has primary**

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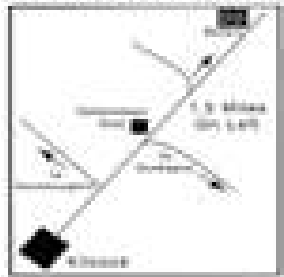
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**responsibility for dealing with applications for permission and planning enforcement within its own area. The section [9 of the Planning & Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act, 2006] therefore does not enable a planning authority to rely on information supplied by others, or from a centrally maintained list, when deciding whether to grant or refuse permission in any particular case."** (*Question 26, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2006, Ref 36442/06*)

"This", Murphy highlighted "shows that while the new Act gives Local Authorities the power to refuse planning permissions on the grounds of past developments, it does not extend beyond individual council area's, therefore it doesn't give them the tools or the information to carry out this function. Yet another instance of legislation not being backed up by practical resource allocation."

The North Kildare TD concluded in stating that as a result of a failure to establish a centrally maintained database of rogue developers, each Local Authority is left to operate on its own in such matters in total ignorance of a developer's history in another administrative area. **"Developers will literally be able to jump from one Local Authority area to another leaving behind them a trail of non-compliant developments, which is utterly ridiculous. It's very easy to set up a database that Local Authorities could check for development history so I simply cannot accept the Minister's stance on this."**

### **Minister Pledges to take action on Aerodrome Security "within the week"**

Minister Michael McDowell has, in the Dáil, pledged to **"within the week"** commence an audit on the action taken to bring about a more co-operative approach to policing and customs checking at small airfields around the country, like Weston Aerodrome in Lucan, Co Dublin. His statement came in response to calls from Independent Deputies Catherine Murphy, TD (Ind), and Tony Gregory, TD (Ind) for a more proactive approach to the monitoring of small airfields in light of the massive drugs haul earlier in the year of €10m in heroin destined for Weston at a Belgium airfield. Murphy highlighted the fact that Weston advertises its lack of security on its website stating that it indicates that incoming passengers go from **"touchdown to taxi in 5 minutes"**.

### **Minister McDowell stated:**

"Deputy Catherine Murphy is absolutely right about aerodromes. Responsibility to regulate aerodromes

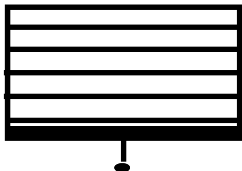
falls between different Departments. They are licensed by the Minister for Transport, Deputy Cullen's Department and the provision of customs and excise is the responsibility of the Minister for Finance, Deputy Cowen's Department, while my Department is responsible for the policing aspect. The fact that three major Departments are involved in that particular activity does not mean that there is not a very strong case for clear co-ordination of activity. I do not dispute Deputy Murphy's assertion. If private aerodromes are not being adequately policed - I use the term to mean inspections, customs arrangements and the monitoring of who is using what aircraft and for what purpose - that must be addressed, but I do not wish to close them down because they are a very useful facility. They are part of the world we live in but they cannot be an open porthole for people to access Ireland without any adequate safeguards ... I will take up the points made by the Deputies on that matter. Within the week, I will commence a process within my Department to audit the actions being taken ... As Deputy Catherine Murphy said, the public are entitled to reassurance. What appears to be lax procedure must be examined very carefully." ([www.oir.ie](http://www.oir.ie) – *Dáil Debates, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2006, Europol (Amendment) Bill, 2006*)

Murphy later referred to the commitments made by the Minister as "very positive", and "hopefully an indication that the security issues surrounding Weston will be improved." She concluded in cautioning that she would await the outcome of the Minister's investigations and an announcement of the action he will take to tackle the security shortfall at small airfields before easing the pressure she has been putting on Government Departments since her election on this issue.

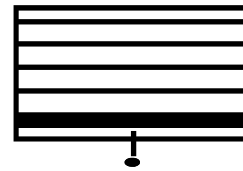
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## Maynooth Labour News



*Cllr. John McGinley*

### **Bond Bridge**

Cllr. John McGinley was advised by the Project Engineer on 13<sup>th</sup> November that the scheduled date for the opening of Bond Bridge is the 15<sup>th</sup> December. Final surfacing of the bridge was due to take place during week ending the 19<sup>th</sup> November.

Cllr. McGinley has asked that the Meadowbrook Lawns cul de sac be surfaced at the same time in the interest of efficiency.

### **Silken Vale/The Arches----Bond Bridge**

At the request of Cllr. John McGinley representatives from Kildare County Council met with representatives from the Residents' Association to agree on the tree planting between Silken Vale/The Arches and Bond Bridge. As a result of John's motion it has been agreed that an access gate is not required from Bond Bridge to the estate.

### **Removal of "The Bandstand" from Pound Park**

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following progress report on his endeavours to have the "bandstand" removed from Pound Park.

"The University Authorities are prepared to carry out the foundation and ground works at the campus if the Council are prepared to cover the cost of the relocation of the structure.

*The price of relocation is estimated to be €25,000 - €30,000. The Planning Authority are arranging to have this figure factored into the budget for 2007."*

Cllr. McGinley welcomed this good news and asked that full re-instatement of the Park be carried out when it is removed.

### **Wall at Pound Park:**

Cllr. McGinley was also given the following good news on the re-construction of the wall next to the Band Hall at Pound Park:

"It is estimated the cost of carrying out these works is €2,500 approx. The Planning Authority are arranging to have this figure factored into the budget for 2007"

John has asked for details of the work to be carried out.

### **New Public Lighting for The Harbour, Maynooth**

Members of the public will be aware of Cllr. John McGinley's ongoing campaign for proper public lighting to be installed from Straffan Road to The Harbour Area and from The Harbour to the Pedestrian Bridge. John was given the following progress report at the October Area Meeting:

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*"The Council is committed to the installation of these lights at an early date. A meeting has been arranged with Waterways Ireland to agree the type of lamp-standard. It is hoped that works can commence within approximately four weeks."*

## **Ring Road from Blacklion to the Celbridge Road, Maynooth**

Cllr. McGinley was given the following "progress report" on the provision of this essential ring road for Maynooth:

"This is also an objective of the current Development Plan. It is, however, likely to be expensive particularly in view of the fact that it traverses both the canal and the railway. The members will recall that an allocation for constructing the Maynooth ring roads was included in the 2006-2008 capital programme. Certainly, the possibility of advancing this route to preliminary design stage could be considered. It is, however, considered expedient to await the publication of the IFPLUTS study before making this decision. The members will be kept informed of progress."

Cllr. John McGinley stated that the reply was nonsense as this ring road is an objective of the 2002 Maynooth Development Plan and that the IFPLUTS study should have no bearing on it. Anyway the IFPLUTS study is three years overdue. He proposed that the ring road be advanced to preliminary design stage and this was agreed.

## **Provision of a Footpath and Public Lighting from the Nursing Home to Moyglare Hall;**

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following reply to his motion on the above:

*"This matter has been examined on a preliminary basis by the Area Engineer. The cost involved will be in the region of €85,000 and there is no budget currently available. The matter should, however, be forwarded to the Planning Section (02/2491) in order that the planning conditions of the Moyglare Hall development can be examined."*

Needless to say Cllr. McGinley rejected the reply and he stated that there was funding for this work as Development Levies of €2,670,575 were a condition of planning for the provision of services that facilitate the development. John also stated that it would expedite matters if the developer of Moyglare Hall was asked to provide the footpath and public lighting infrastructure.

## **CCTV Camera at the Recycling Centre at the Car Park in Maynooth**

Cllr. John McGinley has been advised that the camera is now in operation and checked on a regular basis. John has asked for a regular update on the fines issued.

## **Bollards opposite Boy's School, Moyglare**

As requested by the Parents Association of the Boy's School Cllr. John McGinley has asked for decorative bollards to be erected on the footpath in the interests of public safety. He was advised *"that this will be considered as part of the 2007 budgetary provision."*

## **Cllr. John McGinley has made the following submission for Kildare County Council's 2007 Budget:**

1. The Council must stay in the waste collection business and maintain the existing waiver system for those on Welfare.
2. Maynooth is the only Town in Ireland with a University. There are 6,500 students attending NUIM. Such a population of young people warrants seven day street cleaning. Indeed there should be seven day street cleaning in all of our major towns.
3. As I have stated at Budget meetings for the past 10 years Litter Management should not be under the control of the Local Roads Engineer. It needs to be given a separate management structure in order to be given the attention it deserves.
4. There should be an allocation for the resurfacing of the roads in housing estates greater than 20 years old.
5. There should also be greater funding for the maintenance of footpaths in housing estates greater than 20 years old
6. Funding must be allocated for the provision of 30kmph speed limits at all schools in the county
7. There needs to be significantly increased funding for traffic calming throughout the county.
8. There should be an allocation for the landscaping and maintenance of the public areas in Council housing estates in order to assist the residents and in order to protect the value of our investment.

## **Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the November Meeting of the Council:**

" That this Council calls on the Government to introduce a national waiver scheme for domestic waste charges for those on social welfare and a subsidy for low income households, with grants given

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to local authorities for its operation, in line with the recommendations of the Combat Poverty Agency and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul."

## **STAGG LODGES OBJECTION TO 4 & 3 STOREY PROPOSALS FOR FORMER PITCH AND PUTT COURSE**

Deputy Emmet Stagg has along with his colleague Cllr. John McGinley lodged an objection to the proposal by Garland homes to develop 98 dwellings in three 4 storey blocks of apartments and three 3 storey blocks of duplex units on the former Pitch and Putt Course on the Dunboyne Road, Maynooth.

Deputy Stagg stated that this is the third such application on this site, the 2 previous applications having been turned down by An Bord Pleanála for different reasons, and he stated that the present proposal remained unacceptable;

Outlining his reasons for objecting to the proposal Deputy Stagg stated the following:

The proposal ignores the unique nature and character of development in this Historic Town Area of Maynooth. If the present proposal was allowed to proceed it would irreparably damage Maynooth Village's unique architectural heritage.

2 of the 3 Storey Duplex Units will block a view of the Lyreen River from Leinster Cottages, a view which has been in existence for 200 years.

The 3 Storey Duplex Units and 4 Storey Apartment blocks will over look rear gardens in Leinster Cottages and the Dunboyne Road.

The proposed 4 Storey Apartment Blocks are monotonous and are Cityscape in Design and Style and are most unsuitable for the Centre of Historic Maynooth Village.

The Density of the proposal at 20 units to the acre is excessive when compared with other developments in the area which consist of densities of 6 units to the acre and single dwellings on their own individual sites.

The excessive height of the proposals will impact on the views from Pound Park.

The proposed 3 Storey Duplex Unit fronting the Dunboyne Road is out of character with existing development along the Dunboyne Road and would be an unacceptable low quality development at the entrance to Maynooth.

The overprovision of 2 bedroomed units in the proposal (90 out of 98 units) does not comply with the Maynooth Development Plan 2002 which requires a variation in house types in new developments.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that the Council should reject this unacceptable development in the interests of the existing residents of the area and in the interest of preserving the unique character of the area.

## **STAGG'S CAMPAIGN FORCES ADDITIONAL OPTICAL CLINICS IN MAYNOOTH AND NAAS HEALTH CENTRES**

The Campaign by Deputy Emmet Stagg to force the Health Services Executive to eliminate the inordinate Waiting Times for Eye Tests for Children at Maynooth and Naas Health Centres has borne fruit with the decision by the HSE to commence additional Optical Clinics for children at both Health Centres from November.

In the past 10 months Deputy Stagg has publicly highlighted the fact that there was a 12 month waiting list at Naas Health Centre and an 11 month waiting list at Maynooth Health Centre for children requiring Eye Tests whilst the waiting time at Newbridge was only 3 months. The HSE advised Deputy Stagg on October 19<sup>th</sup> that extra child optical clinics will commence in November with a view to addressing and eliminating the waiting lists at both Health Centres.

Commenting on the position Deputy Stagg stated that in this rich country of ours we should never have a situation whereby children are left waiting for tests and treatment. Obviously the Minister for Health and the Government took their eye off the ball on this one and he stated that he was pleased that action was now underway to eliminate the waiting times.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he would monitor the impact the additional optical clinics were having to ensure that they had the desired effect on waiting times.

## **130 ELDERLY PEOPLE ON WAITING LIST FOR ADMISSION TO PUBLIC NURSING HOME BEDS IN KILDARE**

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

The Health Services Executive responded to Deputy Stagg and indicated that there were 130 elderly people

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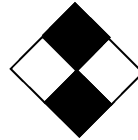


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awaiting such places in the County. The total number of beds in State Nursing Homes in the Kildare Area including Peamount and Baltinglass stands at 349, which are all full. Therefore, Deputy Stagg, stated that there remains an under-provision of 37%, which is likely to worsen as we head into the Winter months.

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

- Elderly people, living alone at home, who are incapable of independent living within the community are struggling to keep going with the support of relatives, friends and neighbours.
- In cases where there are two elderly people at home, one of whom requires long term care, the other elderly person has to struggle to act as a nurse and a carer.
- In many instances adult children are expected to take in their parents, give up their jobs and provide 24 hour care, without any backup, training or compensation.
- Finally, many elderly people are in acute beds in hospital awaiting a placement. Deputy Stagg stated that this treatment of our elderly people, in their twilight years and having paid their taxes all their lives, shows how uncaring this Government is. It's a shocking indictment of this Government and with all the money they have they refuse to build additional Units such as the one in Maynooth, to ease the suffering of elderly people. The Maynooth Unit was built at a cost of €5.4 Million and it costs €2.2 Million a year to run. If similar units were built in Celbridge, Leixlip and Naas at a cost of only €16 Million there would be adequate beds in the system to deal with the numbers requiring long term care. However Deputy Stagg stated that the Government won't fund any additional State Nursing homes pending the carrying out of an assessment of the long term care needs of elderly people. A cop out which leaves our elderly people at the mercy of Private Profit Making Nursing homes.

A National Economic and Social Forum report released in 2005 found that Government Spending on care for the elderly is running at only half the E.U. average and to bring Ireland up to the O.E.C.D. average would entail additional expenditure of €500 Million per year on care services for elderly people.

What are the Government doing instead, stated Deputy Stagg, they are putting on a legislative basis, a provision whereby elderly people with homes in excess of €300,000 in value will have to sell their homes to fund long term care. This Bill presently before the Oireachtas will be opposed by Deputy Stagg and his Labour colleagues.

## **OUTLANDISH PROPOSAL FOR STRAFFAN ROAD REQUIRES HEIGHT REDUCTIONS AND DESIGN CHANGES**

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have lodged an objection to the proposal for 122 dwelling units in 1 substantial 4 Storey Block of Apartments and six 3 Storey Blocks of Townhouses and Duplex Units on lands at the Gateway Entrance to Maynooth along the Straffan Road, bordering Straffan Wood Estate and opposite the Esso Station and Lidl.

Deputy Stagg described the 4 Storey Apartment Block, which fronts the Meadowbrook Link and the Straffan Road in an L shape as one of the worst designs he has seen resembling something from Eastern Europe, which would be a stark soul-less building with a flat roof. In his objection he pointed out that it was critical that an appropriately designed building should be built at the entrance to Maynooth, a Town rich in Architectural Heritage. The present proposal does not comply with Housing and Residential Objectives as outlined in the Maynooth Development Plan 2002.

Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley also made the following points in relation to the overall proposal:

- Taking the proposal as a whole, the 7 Blocks will be a mass of concrete buildings which will be visually obtrusive to people living in the area or walking or driving in the area.
- The bulk of development along the Straffan Road at present is set back from the road giving a soft entrance to the town. The 4 Storey Apartment Block will introduce an inappropriate streetscape along the Straffan Road.
- A number of the 3 storey Townhouses/duplex units back onto 2 storey houses in Straffan Wood and this will cause overlooking and a loss of privacy. The density of the proposal at 23 units to the acre is excessive when compared with existing developments in the area.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that the project is so bad it is incumbent on the Council to reject it outright or to issue a strong request for further information directing the applicant to modify his proposal seriously in relation to the Design and the Building Heights and in particular to put a roof on the building to the front in any revised proposal.

## **STAGG LODGES FURTHER OBJECTION TO RESTAURANT/WINE BAR IN RESIDENTIAL AREA**

Deputy Emmet Stagg has lodged an objection, along with his colleague Cllr. John McGinley, to a further

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*Some of the many walkers who took part in the Tony Smith Memorial Walk on Sunday 15th October. (See full report on page 88)*  
*(Photo courtesy of Kim Mullahey Liffey Champion)*

# Party Political

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proposal for a Restaurant and Wine Bar at 1 Pound Lane, Maynooth.

The proposal stated Deputy Stagg is similar to a previous application lodged in April, 2005 which was subsequently deemed withdrawn by Kildare Co. Council because of a failure to respond to a request for further information on the proposal.

This new application stated Deputy Stagg does nothing to address the concerns of residents living in this residential area of old Maynooth and he indicated the following objections to the proposal:

- The proposal would have an adverse effect on residential amenity by introducing a commercial enterprise to one of the last residential enclaves off Main Street, Maynooth.
- The proposal would cause an odour and noise nuisance for residents of the area.
- The proposal would lead to disturbance in the area particularly at night.
- The proposal would increase traffic and parking problems in the area.
- The proposal would have a negative effect on the quality of life of the existing residents of Pound Lane.

Deputy Stagg also pointed out to the Council that a similar proposal for a restaurant on Main Street, Maynooth, was turned down in April 2005 by An Bord Pleanála, because of the negative impact it would have on nearby residents, and he indicated that this proposal should be viewed similarly.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that it was regrettable that developers were trying to encroach on residential areas of Maynooth Village Centre and he looked forward to Kildare Co. Council refusing planning permission for the proposal.

## **TONY SMITH MEMORIAL WALK 2006 RAISES €7,610**

The Tony Smith Memorial Walk 2006 was held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October and raised a Record sum of €7,610.

Those participating in the Walk were led off by Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley and the route for the walk was from Maynooth G.A.A. Grounds via the Main Street, the Avenue and into Carton Estate.

All funds raised from the Walk, which is now in its 27<sup>th</sup> year, will be handed over to the Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee at their Christmas Party on Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup>.

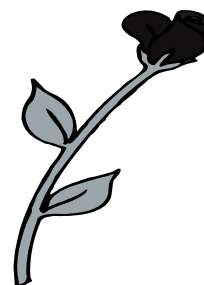
We would like to thank the people of Maynooth for their generosity in sponsoring our walkers.

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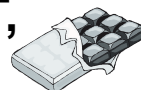


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