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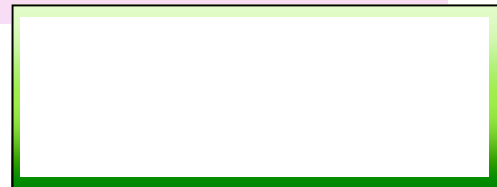


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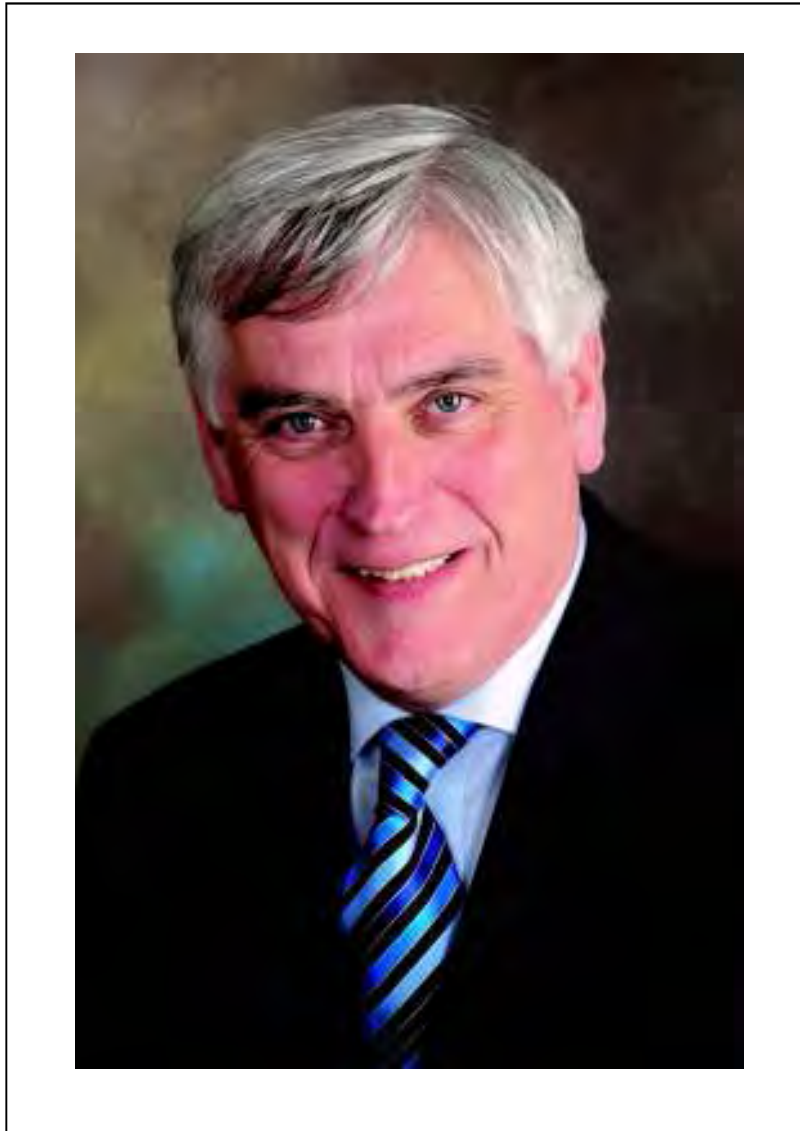
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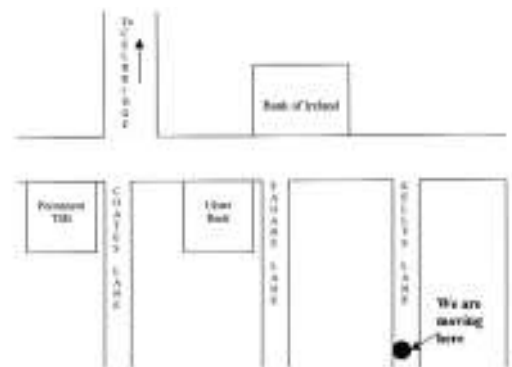
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It's the end of May and beginning of June and I suppose most people are now turning their attention to the forthcoming World Cup, along with any impending holidays of course.

The World Cup is such a fantastic event made all the more enjoyable by the fact we have to wait 4 years for it to come around. Unfortunately Ireland won't be represented this year but with the advent of the economic boom being experienced and the development of such cheap flights abroad, I am sure many of the Irish Soccer brigade will be making their way to some of the matches on the European mainland.

During the tournament we will be bombarded every night by the entertainment provided by the top players in the world and the thought of this has led me to contemplate how valuable, indeed some would say, how critical, the art of sport is to the development of the rounded individual – from a physical point of view and health point of view, but no less importantly from the point of view of developing teamwork and partnership, compromise etc etc that has to be part of the game.

These are invaluable and absolutely necessary skills for the youth of our country to learn as on an individual basis it enables maximum development physically and emotionally, but on a collective basis, that is magnified in forming a healthy, well rounded nation.

The advent of the World Cup should help focus parents' minds on the assets of involving their children in sports and in turn those children as they grow older will have an outlet for their talents and a healthier option for enjoyment rather than the all too often alternative of the pub and drink culture which has hampered our development as a nation in the past.

Brid Feely,

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Speeding on Roads

Both Moyglare Village and Castle Dawson residents are concerned about speeding on these roads. They want measures introduced to slow traffic down. It was decided to write to the Garda and Kildare County Council on the issue.

Ryder Cup

Andrew McMullon stated that a meeting took place with Traders and Businesses in the town on 9th May to discuss what can be done for the Ryder Cup. At this stage they are under pressure to come up with a plan and it was hoped that Tidy Towns will get involved. Cllr. John McGinley said that the Council had already allocated funding for grass cutting and that a major clean up would be undertaken in the three weeks around the Ryder Cup time. He said that the Tidy Towns should present their wish list for the year to the Council. Sean Cushen said he requested a meeting with Kildare County Council without success. Cllr. McGinley stated that he would arrange for an immediate meeting.

Update on Geraldine Hall/Community Centre

A rough draft had been prepared and a meeting will be held with all interested parties before it is revised and submitted to the Council.

Festival

The Festival will take place this year from 13th-16th July. The very successful Soccer 7-a-sides will take place from 10th—23rd July and an Entry Form is elsewhere in the Newsletter. The Tournament will be confined to 16 teams.

Local Matters

The question of the removal of the bandstand was raised again. Cllr. John McGinley said that Kildare County Council are in negotiations with NUI Maynooth with a view to having it moved to the North Campus.

Fair Trade

Peter Connell said that a submission will be made soon for Fair Trade status for Maynooth. He added that more outlets were needed to sell Fair Trade goods including pubs and restaurants.

Vandalism

At this time of year residents groups are working very hard to have their estates looking their best. Kingsbry residents planted 70 trees which they got from

Kildare County Council. Sadly fourteen of them were vandalised over three nights. Some of the trees were replaced immediately by residents but, the vandals broke them again.

It was pointed out that there is a new Community Policing policy being implemented in Athy. The Garda are walking the beat about the town and estates. Members unanimously agreed that Gardai on the beat is what we need to combat the anti-social behaviour that is taking place in our town. Andrew McMullon said Post Primary school students are taking over the Children's Playground on their way home in the evenings. Sean Cushen said if the guards could be seen around the Harbour Area it would keep the area safe.

Parking Problems

It was pointed out that parking at peoples gates and on footpaths is illegal. Yellow boxes were called for at the entrances to Leinster Park and at The Meadowbrook Link Road junction with the Straffan Road.

The next Community Council Meeting will be on the 12th June in the Glenroyal Hotel.

PRO Marie Gleeson

Alzheimer's National Tea Day 2006

I wish to acknowledge the great support I received in my fund-raising and to thank all those who contributed so generously especially The Senior Citizens Committee, A.I.B, Bank of Ireland and Supervalu. Fellow members I.C.A., Senior Citizens and Day-Care Centres.

Total amount collected €482.00

My sincere thanks to everyone who made this possible

Betty Farrell

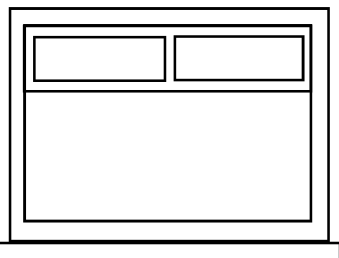
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FILE NUMBER	APPLICANT NAME	APPLICANT ADDRESS	APPLICATION TYPE	APPLICATION RECEIVED	DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION	DEVELOPMENT LOCATION
06/654	Board of Management Gaelscoil Ui Fhiach	Celbridge Rd. Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	05/04/06	(a) the addition of a temporary storey one classroom and two remedial classrooms extension and (b) works to front & side of the existing school.	Celbridge Rd. Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/711	Sean O' Flaherty	Garrai Na gCrann Kilmacredock Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	12/04/06	Construct extension to existing dwelling at Kilmacredock, Maynooth, Co. Kildare comprising of sun room, utility room, garage and stables. The proposed dwelling intends on using the existing entrance	Kilmacredock Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/763	John O' Regan	24 Lyreen Park Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	18/04/06	Erection of new single storey porch extension to front, sunroom extension to side an utility room extension to rear of house and all ancillary site and drainage works	22 Lyreen Park Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/744	Victor & Ethel O' Neill	94 Castledawson Rathcoffey Rd Maynooth Co. Kildare	R	19/04/06	Retain existing single storey extension to side of 94 Castledawson, Rathcoffey Rd. Maynooth	94 Castledawson Rathcoffey Rd Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/747	Martin & Valerie McHugh	15 Woodview Castletown Celbridge Co. Kildare	P	19/04/06	Dormer bungalow with 3 no. loose boxes, tack room and dungstead, also to include a separate dormer style double garage with biodisc system	Clonagh Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/768	Sean Donovan	6 Leinster Wood Carton House Maynooth	P	19/04/06	Erection of a new hardwood conservatory and glazed hardwood extension over stairwell	6 Leinster Wood Carton House Golf Maynooth
06/755	Peter & Alicia Alford	12 The Close Mariavilla Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	20/04/06	Detached domestic garage with store and all associated site works	12 The Close Mariavilla Maynooth
06/852	Michael Kelly	489a Mariavilla Moyglare Rd Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	03/05/06	Conversion from a garage to a dining room. An extension to the rear of conversion for a kitchen. Also a change from a flat roof to a sloping roof and a change from a door to a window at front of dwelling	489a Mariavilla Moyglare Rd. Maynooth
06/866	Bridgedawn Homes Ltd	Laragh Demesne Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	06/05/06	17 no housing units and 3 shops comprising: 8 no 4 bedroom two storey detached houses with garages with option to convert garages to study rooms, 2 no.3 bedrooms two storey semi-detached houses etc	Edenderry Rd Derrinturn Carbury

Planning Permissions

FILE	APPLICANT	APPLICANT	APPLICATION	APPLICATION	DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION	DEVELOPMENT
06/923	Hubert & Martha Maxwell	5 Parklands Place Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	11/05/06	Erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion with kitchen extended below, a single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling house and also a porch to front of existing dwelling bedrooms	5 Parklands Place Railpark Maynooth
06/924	Brian & Deidre Kearns	51 Rochfield Court Railpark Maynooth	P	11/05/06	First floor extension to side of existing dwelling house with conversion of existing garage to a habitable space below and new living area below, a single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling house and pedestrian gate for excess to rear etc	51 Rockfield Court Railpark Maynooth
06/958	Sean O' Flaherty	Garrai Na gCrann Kilmacredock Maynooth	P	15/05/06	Construct extension to existing dwelling	Kilmacredock Maynooth
06/974	Paul Mooney	Kealstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	16/05/06	Provide facilities in existing agricultural buildings for the reception and processing of surplus landscape materials in to compost mulch and for the spreading of such processed compost over existing agricultural holding	Kealstown Maynooth Co. Kildare

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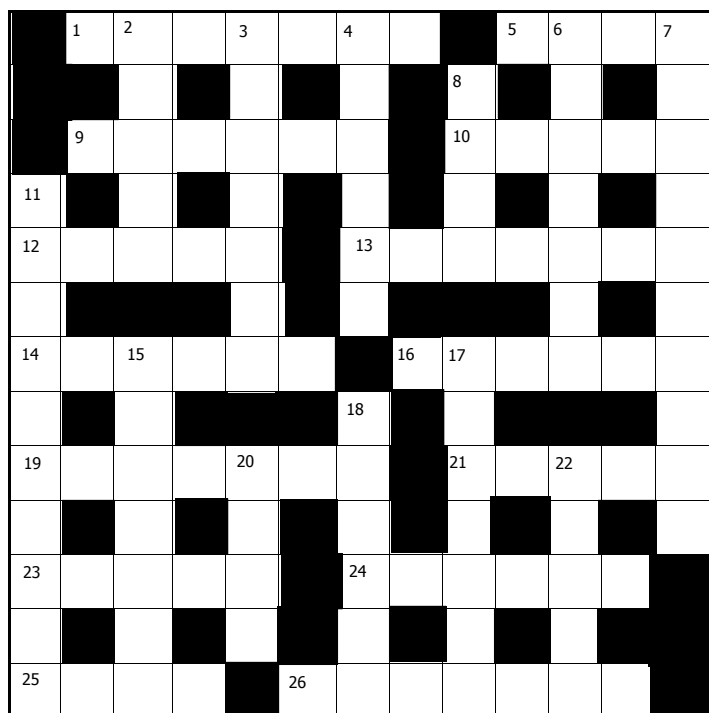
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5. District (4)
9. Contaminate (6)
10. Kit out (5)
12. Paved courtyard (5)
13. Reconnoitre (7)
14. Insolent (6)
16. Variety of apple (6)
19. Skill (7)
21. Comedian (5)
23. Girls name (5)
24. Hostelry (6)
25. Carry (4)
26. Brilliant green (7)

Down:

2. Take up and use (5)
3. Tuft of grass (7)
4. Jogger (6)
6. Noisy (7)
7. The Soccerer's _ _ _, sumphonic poem (10)
8. Sob (4)
11. Expert (10)
15. Apparent (7)
17. Reveal (7)
18. Process (6)
20. Mountain goat (4)
22. Wall painting (5)

Across:

1. Concern, **5.** Prod, **9.** Allies, **10.** Fumes, **12.** Radon,
13. Shallow **14.** Napkin, **16.** Icarus, **19.** Umbrage,
21. Nerve, **23.** Crime, **24.** Ice Age, **25.** Dahl,
26. Goodbye

Down:

1. Ogled, **3.** Chianti, **4.** Resist, **6.** Rambler, **7.** Dish-
washer, **8.** Offa, **11.** Pronounced, **15.** Publish **17.**
Contend, **18.** Merino, **20.** Apex, **22.** Rigby

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National Tidy Towns Competition 2006 – Maynooth competes

At this stage in the year the committee's work is in full swing as the judges for the National Tidy Towns Competition can arrive on any date between June 1st and July 31st for the first judging of our town. Because Maynooth is in the upper end of the competition we are judged for a second time during August. Therefore, now is the time that everyone should make an effort in particular regarding litter in the town. Also remember that your local estate or area is important, so every effort that you can make for these three months can help to achieve a good score for Maynooth in the competition as well as having our town look attractive for residents and visitors alike.

Tidy Town Work Plan for 2006 – focussing on landscaping

This year Maynooth Tidy Towns is focussing on enhancing areas around the town under the landscaping category of the National Competition. We believe that there is potential for an increase in points under this category. Two projects completed this year under this category are the rock beds outside the Boys Primary School on the Moyglare Road and the revamp of the Small Pound in Mill Street.

Maynooth Tidy Towns – Annual Collection 2006

Our Annual Collection will take place on the weekend of June 1st - 4th 2006, at shopping centres and at mass times outside the church gate. This is the only time in the year that we appeal to you for help in funding our various projects. Please support us again this year as we need the money. Please note that all our collectors will have appropriate identity information with them so that you can ensure that you only give to approved collectors. Otherwise, if you want to donate at any other time of the year, the committee can be contacted through Maynooth Community Council offices.

Maynooth Tidy Towns delegation meet with Kildare County Council

A delegation from Maynooth Tidy Towns met with the Leixlip Area Committee of Kildare County Council in May. This is the first such meeting and it was a valuable opportunity to raise a number of issues with Council Officials as well as the Councillors. Delay in resolving the Band Stand and the condition of the large pound park was raised as well as the performance of the grass cutting contractors in relation to a number of open spaces not yet cut for 2006. Maynooth Tidy Towns also praised the work being done in maintaining the town by the local Kildare County Council staff in the Maynooth depot.

Maynooth set to Bloom in June

In keeping with recent years Maynooth Tidy Towns will be filling the hanging baskets with summer planting in early June. The baskets have been removed from the Straffan Road and are being put up on poles in the Main Street/Mill Street area in an effort to concentrate the impact of the flowers. As usual the maintenance of the baskets would not be possible without the agreement of Intel Ireland and Leixlip Town Council for the use of the watering equipment in Maynooth.

Paul Croghan
PRO
Maynooth Tidy Towns



Maynooth Tidy Towns



Gardening Tips for June

The garden comes into its own in June, and apart from watching everything grow and blossom, keeping the weeds at bay and watering if necessary are the most time-consuming occupations this month.

Watering:

Water if possible before the plants show signs of flagging or wilting, and aim to soak the soil rather than merely wet the surface. Again, if possible, let the water fall like rain through the air, gathering oxygen and a little warmth; the finer the spray, the better the effect. Water in the cooler morning and evening hours of the day to make every drop count. If the use of a hose, sprinkler or overhead irrigation is banned and the watering can must be used, add a little soluble fertiliser to make the water go further in meeting plants needs. Ordinary domestic waste water from bathroom or kitchen can usually be used - let it stand for 24 hours to settle and use the clearer top water.

Make good use of mulches to cut down moisture losses from the soil and to keep down weeds. A mulch is a top-dressing of organic materials (compost, moist peat, pulverised bark, weathered sawdust, chopped straw, newspaper, lawn clippings (provided no weed-killer has been used recently), black sheet polythene, even chippings or gravel for rock plants). Place it over the rooting area of plants, under branches, stems or spread of leaves, leaving the area round the base bare. Apply when the soil is moist, after rain or watering. Renew when necessary.

The Flower Garden

Keep an eye on annuals and water in the early morning or evening in dry weather. Hardy annuals coming into flower this month should include anchusa, bartonia, candytuft, Californian poppy, gypsophila, larkspur, toadflax, poppy, night-scented stock, morning glory, love-in-a-mist and Virginian stock. Among half-hardy annuals quick off the mark are ageratum, African marigold, French marigold, Iobelia, mesembryanthemum, nasturtium, nicotiana, petunia and verbenas; and biennials such as Cattenbury bells, stocks and sweet William. To keep them flowering from June to September, dead-head frequently.

- There is still time to plant gladioli corms, dahlias and begonias, which do well in partial shade.
- Thin sowings of outdoor annuals as soon as the plants can be grasped between finger and thumb.
- Complete planting out of annuals to furnish bedding schemes or fill empty spaces in borders or rock gardens early in the month. If the soils are dry, soak them a few hours before planting.
- Shade from hot direct sun can be life-saving for plants in sandy, chalky, stony soils, and one of

the quickest and best ways to provide it is to sow quick-growing annuals such as morning glory, nasturtiums and sunflowers in beds and borders trained on wigwams of sticks or canes and string. Shade newly planted perennials and shrubs with small-mesh green plastic netting in hot weather.

- When the foliage dies lift clumps of corms and bulbs which gave few flowers, or are overcrowded; sort through them and reserve the largest bulbs for flowering next year. Discard any that are damaged, soft or mushy. Smaller offset bulbs and corms will need to be planted on reserve ground to grow on for one or two years.
- Propagate border carnations towards the end of the month and in July by taking 'pipings' - ends of unflowered young shoots with 3 or 4 pairs of leaves, detached by giving a gentle pull at the nodes. Remove the lowest pair of leaves and insert the shoots in porous soil under a cloche or in pots in a cold frame.
- Disbud ancillary buds of border carnations when they can be rubbed off easily, to encourage large single blooms.

The Vegetable Garden

Sowing:

Continue to sow the following:

French beans and runner beans can be sown this month and up until early July in the south.

Savoy cabbage ('January King', 'January Queen') and cabbage ('Winter Monarch') for next spring's crop/ Carrots 'Chantenay Early Red Core' and 'Early Nantes' for autumn crops.

Successful sowing of lettuce ('All the year Round', 'Artic King', 'Avondefiance', 'Winter Density', 'Little Gem'), salad onion ('White Lisbon') and turnip ('Snowball') endive ('Green Batavian') for unusual winter salads. Parsley thinly on humus-rich soil after rain. Dress the seeds with bone flour and allow at least 4 weeks for germination.

Plant out celery and leeks up to mid July; make plantings of sprouting broccoli, winter Brussels sprouts, autumn cauliflower and savoy cabbages this month and next. Dip the roots of brassicas in a solution of benomyl systemic fungicide to guard against club root disease.

Plant outdoor tomatoes ('Outdoor Girl'), 'The Amateur' for bush plants; 'Alicante', 'Harbinger' for tall plants) this month in a warm sheltered sunny position when all danger of frost is past.

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Protect your home while you are away

- Now that the summer months are here people are taking their holidays and leaving their homes unattended while they are away. This creates an opportunity for burglars. Here are some measures the home owner can take to avoid disaster and keep their property safe.
- One of the most effective ways to protect your house is with an alarm system. But there are other ways to deter burglars. Stick neighbourhood watch or beware-of-dog signs on your windows.
- Set timers to turn certain lights on and off around the house while you are out. Also consider installing infra-red activated floodlights. Place them too high for the burglar to reach.
- Finally, ask a trusted neighbour to visit your house while you are away, to draw curtains, feed your pets or otherwise make your house look lived-in. It is also a good idea to leave a key with your neighbour in case of emergency.

How to Complain

Know your legal rights

- If you are dissatisfied with a product or service, here are some helpful guidelines to getting your complaint dealt with.
- Talk to the sales person or their direct supervisor first; talk calmly, but firmly, avoid anger, never shout, be friendly but insistent.
- Company 1800 telephone line: the number can be found on the product label or the company's website. Ask for the name of the person you are speaking to, if they promise to ring you back and don't, ring again.
- Write to the complaints department, the managing director or the regional manager. Write to a named individual, if possible. State your name, address and telephone number. Keep it short and enclose an S.A.E. State purchase date, make and model, description of the problem; steps taken so far and the resolution wanted.
- If your attempts to get a resolution from the company are not satisfactory, you should seek advice from consumer associations. This can be your local Citizen's Advice Bureau, Local Authority Trading Standards Department or a regulatory agency.
- Failing this you can get legal advice on taking your case to the small claims court, or to sue for larger amounts you may be entitled to legal aid to hire a solicitor and bring your case to court.

Safety in the Sun

Protect your skin

- Use a sunscreen which offers protection from both UVB and UVA rays. Choose an SPF of 15 or higher.
- Apply sunscreen 20 minutes before going out in the sun and re-apply every two hours no matter how high it's protection.
- Most people do not use the recommended amount of sunscreen and therefore are getting less protection than they think.
- Sunscreen should be applied thickly and evenly with an amount the size of a golf ball in your hand for use over the entire body.

Avoid going out in the sun between the hours of 11am and 3pm, avoid burning and cover up with loose clothing made from a tight-weaved material, a wide-brimmed hat and wrap-around sunglasses.

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Maynooth Swimming Club

The Senior Gala will take place on Saturday 27th May at the usual time. This will be our last Saturday swimming. We will return again on 9th September 2006. Looking forward to seeing you all there. A €50 deposit will be required of all members from this September onwards and it will be deducted from your final Swim Term.

The new committee are as follows:

Ursula Murphy	Chairperson
Catherine Carton	Secretary
Allison Flynn	Treasurer
Jacinta Bell	Waiting List 1st Bus
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Sandra Doherty	Assistant Treasurer 1st Bus
Margaret O'Connor	Assistant Treasurer 2nd Bus
Ann Fehan	P.R.O.

The numbers for the above people can be obtained from the Secretary at 01 6290479.

The next Committee Meeting will take place on Wednesday 6th September at 8 o'clock.

Thank you for all your continued support. Hope you all have a great Summer. Look forward to seeing you in September. Anyone wishing to join the club can contact any of the above.

Catherine Carton Secretary

The following are photos taken at the Junior Gala held in Stewarts Hospital on the 20th May 2006.



Laura Monaghan, David Bell, Mayor of Kildare John McGinley, Donal Mooney & Cian Durcan



Patricia Moynan, Mayor of Kildare John McGinley, Rory Fehan, & Catherine Carton



David Moynan, Cian Duncan, David & Adam Bell with Mayor of Kildare John McGinley



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Conor Barrett, Conor Murphy, Blake Vandervanvorde, Jessica Sheridan, David Bell, Laura Monaghan, Donal Mooney, Cian Durcan, Daragh Gleeson with Mayor of Kildare John McGinley at the recent Junior Gala held in Stewarts Hospital by Maynooth Swimming Club

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2-4 tbsp Sesame Seeds (Optional)



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Note: You could scatter some toasted sesame seeds over them too when they are cooked.

Pasta with Fresh Tomato, Basil and Ricotta Cheese

Serves 4-6

450g(1 lb)Rigatoni or Penne
1 tsp Salt
6 Large Tomatoes
8 Large Basil Leaves
Big Pinch of Sugar
Sea Salt and Pepper
50 ml(2 fl oz)Olive Oil
125g(4.5 oz)Ricotta

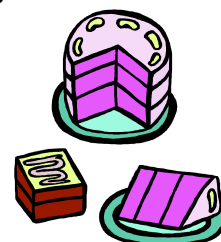
Cook the pasta in a large pot of boiling water with one tsp of salt until just cooked. While the pasta is cooking, chop the tomatoes into large chunks, about 3cm. Tear or slice the

basil and add it to the tomatoes with sea salt, pepper, sugar and olive oil, seasoning to taste. Drain the pasta but keep 50 ml of the cooking water and toss the pasta in a bowl. Season with sea salt, pepper and a pinch of sugar. Throw the tomatoes, toss gently and put into a large serving bowl or individual bowls and crumble the ricotta over the top.

Little Raspberry Cakes

Makes 12 Cakes

175g(6 oz)Butter
175g(6 oz)Icing Sugar
50g(1.75 oz)Plain Flour
100g(3.5 oz)Ground Almonds
2 Eggs
36-60 Raspberries



Preheat the oven to 170°C/325°F/Gas 3. Melt the butter and let it cool. With a little of the melted butter, brush the insides of a muffin tin (or 12 Ramekins). Sieve the icing sugar and flour together and add the ground almonds. Beat the eggs with a fork and add to the mixture stirring to combine. Add the cooled melted butter and mix well; it will be quite a soft batter. Pour into the muffin tin and top each one with 3-5 Raspberries. Place the cakes in the oven and cook for 14-18 minutes, until just firm in the centre. Wait for a few minutes before trying to take them out of the tins. Dust the with icing sugar.

Note: If you want them for a picnic you could always cook them in paper cases in the tin; if doing this omit 25g(1 oz)of the butter.



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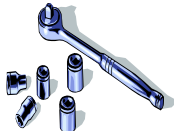
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Question

What is the European Health Insurance Card?

Answer

The European Health Insurance Card allows you to access public healthcare for treatment when visiting certain European countries should you become ill or get injured. It replaced the E11 and other forms which had previously been required.

If you are going on a short stay to an EU country (excluding the UK), an EEA country (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) or Switzerland it is advisable to have the card to cover you and your family for public healthcare. The card is valid for up to two years and each person travelling will need a card.

You can apply for the card online at www.ehic.ie if you already have a medical card, GP visit card or a Drugs Payment Scheme card. You can also download application forms from the website or get them from your local Health Service Executive office or health centre. You will have to provide your name, address, date of birth and Personal Public Service Number (PPS no).

You should apply for the card at least 10 working days before travelling. If there is not enough time to get the card you can get a Temporary Replacement Certificate from the Health Service Executive instead for each person travelling, which will cover you. You can apply online if you have a medical card, GP visit card or a Drugs Payment Scheme card.

The first cards were issued in June 2004 and they remain valid until the end of May 2006. You can apply online to renew your card, but you will require your existing card number. If you have changed your address or your name, you will have to contact your local health office in the Health Service Executive.

If you are making travel arrangements and have any concerns about getting a renewed card in time for the trip, you can get a Temporary Replacement Certificate

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre.

Tel: 01 6285 477
Lo-Call 1890 777 121

Question

I am getting Unemployment Assistance. If my wife starts working, how much can she earn before it would affect how much I get paid for her?

Answer

Unemployment Assistance is a means-tested payment from the Department of Social and Family Affairs for those who are unemployed. The payment includes additional payments for the claimant's spouse/partner and for any dependent children. The maximum rates of payment for 2006 are as follows:

Claimant	Spouse/Partner	Child Dependant
€165.80	€110.00	€16.80

From 3 May 2006, provided your wife's income is €100 or less per week (was €88.88), you get the full payment for her. If her income is more than €100 per week you get a reduced payment for her. If her income exceeds €250 (was €240) per week you get no payment for her. When assessing your wife's income the Department takes into account any savings/capital she has, either in her own name or in joint names, as well as any earnings she may have.

If your wife takes up employment some of her earnings may be assessed against the payment you get for yourself. If she works 4 days or more per week the first €100 (was €88.88) per week of her not earnings is disregarded. If she works less than 4 days per week only the first €50 (was €38.09) per week is disregarded. Half of the remaining is assessed against your own payment.

If your wife's total income exceeds €250 per week, so that you do not receive any payment for her, you will only get a half-rate payment for your dependent children.

Question

I am starting my first job next month. What should I do so that I do not have to pay too much tax?

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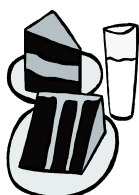
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- You should apply on a Form 12A for a Certificate of Tax Credits and Standard Cut-Off Point to your district tax office. You can ask your employer does not have a Form 12A, you can get one from any tax office or by telephoning Lo-Call 1890 306 706. you can also download the form at www.revenue.ie

To ensure that your employer and the tax office have time to have everything sorted out before your first pay-day, it is advisable to do all this as soon as you accept an offer of a job (even for part-time or holiday employment). The tax office will then forward you a detailed statement of your tax credits. Your employer will also be notified of your tax credits. You are taxed on an emergency basis until your employer receives notification of your tax credits.

Your own personal circumstances dictate the amount of tax credits you are entitled to and therefore how much tax you must pay. All workers have tax credits - for example a single person has a personal credit of €1,630 and an employee credit (previously PAYE credit) of €1,490 in the tax year of 2006.

If you are single your tax is calculated on your gross pay at 20% of your earnings below €32,000 and at 42% of the balance. This gives you your gross tax liability. Your tax credits are then subtracted from this figure and the remainder is the amount of tax you will pay. The tax you pay is spread over the tax year so that you receive approximately the same wages each week.

Question

What is the cost of a passport and how do you apply?

Answer

The cost of a passport depends on the type of passport you want and the rates are as follows:

- Standard ten-year passport for people aged 65 and over
Free
- Standard ten-year passport for people 18 - 64
€75

- Large ten-year passport for very frequent travellers
€100
- Five-year passport for children aged 3 - 17
€25
- Three-year passport for children under aged 3
€15

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

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

- Two recently taken passport photographs—the back of each photograph and the witness section of the form must be signed by a Garda Síochána.
- Proof of citizenship-if it is renewal application your most recent passport is sufficient.
- The appropriate fee (see above).

If you are born in Ireland and it is your first application or you are under 18 years of age, the long form of your birth certificate is required as proof of citizenship. Children born in Ireland since the start of 2005 and people born outside Ireland will require additional or alternative forms of proof. Information on what is required depending on your circumstances is supplied with the application form.

You can apply in person or by post to the Passport Office for a passport. You can also apply via the "Passport Express" service, available through the post office. It guarantees receipt of a passport within ten working days where applications are completed correctly with proper documentation. The additional fee for this service is €7 per application or €12 for up to four applications sent together for a family.

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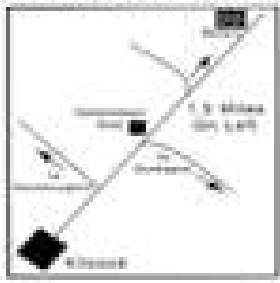
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Maynooth ICA Notes

The Guild AGM took place on Thursday 4th May. Congratulations were extended to the members who took 3rd place in the Federation Guild of the Year Contest. The members were delighted with their win as they had to compete in five different competitions. The National AGM will take place on Saturday 20th May in Moran's Hotel, and the Federation AGM is on Tuesday 16th May in Castledermot. Mary O'Gorman will continue as President of Maynooth Guild for the coming year and the members wish her the best. A Polish-Irish Night will take place in Kilteel on Friday 12th May. The President Mary extended her thanjs to all her committee for their work during the past year and the treasurer said we had a healthy balance. Bernie Byrne from Kilcock was thanked for her work with the Drama group who took part in the Guild of the Year Contest. Thanks was also extended to Eilish O'Malley for organising our Christmas Service. Next months Guild Competition will be on the SPOT. The yearly Guild comprtition was won by Rosemary Hanley, second place went to Eileen Flynn and third is Mary O'Gorman. Our charities for the coming year will be Daffodil Day, Alzheimers Association and Brainwave.

Mary McNamera, Jo O'Connell and Margaret Houlihan were thanked for their great work in organising the "The Federation Guild of the Year Contest". It was one of the best events organised in the County in recent years, with fourteen Guilds participating. The contest was won by Kilcock with Leixlip second and Maynooth third. Raffle a Guild Meeting was won by Catherine O'Reily, 2nd Madeline Stynes, 3rd mary McNamera and 4th Betty Moore.

Next meeting Thursday 1st June.



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Maynooth Ladies Golf Society

The Maynooth Ladies Golf Society's first outing of 2006 was to Bodinstown Golf Club on March 25th. Nineteen members played an enjoyable but somewhat wet and muddy round of golf.

The winners of the Stableford Competition were:

- 1st Deidre Glynn
- 2nd Anita McNamara
- 3rd Heather Meldrum
- 4th Mary Hoban

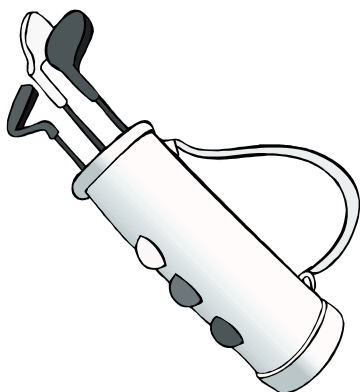
The second outing on Saturday 29th April was held in Elm Green Golf Club, Castleknock with 23 members playing on the day.

The winners were:

- 1st Fiona Knox
- 2nd Ann Burns
- 3rd Eleanor Reilly
- 4th Deidre Glynn
- 5th Sheila Lee

Congratulations to the winners of both outings. The next outing is on Thursday 25th May to Elm Hall Golf Club, Celbridge. This year the society which has 50 members has sought sponsorship for prizes from local businesses in Maynooth and the surrounding areas. There has been a great response to this and the society would like to thank McCormack's Chemist and Sayblu, Maynooth for their sponsorship of the Elm Green outing. The Maynooth Ladies Golf Society can be contacted at 086 8793610 if you are interested in sponsoring a prize or outing for the society.

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Features

Fr. John Nevin

40 years serving the poor in Pakistan

To many Maynooth people the name Fr. John Nevin is synonymous with Pakistan. Forty years ago Fr. John left Maynooth for that region. He is still there today! Much has changed in Maynooth since 1965. What has not changed is the poverty of the people Fr. John cares for in Pakistan. Many of his parishioners' children cannot afford the basic right of education.

Born in 1937 John at sixteen years of age joined the Mill Hill Fathers at Freshford College in Kilkenny thus beginning a life of faithful commitment to his Order and ultimately to the people of Pakistan. He completed his second level education in Freshford passing his matriculation and then studied at U.C.D. graduating in Arts and Theology. He finished his studies in Ireland by completing his H.Dip in Education. He then moved to London to undertake further Theological studies and in 1965 was ordained at Westminster Cathedral on 10th July. A proud day indeed for his beloved parents Mick and Katie who on that very day celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary.



During his student years John spent his summers working on Bruton's Farm at Ballygoran cutting thistles and making hay. He played football with Maynooth Crom Abu and was part of the team beaten in the Intermediate final in 1964, a team who in 1965 won the Intermediate Final. The Club had to wait until 1999 to regain that title repeating their success in 2005. While the Club waited almost forty years for these successes Fr. John was waiting on the poor in Pakistan.

In the autumn of 1965 John departed Maynooth destined for unknown territory. He was handed a ticket for the boat bound for Pakistan. He travelled for three weeks via London, the Cape of Good Hope, through the Indian Ocean and the Arabian Sea finally docking in Karachi. He was greeted there by a local Catechist and such were the hazards for Christian missionaries in that country he locked Fr. John in an outhouse until his safe passage was assured. This incident highlighted for John the status of the minority Christian communities and the risks taken by those who came to help.

Undeterred and driven by his mission to propagate the faith he settled into his first assignment in Karachi. Here he set up parish structures, built a church, schools and community care centres. He then worked in Sargodha, Rawalpindi, Lahore and is now based in Satellite Town on the outskirts of Rawalpindi. His efforts are constantly pitted against unyielding regimes, seasons of severe drought, monsoon climates, natural disasters and acts of war. Fr. John's faith, his absolute devotion to the Eucharist and beliefs in the power of the Holy Mass keep him focused and determined at all times.

His work over the past four decades has been greatly supported through the generosity of Maynooth people. Fr. John speaks regularly with gratitude for the help he received from the late Hannah Flood, Gearoid Mac Teighnain, Dan Newton and Jimmy Horan. He is also indebted to Reilly's Garage, L.S. Autos and all those Maynooth people whose support was and is essential to him. He regularly keeps in touch with Maynooth inquiring about current affairs at Maynooth GAA, The Brass and Reed Band and of course the Lilywhites !. On rare trips home John would attend Kildare matches and on bad days for the Lillies would regularly retort "ah well seen it all before".

In recent years following the US invasion of neighbouring Afghanistan and the devastating earthquake in Pakistan the dispersal of people and the thousands of refugees has created further problems for Fr. John and his colleagues.

Features (Fr. John Nevin Cont'd)

Looking to the future Fr. John sees education of young children as crucial in the alleviation of poverty and progression of communities.

"Mol an oige aus tiocfaidh si"

In a recent letter home Fr. John wrote:

" Here in Satellite Town, Rawalpindi, we have two schools - one for boys, the other for girls. There are about 2000 children in total in our schools. The majority came from poor families. By poor I mean people earning RS 3000 per month about EUR 40. Most families have three to four children in school. We provide the schools but also have to pay teachers and all the maintenance costs of maintaining the buildings. So there has to be fees. Then there are books, clothes and so on. So, a family with four children earning €40 per month have their back against the wall . There are many many children who cannot get to primary school because of poverty.

So what would be nice is to have some kind of scholarship for fees and books. This would enable so many poor kids to get the basic right of schooling. Please, thank everyone in Maynooth who helped over the years and I appreciate all that comes down the way"

It is obvious that Fr. John Nevin is a truly exceptional Maynooth man. Here in Ma Nuad we should be very proud of this missionary, this man who has passed up on the economic benefits we all enjoy in favour of the poor in difficult and dangerous lands.

In an effort to seriously help Fr. John a committee has recently formed in Maynooth and we are planning to launch **"The Fr. John Nevin Pakistan Scholarship Fund"** during the Summer.

by Colm Nelson

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Maynooth Golf Society

On the 30th of April we travelled to Rathcore Golf Club and the outing was sponsored by Dave Mahony Plumbing Contractor.

The following were the results:

1st	Norman Kavanagh	41 pts Back 9
2nd	Derek Murray	41 pts
3rd	Michael Flynn Jnr.	40 pts
4th	Tom O'Haire	39 pts
5th	Dave Mahony	38 pts
6th	John Hynes	37 pts
7th	Joey Edwards	35 pts
Front 9	Colm Loftus	20 pts
Back 9	Tim Mullane	20 pts
Deuce Winners	Gery Kelly, Tom Flatley, Norman Kavanagh, Mick Flynn Snr. Dave Mahony	
Visitors	Niall Farrell (Muscles)	
Nearest the Pin	Michael Flynn Jnr	

Maynooth Golf Society

On the 20th May we travelled to Athy Golf Club and this outing was sponsored by John Byrne and Tom Nolan

The following are the results

1st Overall	David Weafer	44 pts
2nd	Dermot Myles	39 pts Back 9
3rd	Liam Farrelly	39 pts
4th	Mick Flynn Snr.	38 pts
5th	John Byrne	37 Back 9
6th	Tom Flatley	37 pts
7th	Joey Edwards	36 pts Back 9
Front 9	Pa Conway	21 pts
Back 9	Don O'Sullivan	20 pts
Twos Club	David Weafer	
Nearest the Pin	Niall Farrell	

1st Round of Match Play to be completed before Next Outing to Baltinglass on Saturday 17th June



L—R: Norman Kavanagh (Winner), Anne Mahony (Sponsor) & Kevin Loftus (Secretary)



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Orby

The first Irish trained winner of the Epsom Derby was owned by the extraordinary Richard 'The Boss' Croker. Born in 1841 in Clonakilty, County Cork his family emigrated to America at the height of the great famine in 1948. There could be no more graphic illustration of the conditions met by these victims of neglect than those shown in the widely acclaimed movie "Gangs of New York" The incoming immigrants were subject to abuse and discrimination by native New Yorkers. In a way this was not surprising. Many of the Irish had no education and could not speak English and for those that did they were unable to speak it well. They were wretched and penniless and without hope. Their housing conditions were terrible and employment prospects dismal. The Irish had to do it the hard way and from the gang wars of the late 1860's they began the transition to politics.

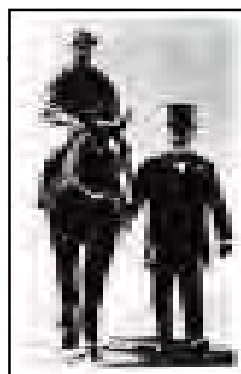
The Irish took control of Tammany Hall, HQ of the Democratic Party in New York. Richard Croker, former professional boxer, blacksmith and barman fought his way to the top, rewarding those who had supported him and punishing those who stood in his way. He made no apologies for the way he looked after the immigrants and the poverty stricken Irish in New York. In a character sketch he wrote for the Daily Telegraph, Mr. T.P. O'Connor said that it was Croker's fighting quality that made him the man he was. He radiated courage and aggressiveness. The Leonine head, the mighty jaw, the penetrating eye, the deep chest and commanding voice all bespoke the power. He knew neither fear nor hypocrisy. He was a king and New York was his kingdom. He controlled the political and labour life of the city and amassed considerable wealth as a result of his investments in property and railroads.

In 1903 he abruptly left New York as a Congressional Commission finished hearings into his activities. There is little surprise that he chose England as he had only paid one fleeting visit to his homeland from the time he emigrated. Perhaps like Joe Kennedy

there was a little of the Anglophile in him. He purchased Antwicks Manor in Berkshire and set up a training establishment at Moat House near Wantage. He appointed Charles Morton as his private trainer. Although he was now living in a different environment 'The Boss' Croker was not going to change how he dealt with people. He continued to be a bully. He was abrasive and would not let people he employed get on with the job. Against his trainers advice he imported some horses from America in the belief they were faster and better.

His short association with Morton ended when the horses failed to make an impression. Croker was not welcome in England and the Stewards of the Jockey Club were waiting for an excuse to effectively warn him off. This opportunity came when he tried to place some horses with J.E. Brewer at Newmarket. Owners required the permission of the Jockey Club to race horses on Newmarket Heath. They withheld their permission. Many might say that, this was more of the anti-Irish bias but it has to be accepted that Croker did have a rather unsavoury track record. He was not the only American based owner or trainer barred from Newmarket at the time. This was the era of the famous blackout in American horse racing which sent many jockeys and trainers to Europe. Croker, humiliated at Newmarket, returned to Ireland and purchased Glencairn estate near Leopardstown.

He spent substantial sums into making this location an up-to-date training centre. The training grounds and surrounding land at Glencairn was subsequently purchased by the McGrath family and became a very important part of Irish Horse Racing History. The British subsequently bought the house for their Embassy staff. Croker brought his American bred stallions, Americus and Dobbins and his brood mare Rhonda B to Ireland where he quartered them with J.J. Parkinson. Americus previously known as Rey de Carreras was one of the fastest horses in the United States and was purchased for \$40,000 and renamed by Croker. Americus bred the filly American Girl who subsequently founded an eminently successful female line. The success of the mare was instrumental in getting American bloodlines entered into the British Stud Book.



*Richard
'Boss'
Croker
leads in
Orby
after his
Derby
victory.*

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This was the beginning of a short but very successful relationship between the two men. J.J. Parkinson trained at Maddenstown lodge on the Curragh. He ran a modern stable for that era and trained up to 150 horses at any one time. He together with Matt Dawson dominated Irish Racing for the next quarter century. During a distinguished training career he was appointed to the Senate. He was also appointed to the Board of the Tote and was a Director of a number of Irish Racecourses. J.J. Parkinson put 'The Boss' top of the list of winning owners in 1905 and 1906. This achievement did not save him from the wrath of Richard Croker, who frequently interfered in the placing and the running of his horses. He was a betting owner and was unable to accept that on some days things do go wrong. He was reluctant to accept that his horse could have been beaten by the handicap, or simply by a better horse. For most of his life he was surrounded by party hacks and people in fear of his power and influence and never adapted to the more disciplined demands of the racing world. It was the two-year-old and subsequent Epsom Derby winner Orby who was the cause of the rift between the two and resulted in Croker removing all his horses from Parkinson's yard.

Orby was bred at Wantage. His sire was Orme and his dam Rhonda B owned by Croker. The rangy well made chesnut made his first racecourse debut at Leopardstown in August 1906. He started at three to one on but could only finish third of six. His next race was the Railway stakes at the Curragh again finishing third. This was the race that caused the rift with the Senator. Parkinson ran two in the race, both owned by 'The Boss'. Electric Rose, the outsider of the two, came home ahead of the heavily backed Orby. Croker, who had lost 'serious' money on backing Orby was furious and in November 1906 withdrew all his horses from Parkinson yard. That was Orby's final run as a Two Year Old. By this stage Glencairn was ready and Croker appointed Colonel Fredrick McCabe as his private trainer. McCabe had built up a reputation as a successful trainer of a small string of horses based in

Sandyford, County Dublin.

He was a very talented individual, apart from training horses he was a qualified Doctor and journalist. He was considered to be progressive and ahead of his time in the training methods he used. Orby won his first two prep races for the Derby in the early summer of 1907. He won the Earl of Serfton's Plate at Liverpool and the Baldoyle plate. Again Croker could not leave well enough alone. After the Earl of Serfton's plate he instructed McCabe to take Orby out of the Derby. He was convinced that his horse would not stay the mile and a half at Epsom. McCabe stood his ground and convinced Croker to wait until the Baldoyle Plate. It was only after the horse won convincingly at the Dublin track that Croker changed his mind and allowed the Derby entry to stand. Orby did not go unsupported in the ante post Derby betting. It was generally known that he thrived after his prep races and was reported to be excelling on the morning gallops. He was well supported from 66/1 down to 100/9.

An Irish trained horse had never previously won the Epsom Derby and the general perception of Irish Blood Stock, like anything else Irish at the time, was assumed to be rough and coarse and not up to Anglo standard. The favourite for the race was Slieve Gallion. This was a top class English two-year-old who had trained on as a three-year-old to win the Craven Stakes and the English Two Thousand Guineas at Newmarket.

English racing, at the time, was entering a colourful era. The dawn of the 20th century heralded the arrival of a number of top class jockeys from America. In 1900 seventeen of the twenty-eight races at Royal Ascot fell to American jockeys. In the Jockey Championship the same year the Americans filled five of the leading ten places. Six American jockeys were to win the Epsom Derby in the first two decades of the new century. The Names Lester and Johnny Reiff, 'Skeets' Martin, Danny Maher, Matt McGee and Frank O'Neill were to be inscribed on the Blue Riband's Roll Of Honour. The reason for the influx of American jockeys into England and France at the beginning of the 1900's was, effectively down to one man, Charles Evans Hughes. Best remembered for his close 1916 Presidential race against Woodrow Wilson, he was a fanatical opponent of horse racing.

Scenes from the movie 'Seabiscut' graphically illustrates the total lawlessness of American racing at the time. There appeared to be no rules and jockeys rode for self-preservation with no regards for the safety of their fellow riders. Some locations raced for three hundred and sixty four days a year and other tracks held two meetings, daily, day and night. There was little or no regulation and the elements of politics, money, gangsters and foul play all combined to make this great sport a playground for some very nast types. Against this background Governor Hughes of New York led a campaign of closure of the State's

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Racetracks. Several States followed suit and famous tracks like Santa Anita and the major New York tracks were blacked out. The out of work jockeys and trainers headed for Europe.

Amongst the arrivals from across the Atlantic were the Reiff brothers Lester and Johnny. The two brothers resembled innocent, cute looking choir boys and were fussed like pet poodles by many members of the fair sex. Johnny, Orby's jockey, was fourteen years old and weighed four and a half stone on his arrival in England. He was no more than four feet in height. He was a brilliant lightweight jockey. During his career in England he won the great Met, Royal Hunt Cup, Steward's Cup, Ebor and Cambridgeshire handicaps amongst many others. He was a most sought after jockey for these handicap races and could be relied upon to land the betting coups. His brother Lester was no less successful but was a jockey who had walked a narrow line once too often in England and had been subsequently warned off by the stewards.

The Jockey Club restored Lester's licence to ride in 1904 but Johnny felt it wiser to move to France to continue his racing career as both brothers had a name for involvement with American Gambling rings. There is little known as to how Croker settled on Johnny Reiff as the rider for Orby. We do know that Maher, Lynham and Halsey were discussed but Croker eventually decided to bring over Johnny Reiff from France. When the subsequent history of the Derby was written, it turned out to be a good choice. In the lead up to the Epsom Derby of 1907, it is difficult to understand the attitude of the British towards the horse from Glencairn.

The comments of the Royal trainer, Richard March was patronising in the extreme, describing the horse as having a magnificent frame but implying that he was badly turned out. On the other hand the comments in the Sportsman was blatantly racist when it stated that "no Irish trainer knows enough to even compete in the greatest race in the world". The photograph of Orby from the "British Racehorse" however, shows a really nice looking thoroughbred and at least one famous trainer, E Moorhouse thought none of his competitors looked better. Captain Greer's colt Slieve Gallion by Gallinule started favourite at thirteen to eight on. The second favourite being Major Loder's Galavi at seven to one. The race was incident free to the mile pole. The favourite took up the running and went two lengths clear of the field. The chasing pack was led by Bezonian with Galavi, Orby, Earliston and Wool Winder lying handy. Although it was a small field Wool Winder ran into trouble in running and was virtually pulled up by his jockey M Madden. This was a significant incident in the final analysis. Slieve Gallion led into the straight but his lead was only on sufferance. He did not stay the distance and two furlongs out he began to sprawl and veer to the right. Orby then took up the running and looked like he was going to be a

comfortable winner before he too sent out distress signals in sight of the winning post. He lasted home to beat the unlucky fast finishing Wool Winder by two lengths. Slieve Gallion finished third. This was the first Irish trained horse to win the Derby and the large Irish contingent celebrated long into the night.

Wool Winder was owned by Colonel Baird, a Steward of the Jockey Club whose members refused to accept Richard Croker's entries for Newmarket Heath. The atmosphere was not good and the general consensus at the time was that the members of the jockey club had taken Orby's win rather badly. The bad feeling was further compounded by the failure of the King to receive Mr. Croker after his famous win. Whatever might have been said, this breach of protocol reflected badly on the Racing Authorities. Croker was now a National Hero. The victory had to be seen in a wider context. The Irish people had precious little to cheer about. Under the Union it was probably the poorest country in Europe and Dublin was known as the slum capital of the Empire. The Irish horse racing industry, if you could call it that, was badly underfunded and poorly supported. The Anglo-Irish class usually sent their best horses to England to be trained and raced.

The 'Boss' Croker and Orby received a great reception on their return to Dublin. The Derby winner was paraded through the streets and bonfires blazed in many neighbourhoods. The fires had barely died down when Richard Croker was in the wars again. Orby had developed a suspect leg and his trainer Frederick McCabe did not wish to risk him running on firm ground for the Irish Derby. Croker insisted on the horse running. Orby won easily against poor opposition. Against McCabe's advice he was entered for the St. Leger. He broke down in a prep race at Liverpool and never raced again.

Relations between Croker and McCabe were now at breaking point and when Croker demanded that Orby's lead horse Hayden be sold, the trainer resigned. Croker now appointed James Allen as his trainer. Allen had been assistant trainer to McCabe. In the following year the 'Boss' Croker's filly Rhodora won the English One Thousand Guineas. She was ridden by Lucien Lyne, an American and was the first Irish trained filly to win the Classic. She might have won the Oaks, had she not been brought down by another filly falling in front of her. Lucien Lyne did not see out his retainer with Croker who dispensed with his services towards the end of the 1908 flat season. Lyne was beaten on one of Croker's horses at Leopardstown and "The Boss" lost a lot of money. True to form Richard Croker never let it go and Lyne requested that he be released from his retainer.

Croker then turned to the great Steve Donoghue who was riding in Ireland at the time. The jockey won the Irish Oaks on Queen of Peace and also rode Rhodora to success as a four year old. In preparing Rhodora

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for the Cambridgeshire Croker again crossed his jockey. Against Donoghue's advice he insisted on Rhodora running a second trial gallop after the first had proved inconclusive. She broke down and this taken together with Steve's marriage to the daughter of a rival trainer made his relationship with Croker impossible. By this stage it mattered little. Steve Donoghue moved to England to ride for Atty Pearse and the Druids Lodge. He became a horse racing legend. Richard Croker continued to own horses and hire and fire trainers up to 1916. Made a freeman of the City of Dublin he was never invited to join the Turf Club.

He died in 1922 and his pallbearers included Arthur Griffith, Alfie Byrne and Oliver St. John Gogarty, perhaps proving that he had more friends in the political field than in racing.

Orby was a success at stud, breeding the 1919 Derby winner Grand Parade and the One Thousand Guineas winner Diadem. Most of his stock was endowed with speed rather than stamina. The Orby male line is best remembered by the sprinters, the Boss, Sir Cosmo, Panorama and Golden Bridge. It was to take two World Wars and fifty years before an Irish trained horse took the blue Riband again.

Jim Healy



*F. F. MacCabe, Orby's
trainer.*

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7-A-Side Soccer Tournament 10th - 23th July Rules



- 1 Each panel will consist of not more than ten players. A player may play for only one team in the tournament. Each player must be resident in the Maynooth area at least three months.
- 2 The committee reserve the right to refuse any entry.
- 3 **Participants are not insured.** Participants enter the competition at their own risk.
- 4 Names of players and entry fee must be submitted with the official entry form. The team must be named after a housing estate e.g. Old Greenfield.
- 5 Fifteen minutes will be played each way and three substitutes may be used.
- 6 The format of the competition will be decided by the committee.
- 7 All games must start at the stated time, in the event of a team being late the match will be awarded to the opposition, under no circumstances will any postponement be given.
- 8 Any team playing players not included in their entry form will be removed from the tournament.
- 9 The organising committee will not be responsible for any articles lost or damaged.
- 10 The organising committee will not be responsible for any injury to any player.
- 11 All protests will be dealt with by the organising committee.
- 12 Protest, together with fee of €10.00, refundable if protest is upheld, must be lodged with the Secretary of the organising committee within thirty minutes of the finish.
- 13 Teams will not be included in draw unless entry fee is paid €50.00
- 14 In the competition studs may be worn but must confirm to F.I.F.A. standards. Shin-guards must be worn. Match referee's decision will be final in this matter. Flat footwear must be of proper standard, be safe for wearer and not constitute a danger to other players. Referee's decision is also final in this matter.
- 15 In the event of an objection it will be up to the team allegedly guilty to prove that they are innocent.
- 16 In the event of a walk-over or an objection the other team will be rewarded a 2-nil win.
- 17 The committee's decision is final in all matters.

John McGinley (Phone 6285293) Secretary Organising Committee
Entries before 30th June 2006

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Maynooth Flower & Garden Club Notes

Club members and friends enjoyed a memorable Spring Show in April this year. Some say it was the best yet and they couldn't be argued with. The presentation and floral displays were awe inspiring but then I'm biased in that I am a flower and garden lover but even the most ungreen fingered person could not but be bowled over by the colour, variety and innovative ideas of the day. Congratulations to all who entered because everybody deserved prizes for contributing to the overall effect. Best in Show was awarded to Maureen Fagan. Dominic MacNamara, St Patrick's College, Maynooth presented Cups and Prizes.

Our Major Plant Sale to raise funds for the College Chapel, Maynooth took place on May 6th and it was a resounding success. The final figure hopes to be in the region of €12,000. A huge thank you to all who helped before, during and after, on the day and in the preceding days, weeks and months. Loftus Hall was a sea of green on the day but after buses and cars were filled to capacity with plants and shrubs, spaces became available for plants that had been waiting patiently under the tables for their turn to be displayed. Everybody went home tired but happy with the day's outcome.

Next club night: June 20
Demonstrator: Angela Kelly
Competition: "Beauty in Contrast", a modern exhibit. Space for Classes A, B and C: 60cm
Plant Competition: 1 Rose

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Castle Keep Art Group Maynooth 8th Annual Art Exhibition 2006

The Castle Keep Art Group held its 8th Annual Art Exhibition in the Post Primary School on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd April. This year there was a record 129 works on display in various media. It was an impressive output by 18 local artists. A diverse range of subjects was represented— landscapes, seascapes, still life, portraiture as well as flower, figure, equine subjects. Local scenes which included Carton Boat House, Bond Bridge, The Wonderful Barn were eagerly sought after. Over half of the works on display were sold and a number of people requested commissions. There were many visitors to the exhibition over the two days.

We would like to thank John McGinley, Mayor of Kildare who opened the exhibition on Friday night. A large number of invited guests attended and by all accounts it was a very enjoyable evening for everyone.

We also extend our thanks to Carton Golf Club who generously sponsored the event again this year. Their support is very much appreciated.

The continued provision of a venue—the Post Primary School—has played a large part in the group's survival—our thanks to Senan Griffin, Principal and Kildare VEC. Brian Farrell's help and enthusiasm in preparing the room made our task of hanging all the easier. Caroline, Sheila and Marcella made sure all was on track in the venue planning.

The exhibition would be nothing without all those who visited, purchased and commented on the exhibition. This support is vital for the group's continuance and development and is welcomed and appreciated. We are beginning to develop a loyal following and you will be glad to know we are already planning for next year! Keep an eye on the calendar, our exhibition usually happens on the weekend after Easter.

Members of the group get together on a weekly bases for a 'meet and paint' session from September to May. Whenever possible some tuition is organised throughout the year. If you wish to find out more about us please contact: **Susan at 01 6289349 evenings. We welcome new members.**

**Susan Durack
Secretary
Castle Keep Art Group**

Castle Keep Art Exhibition



Pat Bourke & Marie Brannick



Dr. Maeve Mulryan Molony, Rita Edwards and Hilda Dunne— visitors to the exhibition opening night



Jacqui Morrissey & Susan Barton - Enjoying the exhibition on opening night



Aveen Walsh & Friend- At the opening night



Rita Flynn & friend - enjoying the exhibition



Natalie Kelly & Betty O'Hare, members of Castle Keep Art Group



Liz Rochfort, Tom Rochfort & Susan Durack - members of the Castle Keep Art Club

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Fianna Fail Old Carton Cumann Press release on the Traffic situation in Maynooth.

Infrastructure with regard to traffic and parking in Maynooth is appalling and is set to worsen. Serious amounts of tax payers money has been wasted accommodating traffic to the new Mill Centre.

In the recent past, there has been a serious and ongoing traffic problem in Maynooth, which has been caused as a direct result of the opening of the new Mill Centre in Maynooth and the tinkering with a previously working traffic control system.

We in Old Carton Cumann now want to know the amount of money which has been wasted by Kildare County Council.

At the request of Brid Feely, a traffic study was conducted in 2004 when traffic tail-backs were up to 4 miles long on Friday evenings and the traffic light times were reset then. The system worked well except when the bus couldn't pull into the bus bay on Main Street, which blocked traffic in all directions.

With the completion of the Mill Centre:

- 1 Traffic lights were erected at the new centre.
- 2 Traffic lights were erected at the Roost (almost at the same time as Bond Bridge was closed and the new interchange was opened). We find this incredible.
- 3 Traffic lights were erected at the Glenroyal.
- 4 Traffic lights were erected at LIDL.
- 5 The green light time at the lights at the square for traffic turning in the direction of Dunboyne Road / Tesco was significantly reduced.
- 6 The green light time at the lights at the square for traffic coming from Dunboyne Road / Tesco was significantly reduced.
- 7 The green light time for traffic coming from Celbridge at the Maxol garage junction was significantly increased and the green time given to traffic coming from Celbridge is almost equal to the time given to traffic on the Straffan Road. This is causing serious problems for traffic coming from the Motorway and for the first time we witnessed outward traffic jams in the evening on the Straffan Road, all because the green light time for Celbridge Road traffic was increased to a ridiculous time. On many occasions, when there

were huge tail-backs on the Straffan Road coming from the Motorway and from the Town because there lights were red, there was no traffic coming from Celbridge. We are very interested in the traffic study which justifies such time dedication for Celbridge traffic.

So it appears, the lights were designed and set to accommodate traffic coming from all directions to the New Mill Centre.

So according to KCC, shopping traffic going to the Mill Centre is more important than Maynooth people trying to go to and from work.

Because of the sheer chaos in September / October 2005 caused by the tinkering with the traffic light timings, The Maynooth Business Association called for a meeting with KCC and in November, met with Mr. Pat Whelan S.E.O. Roads administrator and Mr. David Reel, senior Executive Engineer of the Roads design section to express anger at the traffic chaos in Maynooth. It was at this meeting we were told that Faber Maunsel had been contracted by KCC as traffic control consultants.

Two of the members of the Maynooth Business Association are also members of the Old Carton FF Cumann which attended the meeting. Gross dissatisfaction was expressed at the traffic chaos and the disruption it was causing to business, commuters, school goers, etc., and a number of recommendations were made with the idea to help alleviate the traffic problem.

The following were the main recommendations made by the Maynooth Business Association to KCC in November 2005:

- 1 Reset the traffic light timing at the square for traffic turning right towards Dunboyne Road / Tesco to the original light times which should be 3 times longer (increase green time by 15 seconds) and similarly increase the green light time for traffic coming from Tesco.
- 2 Switch off the lights at the Roost. There was no need for traffic lights at this junction. Bond bridge was closed. A roundabout should be constructed here.
- 3 Do not switch on the traffic lights at the Glenroyal (they were already erected in Nov 2005 but not switched on). It was unbelievable traffic lights were erected here in the first instance.
- 4 Reconstruct the bus bay on Main Street, as KCC had promised they would do in 2004.

KCC ignored us and continued with the nonsense but in February 2006 they eventually had to switch off the

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lights at the Glenroyal. In May 2006 the lights taken down 7 months after Maynooth Business association advised KCC not to switch them on.

Besides, instead of increasing the green light times to and from Tesco, **Faber Maunsel propose chopping down 5 or 6 of the lime trees on Main Street to make new lanes at the square.** This proposal was reported in the Maynooth Newsletter issue 335 March 2006. This is insanity. In the same Newsletter Faber Maunsel reported the traffic light timings at the square for traffic going to Tesco / Dunboyne Road were being increased by 15 seconds.

So what we have now is the return of the same traffic light timings as were set in 2004 and all of the erection of lights and tinkering with timings in the interim were unnecessary and a waste of time, money and unnecessary disturbance and chaos inflicted on the people of Maynooth. We aim to find out the cost of this scandalous waste.

We Old Carton Cumann have had enough and we now demand answers to the following questions:

- 1 Why did KCC roads design employ independent contractors to design the traffic system, when they knew full well, this is the Roads Design section's work for which the Roads Design department and staff of that department have been employed and are paid to do?
- 2 The two Maynooth sitting councillors were deafening in their silence during all this chaos.
- 3 **What were the surveying and planning costs from the consultants / contractors for each set of lights in Maynooth erected since the building of the Mill Centre as above mentioned?**
- 4 **What were the electrical and construction costs of each set of lights? Who were the contractors and how were the costs determined / approved. Was the job tendered for?**
- 5 **What are the ancillary costs (Kerbing, railing etc.,) per set of lights? Who were the contractors and how and by whom were they appointed?**
- 6 **What was the cost of taking down the set of lights at the Glenroyal?**
- 7 **What is the annual service contract cost per set of lights and who is the service contractor?**

What we have now in Maynooth, after all this unnecessary tinkering, is a massive waste of taxpayers money. We are back to square one, to the original time settings set in 2004, which were right all along and unnecessary to interfere with. So all this work and cost, disruption and chaos was unnecessary.

We, Old Carton Cumann, are of the opinion that all of this unnecessary cost and chaos, was to facilitate the Mill Centre only and not alone did it not consider the effect of motorists / commuters of Maynooth , it seems it was designed to demonstrate that the traffic flow to the Centre was favoured.

It is unbelievable that KCC roads design employs independent contractors to do their job. How much do these people get paid and how much more of tax payers money is being wasted of which the public is not aware?

Maynooth Old Carton FF Cumann will make further press releases when we have some answers from KCC.

So as not to be confused with the original cumann in Maynooth, the Executive Members of **THE OLD CARTON CUMANN**, WHICH IS THE NEW FF CUMANN IN MAYNOOTH ARE:

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Deputy Catherine Murphy (Ind) News

Irish Rail reviewing Ticket prices for outer Suburbs

Deputy Catherine Murphy has been told in a parliamentary reply by the Minister for Transport that Iarnrod Eireann are currently engaged in a review of all fare structures. It is expected this review will be completed by the end of the year.

Deputy Murphy has sought a rationalisation of the fare structures on the suburban rail system, under the current system commuters in the outer suburbs such as Sallins and Kilcock pay substantially more for daily commuting than those within the commuter area as defined by Irish Rail.

Iarnrod Eireann currently operates two fare structures—a Dublin commuter area, which encompasses Balbriggan, Maynooth, Hazelhatch and Kilcoole and the national network. For a single adult fare from Balbriggan to the City Centre the fare is €3.60. For the shorter journey from Sallins to Heuston or Kilcock to the City Centre the fare is €6. The fare for the one stop between Hazelhatch and Sallins in the other direction the fare is €8 making it a very unattractive proposition, while the €4.50 you will pay for the one stop between Maynooth and Kilcock is 90cent more than the cost of the fare from Maynooth to the City Centre at €3.60

Noise Regulations exclude Training Aircraft

Guidelines recently introduced by the Minister for the Environment Heritage & Local Government relating to the management of environmental noise excludes the noise made by some training flights. In a statement Deputy Catherine Murphy expressed her disappointment that the Minister had not gone further than required by the European Union Directive (EU 2002/49/EC).

Environmental noise is defined in the Directive as unwanted or harmful outdoor sound created by human activities, including noise emitted by means of transport, road traffic, rail traffic, air traffic and from sites of industrial activity. In defining a major airport, the Directive excludes movements (take-offs or landings) that are purely for training purposes on light aircraft.

According to Deputy Murphy the vast majority of complaints she has received over the years relate to aircraft noise in the North Kildare Area. Most of these relate to light aircraft and increasingly helicopters flying low close to Weston Aerodrome. While some planes are fitted with noise abatement systems this is not a requirement. With the intensification of use of the busiest training facility namely Weston there is little comfort in the regulations introduced. Deputy Murphy is seeking an amendment of the regulations

to include light aircraft in circumstances where there are extensive flight movements close to urban areas.

Hold on to your bin tags advice from Deputy Murphy

The recent finance Bill made some changes on the amount a household may claim back in Tax on Refuse Charges. According to Deputy Catherine Murphy the amount has increased to €400. She had been critical last year when the Minister replied to a Parliamentary Question tabled by her which showed that the change to pay by lift/weight meant that the amount of tax refund was limited to the standing charge only and excluded the cost of bin tags, I welcome the fact that the Minister changed this in this years Finance Bill.

What taxpayers need to do is to hold on to their bin tags and submit them together with the standing charge bill to the Tax Office. Taxpayers claiming in 2006 will automatically receive the allowance in the following years so its well worth putting the effort in.

Two area's where there is a low take up of tax refund are in the area's of claiming medical expenses and refuse charges very often households don't hold on to receipts and as a consequence each year millions are saved by the state by taxpayers not looking for their own money back, medical expenses being the major area for those under-claiming.

Kildare not at the Races on Arts Funding

Deputy Catherine Murphy has learned through a reply to a parliamentary question that Kildare is just one of five Counties that failed to secure any funding under the Arts & Culture Capital Enhancement Support Scheme (ACCESS), for the years 2004, 2005 and are not expected to receive funding in 2006.

Under the ACCESS programme €43M was allocated to projects around the country with a further €60M paid in grants under the Capital Funding programme. Dublin with an allocation of €34m tops the list with Wexford receiving just short of €27m, between them they received the lions share, the Ministers own County of Kerry received the 4th largest allocation €4.2m.

Counties with significantly smaller populations than Kildare, Laois Offaly Cavan & Longford (combined population of 210,000 Census 2002) received nothing from the €103M fund. Kildare has been one of the most rapidly developing counties over the past two decades with an estimated 200,000 residents, there is no doubt it is the glaring omission. Much of the recent development in the County has been housing development the absence of Arts and Leisure facilities continues to be a source of complaint.

Minister O'Donoghue stated in his reply to Deputy Murphy "The increase in the availability of facilities and the enhancement of their quality, a result of the



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scheme, has greatly improved access to and participation in the arts for a great many people all around the country." Deputy Murphy stated that there is an obvious equity issue for those Counties that are not sharing in the improved facilities. "I am well aware that the performing arts are thriving in Kildare however facilities lag way behind the very obvious needs". Taxpayers who are residents of the omitted Counties have a right to expect their communities will be included in what should be a genuinely National Funding Scheme."

OPW needs to show good will on flooding problems â€" Murphy

In a reply from the Minister for Finance Deputy Catherine Murphy has been told that the Office of Public Works intend to carry out a major study of the Liffey Catchment in the future. They have agreed that the Section of the catchment along the River Rye is to go ahead first, this will focus on Leixlip, Maynooth and Kilcock. The reason given for this approach is because of the existing flood risk and also because of development pressure. This study is expected to take 18 months.

In the meantime OPW is willing to consider funding elements that there is reasonable certainty will be compatible with the final recommendations and are economically and environmentally sustainable. Much was expected from the report commissioned by Kildare County Council following the 2002 floods. It will be a further eighteen months before the recommendations of the latest study will be revealed, even then the recommendations will be implemented subject to finance becoming available. Over the past four years substantial new development has taken place along the catchment which will have the effect of adding to the flow from the storm water drains.

In the meantime residents who have had the experience of having their homes flooded will continue to have an anxious wait. Some insurance companies have also placed Leixlip on a list of area â€™s subject to flooding and are unwilling to insure properties as a consequence. â€œ if this part of County Kildare is to continue to expand the Office of Public Works will have to show some good will in at the very least ensuring the problem does not get worse, that means funding some of the existing recommendations now. â€

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Maynooth Fianna Fail - Boys School Cumann - Update

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

See also the Fianna Fail website: www.fiannafail.ie

Dail Eireann Visit

If anyone is interested in visiting Dail Eireann, please contact Anna Kelly 01 6286934 or Michael Caden on 01 6286049 - a visit is being organised by the local Fianna Fail organisation on **Wednesday 31st of May** next. Members and non-members are welcome.

Public Meeting in Maynooth - Minister Martin Cullen TD

The Minister for Transport Martin Cullen TD addressed a well attended public meeting in Maynooth on Tuesday 9th of May last. The Minister outlined the Government Plans, under Transport 21, for planned improvements on the rail network for Maynooth commuters.

Questions and Answers followed the Minister's Presentation.

Fianna Fail's General Election Candidates Aine Brady, Anthony Creevey and Michael Fitzpatrick attended together with local Councillor Paul Kelly.



Public meeting with Minister for Transport Martin Cullen

There was a large attendance of local people at the fundraising breakfast organised by the local Fianna Fail organisation which was held in the Glenroyal Hotel on Friday 28th of April last.

The Minister outlined the Governments record on the Key issues of the day and Michael O'Muircheartaigh gave a very entertaining address, which concentrated on the sports people who later entered politics.

Extension to Girls School gets go-ahead

The Minister for Education, Mary Hanafin TD informed Aine Brady that the Girls School extension has been given the go-ahead. Construction on the extension will commence in about 12 months.

This follows in addition to the recent announcement for a new Gael Scoil for Maynooth.

Maynooth Traffic Management Plan

Clr Paul Kelly informed the cumann that the Leixlip Area Committee noted the report of progress on the Traffic plan, but complained that the sequencing work on the traffic signals had not yet been carried out or the introduction of a right turning lane at the Straffan Road / Main Street junction, an additional ten seconds was to be introduced on the green phase at the junction, but this has not yet happened. The committee want to know when will the work on the signals be carried out and observed that this was to be done for March.

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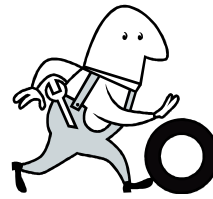
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Footpaths at Dublin Road, Doctors Lane, Maynooth

The committee noted the progress report presented to the meeting which said that the special development levies were a condition of the Tesco development and asked that the position be checked in relation what they are for.

Filter Lane at Parklands Estate, Maynooth

The members appreciated the report which was presented, but insisted that a development of fourteen houses in the area had a condition for levies which are available for this work and asked for the position to be checked.

Bandstand

The mound of earth behind the "bandstand" at Pound Park, Maynooth was created as a result of urban renewal works some years ago and that the area office will now level this mound.

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North Kildare Swimming Pool Progress

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following progress report on the North Kildare Swimming Pool Complex to be constructed at the Leixlip Amenity Centre:

There has been agreement among the clubs at the Amenity Centre on the movements necessary to facilitate the construction of the Complex. The project has been divided into three phases i.e.

- Phase 1. Construction of 6 all-weather pitches costing €250,000. The Tennis club is moving to facilitate this and when the pitches are completed six tennis courts will be built at a cost of €150,000. It is hoped to have Phase 1 completed by September 2006.
- Phase 2. The Athletic Club will move from the back of the Centre to the raised ground close to Louisa Bridge. Funding approval is expected from the Department by end May or early June. The cost of Phase 2 is 500,000.
- Phase 3 is the Swimming Pool Complex and an application for Exchequer Funding will be made early next year. It will be a 25m pool, with facilities similar to the new pools being constructed in Naas and Athy. It will cost €7 or €8m.

Maynooth Traffic Management Plan

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following update at the Leixlip Area Meeting on 21st April:

"Faber Maunsell, Traffic Consultants, have been engaged by the Council to examine traffic management issues in the vicinity of the Square. This assessment is ongoing and the Area Committee will be fully appraised before any remedial measures are programmed."

John asked that the changes that he had requested be put in place without any further delay and he is pleased to note that the right turning lane from the Straffan Road to Main Street has been extended from the Square to the entrance at the Glenroyal Complex. He has again requested that the green time for cars turning right be increased from 10secs to 20 secs and for the pedestrian crossing at the Bank of Ireland to be removed. John has also asked that the green time at the Celbridge Road lights to be reduced from 20secs to 10 secs in order to improve traffic flow on the Straffan Road

Footpaths at Dublin Road /Doctors Lane, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following reply to his demand for a proper footpath from Hand's Corner to Leinster Park entrance and that the development levies collected in the area be used for this purpose:

"The special development levies which are a condition of the Tesco development relate to the construction to that portion of the outer link extending from the Celbridge Road to the Dublin Road."

Cllr. McGinley stated that the levies on TESCO were not for the ring road, but were for footpath improvements in the area. The Council Officials agreed to investigate the matter further.

Northern Relief Road

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following reply to his request for a progress report on the Northern Relief Road from Moyglare Road to Dunboyne Road:

"As previously pointed out, there is no detailed costing available for this project. The figures cited in last month's report of circa. €12m - €15m is a guesstimate solely for the purposes of giving the area committees some indication of the costs involved. It is broadly composed as follows:-"

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- A. Civil works—€7m—€9m
- B. Land Acquisition—€4m—€5m
- C. Design, supervision and other incidentals circa. €1m

It should also be noted that while there is a preliminary scheme available, there are a number of issues which cannot be finalised until detailed design stage, hence a further difficulty of arriving at a detailed costing at this point."

Cllr. McGinley asked that an engineer from the Roads Department attend the next meeting to give an explanation for the extraordinary costs for such a short piece of road. He further stated that there should be no question of a cost for land acquisition.

Public Lighting at the Harbour, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley has been advised that the new public lighting will be put in place shortly.

Contact Numbers for Litter Wardens

The Council's litter wardens may be contacted directly by mobile phone at 086-2848563/ 086-8285577. If an individual wishes to talk to the litter warden in confidence, this can also be arranged. Alternatively, the Environment Section - which will handle general enquiries while the wardens are out of the office - may also be contacted at 045-980588 or by e-mail. The Council is in the process of employing two additional litter wardens to support the anti-litter campaign.

Cllr. McGinley has asked that those convicted of litter offences be named in the local papers.

Mound of Earth at the "Bandstand" in Pound Park, Maynooth

In response to Cllr. McGinley's demand for the levelling of the mound of earth the Council have allocated €2,500 for a contractor to remove the soil instead. Cllr. McGinley has advised the Council that it would be better value for money if the €2,500 was given to the Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee and let them carry out the work.

John has also submitted the following question for addressing at the next Area Meeting on 19th May:

"What progress has been made on removing the "bandstand from Pound Park, Maynooth."

Public Lights in The Square, Maynooth

Following representations from Cllr. John McGinley the vandalised public lights in the Square have been repaired and a replacement unit has been ordered for the severed unit with the three lights.

Question for next Area Meeting

Cllr. McGinley has submitted the following question for addressing at the next Area Meeting:

"When will the decorative bollards be installed at the footpath outside the Boys' School, Moyglare Road, as agreed at the Area Meeting on 16th September last."

Motion for next Area Meeting

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee at its meeting on 19th May:

"That the developer of Manor Mills, Maynooth be asked to restore the two small green areas between St. Mary's Church and the Boys' School yard, to their original landscaped state."

Castledawson Housing Estate

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to speed up the taking in charge of this estate. John was advised by the Council engineer, Willie Hannigan, that when the main road was given the final coat of tarmacadam and the pump stations upgraded the Council would have no problem taking the estate in charge. The ownership of the road and the development behind Castledawson has been sold twice recently. Sherwood Homes bought it from Croftbeam and then sold it on to Aranbell (the developers of Brayton Park, Kilcock).

Willie Hannigan is meeting both Sherwood Homes and Aranbell on site on Monday, 15th May, to address all of the outstanding issues. Cllr. McGinley asked that the bad smell from the drains be addressed as a matter of urgency.

Completion of the Footpath at the ESSO Station on Straffan Road

Cllr John McGinley has asked for the footpath to be surfaced at ESSO without any further delay as it is a hazard for pedestrians at present.

Damaged Bollards at the Chicane in Parklands

A car recently ploughed into the four bollards at the

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first chicane in Parklands and smashed the bollards. Following representations from Cllr. John McGinley the Council has ordered new bollards and they will be erected ASAP.

Repairs to the Footpath Between Rockfield and Parklands

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to carry out remedial work on the damaged footpath/walkway between Rockfield and Parklands.

Ponding of Water at Rockfield Grove

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to extend the shore to cover houses 6, 7 and 8, Rockfield Grove, in order to prevent the ponding of water in the cul de sac.

Stagg Mystified at New Excuse for not carrying out Phase 2 of Restoration Works to Maynooth Castle

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government, to establish if he would review his previous decision not to proceed with phase 2 of the restoration works to Maynooth Castle.

Just under €2 Million was spent on Phase 1 of the restoration works stated Deputy Stagg which involved the development of the ground floor vaulted areas for exhibition purposes together with access to the first floor and the provision of small-scale guide and visitor facilities. Phase 2 of the restoration works which was shelved by this Government in 2001, would have seen the provision of a roof on the Keep of the Castle and an auditorium.

Previously the Government advised Deputy Stagg that they simply had no plans to proceed with Phase 2 of the works. Now Minister Roche has indicated that further facilities including the provision of toilets would be required if there were to be a greater use of the Castle. The Minister stated that it is not possible to provide these at the site currently and that the only way of overcoming this problem was through the acquisition of land. If land was available the Minister further advised Deputy Stagg that this would be examined in conjunction with the OPW.

Deputy Stagg stated that he was astonished that the Minister was now giving a new excuse, 5 years after they abandoned Phase 2, for not further developing the Historic Maynooth Castle. In effect the Minister is

saying that unless land is acquired there is no further possibility of developing the Castle. Deputy Stagg further stated that there was adequate land available for the provision of facilities but indicated that he would contact Professor John Hughes, President of N.U.I. Maynooth who is Chairperson of the Maynooth Castle Committee seeking his views on the matter before taking the issue up further with the Minister.

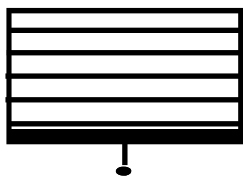
Provision of Additional Public Nursing Homes put on Long Finger

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Tanaiste in relation to her plans to develop further Public Nursing Homes throughout the State such as the excellent facility, the Maynooth Community Unit, at The Harbour in Maynooth which opened in 2003.

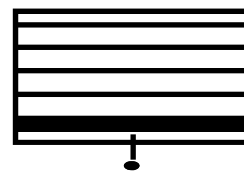
Deputy Stagg sought this information against the backdrop where upwards of 140 elderly people on average are awaiting admission to long term care in Co. Kildare.

As is the norm the HSE responded to Deputy Stagg on behalf of the Tanaiste and indicated that the primary focus for the next 2 years is to focus on maintaining older people in their own homes with additional home care packages. In relation to long term stay provision an assessment is being undertaken in this area which will be completed in 2006.

Whilst welcoming the provision of additional Home Care Packages, Deputy Stagg stated that in Kildare the Home Help Service is already in crisis. We all know that the preferred choice of older people is to stay at home in their community for as long as possible but this does not get away from the fact that there are seriously incapacitated elderly people who cannot at present avail of public long term care, 140 at present in Kildare alone. Having to assess this is in effect putting the provision of additional public nursing homes on the long finger and consigning elderly people to real hardship as family, friends and neighbours try to care for them at home. Worse still it consigns elderly people and their families to the claws of the Private Nursing Home operators.



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Party Political

Deputy Stagg stated that the Maynooth Community Unit is a State of the Art facility built at a cost of €5.4 Million and it costs €2.2 Million to run annually. Given that the National Economic and Social Forum recently stated that the Government needed to spend an additional €500 Million per year on care for the elderly to bring Ireland up to the O.E.C.D. average, it would make sense to commence a programme of building additional Community Care Units throughout the **(Maynooth Labour News Cont'd)**

Country. In North Kildare certainly units are required in Celbridge, Leixlip and Naas.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that the attitude of the Tanaiste was uncaring for people in their twilight years. Not only can they not get into Hospital for treatment without spending days on trolleys in A & E but she also wants them to suffer under duress in their homes when they are no longer capable of independent living. He vowed to continue his campaign for additional Public Nursing Homes.

Commissioner Rejects Stagg's Call for 24 Hour Garda Station for North Kildare

Deputy Emmet Stagg wrote to the Garda Commissioner last October seeking the provision of a 24 Hour Garda Station to serve the Towns of Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth, which had a combined population of 40,324 according to the 2002 Census, and will probably have a combined population of 50,000 when the Census results from last night are compiled.

The Office of the Garda Commissioner responded to Deputy Stagg on 19th April and regretfully they will not agree to Deputy Stagg's request pointing out that the provision of a 24 hour station would necessitate the employment of additional personnel on indoor duties who may be more effectively employed providing an outdoor visible policing service. The response to Deputy Stagg further stated that each of the Towns has a 24 hour mobile patrol service and that the situation would be kept under review in the context of the overall needs of Garda Stations throughout the Country.

Reacting with dismay to the Commissioner's response Deputy Stagg stated that it remained to him unacceptable that an area with a population of 50,000 people had no 24 hour garda station. He further stated that the three 24 hour stations in Kildare at Naas, Newbridge and Kildare Town are within 12 miles of each other. They service a wide rural area but the population levels in North East Kildare at this stage demand a 24 hour station in either Celbridge, Leixlip or Maynooth.

Deputy Stagg stated that he was all for a highly visible police force but stated that he had not seen much evidence of this in any of the Towns today. Furthermore he stated that Leitrim with a population 30% less than North East Kildare has two 24 Hour Garda Stations. This was probably due to historical problems near the border but that problem does not exist now and it was time for the Garda Commissioner to close 24 hour stations where they were not required and open them up in areas where there is a crying need for them.

Deputy Stagg stated 'From my dealings with the Public in Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth there is a clear frustration at their inability to get Garda help when it is required. With crime rampant in the area the only way of effectively policing the area is through the provision of a dedicated 24 hour station in one of the towns. It is no use ringing a local station and being patched through to Naas who say they will contact the patrol car and that's probably the last you'll hear about it'.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he would not give up on the campaign. He stated that he intended to respond to the Commissioner enquiring which of the 109 existing 24 hour stations he intended to close to put more gardai out on the streets and to question the number of 24 hour stations that were required historically in border areas but which are no longer required now and whose resources should be transferred to areas such as North East Kildare.

Stagg Welcomes Further Progressing of Maynooth Presentation Convent Extension

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the announcement that the required extension to the Presentation Convent in Maynooth is being progressed with the approval to proceed to tender and construction over the next 15 months.

Deputy Stagg stated that he had been particularly concerned at the inordinate delay in progressing the Maynooth Presentation Convent Extension through the Architectural Planning Process of the Department where the Stage 3 submission (Detailed Plans) had sat for 5 months without being examined by the Department and approval to proceed to Stage 4 & 5 which covers planning permission/fire certification, bills of quantities and tender documentation had only issued last March.

The Extension of Maynooth comprises additional classrooms, resource rooms and a general purpose room.

Poetry Corner

End of School Year

Like an old-time American wake
The last day is always schizoid,
Surface merriment
Belying the encroaching void.
One keeps oneself busy:
Last-minute phone calls,
Cleaning out drawers,
Writing up reports,
Though all the time
One longs to sit and chat,
To reinforce connections
Established in manoeuvres
Attempted at the chalk front!

But this is furlough time,
A truce has been declared,
Dissolving common purposes,
Drawing colleagues back
Miles behind the salient
Into discrete, peacetime families
From which one is excluded.

Patrick Devaney

Red Admiral

On this commonplace Sunday morning
Between breakfast and the rush for mass
The first sight that arrests me
Is a Red Admiral
Perched like a tiny dark triangle
Upon the concrete boundary wall
Next a family of blackbirds
Descending on the garden grass
Mottled juvenile heads
Clashing with their one-tone bodies
Then as I hurry out the door
I see you striding homeward
From a sleepover following a disco
Denim jacket above long silken dress
Hair loose eyes gleaming
Chattering with your school friend
Like a pair of new-flown blackbirds
As unconscious of your brightness
As the Red Admiral opening its wings

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Party Political

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that we were still probably 12 months away from construction actually commencing but the project is now at its most advanced stage.

Stagg Lodges Observations Against Appeal by O2 Mobile Base Station at Newtown Inn

Deputy Emmet Stagg has along with his colleague Cllr.

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John McGinley lodged Observations with An Bord Pleanala opposing the appeal by O2 against Kildare Co. Council's decision to refuse planning permission for a Mobile Base Station on the Newtown Inn, Maynooth, incorporating the provision of a flagpole on the roof of the pub with 3 concealed antenna and a Radio Link Dish on the roof.

O2 lodged their appeal with An Bord Pleanala on April 18th last claiming that the proposal was required to give 3G coverage in the area and that the Maynooth Development Plan 2002 (M.D.P. 2002) was very restrictive in relation to such proposals.

In the Observations to An Bord Pleanala Deputy Stagg made the following points:

- That the proposal represented a material contravention of the M.D.P. 2002 which stipulates that such telecommunications equipment should not be located in the vicinity of residential areas.
- That the real reason for the proposal was to get coverage into St. Patrick's College which could be penetrated from an existing mast on Main Street.
- That the area of Beaufield, Brookfield, Meadowbrook and the general Newtown area could be served by a Mobile Base Station at the Maynooth Business Campus.
- That the Local Shop area at Beaufield could not be described as a commercial/retail area as defined by the Kildare Co. Development Plan as areas suitable for such telecommunications equipment.
- That the applicants failed to look at alternative sites as required under the Telecommunications Guidelines.
- That the site chosen could not be determined as a last resort site because of the failure of O2 to look at other sites for the location of the mobile base station.
- That the proposal would impact negatively on property values in the area.
- That the proposal would set a precedent for a proliferation of such telecommunications

antennae on the Newtown Inn.

Deputy Stagg concluded that the Newtown Inn site was an entirely inappropriate location for the Mobile Base Station and that alternatives to serve the area had not been examined as required. He called on An Bord Pleanala to protect the residents of the area from such an inappropriate commercial use given the alternatives available.

Stagg Critical of Continued Delays in Sanctioning Additional Buses for Dublin Bus

Deputy Emmet Stagg has criticised the continued delay in funding an additional 200 buses initially for Dublin Bus as part of Transport 21 which was announced last November.

Dublin Bus, stated Deputy Stagg, is the Workhorse of the Public Transport System carrying over 150 Million passengers in 2004. During the period of the National Development Plan 2000 to 2006 a commitment to provide 205 additional buses was made by the Government, 15 of which were to serve the Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge routes. None of these were delivered on. When Transport 21 was announced last November the expectation was that this promise would finally be delivered on albeit at the end of the 2000/2006 Plan rather than during it in a smooth increase in Bus numbers.

Deputy Stagg questioned the Minister for Transport in the Dail in relation to sanctioning the funding sought by Dublin Bus for 200 additional Buses. That request was submitted on 20th January, 2006, nearly 4 months ago. As required Dublin Bus also submitted a Review of their Network on 2nd March 2006, more than 2 months ago. Yet the Minister still refuses to sanction the purchase of the additional buses which in effect means that there is no possibility of getting more than half of these buses on the road by the end of this year. What this means in real terms is continuing overcrowding at Peak Periods for commuters and a failure to provide new services to new parts of North Kildare.

Deputy Stagg stated that this continued delay in sanctioning additional buses showed this Governments contempt for Dublin Bus commuters and he indicated that he would continue to raise the issue with the Minister until the additional buses were sanctioned.

Preliminary Design Work Under Way for City Centre Resignalling Project

Deputy Emmet Stagg has continued to pressurise the

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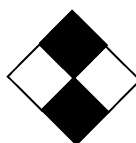
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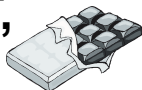


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Party Political

Minister for Transport in relation to moving forward the City Centre Resignalling Project which will increase the number of Train Paths between Connolly and Pearse Stations from 24 per hour at present to 32 per hour once the work is completed, and significantly increase capacity on the Maynooth Suburban Line serving Connolly Station.

The Minister advised Deputy Stagg that a sum of €2 Million was provided to Iarnrod Eireann to establish a
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Project Design Office for the Resignalling Project and that preliminary design work is now underway. The Minister further advised Deputy Stagg that he expected to receive proposals in relation to the project in the latter part of 2006.

Welcoming the move forward Deputy Stagg stated that Iarnrod Eireann were under pressure to deal with all the projects included in Transport 21 and he was pleased that the critical City Centre Project was now moving forward.

Eye Test Waiting List for Children Not Being Dealt With Due to Lack of Resources

Last September Deputy Emmet Stagg criticised the 7 month delay at Maynooth Health Centre in arranging Eye Tests for Children, which was twice the waiting time at Health Centres in Athy, Naas and Newbridge.

Having called on the Tanaiste and Minister for Health to provide additional opticians at Maynooth Health Centre to reduce the waiting time, a full 3 months later, in January 2006, Deputy Stagg was advised that the Health Services Executive were currently in the process of reviewing the optical service and assessing staff requirements to meet the needs of the growing service in Kildare/West Wicklow.

At that time Deputy Stagg welcomed the review but was adamant that the provision of additional opticians in Maynooth was the only answer to the problem.

Since then Deputy Stagg has sought information on the outcome of the review and was recently advised to his utter dismay that *'The current review of optical section is a review of the internal procedures carried out by clerical administrative staff on a daily basis. The HSE are working within the current resources available to alleviate optical waiting lists for all areas where clinics are provided in Kildare West/Wicklow'.*

Deputy Stagg has described the response as useless. A review of Clerical Administrative Staff is not going to increase the number of opticians at Maynooth Health

Centre. However the words *current resources* indicate what the real problem is with the Children's Optical Service. There is `nt enough money for the service and the present distortion of waiting times cannot be dealt with.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that he has no intention of accepting this unacceptable situation for children and he indicated that he intended to raise the matter further with the Tanaiste and the H.S.E.

Stagg Welcomes Grant of Planning Permission for New Docklands Station

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the decision by Dublin City Council of May 5th to grant planning permission to Iarnrod Eireann for the New Docklands Rail Station at Spencer Dock in the City Centre.

The €28 Million new Rail Station stated Deputy Stagg is due to go to Tender this month and the construction timeframe is 9 months. The only delay that could now happen is if there is an appeal lodged with An Bord Pleanala against Dublin City Council's decision.

The new Station will deliver a peak rail service every 15 minutes on the Maynooth Commuter Line and it will take 40 minutes to go from Maynooth to the Docklands. Existing services will continue to serve Connolly Station whilst all new services on the line will go to the new Docklands Station.

The main difficulty with the project stated Deputy Stagg is the absence of the LUAS line from Connolly Station to the new Docklands Station. The Public Inquiry into this is not due to commence until the Summer of this year and it will be Spring 2007 before construction of the LUAS extension commences. Given that it could take a year to construct the LUAS extension a dedicated bus service will have to operate between the new Docklands Station and the City Centre. Dublin City Council have imposed a condition on Iarnrod Eireann requiring the provision of a Bus Service to serve the new rail station and the City Centre.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg congratulated Iarnrod Eireann on moving forward the Docklands Rail Station project by over 2 years.

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