

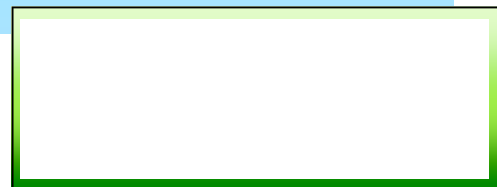
Maynooth Newsletter



**Barge on Bond Bridge Maynooth by Emma Boyce
one of the many paintings exhibited at the recent Castle Keep
Annual Art Exhibition in the Post Primary School**

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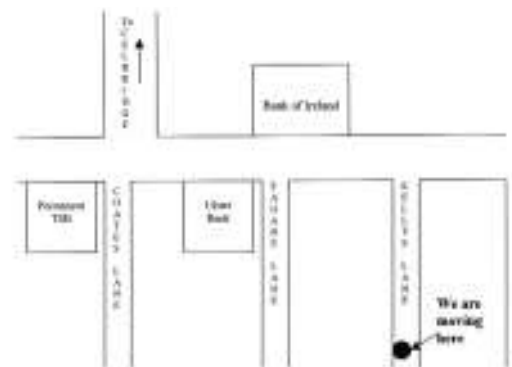
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Editorial

Great to see the good weather starting to visit us for longer periods particularly with the longer days. It means we have greater opportunity to do the things we enjoy doing outdoors – walking, exercising, sightseeing, etc etc.

At this time of year, I think it is appropriate to turn our thoughts towards some of the events that will be taking place in Maynooth and our surrounding areas in the next few months. These events generally result in a cash injection into the local community and of course they provide the residents and business people of the town with a golden opportunity to “ showcase ” the town, its facilities, amenities, heritage, ambience etc.

At the moment, we are just starting into the **4 Day Punchestown Festival**, which although actually taking place some 17 miles away, nevertheless has “ knock-on ” effects for us here in Maynooth. Punchestown has now been proven to generate approx. €42 million for the local economy during the 4 days of the festival and in fact in terms of Corporate entertaining it is the biggest event in Ireland in the calendar year, bigger even than the Galway races. While Maynooth may not directly benefit to any significant degree financially, there is no doubt that more people are traveling through the area, become aware of the area and therefore have the opportunity to develop a good impression of the town, which may result in direct benefits on other occasions.

During the middle to **end of May, the Nissan Irish Golf Open** will also be hosted in our beautiful Carton House and Golf Club. It is estimated that 50,000 people will attend the almost week long event. The amount of media attention descending on Maynooth during that period is phenomenal and it provides all of us with the opportunity to show what a great town Maynooth is to live and work in. Again, this will result in a knock-on effect, with visitors wanting to return to spend longer here and obviously this will have economic benefits to the area. At the end of July, we will have the chance to take part in **the annual Maynooth Festival**. This year, the Festival will receive a grant of €1,000.00 from Kildare County Council, and if the residents of Maynooth show as much enthusiasm for the events which will be organized during that period, as they did for the recent St. Patricks Day Parade, the Festival should continue to grow and develop. Of course, a little bit of sunny weather would make all the difference.

Finally, in September we will experience the wonderful and exciting occasion of the Irish hosting of **the Ryder Cup which will be taking place in the K Club, Straffan**. The exposure that Ireland generally, but particularly County Kildare will receive during this worldwide event will be staggering. It is particularly important that the people of Maynooth, both residents and business people, make every effort to ensure our town looks well, behaves in a courteous and friendly fashion to all those visiting from abroad and give good value in terms of the product and services which the visitors will look for. The Community Council at its recent AGM had the benefit of listening to a Kildare Failte presentation on the Ryder Cup and we are currently exploring ways of ensuring our town gets maximum exposure both in terms of volume and quality. Any ideas that residents may have which would help achieve this, would be very warmly welcomed and appreciated and should be left in to the Community Council offices in Beaufield Shopping Centre or simply contact myself, Brid Feely – Chairperson of the Community Council on 087-2052649
Brid Feely,

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

Maynooth Community Council Meeting AGM was held on the 10th April in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Chairperson's Report

Brid Feely thanked her fellow Executive members for all their help and support during the year. She said that there is no doubt that we worked together very well. She made special thanks to the Community Councillors who attend monthly meetings and those there on the night. Brid also thanked them for playing their part in making Maynooth a better place to live which was very much appreciated.

It was also pointed out that Maynooth is a rapidly developing area that will demand ever increasing levels of services and facilities. She then went on to point out the problems that are being experienced by all—commuting facilities for residents and parking problems, provision of appropriate infrastructure.

She pointed out other issues that the Community Council are concerned with—re Community Centre, also that we are making very good progress on this and have met with the area council and are now preparing our final submission.. She also noted the dreadful traffic problems in Maynooth with the opening of the Mill Centre and the deplorable traffic management of traffic lights and inappropriate timings, are the bane of Maynooth residents. It was also pointed out that these consultants have plans to cut down several trees in the town—**this cannot be allowed to happen she said.**

Brid then pointed out ongoing events—re Bond Bridge that it is believed to be ahead of schedule. Other events that occurred, the Nissan Irish Open and that the event will also take place again this year. The Ryder Cup taking place in Straffan this year. Brid also noted that we are still very involved in getting Town Council status for Maynooth, also the fact that we had a meeting with Minister Dick Roche on this is a positive move.

Other ongoing issues—Crime in the area, ongoing erection of Christmas Lights, lack of parking, and the development of the Harbour and Carton areas.

It was also pointed out that not all areas are represented on the Community Council. There are many areas not represented at all and have never being. What with expected expanding population we should see an increased participation by our new residents Brid said.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Muireann Ni Bhrolchain said Community Council Meetings and Executive Meetings had being held every month except August. She noted ongoing progress in the town. Bond Bridge, Manor Mills Centre, also Maynooth Community Council progress in attaining a Community Centre for Maynooth, also

noting our meeting with area Councillors. She noted that HGV's are still coming through the town, also the upgrading of the train service was noted.

Muireann then commented on the work done by the Sub-committees. She said Tidy Towns carry out a wonderful service for the town gaining 57/60 in I-BAL competition. The Twinning Sub-committee was working hard on this project. St. Patrick's Day Parade proved to be very successful again this year and also the Festival Committee. She thanked the Editorial Board, Office Supervisor and Office Staff.

Financial Report

Willie Sauls gave a full financial report. Willie thanked all involved with fund raising during the year this included the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Flag Day, Festival and the Office General Services. He thanked Christina and the Office Staff. He also thanked the Glenroyal Hotel

Election of Officers

Chairperson	Brid Feely
Vice-Chairperson	Tom McMullon
Secretary	Muireann Ni Bhrolchain
Treasurer	Willie Sauls
PRO	Marie Gleeson
PDO	Paul Croghan

Kildare Failte

Karen Gorey gave an outline of what is going on regarding the Ryder Cup under the title—**Festival of Ryder Cup Week—Welcome to the World Festival.**

She said the 36th Ryder Cup Match will be played at the K Club, 19th, 20th and 21st of September are practice days. The opening will take place on the 21st and 22nd, 23rd and 24th of September are competition days. Organisers expect 40,000 spectators per match day and it will be broadcast to 500 million homes not to mention radio etc. Ticket packet included 15,000 from the lottery each day. Failte Ireland and Tourism Ireland with organisers A.I.B. Board P.T.A. handles communications and PR for the Ryder Cup.

Fantastic event for Kildare—What will it mean to us —Business Industry Direct Benefit—Business Industry Indirect Benefit. 37 million world wide.

Communities

If our plans come to fruition the people of the county will benefit.

Maynooth Community Council Notes Cont'd.

Community Feeling

It is important to feel part of it she said, this will be a Festival of our Irishness, Irish Dancing, etc., Restaurants open late, our own speciality of Bacon and Cabbage etc. This will involve co-ordinating all the county getting all groups involved putting up bunting, landscaping the towns, putting together a programme with the help of the community.

The Events

We need to give people the opportunity to experience Irish culture and to see our special places, the Curragh etc she said, also to make a show case of our Irish Dancing and our Irish Music this would also include exhibitions and story telling.

Maynooth

It is important to have the town looking well, again make a show case of the town and show off your historic features. Late sittings in restaurants would be important. She said it is important to work with them on this. There will be a lot of PR work to be done to promote the town. She said six months from now the Ryder Cup will be over, so we need to know as soon as possible what is happening in Maynooth, it is important to give people who are coming here something to do. All events will be published on their site also in brochures and calendar of events which will be available in all the hotels.

Weston Aerodrome

Mr. Kieran O'Connor gave a talk on Weston. He said he is Airport Manager at Weston; also that it is the longest flying school in Ireland. He said Jim Mansfield bought Weston in 2002. Cyril McAree inquired whether jet aircraft would be landing at Weston. Mr. O'Connor said all aircraft will be powered by jet engines. He said that they have taken it upon themselves to reduce flying time. Cyril said that it still holds a lot of fear for the people of Maynooth. Mr. O'Connor said that there is no requirement on Weston to regard Maynooth, but that they don't do this, he said Darby Kennedy got permission to extend the runway by 50%, there were no objections. Jim Mansfield inherited this. He said there is no unauthorised development at Weston whatsoever. It was said that planes are flying over Maynooth at 2,000 ft. he said if flights are low ring Weston with registration number, you should be able to see plane number if it is too low.

Frank O'Shea raised Carton Court residents fears about Ryanair coming in to Weston. He said runway not long enough to take Ryanair plane, also raised was there any bases to believe that a nearby farm

was being purchased. He said this is not true at all, also you can't make an International Airport on 250 acres. Brid Feely asked how do they monitor people that want to train as pilots, he said since 9/11 all trainee pilots have to go through a full enrolment and every person has to be assessed by the police and passport numbers taken. Mr. O'Connor stated that they had a member of Al-Qaida training at Weston, but that this will never happen again with all the security that is now in place. The point was raised that a local airport should be a good thing. Mr. O'Connor invited anyone interested to come to Weston for a flight.

Brid Feely then thanked Mr. O'Connor for coming and also Karen Gorey of Failte Ireland for attending.

Other Local Points Made

H.G.V's still using the Moyglare and Kilcock Roads.

Aldi recycling centre not being kept well.

Fairtrade—NUIM first Fairtrade College in Ireland.

Bond Bridge—It is hoped that the road will be finished by end of July.

Tidy Towns-Band Stand still not moved—Tidy Towns want to get on with work here, however it was noted that Kildare County Council are to move it and landscape the area.

Next Meeting of the Community Council will be held on Monday 8th May at 8.30 p.m. in the Glenroyal Hotel.

**Marie Gleeson
PRO.**

Maynooth Group for Retired

The May meeting of the social group for retired will be at Maynooth Town Library 11 am Friday 12 May and Friday 26 May 2006. New members welcome.

Bealtaine Exhibition of National School Poems

Celebrate the month of May at Maynooth Town Library. Discuss 'old customs' with members of Maynooth Local History Group 11.30—1 pm on Wednesday 17th May 2006. The Gaelic and English poems and rhymes we learned at national school are displayed with the pictures from schoolbooks of fifty to eighty years ago. Come along and see them and recall your schoolteachers and friends. Dr Maeve Moloney and Celeste Lang arranged the exhibition.

Planning Permissions

FILE NUMBER	APPLICANT NAME	APPLICANT ADDRESS	APPLICATION TYPE	APPLICATION RECEIVED	DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION	DEVELOPMENT LOCATION
06/471	Kieran & Gillian Duff	1 Rockfield Grove Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	16/03/06	Erection of a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion, with new utility room created below and also a porch to front of existing dwelling house	1 Rockfield Grove Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/472	John & Mary Banahan	15 Parklands Square Railpark Maynooth	P	16/03/06	Erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion with utility room extended below and also a new shower room created below	15 Parklands Square Railpark Maynooth
06/519	Peter Rooney	87 Kingsbury Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	21/03/06	For the construction of anew two storey extension, to side and rear of existing house, comprising, one bedroom en suite to first floor and new dining/kitchen extension, new utility/WC to ground floor	87 Kingsbury Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/515	Anthony Hopkins	62 Rockfield Lodge Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	22/03/06	A ground and first floor extension to the rear, and first floor extension to the side of existing house and provision of a velux window, to the front of existing roof.	62 Rockfield Lodge Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/531	Frank & Karen Roan	50 Rockfield Court Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	23/03/06	Erection of a first floor extension to the side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion with utility room extension below, a single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling house etc.,	50 Rockfield Court Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/535	Moynihan Rory	Clonagh Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	23/03/06	Construction of a dormer style residence, garage and associated site works with biocycle waste water treatment system	Clonagh Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/578	Carton Demesne Boldnote Developments Ltd	Carton Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	28/03/06	Revision/modification to approved tourism/leisure development scheme at Carton Demense, Carton, Maynooth PA Ref: 44491 & Bord Pleanala PL 9/5/88418 etc.m	Carton Demesne Carton Maynooth
06/602	Kevin & Pauline Barrett	Dowdstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	29/03/06	Erection of two storey family dwelling with loft storage and connecting single storey parent accommodation, new recessed gated entrance, access driveway and the installation of a proprietary waste water treatment unit/ drainage system etc	Moneycooley Maynooth Co. Kildare



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06/634	Geraldine Walsh	24 Woodlands Maynooth	P	03/04/06	Bungalow style dwelling, entrance and driveway with all services connected to mains together with demolition of existing domestic garage on site	Woodlands Collegelands Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/654	Board of Management Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich	Celbridge Rd Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	05/04/06	(a) the addition of a temporary single storey classroom and two no remedial classrooms extension and (b) works to front & side of the existing school	Celbridge Rd Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/658	Hawthorne John Sheila	19 Parklands Lawns Railpark Maynooth	P	06/04/06	Construction of two storey dormer bungalow incorporating a wastewater system, for the construction of a garage conversion, a single storey extension to front and rear of existing dwelling house and widen existing entrance.	19 Parklands Lawns Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare.

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L—R Bronwyn Mooney (Chairperson Parents Association,) Paddy Holohan (Manager of Super Valu,) Mairin Ni Cheilieachir (Principal of Gael Scoil Ui Fhiaich,) and Eileen Neary (Representative of the Parent Association.)



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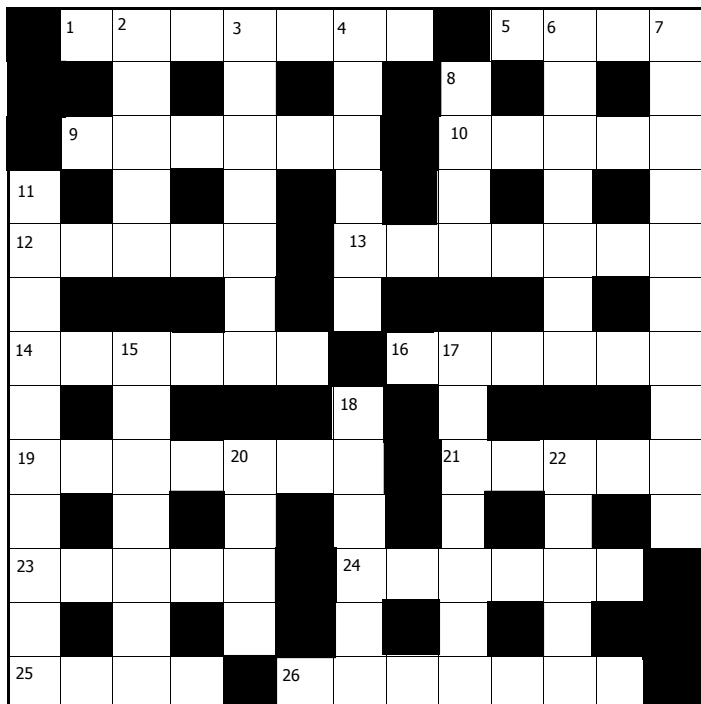
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5. Poke (4)
9. Friends (6)
10. Vapours (5)
12. Radioactive gas (5)
13. Superficial (7)
14. Serviette (6)
16. Greek who flew too close to the sun! (6)
19. Offence (7)
21. Audacity (5)
23. Dostoevsky novel, _ _ _ and *Punishment* (5)
24. Glacial period (3,3)
26. Cheerio! (7)

Down:

2. Gaped (5)
3. Italian wine (7)
4. Oppose (6)
6. Walker (7)
8. Dyke-building Mercian king (4)
11. Noticeable (10)
15. Put into print (7)
17. Maintain (7)
18. A fine wool (6)
20. Summit (4)
22. *Eleanor* _ _ _ Beatles song (5)

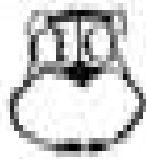
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Down:

1. Depth, **2.** Score, **3.** Thorough, **4.** Berth, **5.** Stair, **6.** Nominal, **9.** Welfare, **13.** Eel, **15.** Enthral, **17.** Exterior, **18.** Upstart, **20.** Own, **23.** Evade, **24.** Press, **26.** Atoll, **27.** Tweed.

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Poetry Corner

A Mans Right

A man needs dignity in life
And a goal to find his way
In order for to cope with strife
His inner pride must always stay,
Both feet firm to the ground.
To live life the way he feels
Not in life no where bound
Defeated in society have to kneel

For to call the world his own
Is the best way in life to live
All people around feel at home
With much welfare for to give
Circumstances destroy a mans heart
Caught in his world of despair
If only a chance to make a start
When all around him just don't care

To feel useful in a society
In his world to take a part
With vision that his eyes can see
And most of all a contented heart
A right to fulfil all his dream
And Let no one ever destroy
The world and him a happy team
With a great future in his cry.

Our Wedding Day

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Special is our wedding day
Both of us in love and unity
In the church we both pray
For a happy world to be
Found the formula to get along
In a true world of happiness
Live like two birds in song
When both our hearts caress.

We soon walk down the isle
With beating hearts close and near
Give each other a grateful smile
Each loved ones hold so dear
On both hands place a ring
Our marriage vow then partake
Love the meaning of everything
All for each other's sake.

Wedding bells sing in rejoice
Of two lovers newly wed
Couples of each other's choice
Where many dreams are said
All of the guest soon celebrate
For an occasion much worthwhile
Husband and wife feeling just great
In a marriage full of style.

A Child Said to Me

A playful child said to me,
Why do we all have to die;
I said to this boy, it's a mystery
While my heart many times cry,
Do we all deserve such a fate
Through all of these wildness years,
Mankind inequity is much of debate
Through suffering and many spilt tears.

This young lad's face youthful and bright
With a questioning mind, natural to be,
I said to him, if this world was right
Mankind would be no more blind to see;
Look after yourself, my precious child,
And live life with a loving heart.
This curse of death rages wild,
But within each soul, our God never part.

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Poetry Corner (Cont'd)

An Old Man Said To Me

Old man I have to say
You really have made my day,
For never in life did I see
Meaning of life you gave to me.
There you are wrinkled with age,
So much wisdom in your eyes,
At each turn of life's page
Your heart of gold never dies.
There I am with my life's pain
My whole world seems gone insane.
This life really hurts me so,
I look at your face, glow and glow.

You said to me, don't worry my boy,
I know what is in your cry,
You're just going through a stage of life
Don't put yourself in any strife.
You are young and I am old,
A great future for you will be told.
In time all worry or stress fade away
So why not let pain hurt today.
Go out and enjoy life, he said,
Sooner or later, we'll all be dead.
As for me, my life is near an end,
My wisdom of life I send.
Walk tall and always be proud,
No matter how you face a crowd.
You are just as good as the rest,
With God's love you are blessed.
Thank you for telling me, I said to this man,
I will live life the best can.
when I'm in heaven, he said, I will pray for
you,
And wish fortune in all you do.

Patrick Murray

Backroads

Walking the backroads
Where no
Modern motors pass
I see
Only the odd
Green-grassy patch
And envy-coloured
Hedges over-peeping
A cow or two
And a chorus
Of feathered voices
Giving May cue
All did entertain me
And renew my spirits high
All did light maintain me
And Summer floated by.

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The Salmon and the Horse

The sloping hollow in the gorge
The salmon and the horse
The water-falling -trinkle down
That ran into as source
All this and beauty more
Do tumult from your core
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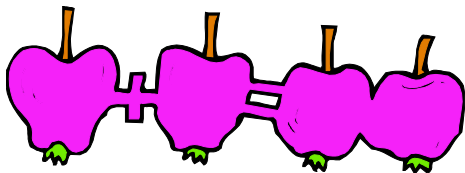
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Gardening Tips for April and May

April Gardening Tips

The Flower Garden:

- Make further sowings of hardy annuals in prepared places. When soil temperatures exceed 15.5°C seeds of half-hardy annuals may be sown out of doors.
- Sow hardy climbing annuals - convolvulus tricolour, tall single flowering nasturtiums and tropaeolum peregrinum at the base of trellises, tree stumps, banks and eyesores needing quick coverage.
- Plant out seedling pansies, which have overwintered in a cold frame, with a dressing of slug bait. They like partial shade. Plant out in deep soil sweetpeas raised in pots. They will need the support of twiggy branches, stakes or wires stretched across posts.
- Lift and divide hardy ferns that merit it, replanting the crowns singly in soil enriched with moist organic matter.



The Vegetable Garden

- Make successional sowing of broad beans, carrots, second early peas, turnips radish, lettuce and spinach. Provide supports for earlier sown peas when 5cm high. Sow tall maincrops for August cropping.
- Choose a patch of well-drained, sandy loam soil for annual herbs - bush basil, borage, sweet basil, chervil, coriander, dill, sweet majoram, purslane, summer savory - and sow at the end of the month. Sow the biennials - angelica, caraway - where they can stay for two years. Sow the perennials - lemon balm, chives, fennel, hyssop, lavender, lovage, mint rosemary, sage winter savory, sorrel and thyme - in pots for transplanting later in the year.
- Plant up a new asparagus bed this month with crowns 12-15cm below ground level.

May Gardening Tips

The Flower Garden:

- Make additional outdoor sowings of hardy annuals where needed as soon as possible. Use seed-dressing to improve germination.
- Thin seedlings sown in April as soon as they are big enough to handle.
- Move hardy and half-hardy annual seedlings sown in the greenhouse to cold frames to harden off. Transplant to flowering positions in two to three weeks time.
- Snip off fading flower heads from early flowering bulbs and daffodils unless the seeds are needed.
- Renovate window boxes for summer. Paint wooden ones inside with bitumen or a plant-safe preservative, not creosote.

The Vegetable Garden

- Plant out early Brussels sprouts, autumn cabbage and cauliflower sown in April for late summer and autumn harvest.
- Thin carrots and onion seedlings to 10cm apart. Do not leave discarded seedlings lying on the ground - they will attract pests.
- Plant out sweet corn seedlings raised under glass in late May. Choose a warm border, planting blocks of four, 23cm apart, to ensure a cross-pollination



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- Read all instructions twice before beginning. When reading the questions underline key words.
- Divide the total number of questions by the allotted amount of minutes to determine the amount of time to spend on each question. If you find you are spending too long on one leave it, you can always come back to it if you have time left at the end.
- Begin with the easiest exams questions. If you don't have time to complete an essay, try writing an outline adding the explanation "ran out of time".

Fish tanks

- To keep fish happy you need to change around a third of their water every week. The simplest way is to make a siphon from an old hose or plastic tubing. Pinch the bottom of the tube tightly with your fingers and fill the tube with water from the tap; pinch the top of the tube and carry it to the tank. Insert one end into the tank and the other in a bucket a few feet below it. The water will flow automatically from the tank to the bucket. When you have removed enough water, refill the tank with water that has been at room temperature for several hours.

Tangled flexes

- To keep lengths of unused extension lead and detachable appliance flexes neat, fold each one separately, slip in through an empty toilet paper roll and label it. You can also keep folded flexes in napkin rings or cardboard tubes, or hang them from a tie-rack.
- When putting away appliances that have a flex permanently attached to them, avoid making kinks in the flex by bending it. Hold a coiled flex together and with a twist tie or large elastic band.

Bookcases

- Plastic crates can be stacked to make a colourful set of shelves for a child's room. These crates can usually be found in DIY stores. With diligence and a bit of luck, you may even locate some old-fashioned wooden milk crates.
- Some plastic crates are designed to interlock. If yours aren't, secure them with twist ties strips of cloth or insulating tape. Try to choose a colour that matches the crates.
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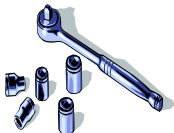
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Maynooth Community Games

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Maynooth West	Maynooth East
(1) Adam Dignam	(1) Damien Kelly
Conor Murphy	Neil Delaney
Cian Forde	Brendan Walsh-Confer
Luke Hare	Louise Doran

(2) Tom Oliver	(2) Niamh Feeney
Kevin Peelo	Niall Flynn
Ben Connolly	Mark Bennett
Lorcan Halton	Thomas Dempsey Sub Joshua Hurley

Many thanks to Brian O' Malley and Colm Murphy for training the boys and girls every Wednesday night.

However, due to different commitments the teams were re-arranged as follows:

West	East
Conor Murphy	(1) Damien Kelly
Tom Oliver	Neil Delaney
Adam Dignam	Brendan Walsh-Confer
	Dara Walsh
	Joshua Hurley

	(2) Niall Flynn
	Niamh Feeney
	Louise Doran
	Ciaran Byrne
	Mark Bennett

Well done boys and girls who represented Maynooth East & West in Allenwood on Friday 7th April in Kildare Finals.

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Swimming Results

Maynooth Boys West	Maynooth Boys East	Maynooth Girls West	Maynooth Girls East
Under 8 Front Crawl 1st Fiachra O' Sullivan 2nd Liam Byrne	Under 8 Front Crawl 1st Conor Lynch 2nd Braden Millar	Under 8 Front Crawl 1st Saoirse O' Sullivan	Under 8 Front Crawl 1st Laura Millett
Under 10 Front Crawl 1st Oisin O' Sullivan 2nd Michael Hogan 3rd Samuel Millar	Under 10 Front Crawl 1st Daragh Murphy 2nd Joseph Millett	Under 10 Front Crawl/ Backstroke 1st Bronadh Kearney	Under 10 Front Crawl 1st Laoise Millar 2nd Aoife Lynch 3rd Donna Ffrench 4th Aisling Monaghan
Under 12 Front Crawl/ Backstroke/Breaststroke 1st Eoin Byrne	Under 12 Front Crawl 1st Shane Monaghan 2nd Jack Ffrench 3rd Eoin McCormack 4th Jack O' Hagan	Under 12 Front Crawl/ Backstroke/ Breaststroke 1st Emma Collins	Under 10 Backstroke 1st Laoise Millar 2nd Aisling Monaghan 3rd Donna Ffrench 4th Aoife Lynch
Under 14 Front Crawl/ Backstroke/ Breaststroke 1st Joshua Miller	Under 12 Backstroke 1st Jack Ffrench 2nd Shane Monaghan 3rd Eoin McCormack	Under 14 Front Crawl 1st Niamh Kearney 2nd Aoife Twomey	Under 12 Front Crawl 1st Sian Millar 2nd Ciara Sweeney 3rd Niamh Feeney
	Under 12 Breaststroke 1st Shane Monaghan 2nd Eoin McCormack 3rd Jack Ffrench	Under 14 Backstroke 1st Aoife Twomey 2nd Niamh Kearney	Under 12 Backstroke 1st Sian Millar 2nd Ciara Sweeney
	Under 14 Front Crawl 1st Sean McKnight	Under 14 Breaststroke 1st Niamh Kearney 2nd Aoife Twomey	Under 12 Breaststroke 1st Sian Millar 2nd Ciara Sweeney
	Under 14 Backstroke 1st Sean McKnight		Under 14 Front Crawl/Backstroke/ Breaststroke 1st Heather Collins
	Under 14 Breaststroke 1st Sean McKnight		Under 16 Front Crawl/Breaststroke 1st Laura O' Hagan

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Community Games

Art Results

Maynooth Girls Art East	
Rachelle Honeyman-Lynch	U8 (1st)
Olivia Carton	U8 (2nd)
Claire Gill	U8 (3rd)
Kayleigh Ledwith	U10 (1st)
Niamh Feeney	U12 (1st)
Sarah Curran	U12 (2nd)
Sarah Jennings	U12 (3rd)
Katie Curran	U14 (1st)
Niamh Kearney	U14 (2nd)
Breda Wilson	U14 (3rd)

Maynooth Girls Art West	
Bronagh Kearney	U8 (1st)
Roisin Ni Chonochain	U8 (2nd)
Laura Monaghan	U8 (3rd)
Hanah Regan	U10 (1st)
Karen Weafer	U10 (2nd)
Louise Qualter	U10 (3rd)
Sophie Geoghan	U12 (1st)
Saoirse Murray	U12 (2nd)
Rebekah Forster	U12 (2nd)
Sarah O' Leary	U12 (3rd)
Chloe Deverus	U14 (1st)
Karen Feehan	U14 (2nd)
Aoife Twomey	U14 (3rd)

Maynooth Boys Art East	
Callum McCabe	U8 (1st)
Conor O' Reilly	U8 (2nd)
Charlie McMyler	U8 (3rd)
Louis Harnett	U10 (1st)
Conor Dooley	U10 (2nd)
Michael Wilson	U10 (3rd)
Darragh Lynch	U12 (1st)
Sean Lamb	U12 (2nd)
Michael Carton	U12 (3rd)
Patrick Kelleher	U14 (1st)
Darren coyle	U14 (2nd)
Shane Lynch	U14 (3rd)

Maynooth Boys Art West	
Jack Strikland	U8 (1st)
Conor Duff	U8 (2nd)
Michael Diamond	U8 (3rd)
Andrew Kelliher	U10 (1st)
Oisin Deverux	U10 (2nd)
Cathal Duff	U10 (3rd)
Tadgh Forde	U12 (1st)
Luke Stuart-Mills	U12 (2nd)
Josh Miller	U14 (1st)

County Final date and venue for Art Competition have not yet been announced.. All participants will be notified in due course.

Training for swimming will commence on Sunday 23rd April 2006 at 3pm in the University pool. This will continue up to the County Finals which will be held on the June Bank Holiday weekend. Maynooth Athletics Community Games competition will be held in Maynooth GAA club on Friday 26th May at 6pm. Everyone welcome.

**Dave Collins, Secretary, Maynooth Community Games
Ph: 087 2636226**

Maynooth Community Games Arts Competition



Madeline Sytnes & Joe Geraghty members of the organising committee with some of the participants



Roachelle Honeyman Lynch, Shane Lynch, Darragh Lynch, Sean Lamb, Darren Coyle, Patrick Kelleher with Margaret Houlihan one of the organising committee



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Hannah Regan, Anne Hughes, Shannon Thompson, Breda Wilson, Samantha Thompson and Olivia



*Back Row: Conor Duff, Andrew Webb, Michael Diamond, Callum McCabe, Cathal Duff, Cathal McCabe, Andrew Kelliher, Kayleigh Ledwith, Laura Monaghan, Ciara Kellett'
Front Row: Sean Gill, Emma Gill and Claire Gill.*

St. Patrick's Day Celebrations 2006



Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Flower & Garden Club

All meetings are held at 8 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in Loftus Hall, Maynooth College.
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Club events for May 2006

Monster Plant Sale: Sat May 6th 2006

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May Club Night: Tues May 16th 2006

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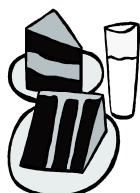
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50g(2oz) Butter
150g(5.5oz) Onion, chopped
2 Garlic cloves, Chopped
1 red or green chilli, deseeded and chopped
Salt and pepper
850ml(1.5pints) chicken or vegetable stock
450g(1lb) peas (good frozen ones are fine)
2 tbsp chopped coriander

Melt the butter in a large saucepan, then add the onion, garlic and chilli and season with salt and pepper. Cover with the butter wrapper or greaseproof paper, put on lid and sweat over a low heat for 3 or 4 minutes or until the onions are cooked. Then add the stock, turn up the heat to high or bring up to the boil. Add the peas and cook rapidly, making sure to remove the lid as soon as it comes to the boil (this keeps the peas' fresh green colour intact) for only 1 or 2 minutes or until the peas are cooked. Add the coriander and immediately liquidise. Check seasoning and serve.

Notes: Like most soups, this freezes really well
Avoid prolonged boiling and simmering of this soup to retain the fresh green colour.

Shepherd's Pie

Serves 5-6

50g(1.75oz) Butter
2 onions, chopped
Salt and pepper
1kg(2lb4oz) minced lamb, not too lean, or minced cooked lamb left over from a roast
250ml(9fl oz) lamb or chicken stock
2 tbsp roux (50g butter, 50g flour)
1-2 tbsp Relish
Mashed potatoes made with 1kg potatoes
Garlic Butter, to serve

Preheat the grill in the oven. Melt the butter in a large saucepan. Add the chopped onions, season with salt and pepper, cover with butter wrapper or a disc of greaseproof paper and a lid and cook on a gentle heat until soft but not coloured. Add the mince, increase the heat and cook, stirring regularly, for a few minutes until the meat changes colour. Pour in stock, bring to the boil, decrease the heat and cover with a lid and continue to cook for about 20 minutes or until the meat is cooked, taking care not to let it burn on the bottom. (You can also put it into the oven at 160°C/325°F/gas 3)

Strain the liquid off the meat, pour back into the saucepan and bring back up to the boil. Add 1 tbsp of the roux if it isn't thick enough. Pour the juices back in with the meat and add the relish and some salt and pepper to taste.

Pour into a large pie dish or individual dishes. Place the mashed potato on top, score with a fork and put it under a hot grill to brown the potato slightly. If preparing the pie in advance, when ready to eat put the shepherd's pie into a moderate oven (180°C/350°F/gas 4) for 15-25 minutes, until hot and bubbling. Serve with a few pats of garlic butter melting on top.

Note: If you would like the potato to be very golden on top, add 1 beaten egg or 1 egg yolk to the mashed potato with the butter when mashing it.

Apple Fudge Cake

Serves 10

2 large cooking apples, such as Brambleys
50g(6oz) dark brown sugar

Cake Batter: 175g(6oz) Butter
175g(6oz) Light brown sugar
175g(6oz) Self-Raising flour
4 eggs

Fudge Sauce: 110g(4oz) Butter
110g(4oz) Light brown sugar
1 tbsp lemon juice

You will also need a 25cm(10in) sauté pan or a springform tin

Preheat the oven to 180°C/350°F/gas 4. Butter the sides of the tin and line the base with a disc of greaseproof paper. Peel and cut the apples into eighths and arrange in a single layer in the tin (This will be the top of the cake when cooked). Sprinkle over the 50g(2oz) of dark brown sugar.

Put all the cake batter ingredients into a food processor and whiz to combine. Pour in over the apples and sugar. Cook in the preheated oven for 40-45 minutes or until the cake is spongy in the centre. Wait for it to cool for 2 minutes before turning out.

Next make the fudge sauce. Combine and melt the butter, sugar and lemon juice. Stir and pour over the cake when it's cool.

Attention!

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Maynooth Golf Club

Maynooth Golf Society started the golfing season with an outing to Kilkea Castle on Saturday 25th March. Weather conditions were not favourable for the 46 members who played, it rained heavily for most of the day. Although some good scores were produced, Liam Farrell scored 39 points to win this outing sponsored by Desmond Newsagents followed by Tim Mullane with 38 points. Barry Desmond who sponsored this outing presented prizes in Caulfield's that evening. Thanks to all who attended, our next outing is to Rathcore G.C. on Sunday 30th April.

Result Sheet Outing to Kilkea Castle Date:25/03/06 Sponsored by Desmond Newsagents

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5th Prize	John Byrne	36pts B9
6th Prize	Derek Murray	36pts
7th Prize	Dave Kinlon	35pts
Front 9	John Saults	21pts
Back 9	Martin Maguire	23pts
Visitors	Mark Nolan	33pts
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Next venue: Rathcore G. C. on Sunday 30th April

Names for matchplay see notice board in Caulfield's



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Winner Liam Farrelly with co-players, Barry Farrell & David Mahony



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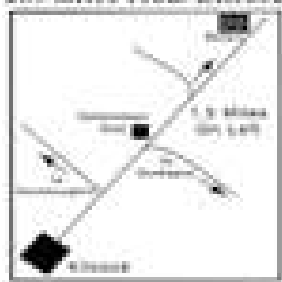
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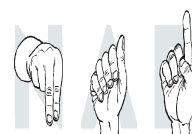


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Congratulations to Maynooth's two new handwriting experts - Ciaran Krahn and Aaron Murphy of Maynooth's N.S. Both boys are in Ms. Rebecca Flynn's Junior Infants Class and were chosen as winners in the INTO/EBS Handwriting Competition. This is a national competition and the boys have come through the Regional qualifiers. Their work will now be submitted to represent Kildare in the National Final.

When attending a prize-giving ceremony in Naas library recently, the boys were asked to pull out names in a raffle for all the schools that submitted entries in the competition. Much to his headmaster's delight, Ciaran was successful again... in pulling out the name of his own school. The school also received a €100 token. Well done to all involved.

BookFair at Maynooth Boy's National School

Bookfair at Maynooth Boys' National School

At the end of March, the Boys' National School held a Bookfair. This has become a firm fixture on the school calendar in recent years. The Fair runs for a week and during this time there is a big focus in the school on reading and literacy activities as well as lots of competitions.

The reason for having the Bookfair is twofold. Firstly, the school receives a large quantity of additional books for its class libraries and for educational use. Secondly, and more importantly, it creates a focus on reading and literacy in general, which lasts well beyond the week.

The Bookfair is co-ordinated by teacher, Mrs. Edel Brennan, but she has tremendous support from a large team of volunteers from the Parents' Association. This team virtually runs the Bookfair for the week.



Shane Roche, Sean Flanagan, Ryan King, Eoin Herbert, Eoghan O'Carroll, Jonathon Flattery & Tadgh Forde 3rd Class

BookFair at Maynooth Boys' National School



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Maynooth Soccer Club

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Maynooth Town (1) 1 V Corduff (1) 1

The Rathcoffey road hosted this title decider this morning. Confidence and expectations were high but things did not go entirely to plan as Maynooth sought the victory which would crown them champions.

Early exchanges were exciting and skilful as both sides sought dominance. The football was fast and free flowing with chances at both ends. At this stage the home side were well in the contest and looking dangerous' one incident, however, can change the outcome of a match and put you on the back foot. Unfortunately this occurred when the Maynooth midfield failed to deal with a fine passing movement by the visitors.

The Maynooth defence then backed off rather than confronting the danger. This left Maynooth goalie Shane Nolan totally exposed and with no foot and indeed under pressure for a while. As the interval approached they did put together their best passage of play to date. Alex Birchall received the ball outside the Corduff penalty area. With a fine display of ball control he spun to rigle home a great goal and leave the sides level at half time.

Maynooth upped the tempo in the second half and created many chances. Conor Davin had a fine volley come off the crossbar. Fawaz Oduyebo found the visiting keeper up to his duties as he tried to put the finishing touches to a piece of individual skill. Gary Daly cut in from the left wing to try his luck but drilled his shot just wide of the upright.

Numerous other chances were created but the conviction and killer touch were surprisingly missing from this Maynooth side today. Overall a draw was a fair enough result. The Maynooth lads need to regroup before passing that winning post. As a combined and committed unit you have gotten this far, now lets take the final step together.

Shane Nolan, Daire Byrne, Chris Donnolly, Andrew Munley, Conor Davin, Conor Gorman, Alex Birchall, Bankole Agunsoya, Daniel French, Fawaz Oduyebo, Jack Connolly, Gary Daly, Declan Burke, Michael Jones, Jonathon Flattery, James Penny

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The St. Patrick's Day Committee would like to thank Tesco Ireland Limited for their continued sponsorship of the Maynooth Parade. This year they sponsored The Howth Pipe Band and without their continued support we would be unable to host the bands.



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Maynooth Soccer Club

N.D.S.L. U10 B1

01/04/06

Maynooth Town (0)3 V Trinity S L (0)0

This was a fantastic game of football. Both sets of players produced a contest full of skill, commitment and excitement. Each and every one of them were a credit to their mentors and supporters.

The visitors put together some fine passing movements early on to test the home defence. These Maynooth defenders are a mean lot however. Shane Nolan, Jack Connolly and Christopher Donnolly proved this case admirably. Bankole Agunsoya worked tirelessly in midfield. He covered practically every blade of grass as he helped out in defence and supported the attack. His midfield partners Declan Burke and Gary Daly were also prominent as Maynooth sought the break through. Striker Fawaz Oduyebo also worked tirelessly as he strove to break the deadlock. Surprisingly half time arrived with the game scoreless.

Maynooth showed the strength of their squad as fresh legs were introduced and they began to assume control. Alex Birchall set the ball rolling with a fine strike on target shortly after the resumption. This signalled the end for Trinity as Maynooth upped the tempo. Conor Gorman and Andrew Munley raided the wings placing the visitors under extreme pressure. Their positive play created another opportunity for Alex Birchall which he accepted with great aplomb.

Daire Byrne and Daniel French were providing a strong base to Maynooth dominance now. The tide of confidence and emotion was free flowing. Jonathan Flattery and Michael Jones also added their efforts to the cause. They worked tirelessly to unhinge the visitors defence. Goal number three was a credit to Michael's determination and never give up attitude. He pounced on a breaking ball expertly to leave the final score 3-0 to Maynooth.

This April Fools Day will long be remembered by these lads as Maynooth clinched the league title with this victory. Well done lads.

Maynooth Team:

Shane Nolan, Jack Connolly, Christopher Donnolly, Declan Burke, Bankole Agunsoyua, Gary Daly, Fawaz Oduyebo, Daire Byrne, Daniel French, Andrew Munley, Conor Davin, Conor Gorman, Alex Birchall, Michael Jones, Jonathan Flattery.

Maynooth Soccer Club

N.D.S.L. U10 B1

Northway Rangers (0) - Maynooth (1) 3

08/04/06

This mornings encounter produced a display of how football should be played. An abundance of skill, passion and enjoyment were there for all to see, as both sides sought to win their final league match of the season. New league champions Maynooth gained control early on and drove on confidently. Wingers Andrew Munley and Conor Gorman entertained us with a vintage display of wing play. Their crosses were a constant threat to the northway defence. Like archers they hunted their prey. They combined well for Alex Birchall to open the scoring and put Maynooth 1 - 0 ahead at half time.

Due to the shortage of numbers for the home side, no substitutions were made and this remained an eight sided contest. This did not upset the rhythm of Maynooth though as they continued on their merry way. In one of their best performances of the season they now dominated and created chances aplenty. Further goals from Alex Birchall and Fawaz Oduyebo sealed a comfortable win for the visitors to complete an unbeaten league campaign. A truly amazing campaign has come to fruition thanks to the commitment and effort of this fine squad of athletes. All for one and one for all you stood together and conquered every opponent. Winners one. Winners all. Well done lads!

Maynooth Team:

Bankole Agunsoya, Jack Connolly, James Penny, Andrew Munley, Conor Davin, Conor Gorman, Alex Birchall, Fawaz Oduyebo, Daire Byrne, Daniel Ffrench, Chris Donnolly, Gary Daly, Michael Jones, Jonathon Flattery, Declan Burke, Shane Nolan.



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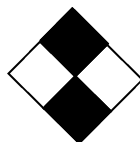
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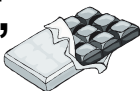


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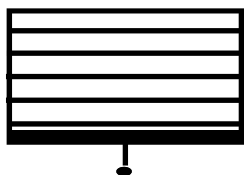


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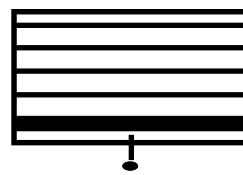
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A Century of Irish Sporting Heroes: Nijinsky



NIJINSKY (1967-1992)

In the course of American history there emerged from time to time sporting heroes from the most unlikely source. During the deep recession of the thirties Seabiscuit and jockey Red Pollard enthralled the Nation as they won race after race across the continent. That there was a great human-interest story involving owner, trainer, jockey and horse helped to consolidate the great American public's love affair with Seabiscuit. After the Vietnam war Secretariat and his rider Ron Turcotte lifted the spirit of America by winning the Kentucky Derby and the Triple Crown. To catch the mood and understand the feelgood factor created by Secretariat in 1973 one only has to reflect on the fact that this great horse featured on the front cover page of Newsweek and Time magazine. Sports Illustrated magazine, also nominated Secretariat as their "man of the year"

Our own equine superstar, Nijinsky, raced at a very interesting time in Ireland's history. The late sixties and early seventies experienced a new dawn in the Nation's fortune. People were coming home from England and from the States. The countryside was dotted with newly built bungalows. The returning emigrants set up new businesses and created jobs.

The fruits of the Free Trade Agreement with the UK were seeping through the economy and the Multi-National companies were beginning to show a keen interest in the Country. We were on the verge of joining the Common Market with all the benefits it would bring. The Provincial towns and villages were buzzing and without a doubt there was a lot of money around. People were enjoying the luxuries of cars, telephones and TVs for the first time in their lives. That it was a false dawn, is a matter to discuss another time. The subsequent exodus of "hot money" from our shores as the "cute hoors" and their disciples from every walk of life filled their off-shore and non-resident accounts to the detriment of the Nation's economy. Emigration again became a feature of Irish life as the outflow of capital strangled investment in the economy. The PAYE "martyrs" paid the bills for the running of the Country at a rate unprecedented in the Nation's history. That many of those account holders took part in marches to retain local hospitals, repair national schools and increase Garda numbers beggars belief. It is perhaps appropriate that the Tribunals after all these years are now turning the screws on the miscreants.

Horseracing was riding on a high at that time. Attendances at Dublin and Provincial meetings were booming. The standard of our horses was up to the

A Century of Irish Sporting Heroes: Nijinsky

very best. Vincent O'Brien had sent out Sir Ivor to win the never to be forgotten Epsom Derby of 1968. Seamus McGrath won the Ascot Gold Cup and the Arc with Levmosse in 1969 and it is a matter of sadness that the famous McGrath silks of green and red seams are rarely if ever seen on the racecourse today. It was in the same year that Nijinsky, a young son of the great Northern Dancer made his first appearance on the racetrack. The race chosen for his first run was the Erne Maiden stakes over six furlongs at the Curragh. Liam Ward had the ride and experienced no difficulty in beating the David Ainsworth trained, Everyday, by half a length. Liam was first jockey to Vincent O'Brien's Ballydoyle stable and had first call on horses that raced in Ireland. Lester Piggott had an "understanding" with Vincent for the Trainer's entries in England and France. As an indication as to how promising Nijinsky's first outing was, Everyday, went on to win his maiden at Naas by eight lengths.



Lester & Nijinsky, Newmarket 2000 Guineas

Nijinsky then won the Railway and Anglesey Stakes, both Group races. In the Beresford Stakes over a mile Liam had to roust Nijinsky to beat Decies by half a length in soft ground. Decies was a good horse in his own right and subsequently won the Irish Two Thousand Guineas in 1970.

What was not generally known at the time was that Vincent O'Brien had worked a miracle in getting the horse to a racecourse. Nijinsky was a very nervous horse who was reluctant to leave his box. He hated work riders on his back and generally got himself into a state when taken out on exercise with other horses.

Vincent O'Brien wrote to his owner Charles Engelhard in the winter of 1968 and told him that it was touch and go whether Nijinsky would ever run. Thanks to the great horsemen at Ballydoyle, especially Johnny Brabston and Danny O'Sullivan, Nijinsky was nursed to the racecourse.

Vincent O'Brien then aimed Nijinsky for the Dewhurst. Run at Doncaster over 6f with Lester on the horse for the first time. The home opposition was not up to standard and Nijinsky won easily from Recalled by 2 lengths. He was then retired for the season and bookies quoted him at short odds for the 1970 Newmarket Two Thousand Guineas.

Nijinsky's first run as a three-year old was in April of 1970. The race chosen for his reappearance was the Gladness Stakes over 7f. The going was very soft and the Curragh was rife with rumours that he would be unable to handle the going. He was opposed in the betting by Deep Run, champion two-year old of 1968 and a soft ground specialist. Deep Run would subsequently become the most successful National Hunt sire of modern times. In the parade ring Nijinsky looked awesome. Having filled out he was now a massive 16.3 hands colt in the peak of condition. In the race, Deep Run made the early running but Liam Ward was always travelling easy on Nijinsky. Coming down the hill into the straight, Liam went for home and won hard held. His next target was the English 2000 Guineas.

Peter Bromley, BBC radio commentator in his book "my most memorable races" quotes Timeform in describing Nijinsky in the parade ring before the 1970 English Two Thousand Guineas, "Nijinsky outclassed his rivals in appearance as seldom a classic field can have been outclassed before. He moved down to the start majestically and his performance in the race was worthy of a "Classic" what more can be said about his first Classic win. His next target was the Epsom Derby and for the first time the racing experts were going to split on his ability to win this race. Some pundits were of the opinion that he showed such speed in the Two Thousand Guineas that he could not possibly stay the Derby distance. Indeed one Dublin bookmaker was willing to lay 15/8 against him winning. For the first time he was about to meet a worthy foe. Etienne Pollet, champion French trainer, had delayed his retirement in order to train Gyr, a massive talented chestnut. The horse was the best prospect Pollet had ever trained and in Bill Williamson he had one of the best jockeys riding at the time. Bill, an Australian, had ridden Seamus McGrath's Levmosse to Ascot Gold Cup and Arc victories the previous season. The Epsom Derby of 1970 took shape as Lester tracked Bill Williamson and Gyr around Tattenham Corner. Lying in sixth place, the French horse surged to the front and went for home. For a while it looked as if he

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would win but Lester wound up Nijinsky at the furlong pole and his explosive finishing speed won the day. To the consternation of many the Dublin bookie that had quoted the "generous" odds disappeared from his Francis street office and to this day never paid up.

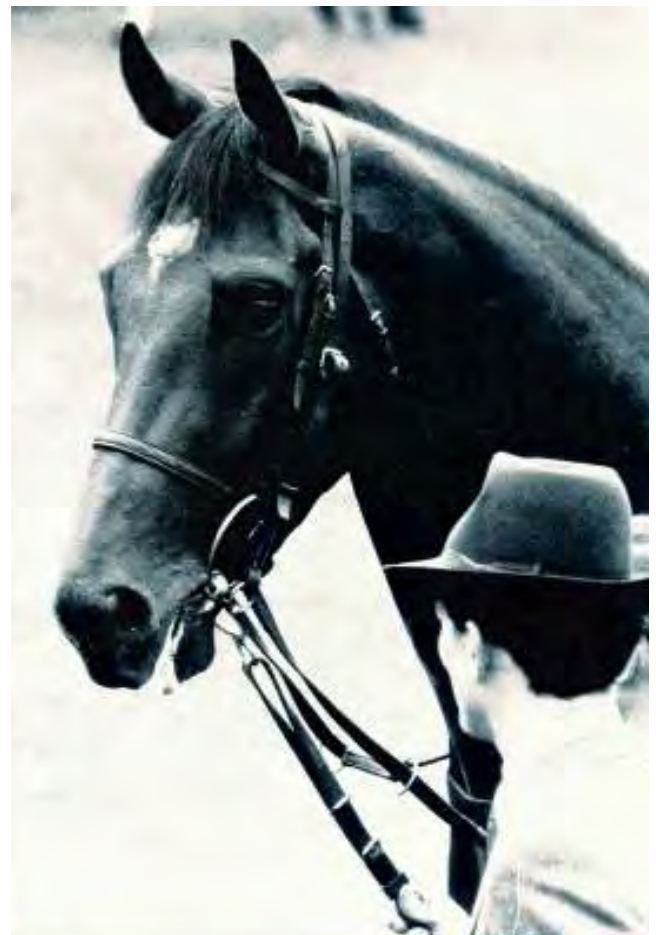
Nijinsky returned to Ballydoyle and was then aimed for the Irish Derby. Liam Ward had a gentleman's agreement to ride all of O'Brien's horses in Ireland. Lester was not happy with this arrangement and made several attempts to secure the mount at the Curragh. Charles Englehard and Vincent stood by their word and booked Liam for the ride. Two years earlier Liam also exercised his entitlement to ride Sir Ivor in the Irish Derby, which ended in devastating disappointment. Lester having won on Sir Ivor at Epsom knew the horse would not stay a true run mile and a half race. Riding Ribero, he set a ruthless pace, exposed Sir Ivor's lack of staying power and rode the son of Ribot to victory at a stunned Curragh. Roger Mortimer in his book "The History of the Epsom Derby" claims that Lester was contracted to ride Ribero in the Irish Derby and therefore was unable to ride Sir Ivor as he had at Epsom. This is completely untrue. Liam Ward was first jockey to Vincent O'Brien and was always pencilled in to ride the Trainer's runners in Ireland and the agreement was honoured by O'Brien with Nijinsky.

The Curragh was tense on derby day. The crowd wanted Liam to win to compensate him for the disappointment of 68. Lester took the mount on Meadowville and cruised into the lead at the three-furlong marker. Liam and Nijinsky were on the rails, last into the straight. Ward suddenly set the great horse alight. One by one he cut the field down and as he drew up to Meadowville's quarters a great roar erupted from the crowd. It was a most emotional moment as Liam passed Lester and went for home. The memory of his disappointment on Sir Ivor was forgotten as the crowd besieged the winners enclosure. There was no stopping this great horse and his next objective was the King George and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot. Run in July 1970 there was a small but quality field that included Blakney winner of the Epsom Derby in 1969 and Karabas winner of the Washington International also in 1969. The race took shape at the 3f marker when Karabas went for home. Nijinsky, last of the six into the straight took command at the furlong marker and won easily from Blakney.

The owner, Charles Englehard wanted his horse to go for the Triple Crown. The last horse to win the 2000 Guineas, Derby and St. Leger was Bahram in 1935. The experts did not agree. The St. Leger was to near the Arc, which was Nijinsky's main target and the last race of his career. No matter how easy it was going to be, the one and three quarter miles of the St. Leger was always going to take some getting. Despite an

attack of ringworm weeks before the Doncaster Classic, he won the final leg of the Triple Crown in a canter but lost 29lbs in weight in doing so. It has to be at that point he really lost the Arc. A highly nervous horse that had suffered ringworm and weight loss was in no condition to give his best. On Arc day, the huge crowd who considered him a hero, upset him at Longchamp. He was sweating badly and he did not look as well as in previous races. A bad draw on the wide outside did not help him either. He was beaten a head by the champion jockey of France, Yves St. Martin on Sassafras in a driving finish. The decision to run him in the Champion Stakes at Newmarket a week later was unworthy of the great horse. He finished very tired in second place to Lorenzaccio. It is hard to understand even now why his connections ran him at Newmarket in the Champion Stakes after his Paris exertions.

Nijinsky was retired to stud. He became a great sire of his time breeding Golden Fleece, winner of the Epsom Derby, Caerleon winner of the French Derby and Ferdinand, winner of the Kentucky Derby amongst many, many other Group winners. Nijinsky was a great horse in a great era for Irish racing. His legacy will never be forgotten.



Jim Healy

Maynooth ICA Notes

We had a good turn out at the Guild Meeting. A sum of €5,398-00 was raised on Daffodil Day in Maynooth and thanks to all the ladies who did the collecting. A plant sale by the flower club will take place in the college on the 6th May 2006 and the ICA were invited to help.

There will be a National Council Meeting on 20th May 2006 in Moran's Hotel. We are having a social evening on Friday 19th May 2006 in Moran's Hotel for our retiring National President.

We have been informed that the action plan for the harbour area has been adopted and we are now waiting to hear from Kildare County Council regarding our hall.

The recent craft day in Athy was well attended and members were well pleased with their tuition for the day.

Badminton is on each Monday and Thursday morning in the Parish Hall and we would like more members to play as numbers have been falling away.

Our Inter-Guild competition will take place on 25th April 2006 in St Coca's Hall Kilcock. Other competitions coming up are Inter-Federation for Art, Photography photo being building of choice, Murial Gahan Rose Bowl for Candle-wicking, Reporting on Guild, Patsy Lawlor Cup for Set Dancing, Beauman Shield for Music and Table Quiz in Kill on 30th May 2006.

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12th May 2006

Kildare Federation AGM will be held in Castledermot on:

16th May 2006

Winners of the monthly competition were Mary Halton and Veva Kearins, second Eileen Flynn and third was Betty Moore. Winner of the raffle was Madeline Stynes second Irene Matthews and third Teresa Corcoran.

Next Meeting: Thursday 4th May 2006 which will be the AGM and we invite all members to be present. Our meetings takes place the first Thursday of each month at 8pm sharp in ICA Hall in the Harbour. New Members always welcome.



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The inaugural Presidential Lunch, hosted by President, Professor John Hughes and Monsignor Dermot Farrell, President, St Patrick's College, was held in Pugin Hall on Friday 3 March. The lunch marked the recent retirements of the following from the University/College, each of whom received a presentation:

Sarah Flynn, Applied Social Studies; Dr Fred Lunnon, Computer Science; Margaret McCormack, Crèche; Vincent Murphy, Power House; Pat O'Connor, Catering.

Presentations were also made to the following members of staff, to mark their 25 years service with the University/College:

Dan O'Shea, Computer Centre; Joan Buckley, Crèche; Brenda Carruthers, Catering; Professor Phil Dix, Biology; Mary Lynch, Telephonist; Dr Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin, Sean agus Mean Ghaeilge; Professor Séamus Ó Cinnéide, Applied Social Studies; Marie-Thérèse Power, General Services.



Retirees and presentation recipients pictured with President, Professor John Hughes and Monsignor Dermot Farrell, President, St Patrick's College.

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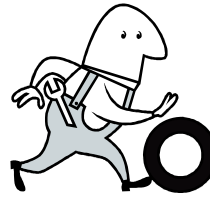
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Castle Keep Art Group Exhibition

The Castle Keep Art Group held their 8th Annual Art Exhibition in Maynooth Post Primary School on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd April. The Exhibition was officially opened by the Mayor of Kildare, Cllr. John McGinley on Friday evening the 21st April.



Déaglán Ó Ceallaigh, Susan Durack and Mayor of Kildare, Cllr. John McGinley at the official opening on Friday 21st April



*Barge on Bond Bridge Maynooth
One of the paintings exhibited by Emma Boyce*



Emma Boyce and Carmel Farrelly at the opening of the Exhibition



*Summertime Study
By Emma Boyce*



Suas Educational Development

An auction was organised in the GAA Club on Friday 21st April by Aoife McTernan & Cian Lennon to raise funds to enable them to work on projects in India for neglected street and working children in a community based project. It was a very successful night and they would like to thank all who supported them.

Pictured on the left are Willie Saults and Aoife McTernan

Catherine Murphy T.D.

Bus Review calls for improved services in North Kildare Government must act on its findings—

Deputy Catherine Murphy welcomed the publication this week of Dublin Bus Network Review, the report which includes services to Celbridge, Leixlip, Maynooth and Kilcock under the Lucan QBC corridor and identified improvements needed to the services generally. The review proposes the services should be improved in stages, stage 1 seek the "introduction of more than 200 additional buses into the fleet to cater for demand from new developments which need to be served prior to any rail investment and which cannot be served within current network resources."

Given the extent of population growth in West Dublin and North Kildare it is no surprise that the Lucan Road Corridor is earmarked for improvement at stage 1.

The comprehensive network review also identifies new orbital routes and local bus services both of which will incorporate North Kildare, these form later stages of the proposal.

The bus is undoubtedly the workhorse of the public transport system in the Greater Dublin Area. Government postponed significant new investment in buses pending the publication of this report, now that it is available there can be no excuse for delaying decisions on the expansion of bus services for too long. Government focus of attention has been about who owns and drives the buses it is now time to make a decision that will result in the introduction of new services and new routes in order that daily traffic gridlock can be dealt with.

Census Promises Bigger Picture But Government Fails To Plan For The Future -

Ads for Census 2006 might urge people to be part of the bigger picture however Deputy Catherine Murphy (Ind) has today criticised Government's failure to plan development in line with previous census findings and has cited this as the fundamental flaw underpinning Irish Society today. Her comments came on foot of complaints from constituents who, as a direct result of Government's failure to plan the deployment of services in line with rapid housing development, are unable to find primary school places for their children.. One school in her constituency of North Kildare received 83 applications for 60 primary school places, a figure which is set to rise to over 100 for the September 2007 enrolment. "This is completely unacceptable!

Government on one hand is telling us to participate in the census so that they can allocate resources according to need, but on the other their record in doing so in relation to previous census findings suggests that no such attention will be paid to census 2006. What makes this year different?" Murphy.

The North Kildare TD went on to highlight that, as the current method of funding provision for schools, Local Authorities and Health Authorities is based on previous population figures without regard trends indicating population growth or decline, rapidly developing areas such as Kildare, West Dublin & Meath are constantly playing catch-up. Local Authority funding bears no direct relationship to census figures as the Department of the Environment allocates such monies on the basis of the last recorded population. This criteria according to Murphy, is extremely simplistic and fails to take account of significant population growth or decline taking place between census years. "Rapidly developing areas like Kildare, Meath, and Wicklow are bearing the brunt of the development boom around Dublin but with each extra person who moves to these counties the already scarce Council resources are being stretched to their limits. "This system is crazy and results in at best a patchwork of standards across the country." Stated Murphy.

She concluded in highlighting that forward planning for education seems also to be non-existent. "I recently received a parliamentary reply from the Minister for Education stating that the National Council for Special Education is not in a position to know how many children will require special educational services at post-primary level. The ideas conveyed by the Census 2006 are positive, but judging by the Government's record in this regard I don't hold out much hope".

One Year On "The Missing Persons Helpline" Is Still—Missing

Deputy Catherine Murphy speaking on the anniversary of the withdrawal of the Missing Persons Helpline has criticised the Minister for Justice Equality & Law Reform for being selective about the evaluation of its use. Stating that there were just 100 calls to the Missing Persons Helpline for the year 2002-2003 he failed to provide the justification for its continued use in the same report and the reasons for the number of calls. This had the effect of giving the impression that the Helpline was of limited value. He has himself in the recent past been critical of selective use of statistics yet he is guilty of the same charge himself.

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The report "Evaluation of the National Missing Persons' Helpline Oct 02-Oct 03" written by Kevin Lalor, PhD & Kalis Pope MSc, Dept Social Sciences, DIT (Dec 03) made 12 recommendations:

1. Funding for Helpline be continued
2. Continue to operate the Helpline under the auspices of victim Support
3. A concerted effort is made to increase public awareness of the helpline
4. That an advertising budget be identified
5. That the range of services for families of the missing be extended
6. That formal service agreements between Dept Justice & Victims support be developed.
7. Expand the remit of the Helpline as "a link between family and friends of missing persons"
8. Explore the possibility of integrating the Missing Persons website with the Helpline

9. That a small number of specialist volunteers be inducted into the Helpline
10. That the Helpline be offered as a free call services as opposed to a lo-call service.
11. That regular and prolonged effects be made within the Gardai to make members of the force aware of the Helpline
12. In anticipation of an increased number of calls to the Helpline, that call records be computerised.

The aspect of this report focused on by the Minister was the level of calls made clearly not only is the Helpline seen as valuable but the recommendations also seek to increase its use and expand the range and quality of services to families that find themselves in this appalling situation. The Minister must without any further delay restore this essential service.

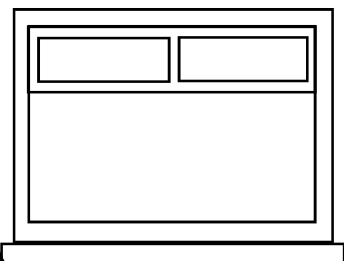
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Cllr. John McGinley

Northern Relief Road from Moyglare Road to Dunboyne Road

Cllr. John McGinley got the following update on this much needed road at the Area Meeting of the Council on 24 March:

"The preliminary designs have been prepared and were circulated at the December meeting of the Committee. There is no detailed costing available although a sum in the region of €12m - €15m could be assumed. The Meath County Development Plan is currently only at pre-draft stage. However, I am assured that this Council's submission in relation to the northern relief road is being actively considered."

Cllr. McGinley stated that the estimated cost of this short section of road was extraordinary and he asked that someone from Roads Section of the Council attend the next Area Meeting to explain the costing.

Footpath from The Mill Centre to John Paul Library, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following reply to his request for the provision of a footpath at this location at the Area Meeting on 24 March:

"This issue has been examined by the Road Design team as well as the Area Engineer. It is a planning condition that a footpath be provided in the area immediately in front of the development. This has been brought to the attention of the developer and is now being referred to the planning enforcement section. There is no requirement to extend this footpath to the University library. Though possibly desirable, this is not currently a priority as there is no funding available."

The Development referred to is the ALDI store. Cllr. McGinley stated that he was unhappy with the reply and he again asked that the footpath be extended to the Library.

Opening of Third Eye on the Lyreen Bridge, Mill Street, Maynooth

The opening of this eye of the bridge was called for in the Lyreen Flood Relief Scheme and was also Condition 7 of the Manor Mills Development. At the request of Cllr. John McGinley the Council will write to the developer asking that this work be carried out.

Cllr. McGinley Seeks Upgrading of Old Greenfield Housing Estate, Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley has sought the following upgrading of Old Greenfields:

The cul-de-sac from house no. 822 to 859 has very little room for cars to park. This could be overcome somewhat if the roadway was extended directly in front of the houses from no. 822 to no. 841. In addition a shrubbery or other suitable landscape feature could be put in the centre of the green.

Also the green at the bottom end beside the Meadowbrook Stream should be properly landscaped now that the trees have been removed by the Bond Bridge contractor. A wall with railings should be erected in place of the trees, as already agreed with the Bond Bridge Project Manager. In addition, the fire damaged public light at this location should be replaced in order not to encourage further vandalism.

Consideration should be given to removing the trees/shrubbery entirely from the left hand side of the Lane at the bottom half and replace with a wall and railing.

Mound of Earth at "The Bandstand", Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following question for answering at the April Area Meeting of the Council:

"Why has the mound of earth behind the "bandstand" at Pound Park, Maynooth, not been levelled as

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requested some six months ago? Leaving it as a mound is encouraging youths to gather and behave anti-socially."

Public Lights at The Square, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following question for answering at the April Area Meeting of the Council:

"When are the public lights in The Square, Maynooth, being repaired, i.e. the runway lights and the recently severed unit with the 3 lights."

Stagg Welcomes Moving Forward of New Docklands Station

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the announcement by Iarnrod Eireann that work has commenced on the new Docklands Station at Spencer Dock in the City Centre.

Originally listed in Transport 21 for completion in 2009, the project will now be completed in 2007 stated Deputy Stagg. It will overcome the present obstacle to increasing capacity on the Maynooth Line which is the City Centre Resignalling Project.

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 the new services on the line will go to the new Docklands Station.

The only difficulty with the project stated Deputy Stagg is the delay in extending the LUAS from Connolly Station to the new Docklands Station. The Public Inquiry into this is not due to commence until the Summer and construction is likely to commence in Spring 2007. It could take a year to construct the LUAS extension so a dedicated bus service will have to operate between the new Docklands Station and the City Centre.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg congratulated Iarnrod Eireann on moving forward the Spencer Dock Station development which will be of benefit to commuters and represents a major improvement in our Public Transport infrastructure.

Development at Former Pitch and Putt Course Rejected Again

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the decision by An Bord Pleanála to refuse planning permission for 80 dwellings, comprising three 4 storey blocks of apartments, two 3 storey terraces of houses and two 2 storey terraces of houses on the former pitch and putt course on Dunboyne Road, Maynooth.

Deputy Stagg had along with his colleague Cllr. John McGinley, lodged an appeal against the decision by Kildare Co. Council to grant planning permission for the development last May. The decision was also appealed by the Leinster Cottages and Mariaville Action Group.

The proposed development was rejected for two reasons stated Deputy Stagg. The first was the inappropriate terrace of 12 houses facing onto the Dunboyne Road which were deemed to be visually obtrusive in the streetscape. The second reason was the poor design of a section of the development which would have created an extensive unsupervised backland which would have facilitated anti-social behaviour.

Deputy Stagg stated that he was disappointed that An Bord Pleanála had not included the inappropriate height and ugliness of the proposed 4 storey Apartment Blocks as a reason for refusing the development and he warned the applicants that if they retained this element of the proposal in their next planning application that they would face a further battle in An Bord Pleanála.

Stagg Welcomes Rejection of Mobile Base Station at Newtown Inn

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the decision by Kildare Co. Council on March 21st to refuse planning permission to O2 Communications 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 also.

Deputy Stagg had along with his colleague Cllr. John McGinley objected to the proposal on 13th February last and in their decision Kildare Co. Council rejected the proposal for the following reasons:

- The proposed development represented a material contravention of the Maynooth Development Plan 2002 which stipulates that such telecommunications equipment

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not be located in the vicinity of residential areas.

- The proposed development, located in a residential area, would have had a negative impact on the value of residential property in the area and if allowed to proceed it would have set an undesirable precedent for further such developments in the area.

Deputy Stagg stated that the Newtown Inn is slap bang in the middle of Beaufield, Brookfield and Meadowbrook housing estates and he was pleased that the Council had acted to protect this residential area from what could have been a proliferation of such telecommunications equipment.

Should an appeal be lodged to An Bord Pleanala Deputy Stagg stated that he would along with Cllr. McGinley make observations on the appeal in support of the original decision.

Maynooth Presentation Convent Extension Finally Makes Progress

Deputy Emmet Stagg has continued to pressurise the Minister for Education in relation to the inordinate delay in approving the Stage 3 Submission (Detailed Plans) of the required extension to Maynooth Presentation Convent.

The Minister has advised Deputy Stagg that the Stage 3 submission has now been approved and that the school has now been authorised to proceed to Stages 4 & 5 of the Architectural Planning process which covers Planning Permission/Fire Certification, Bill of Quantities and Tender Documentation.

Welcoming this progress Deputy Stagg stated that it was incredible that the Department had taken 5 months to approve the Stage 3 submission. This undue delay was unacceptable and does not make it easy for the Board of Management of the School to keep to timetables in their quest to get the extension they deserve and need.

Deputy Stagg vowed to continue to monitor progress on this project.

Stagg Calls for Screening of Manor Mills Development from Maynooth Castle

Deputy Emmet Stagg has called on the Minister of State for Finance to request the O.P.W. to provide proper screening of the Manor Mills Development from Maynooth Castle because of the negative impact the

Manor Mills Development has on views of Maynooth Castle as viewed from Parson Street, The College Entrance and from within the Grounds of the Castle itself.

Deputy Stagg stated that the Manor Mills Development has had a serious impact on the setting of the Castle and that the planting of mature trees along the Northern Boundary would provide an effective screening to hide the new development. The new development is without doubt better than the old Kavanaghs Mills complex but now is the opportune time to deal with this matter once and for all.

Given that the O.P.W. are the guardians of the Castle on behalf of both the People of Maynooth and the State it behoves them to protect the setting of the Castle.

Deputy Stagg has tabled a Parliamentary Question to Minister Parlon on the issue and is hopeful of a positive response.

Design Teams Still Not Appointed for School Projects in Maynooth, Kilcock and Naas

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Education in relation to the delay in appointing Design Teams for School projects in Maynooth, Kilcock and Naas which got the go-ahead to commence Architectural Planning on January 13th last.

The Minister advised Deputy Stagg that the Design Teams have not been sought yet because of an E.U. Directive in relation to the appointment of consultants which came into effect on 31st January, 2006. The Minister further advised Deputy Stagg that the Departments Building Section were revising its guidance documents in relation to the appointment of Design Consultants and that the exercise would be completed shortly. Following on from this advertisements seeking design teams will be placed in National Newspapers.

Deputy Stagg stated that nearly 3 months has been lost on these projects because of the failure of the Minister to beat the deadline set in the E.U. Directive and because of this the Permanent Building Projects for Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich in Maynooth and Gaelscoil Nas na Riogh in Naas as well as the Extension to Scoil Choca Naofa in Kilcock were now effectively on hold. Deputy Stagg indicated that he would keep up the pressure on the Minister in relation to these projects.

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Government Capitulates to KKY TV by Failing to List Ryder Cup

Labour Party Chief Whip Emmet Stagg T.D., has accused Communications Minister Noel Dempsey of capitulating to Sky Television by failing to designate this year's Ryder Cup at the K Club as a free-to-air television event.

Deputy Stagg commented, "I am totally baffled by the Government's decision not to designate the Ryder Cup. Previously they were able to wrestle exclusive rights for Ireland's home international football matches away from Sky, yet they have failed on this occasion.

Millions of people across Ireland will now be denied the opportunity to watch the largest international sporting event ever to be staged in this country.

Surely it was within the Governments powers of persuasion to strike a deal between Sky, RTE and TV3 over Broadcasting Rights. Or is their failure a sign of their continued mismanagement of the affairs of this Country of ours.

The irony is that the attention of the sporting world will be on Ireland in September, yet Irish sports fans will be denied the opportunity to watch the tournament unless they subscribe to Sky television. In fact, many sports fans, including children, will be driven into pubs in order to catch a glimpse of the Ryder Cup. What does this say about our Pub Culture and the Governments turning of a blind eye to the increasing cost of alcohol abuse to families.

"Members of this Government like to masquerade as sports-fans when it suits them, but they must now accept they have totally failed to deliver for the sporting public," concluded Deputy Stagg.

Stagg Lashes Revised Proposal for 4 & 3 Storey Apartment Blocks at Old Greenfields

Deputy Emmet Stagg has strenuously objected to the revised application for Planning Permission for the provision of 4 and 3 Storey Apartment Blocks at Old Greenfields, Maynooth.

The proposal stated Deputy Stagg involves 111 units in two 4 storey blocks, two 3 storey blocks, 10 Town Houses and 6 semi-detached houses. The site area is about 5 times that of a previous proposal lodged last September which was subsequently withdrawn by the applicants in February last. In effect the site now

straddles the rear gardens of 13 houses along Old Greenfields.

Along with his colleague Cllr. John McGinley Deputy Stagg has lodged an objection to the proposal calling it incomprehensible and out of character with the existing built environment in the area which is made up of bungalows and single storey semi-detached houses.

Outlining his objections to the development Deputy Stagg stated:

- The density at 32.4 units to the acre is excessive when compared with existing residential density in the area which is about 3 units to the acre.
- The proposal has no regard for the residential amenity of neighbours which is a requirement under the Maynooth Development Plan 2002.
- The Zoning of the area was set at a Higher Density to make it easier for families to get planning permission to build homes for members of their families.
- The proposal is out of character with the existing pattern and scale of development in the area which is single storey.
- The proposal does not integrate with existing development in the area.
- The 4 & 3 Storey Blocks will cause overlooking of existing properties, particularly of rear gardens causing a loss of privacy. This will lead to a serious reduction in the value of these properties.
- The 4 & 3 Storey Blocks will cause a loss of light to surrounding houses.
- The Apartment Blocks will dominate the skyline as viewed from the houses and gardens along Old Greenfield Lane and The Crescent.
- The excessive development will significantly increase traffic volumes on the proposed road to the rear of the houses along Old Greenfield Lane thus increasing the traffic hazards where the road will join with the Straffan Road and creating an additional traffic hazard along Greenfield Lane where a further new junction is proposed.
- The 4 & 3 Storey Blocks will destroy the entrance to Maynooth along the Straffan Road by placing visually obtrusive Gable Walls of the 4 & 3 Storey Apartment Blocks at a prominent Visual Point along the Straffan Road.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that the proposed development, like the previous proposal, had no regard for the existing residents of the area and was

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simply out of character and unacceptable and he called on Kildare Co. Council to comprehensively reject Planning Permission.

Tenders to be Invited for New Docklands Rail Station in May

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Transport in the Dail in relation to when Tenders will be invited for the new Docklands Rail Station at Spencer Dock in the City Centre.

The Minister advised Deputy Stagg that the preparation of tender documents is underway and that Iarnrod Eireann hope to be in a position to invite tenders for construction in May, 2006. The Minister further advised Deputy Stagg that the planned construction period for the €28 Million station was 9 months.

Deputy Stagg welcomed the continuing progress with the new station. However he pointed out that planning permission for the project was only lodged on March 13th of this year and if Dublin City Council make their decision on the application in May there was still a danger of an Appeal to An Bord Pleanala. This he stated would delay the project for 6 months and he expressed the hope that there would be no appeal in the event of Dublin City Council granting permission.

Stagg Welcomes OPW Decision to Carry Out Catchment Flood Risk Study on Rye River covering Maynooth, Leixlip and Kilcock

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister of State for Finance in relation to the outcome of the meeting between officials from the O.P.W. and Kildare Co. Council in light of the rejection of the Leixlip Flood Relief Study.

Deputy Stagg has been advised by Minister Parlon that in light of the ongoing flooding problems in Leixlip and development pressures in the surrounding areas the O.P.W. have agreed to undertake a Local Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study for the Rye River, encompassing the towns of Leixlip, Maynooth and Kilcock. This will ultimately form part of a Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study for the entire Liffey Catchment, which it is planned to undertake at a later stage.

Deputy Stagg was further advised that the Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Plans will provide a strategic overview of the River Rye Catchment and a context within which decisions on the most appropriate measures to manage

existing and potential flood risk can be made. Subject to the availability of funds, works recommended by the study which are economically and environmentally sustainable will be funded by the O.P.W. Specifically in relation to the Leixlip Study Kildare Co. Council will continue studies currently underway and if works recommended by the studies are compatible with the Catchment Study then the O.P.W. is willing to consider funding such works.

Deputy Stagg has welcomed the decision to carry out the Study of the Rye Catchment covering Leixlip, Maynooth and Kilcock, and has particularly welcomed the indication that the O.P.W. will fund alleviation works identified.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that it was necessary that the Studies should begin at the earliest date and he stated that he would continue to press the Minister on this issue.

Home Help Service Being Slashed by Government—Number of Hours Down from 440,883 in 2003 to 322,957 in 2005

Deputy Emmet Stagg has reacted angrily to figures disclosed to him by the HSE which show that the number of hours allocated for the Home Help Service in Kildare in 2005 has fallen to 322,957 hours compared to 440,883 hours in 2003.

This Deputy Stagg stated is against a backdrop where the number of people in receipt of the Home Help Service has increased from 1,277 people in 2003 to 1,695 people in 2005. With a 33% increase in the number of people availing of the service we have a 27% drop in the number of hours funded by the Government. The average number of hours per week which a person receives for home help has fallen from 7 in 2003 to 4 in 2005, a 43% reduction in service.

These figures stated Deputy Stagg confirm previous revelations that the Government is out of touch with the requirements of older people and it shows their uncaring nature. At a time when the Country is overflowing with money this basic service which enables elderly people to stay living in their homes within their community is being targeted for cuts in a shocking way.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that he intended to highlight the issue further with the Tanaiste and Minister for Health to correct the unacceptable underfunding of this vital service.

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