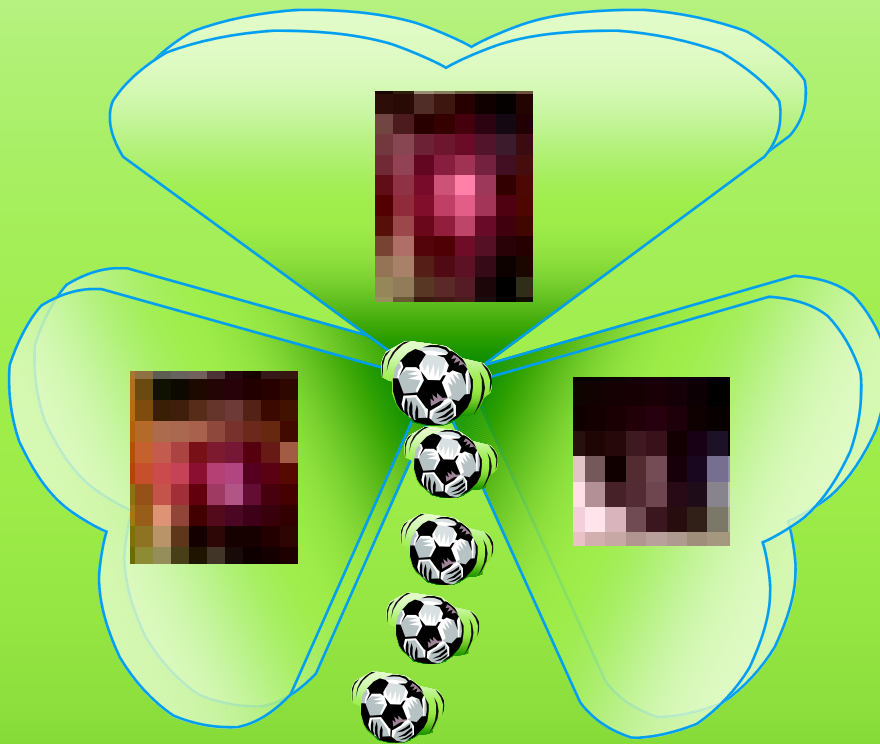


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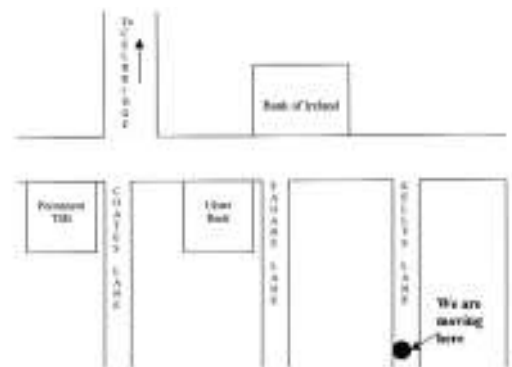
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## Editorial

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

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

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

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

Bainigí uile taitheamh as ár lá náisiúnta.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

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***Wishing All Our  
Readers a  
Very Happy  
St. Patrick's Day***

# Planning Permissions

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06/06	Boldnote Developments Ltd	Carton Demense Carton Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	04/01/06	Revisions/modifications to approved tourism/leisure development scheme PA ref: 441/91 and Bord Pleanala PL9/5/88418. carton House and associated outhouses, stables and yards are currently listed under the development plan, and are protected etc.	Carton Demense Carton Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/30	Dermot O' Neil	Pebble Hill Lodge Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	13/01/06	Amendments to previously granted planning permission (ref.03/2461) for the construction of a licenced premises over two floors plus basement, in the current building and in an extension to same at a site at the corner of Main Street etc.	Corner of Main Street & Kellys Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/42	Peter Robinson	Crinstown House Crinstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	16/01/06	To replace existing roller entrance door with glazed door screen unit, replace existing single door with enlarged door screen together with the retention and completion of an existing steel floor structure and installation of new stairs etc	Unit 16, Block F Maynooth Business Park Maynooth Co. Kildare

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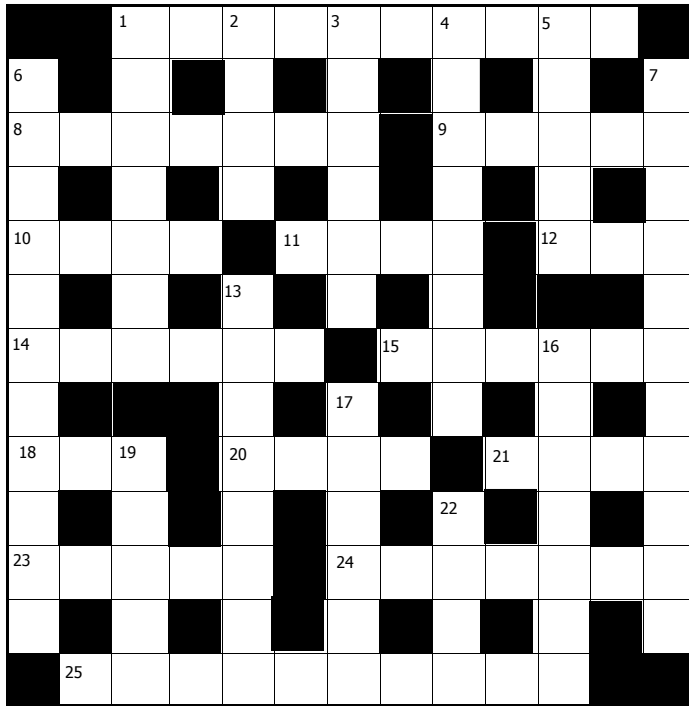
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Entries before: 13th March 2006

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### Across:

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

### Down:

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

### Across:

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

### Down:

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

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## Maynooth Citizens Information Notes

### Question

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

### Answer

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Question

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

### Answer

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

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

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

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

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

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

Date opened	SSIA Maturity Date	SSIA Required in Period
May 2001	31 May 2006	1 Mar - 31 May 2006
June 2001	30 June 2006	1 Apr - 30 Jun 2006
July 2001	31 July 2006	1 May 2006 - 31 Jul 2006
August 2001	31 August 2006	1 Jun 2006 - 31 Aug 2006
September 2001	30 September 2006	1 Jul 2006 - 31 Oct 2006
October 2001	31 October 2006	1 Aug - 31 Oct 2006
November 2001	30 November 2006	1 Sept 2006 - 30 Nov 2006
December 2001	31 December 2006	1 Oct 2006 - 31 Jan 2007
January 2002	31 January 2007	1 Nov 2006 - 31 Jan 2007
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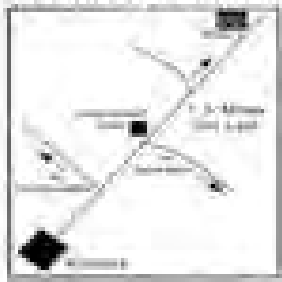
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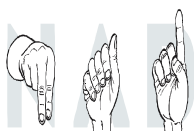
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## Maynooth Citizens Information Notes (Contd).

### Question

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

### Answer

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

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

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

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

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

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### Question

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

### Answer

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

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

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

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

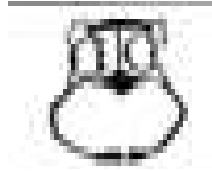
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# Recipes

## A Mother's Day Treat



### Open breakfast sandwich

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#### Ingredients:

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

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



## Irish Stew

#### Ingredients:

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

#### Directions:

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



## Maynooth ICA Notes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Norah McDermot**

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# Useful Tips

## Sharing a Home

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

## Shopping Lists

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

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

## Sieves and colanders

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

## Staying Awake

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

## Table Manners

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

## Thin Walls

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

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



## Events in County Kildare, Spring 2006

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

# Gardening Tips for March

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

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

## Prepare for sowing

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

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

## The Flower Garden

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## Clubs, Organisations and Societies



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

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

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

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

Yours sincerely,  
Johnny Dowling  
Group Leader



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

# "Hannah"

Mother Syonna

Father Maurice



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

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

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

Bless you forever Hannah dear  
Live the life you know best  
And if ever your world of fear  
With your loving parents are blessed  
One day to be a Lady refined  
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A beautiful Girl are you

Patrick Murray

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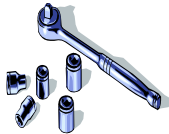
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# Poetry Corner

## Not Smoking

Do not smoke all of you  
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Look at the damage it can do  
I tell you smoking does not Pay  
To pollute your lungs with Smoke  
Affects all body chemistry as well  
Whatever smoke will provoke  
Can lead to cancerous hell

Good Health is the only way to be  
Free from toxic gases  
System contain  
From smoke set your self Free  
Or else it be your domain  
Joy of eating will improve  
Your palate with more taste  
Any expert smoking not approve  
As smoking is a complete waste

A cup of tea and a fag  
Is said to be a smokers delight  
Each drink and each drag  
Can only lead to plight  
Enjoy a cup of tea I say  
No need for a cigarette  
Tea without smoke I say  
Without any kind of regret

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

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

## Jackie

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

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

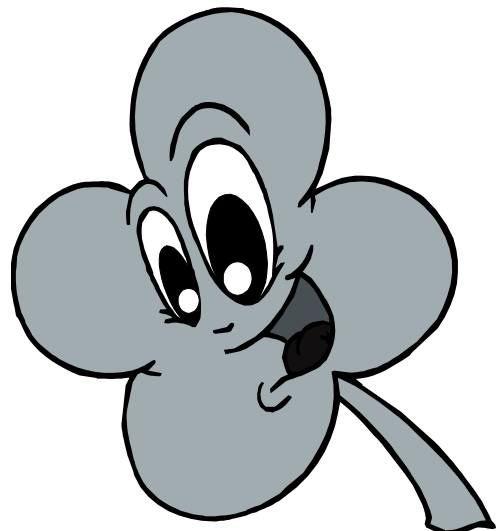
Your company I felt like a King  
And you felt like a Queen  
For me you meant everything  
A lady all of my dream

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

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

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

Patrick Murray



# Attention!

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# Clubs, Organisations and Societies

## Maynooth Soccer Club Notes

### **N. D. S. L. U 10 B1**

**4/2/06**

**Maynooth Town (1) 3**

**Glebe North (0) 1**

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

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

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

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

Maynooth Team:

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

### **N. D. S. L. U 10 B1**

**11/2/06**

**Clontarf (0) 1**

**Maynooth Town (2) 4**

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

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

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

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

Maynooth Team:

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



## Soccer hero's from the early 1970's



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



*Lorna Noone with Bishop Ray Field*

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

***Maynooth Post Primary School Presents Grease The Musical.***

This is my way of saying "I got a car!"

The drive-in's not for movies, if you know what I mean!!!

"This is gonna be good"

The Pink Ladies are back in action

Hey Eugene, what you got there?

Don't slag the tracksuit Sonny!



## *Maynooth Post Primary School Presents Grease The Musical.*

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

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

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

As I like to say:

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

*By Jenny Kelly.*

I don't think anybody can beat their summer

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



True love?

Dance with me Danny!

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

*Cast members of the musical “Grease”*



*Nicola Egan, Eimear Connolly and Aisling Dunne*



*Michelle Kearney, Fiona Bradley and Shauna Cunningham*

## *Cast members of the musical “Grease”*



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



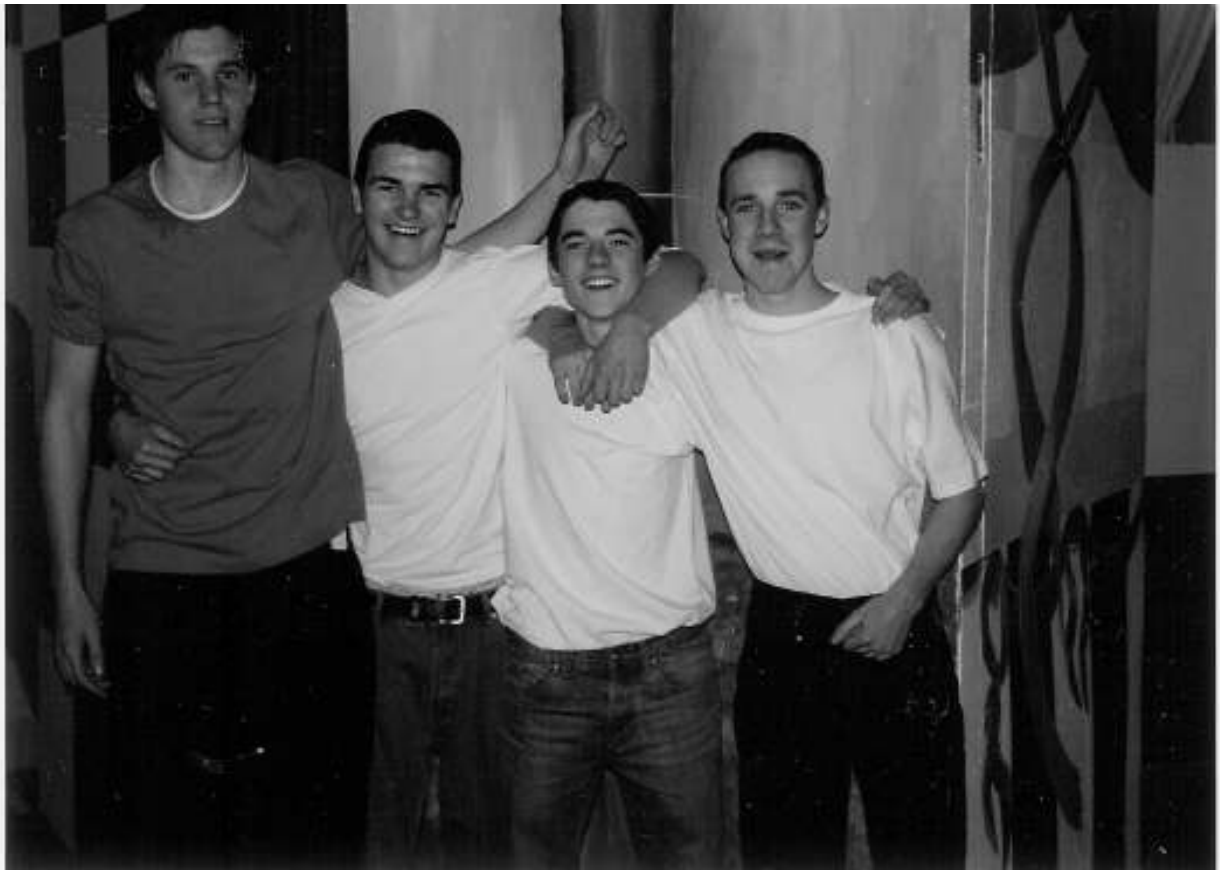
*Aine O'Neill, Catherine Oliver, Eidin Ni Shearcaigh, Eloise MacNeely, Ruth Harkness*



*Cast members of the musical “Grease”*



*Naoise O'Cearail and Caoimhe Walsh*



*Brian Callopy, Liam Hendrik, Eoin Corcoran and Mark McCabe*

## *Cast members of the musical “Grease”*



*Chris Hodge and Aoife Kelly*



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

## *Cast members of the musical “Grease”*



*Philip Mc Carron, Stephen Travers and Sean Durkin.*



*Oliver Faughner, Conor Kelleher and Ciaran Farrell*

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



*Chloe & Hughie Faherty with mum Marcella*

## Boys School Confirmation Day 2006



*Ben Devine with his Nanny, Bell Allen*



*Tadhg & Yvonne Hutchison*



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



## *Girls School Confirmation Day 2006*



*Teresa Geraldine Lawrence with family & friends*



*Anna with her parents, Jackie & Dr. Gerard King*

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



## Boys School Confirmation Day 2006



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



*Brendan and Michelle Colfer with family and friends*

## *Boys School Confirmation Day 2006*



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



*Darren Barrett with his parents, Francis & Geraldine*

## *Girls School Confirmation Day 2006*



*Ciara Farrell with her sister Lorraine and her niece Aisling*



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



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

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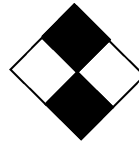


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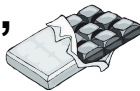


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*Emily Corcoran with Mum and Dad, Catherine and Danny*



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



# The Young People of Maynooth need your Help!

We are looking for volunteers to help run  
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**AN INFORMATION NIGHT**  
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at 8pm  
in the  
**Post Primary School**  
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There is a need for adult volunteers to re-establish the Foróige Youth Club in Maynooth. The commitment required is 2 hours a week to help with the supervision of activities for the club's members (young people in their teens). Training will be provided.

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## Cast members of the musical "Grease"



*Garry Dooley, Dara Folan and Ciaran Daly*



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



Jockey Mick Kinane

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

## Bobby Kelly, Larine House, Maynooth



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

### Bobby Kelly writes about Art

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

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

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

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

### Bobby Kelly on Poetry

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

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

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

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

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

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



Bobby with two of his paintings



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

## Contract Signing for School Extension

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

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

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

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

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

Senan Griffin.



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



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



*Back Row: Mr Nevin dep. Principal, Mr John Flynn. PTA, Mr Rory Kissane (Architect)  
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**Gerard King from Castle Dawson, Maynooth was conferred with a  
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*L to R Professor Norman McDicken (University of  
Edinburg) Dr. Neil O'Hare, St. James Hospital,  
Professor Brian Norton (President of the Dublin  
Institute of Technology), Dr. Gerard King, St. James  
Hospital and Dr. Matt Hussey (Head of the School of  
Physics D.I.T.*



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



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

# **Mullen Print Advertisement**

## Party Political



Emmet Stagg T.D.

### Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Maynooth Traffic Management Plan

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

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

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

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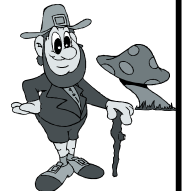
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## **(Maynooth Labour News Continued)**

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

## **Public Lighting – The Harbour**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Maynooth Children's Playground Revamp**

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

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

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

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

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

## **Stagg Accuses Government of Reneging on Commitment on Unfinished Housing Estates**

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Note Re Labour Party Planning and Development Bill, 2005**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

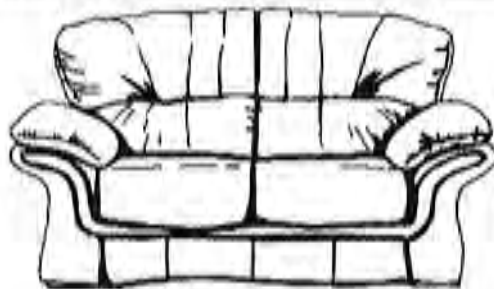
Deputy Stagg laid the blame for the increase in Crime firmly on the shoulders of the Minister who he stated continues to preside over an undermanned Garda Force in Kildare. With 4.9% of the Population of the State we have just 2.7% of the Garda Force Nationally, whilst Co. Clare with 2.6% of the Population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

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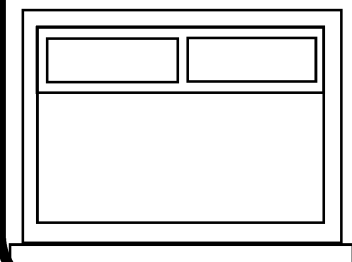
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Minister and this Government unfortunately have no intention of redressing the inequity in the distribution of same concluded Deputy Stagg.

### **Stagg Calls for Shadow Tolling on Westlink**

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

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

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

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

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

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

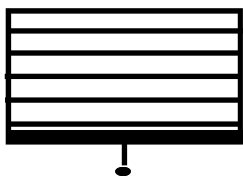
### **Changes to Maynooth Traffic Management**

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

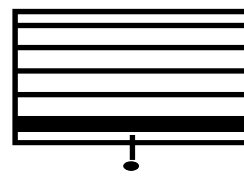
1. Green time from Moyglare Road to Mill Street increased by 10 seconds
2. At The Square increase the green time by 10 seconds for cars turning right from Straffan Road to Main Street and for cars turning left from Main Street up the Straffan Road between the hours of 15.00 and 19.00.
3. The lights at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

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

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



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

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

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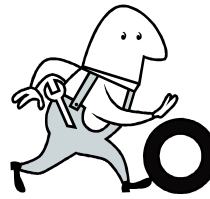
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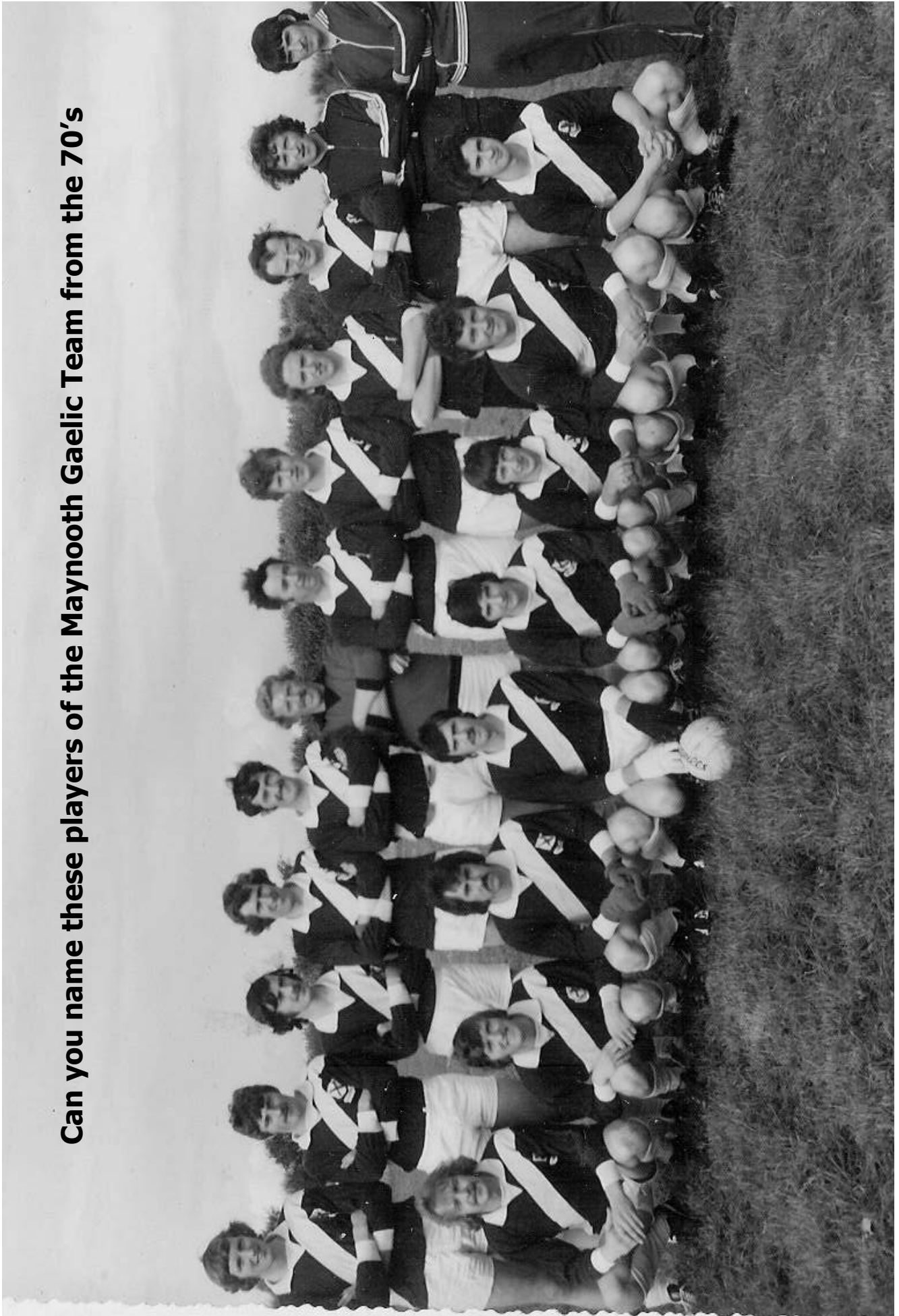
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## Deputy Catherine Murphy (Ind) News

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

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

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

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

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### LETTER TO OUR READERS

This is just a note to remind you all that the **Newsletter** exists for your enjoyment and that we welcome all contributions from our readers. We would like to hear from any organisation or indeed from individuals with something to say or suggest. We hope you continue to enjoy your monthly read and keep us informed of your activities.

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Alternatively contact:  
Mary on 01 - 6286529

## Birthday Greetings

Happy Birthday to Maura Brady, Maynooth Park who celebrates her birthday on the 10th March.

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

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

