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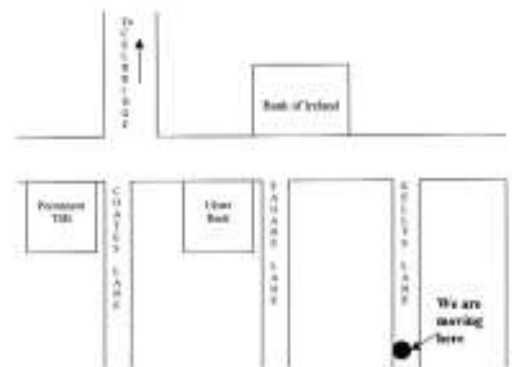
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Editorial

Despite all the bad weather, including the tail end of a hurricane, the Ryder Cup in the K-Club in Straffan appears to have been a great success. The dramatic European win, for the third time in a row, added to the jubilation on the last day as the crowds greeted and celebrated with the players, particularly the Irish. The use of public transport, park and ride ensured that the traffic in the area was at a minimum and the three-day festival was a great showcase for Ireland all over the world. The green fields, lakes and wonderful scenery was dappled in sunlight on the Sunday – what a pity the rest of the country doesn't look as good. When the organisers and the Government advertise the country abroad, I presume that they forget to tell the intending tourist that 10% of our monuments are being destroyed every year. At this rate, there will be precious little left, including Tara's Gabhra Valley, by 2016. At a recent tourist fair in Japan, the advertising included an image of Tara. Best take as many photos and video images as possible while the place is still there as they will be all that we have when the cultural vandals and developers have their way.

The Tidy Towns committee put a great effort into presenting Maynooth in the best possible light for the tourists who might have visited the town and the Main Street and the Square in particular look particularly well. What a shame that it may not look like that for long as the cultural vandals turn their attention to the trees to make room for – guess what? Cars. We have already suggested here that a lot of the congestion in the town is caused by the timing of the traffic lights and no adjustment had been made yet. The traffic lights at the Bank of Ireland on the Main Street are unnecessary and for the most part those installed, at the insistence of An Bord Pleanála, at the car park entrance to Manor Mills shopping centre are unnecessary also as the amount of cars leaving and entering are generally quite small.

The results of the Tidy Towns competition shows that the town is improving year on year and we would like to congratulate the hard working committee for their hard work. Litter is still a real problem however. It would appear that regardless of all the education and requests to people not to drop litter this is falling on deaf ears. The state of the bottle bank that must be cleared periodically also shows this disregard for tidiness and cleanliness. But there is a great deal of praise for Maynooth and its landscape in the report that can be read in full in this issue of the newsletter.

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our readers
and advertisers**

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

The September meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on Monday 11th in the Glenroyal Hotel.

A vote of sympathy was extended to the families of Peter Connell on the death of his father and to the family of Pius Kelly.

Festival

Willie Sauls said that the festival went well. The 7 aside was a great success this year, with 19 teams and 190 kids involved. John McGinley thanked all who gave their time, he said a lot of meetings took place that involved 4 hours per evening for 10 evenings.

The family day in the Harbour was also a great success said Marie Gleeson. Patricia Moynan, Angela Leavey, Bridget Doran, Catherine Carton, Mick Gleeson, Liz Stole and of course Andrew McMullon were thanked.

Christmas Lights

The question of funding was raised again. Brid Feely told us what costs are involved in putting up the lights, money will have to be raised. A lot of money was raised a couple of years back, but the cost of buying the lights and fittings put paid to that. Also the cost of putting up the lights every year is considerable and with the cost of insurance and keeping with E.S.B. regulations the bill could be in the region of €12,000. The general feeling was that the Business people of Maynooth should be more involved and give the people of Maynooth something back.

Tidy Towns

Results this year put Maynooth 10 points up on last years marks. Paul Croghan said the judges didn't miss a thing even the impact of Manor Mills Centre was noted. There was no change in the marks for litter, it was also pointed out that there was a new system of marking now in place. Maynooth was on Nationwide and it gave a good view of Maynooth but when it came down to the nitty gritty it is a different story. Litter remains a huge problem in Maynooth, there is a huge amount of litter around the take away outlets. It was strongly felt that these people responsible should be fined, Beafield is also suffering from this problem with pizza boxes all over the place, we now have no other option but to write to the Litter Warden, Sean Cushen said that there was no point in doing that as the Tidy Towns had already rang the Litter Warden and they had no response at all. Sean also told us that they collect up to 4 bags of rubbish around the take aways most

Sunday mornings, surely he said that this cannot be allowed to continue. Paul Croghan said that the estates have already been judged, but urged people to keep up the good work.

The point was also raised, and maybe there is something in it, that if children were trained from a very young age to bring home their rubbish etc. it would make a big difference eventually. Mary Joyce suggested that our places of interest around the town should be highlighted and information should be in place, the Church of Ireland is a good example, they have a plaque and information in place.

Ryder Cup

Kildare Failte invited Maynooth to put on a Festival for the Ryder Cup. Maynooth Community Council representatives and the Business people of Maynooth did have some meetings but nothing came of it. Why? Or is it now just a distant memory.

Bond Bridge

As you know Bond Bridge is now open to pedestrians, and the bridge will be fully open to all traffic by the end of September. The height of the walls on the bridge was commented upon, one cannot see the canal now when crossing the bridge. John McGinley stated that the walls are 1.5mts. High.

This is to accommodate the possibility of the rail line being electrified in the future.

John O' Connor raised the very worrying problem we still have with the traffic lights in Maynooth, so when the bridge is completed and Parson Street realigned, will it affect the traffic management of the town he asked. The timing of the traffic lights will probably have to be changed it was felt.

Marie Gleeson
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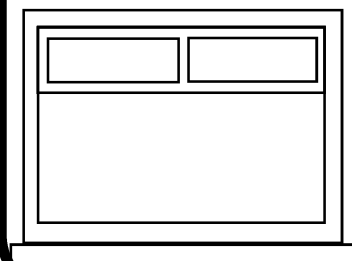
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06/1784	Dermot O'Neill	Pebble Hill Lodge Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	21/08/06	Construction of a gable end pitched roof to the west end of the building, in place of previously approved hipped roof end—(Reg Ref 05/168)	Pound Lane/ Kelly's Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1789	Colm & Carol Feeney	Ballygoran Developments Ltd. Moneycooley Celbridge Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	21/08/06	Changes to the existing planning permission (PL Ref 04/2890): A) the removal of one bay window and one window to the rear of the proposed neighbourhood centre B) for the construction of a two-storey staircase to the rear and side etc	Moneycooley Celbridge Road Maynooth
06/1795	Judy Frayne	Richardstown Clane Co. Kildare	P	22/08/06	Erection of a part single and part two storey dwelling house, a domestic garage with attic space, a waste water treatment system, a bored well and all assoc site works	Graiguesallagh Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1800	Seamus Nevin	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	23/08/06	Relocation of the existing septic tank with the installation of an effluent treatment system and percolation area to the rear of the house	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1836	CMC Accident Repairs Ltd	27 Glen Easton Way Leixlip Co. Kildare	R	28/08/06	An extension to the rear of the existing workshop, retention of additional parking area to the rear, proposed new storm water drain and oil interceptor and associated works.	Old Carton Dunboyne Road Maynooth
06/1847	Gary Foley	14 Kinvere Park Cypress Downs Templeogue Dublin 6W	P	29/08/06	To install a door and balcony on the southwest elevation of an existing permitted dwelling and associated works	76 Leinster Wood Carton Demesne Maynooth
06/1855	NUI Maynooth	Buildings Office NUI Maynooth Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	30/08/06	Erect open mesh safety canopy on existing pedestrian footbridge over Maynooth/ Kilcock Road	Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1866	Linda Brady & Gary Lynch	Courtown Bridge Kilcock Co. Kildare	R	31/08/06	Additions to previously approved development 02/207 include dormer window to rear at first floor level, window to side at ground floor level and minor internal alterations consisting of ensuite bathroom	Laragh Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1908	Mary Dunne	C/o Seamus Dunne Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	06/09/06	Construction of a wall plate dormer bungalow, puraflo treatment system and septic tank together with associated site development works	Clonfert South Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1925	High Degree Construction Ltd	Johnstown Road Enfield Co. Kildare 85 Main Street Leixlip Co. Kildare	P	07/09/06	143 no residential units comprising 45 no. two storey 4/5 bedroom detached houses/ optional house types A, B & G with attic space bedroom accommodation, 66 no two storey 3/4 room semi-detached houses/optional house types C, D, E & F, 20 no two storey 3 b	Dunboyne Road Maynooth Co. Kildare

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06/1932	Bank of Scotland (Ireland) Ltd	Bank of Scotland (Ireland) Ltd Bank of Scotland House 124-127 St. Stephens Green Dublin 2	P	07/09/06	1 no externally trough lit fascia sign (c3.61sqm) and a double sided externally illuminated projecting sign (c0.41sqm)	Unit 10 Manor Mills Shopping Centre Mill Street Kilcock Road Maynooth
06/1939	Fionnuala O'Flaherty	Kilmacreddock Upper Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	08/09/06	A proposed five no. bedroom detached house and a proposed arage with the drainage for the house and garage been a mechanical aeration system and a partially raised soil polishing filter	Kilmacreddock Upper Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1960	Ballygoran Developments Ltd	Celbridge Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	12/09/06	Minor alterations to four houses previously granted under ref no 04/2968 as follows A) extension to front incorporating bay window B) addition of new bay window to front elevation at first floor level, C) extension of r	Celbridge Road Maynooth Co. Kildare



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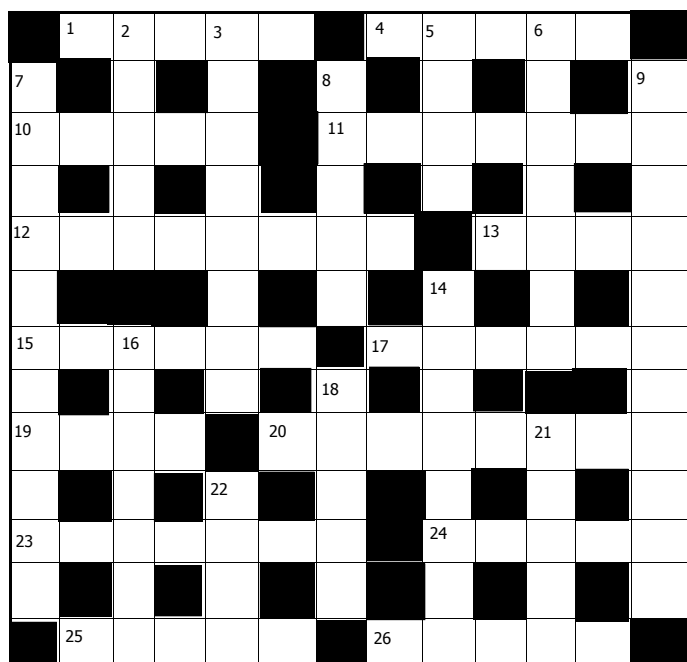


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Crossword No: 49



Entries before 16th October 2006

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Across:

1. Hunting dog (5)
4. Surprise (5)
10. Clumsy (5)
11. Generous (7)
12. See 13 Across
13. & 12 Across—co-star of grease (4,8)
15. Major Italian seaport (6)
17. Manor house with farm (6)
19. The Taurus animal (4)
20. Level-headed (8)
23. Foremost (7)
24. Edouard - - -, French painter (5)
25. Take up (5)
26. Small hill (5)

Down:

2. Musical drama (5)
3. Common gas (8)
5. Tramp (4)
6. Humorous drawing (7)
7. Famous Sioux chief (7,4)
8. Popeye's arch enemy! (5)
9. Pyjamas fabric (11)
14. Loyd- - -, TV presenter (8)
16. Su- - -, comic actress (7)
18. Grass border (5)
21. Trite (5)
22. Flaccid (4)

Across:

1. Backstroke, 8. Harding, 9. Doone, 10. Pink, 11. Kerr, 12. Kit, 14. Titian, 15. Avowal, 18. Wad, 20. Reap, 21. Grit, 23. Reign, 24. Chicago, 25. Underneath.

Down:

1. Baronet, 2. Clip, 3. Signet, 4. Redgrave, 5. Knock, 6. Shop steward, 7. Ventilation, 13. Lawrence, 16. War-path, 17. Falcon, 19. Deign, 22. Pisa.

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Question

Could you please tell me who is eligible for the Back to Education Allowance?

Answer

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To be eligible for the allowance you must be:

- Aged 21 or over (24 or over for a postgraduate course) and for the previous 6 months* have been receiving a social welfare payment such as Unemployment Assistance/Benefit or One-Parent Family Payment
- Aged 18 or over and for the previous 6 months* have been receiving a disability payment such as Disability Allowance or Invalidity Pension.
- Aged 18 to 21, out of formal education for 2 years, and for the previous 6 months* have been receiving One-Parent Family Payment or Unemployment Assistance/Benefit
- In receipt of Disability Benefit for at least 3 years

*It is 12 months for a third-level course.

Periods spent on employment schemes, training courses and in prison may count towards the qualifying period. From September 2006, periods spent on Supplementary Welfare Allowance or in Direct Provision from the HSE may also count. If you are eligible, your spouse/partner may qualify providing you are getting a Qualified Adult Allowance for him/her with your payment.

Courses you can attend include full-time second-level courses certified by the Department of Education and Science or approved by FETAC, such as the Leaving Certificate or a Post Leaving Certificate course. Also eligible are full-time third-level courses approved by the Department for its maintenance grant schemes or which FETAC recognition.

When you have been accepted for a course you should apply to DSFA for the allowance on Form BTE 1. You will be paid the allowance instead of your

social welfare payment at a rate equivalent to the maximum of your current social welfare payment. If you were previously getting an unemployment payment, the BTEA will not be paid during the summer period between academic years. Those who had been receiving other payments will continue to receive the BTEA during the summer. You are entitled to a Cost of Education Allowance (€400) at the start of each academic year.

Question

I understand that there are changes being made to the Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension. Can you please give the details?

Answer

You are correct. From 29 September 2006, Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension from the Department of Social and Family Affairs is being replaced by a new State Pension (Non-Contributory). The new pension will also replace the Widow's/Widower's (Non-Contributory) Pension. Blind Pension, One-Parent Family Payment, Deserted Wife's Allowance and Prisoner's Wife Allowance for those aged 66 or over.

Those aged 66 or over who are already receiving one of the means-tested payments listed above will be automatically transferred to the new pension on 29 September. Those who are on one of the payments listed but will not have reached age 66 by 29 September will have to apply for the new pension. You should apply 3 months before you reach age 66.

People on the new pension will get a payment for their spouse or partner providing their spouse or partner is under age 66. At age 66 their spouse or partner is entitled to the new pension in their own right but, they must apply for it.

The means test for the new State Pension (Non-Contributory) will be similar to the existing means test with some improvements. The first €100 of weekly earnings from employment will be disregarded in the means test. A similar disregard of €100 will apply to the earnings of the pensioner's spouse or partner. However, the disregard or part of the disregard cannot be transferred from one to the other. In addition, the disregard will not apply to earnings from self-employed.

The maximum rate of payment for the new pension is the same as the maximum rate for the Old Age

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(Non-Contributory) Pension. A person on the new pension will receive the maximum rate of payment provided his/her assessed weekly means are not greater than €20. This is an increase from the €7.60 means threshold that applies to the pension it is replacing. As a result, all those receiving a reduced Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension will automatically get an increase when they transfer to the new pension.

Question

I am applying for a Fuel Allowance under the National Fuel Scheme. If I am eligible for it how much will I receive?

Answer

The National Fuel Scheme, operated by the Department of Social and Family Affairs, is intended to help people who are dependent on long term social welfare or HSE payments as their sole income and who are unable to meet their heating needs.

Under the scheme people who qualify for the Fuel Allowance receive an extra €14. If you qualify for the basic Fuel Allowance you may also qualify for an extra €3.90 per week for smokeless fuel, if you live in an area where there is a ban on smoky coal.

The €3.90 smokeless fuel supplementary also be payable to those receiving Disability Benefit, Occupational Injury Benefit or Unemployment Benefit/ Assistance for at least 13 weeks and to those receiving Family Income Supplement, who do not qualify for the basic allowance.

In order to qualify for the Fuel Allowance you must satisfy a means test. You and the members of your household cannot have more than €51 per week in combined income or savings/capital of more than €46,000 above the appropriate maximum Irish contributory pension/benefit. For example, someone without any savings receiving a Widow's or Widower's Contributory Pension of €171.30 per week should qualify if his/her income does not exceed €171.30 plus €51, that is €222.30.

However, if you are already on a means-tested payment you will not be subject to another means test for the Fuel Allowance. Where two or more people living in the same household would qualify for the allowance, only one allowance will be paid.

The allowance is paid for 29 weeks from the first week in October to late April. If you think you are eligible you should apply immediately as the allowance will not be backdated if you apply after the start of the heating season. Application forms (NFSI) are available from any post office or your local Social Welfare Office.

Question

My 16-year-old son has been offered a job in a local shop. How many hours a week can he work?

Answer

The Protection of Young Persons (Employment) Act 1996 sets limits on the maximum number of hours for young workers. Under the act a "child" means a person under the age of 16 and a "young person" means a 16 or 17 year old.

A child aged 14 may not work during the school term. He/she may do light work during school holidays for up to 7 hours a day and 35 hours a week.

A 15 year old may do light work for up to 8 hours a week during term-time. During the holidays the same maximum number of hours apply as for 14 years old.

Both 14 and 15 year olds are not allowed to work between 8 pm in the evening and 8 am in the morning and they must be given a thirty-minute break if they work more than 4 hours. If working during the summer, they must get two days off a week, which should be consecutive where thus is practicable, and complete break of at least 21 days.

A young person aged 16 or 17 may work up to 8 hours a day and 40 hours a week. However, in general, they should not work before 6 am in the morning or after 10 pm at night. They are entitled to a thirty-minute break if working more than four and a half hours. They are also entitled to two days off a week, which should be consecutive where this is practicable.

Where someone has two or more jobs, the combined daily or weekly hours worked must not exceed the maximum permitted hours. While it is up to the employer to ensure that the law is not broken, a parent or a 16 or 17 year old who helps

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If your son is offered a job he should request a contract of employment in writing. After one month on the job he is entitled to a written statement of his terms of employment. This is not, however, a contract of employment. His employer is also obliged to give him a summary of the Protection of Young Persons (Employment) Act 1996.

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ARIES MARCH-21-APRIL-20
Keep your self together as things come to a head
This week on the home front you could hear news
Form aboard keep near your telephone
Lucky day Sunday, lucky colour grey, lucky number 3



TAURUS APRIL-21-MAY-21
You lose your cool this week when you cross swords with someone in management or higher up but things look better on the home front when someone you had forgotten about turns up. Monday is unforgettable, lucky number 2, lucky colour green.



GEMINI MAY-22-JUNE-22
You could be in for a small windfall this week and it seem your good luck will continue. Don't carry all your eggs in one basket or else your luck could break just like one of the eggs. Lucky day Tuesday, lucky colour green, lucky number 8.



CANCER JUNE-23-JULY-23
You've you could be off on a well earned winter break due to all the hard work you've put in over the summer months. And now you can let your hair down provided you're not bald. Either way you could reap the benefits of the fruits of your labour. Lucky day Saturday, lucky colour green.



LEO JULY-24-AUGUST-23
A chance meeting with a stranger will see you look at life in a different light. The planets are aligned in your planet which means life is on the up. Don't get carried away with all the hype or you could find yourself trapped. Remember you hold all the aces. Lucky day Sunday, lucky number 15.



VIRGO AUGUST-24-SEPT-23
A very turbulent last couple of weeks will come to an end this month and you will begin to find your feet again. This could turn out to be a turning point in your life. You will be starting a new business soon and this could mean more time away from your friends. Lucky Day Monday, lucky number 15, lucky colour yellow



LIBRA SEPT. 24-OCT-23
This could be a big week romantically with a person you thought was just a friend but could turn out to be more than what they seemed at first. You could be going on an outing and this is just what the doctor ordered as you are desperately in need of a little respite. Lucky Day Wednesday,



SCORPIO OCT 24 NOV 22
Time seems to be going very slow and you are feeling life pass you by and you feel that you have achieved very little. Time for you to reflect on taking up a course or learn how to play the piano. The options for you are endless and you will find you niche in life. Lucky number 7, lucky colour purple.



CAPRICORN DEC-22 - JAN-20
You could come into conflict with a person you might be better off if you had avoided. Ignore and the problem will just disappear. You have to back off sometimes. Lucky Day Sunday: Lucky number 4, lucky colour orange.



SAGITTARUS NOV 23 - DEC 21
Time to be generous this month. A friend could be in need and the onus could be on you to help in his recuperation. Either way it could be seen as one of your good deeds for the month. Lucky Day Friday and your lucky colour is blue.

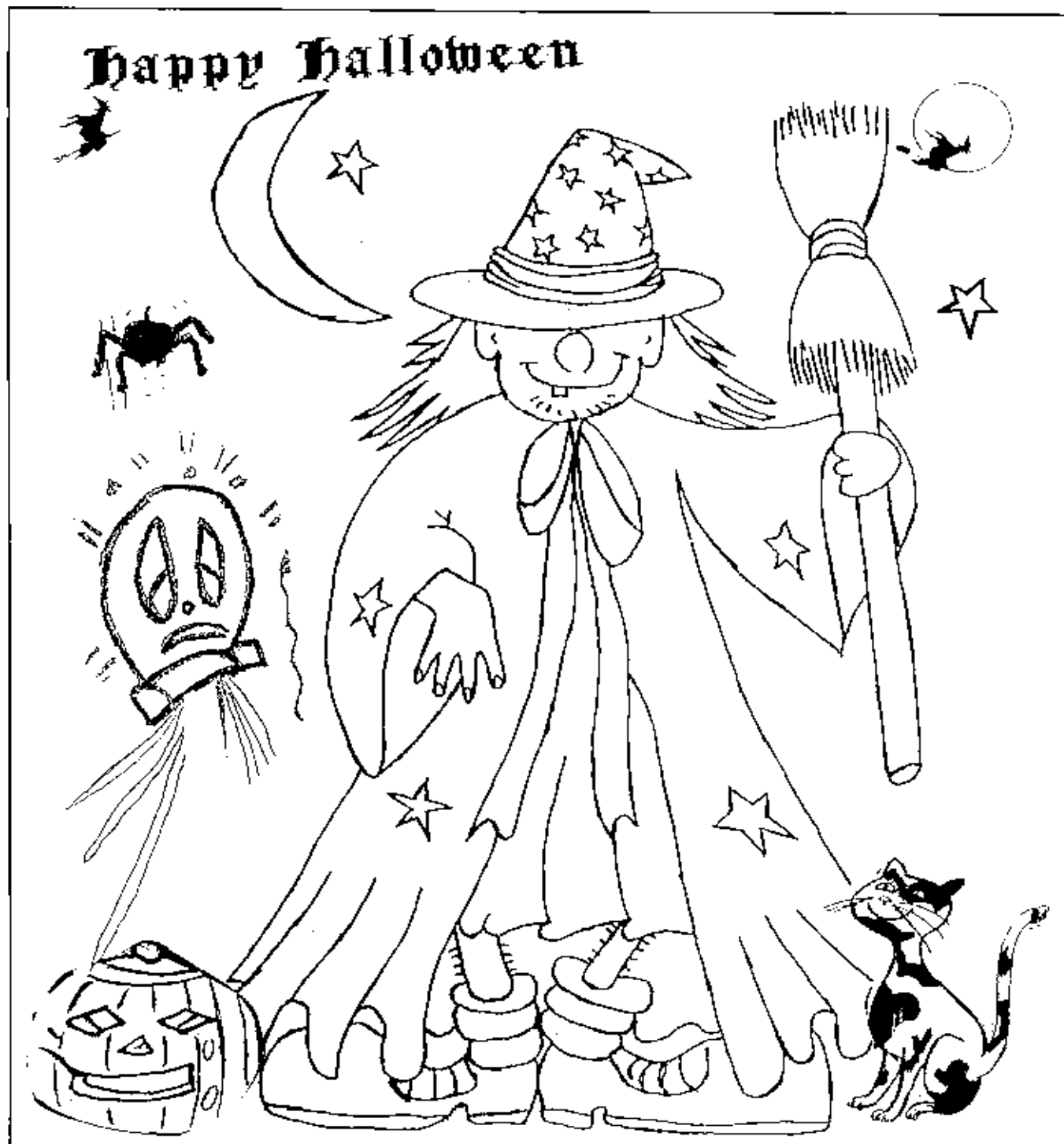


AQUARIUS 21-JAN-19-FEB
You will find yourself going to support a relative involved in some big competition and you don't want to let the side down. However you will find time to relax this month after all the running and racing. Lucky Day Thursday: Lucky colour red, lucky number 22.



PISCES FEB 20-MARCH-20
You feel now is the time to think about booking that long planned holiday break. A couple of friends are in contact this week about finalising a project that you had talked about doing. That promotion you've been promised will soon bear fruit and there will be extra responsibility in the offing. This you will take all in your stride. Lucky Day Friday – Lucky Colour Red, lucky number 9

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Useful tips



Getting ready for Halloween



Fancy Dress

Try this for a fun outfit - turn yourself into a slice of pizza. Start with a piece of carpet foam underlay; cut it into a triangular shape as tall as you are. Spray it orange onto the 'crust' at the base of the triangle (allow for plenty of 'crust' because you'll have to fold some of it over your shoulders). Then spray the rest of the triangle tomato-sauce red (or red and yellow if you like your pizza with cheese). Cut mushroom slices, green pepper strips and onion rings from plastic foam meat trays and paint them the appropriate colours. For pepperoni sausage, cut circles from a brown paper bag and paint them reddish-brown - they curl up just like the real thing. Glue the pieces on the pizza slice or, better still, attach them with Velcro glued to the slice and to the backs of the various pieces. Fold over the crust, cut a hole for your head, and staple the crust together at your shoulders.

Use household items and cast-off clothing to create Halloween or fancy-dress costumes that don't cost money.

Transform old colanders, bowls and plastic containers into helmets and other hats. Cut a deflated football in half and spray-paint it silver for a robot's, spaceman's, Valkyrie's or knight's helmet. Turn thick work gloves into gauntlets by spraying them silver.

Use shredded cellophane from gift baskets as a wig. A balaclava makes a good start for a lot of costumes; attach animal ears, wool or jewellery.

Make white clown makeup by mixing 2 tablespoons of cornflour with 1 tablespoon of solid margarine or butter. Add some colour, if you like, with a few drops of food colouring.

For facial decoration, cut stars, flowers or hearts from brightly coloured tissue paper. To make the glue, cook one large potato, with its skin, until it's soft; let it cool. Rub the cut-outs on the potato and then stick them on dry, clean skin.

If you need extra padding for a costume, wear large tights and stuff them with cushions or rags.



Pumpkins

Most people use pumpkins to make Jack O'lanterns for Halloween, although they can also be eaten as sweet pumpkin pie.

To make a lantern, take a large round pumpkin (or swede) with a flat bottom. Draw a face on one side, placing the mouth high enough so a candle inside won't be seen. Then cut a circular lid around the stem at the top (the hole must be large enough for your hand to pass through), and remove it. Cut away the stringy material on the inside of the lid, and then remove the seeds and membrane from inside the pumpkin. Cut out the face with a sharp knife. Place a candle holder inside the pumpkin, light it and replace the lid. Put it on a window sill away from curtains or other flammable material.



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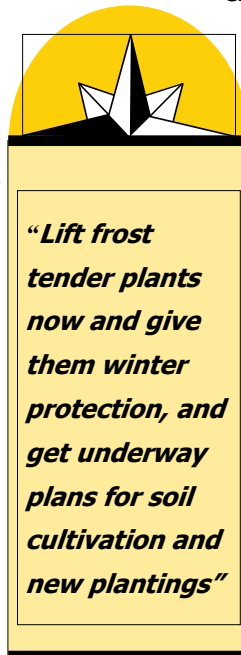
Welcome to Gardening Tips for the month of October. October is a variable month and the pace of change is, as ever, dictated by the weather, both general and local. Autumn comes earlier further north and on higher ground. The daily rises and falls in temperature are at lower levels and sharper. October is seldom without its warm spells and the weather may turn markedly mild in the later part of the month or early November. Take advantage of such spells: lift frost-tender plants and give them winter protection, and get under way plans for soil cultivation's and new plantings.

The Flower Garden

- Remove annual bedding plants as soon as flowering is over. Plant up bulbs and polyanthus, pansies or wallflowers for spring. Take up gladioli corms from mid-month without waiting for the frost to kill the top growth. With stems attached, the plants can hang in an airy place until the corms are completely dry. Retain the large top new corms, and the younger corms for increasing the stock for next year; discard the old shrunken ones.
- Lift dahlia roots intact with tubers as soon as the top growth is blackened by a night frost. Cut the stems to within 5cm (2in.) of their base, remove surplus soil, leave to dry upside down under cover, and when dry, store in boxes or crates. Label them and dust with a fungicidal powder before storing in a dark cool place, cellar or spare room, where there is an even temperature of about 7°C (45°F).
- Take up the stools or roots of border chrysanthemums when flowering is over. Cut the stems to about 5-7.5cm (2-3 in.), and place in a deep box or cold frame just as they are, with added soil to cover, where the temperature will not fall below 1.6°C (35° F).
- Lift clumps of lily-of-the-valley now three to four years old. Divide and plant the strong crowns just clear of each other, and with points just at soil level. The new planting stations should be deeply dug and enriched with well-rotted manure or compost, and a little bone meal, in partial shade.
- Cut down and remove stems and top growth

of herbaceous perennials in the border; crush or chop tough material before adding to the compost heap. Remove stakes and clean them before storing.

- Lift to divide long-established peonies early in the month; discard the older parts of the roots taking care not to damage the remainder and replant the other pieces, comprising good crown buds with roots, in a well-dug soil enriched with humus-forming organic matter, and basic slag. Do not expect the new plants to flower for a year or two while they recover as they are susceptible to the shock of transplanting.



"Lift frost tender plants now and give them winter protection, and get underway plans for soil cultivation and new plantings"

The Ornamental Garden Hedges

- Make a final clean-up of hedge bottoms to reduce the hibernation quarters for insect pests. The cleared ground can be planted with snowdrop bulbs, or primroses, if the hedge is deciduous. Both will be happy under the shelter of the branches.
- Plant evergreen hedges this month and next. The classical hedges of box, holly or yew suit all soils with decent drainage and a humus content. They need a year to become well established, and then make growth of 25-30cm (10-12 in.) annually. The high initial cost is offset by ease in maintenance, and longevity. Holly is the only safe choice where grazing animals have access.
- For flowering evergreen hedges, consider laurustinus (*Viburnum tinus*) with white or pink flowers, or *Osmarea x burkwoodii* with white flowers.

Shrubs

- Complete planting of evergreen shrubs as soon as possible so that their roots can keep the leaves nurtured during the winter. Low temperatures and frost can be fatal to newly planted shrubs if planted too late.
- Plant deciduous shrubs in congenial weather and when the soil is easily worked between now and next March, though the earlier they are planted, the more quickly they are likely to re-establish themselves.

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Winner of the August Children's Colouring
Competition is Alannah Donovan



Some festive delights for Hallow'een

Colcannon

Ingredients

25g Butter
25g Chopped Onion
25g Cooked Mashed Potato
25g Cooked Cabbage
Salt/Pepper
Little Milk

1. Melt butter, add onion and sweat for 10 min.
2. Add all other ingredients, mix well together and reheat thoroughly.
3. Turn into heated vegetable dish smooth and score with fork

Irish Tea Brack

Ingredients

1 cup strong tea
6oz/ 180g brown sugar
9oz/180g plain flour
1 lb/450g mixed dried fruit
1 egg lightly beaten
½ level teaspoon bread soda

1. Put tea sugar and dried fruit in a bowl leave to soak overnight
2. Preheat oven 180°C/350°F /Gas mark 4
3. Grease 1lb loaf tin
4. Add lightly beaten egg to fruit mixture
5. Sieve flour and bread soda together fold into mixture
6. Turn into prepared tin place in preheated oven and bake for 1½ - 1¾ hours
7. Cool on wire tray and serve sliced with butter

Irish Stew

Gourmet Stew!

Ingredients (serves 4-6)

1Kg (2 lbs) shoulder of lamb well trimmed and diced (keep the bones)
2 carrots, chopped
1 onion, chopped
2 small white turnips, chopped
4 potatoes, chopped
2 sticks celery, chopped
1 leek, finely sliced
Salt and black pepper
50g (2oz) approx. green cabbage, finely shredded
Salt and black pepper
125ml (¼ pt) cream
Dash of Worcester sauce
Chopped parsley

To Cook: Place the lamb in a large pot. Cover with cold water and bring to the boil. Drain and rinse the lamb, place in a clean pot. Add the bones to the pot. Cover with approx. 1 litre (2 pts) water. Add the vegetables, except the cabbage. Season. Cover the pot and cook gently for approx. one hour, or until the meat is tender. Then remove the bones.

To Finish the Sauce: Remove about 250ml (½ pt) of the liquid and vegetables from the pot. Process this with the cream and return to the pot with finely shredded cabbage. Add the Worcester sauce. Simmer for 5-10 minutes, until the cabbage is heated through. Check the seasoning. Add the parsley and service in deep plates.

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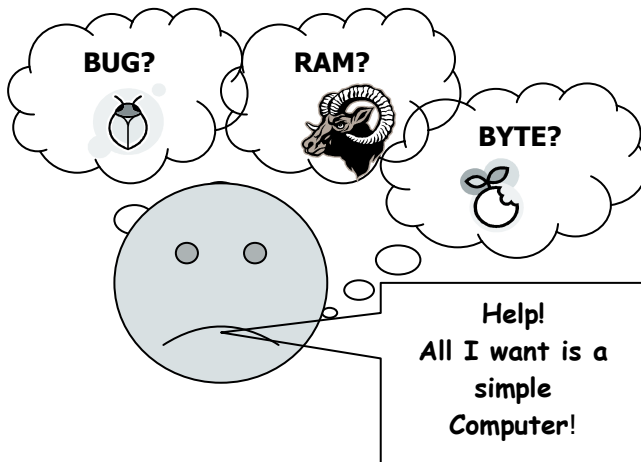
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Features

When is a Bite not a Bite? When it's a **BYTE**!



Computers have become much cheaper in the last year or so and some of you may be considering making a purchase in the next few months. One of the problems associated with making a purchase is trying to understand the computer jargon so I will try and explain.

First of all let's look at some of the computer terms used to describe the computer's bits and pieces (called components):

Hardware: This is the word used to describe your monitor, central processing unit, mouse, keyboard, speakers, etc. **In other words anything you can touch on the computer.**

Software on the other hand describes the programmes you use to produce something on your computer - for instance you would use word processing software to write a letter.

Operating System: A computer has to have an operating system—its like the engine that drives the car. When you buy a computer it will have an operating system installed, usually called Windows XP.

Memory: Also called **RAM** or random access memory. This is the temporary memory you need when you are carrying out something on the computer. The bigger the memory, the more tasks you can carry out at the same time. Memory is measured in terms of MB or megabytes, which brings me nicely onto the title of this piece BYTES. At least 512 MB memory is recommended as anything less will slow your work. Buy as much as you can afford, up to 1GB. Unfortunately, if there is power failure of

if the computer crashes, all the information stored in RAM will be lost unless it has been saved.

Unit	Representation	Description
b	Bit	Single binary digit of information, either 0 or 1
B	Byte	Group of 8 bits
KB	Kilobyte	Approx. 1,000 bytes
MB	Megabytes	Approx. a million bytes
GB	Gigabyte	Approx. a billion bytes
Mhz	Megahertz	(MHz) The prefix "mega" means 1,000,000, so there are 1,000,000 Hz in one MHz

Here are a few definitions:

So what how do all these bytes etc. translate into meaningful everyday uses? Well here are a few examples

Information Object	How many bytes
A single text character	1 byte
A typical text word	10 bytes
A typewritten page	2 kilobytes (KBs)
A low resolution photo	100 kilobytes
A short novel	1 megabyte (MB)
The complete works of Shakespeare	5 megabytes

Processor: The central processing unit is what you might call the brains of the computer. It carries out calculations and logical operations and the speed of its processing is measured in Megahertz.

More mysteries will be revealed next month, so watch this space

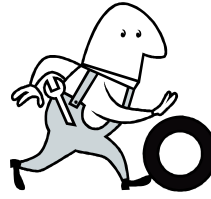
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You look a pretty sight
With a heart made of love
There you are alone
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With no one to call your own
For a lover you pray
Down by the river glen
Waits the man of your dreams
You soon meet then
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Our last outing was to Athlone Golf Club on August 28th for the Shay Moore Memorial Cup. The event is sponsored by the Moore family each year and we had a great turnout of 47 players which included Sean, Joe, Terry, brothers of Shay, nephew Robert and Leo Crawford brother in law to Joe Moore.

The overall winner was out early and came in with 39 points. Later in the afternoon word came in that after nine holes three of the big hitters had 19 - 20 - 21 points coming into the famous 10th hole - over the ridge and a sharp dodgy left. As the last two fourballs came in it became clear that the big hitters had faded away and Pa Conway was the man of the day.

The winner of the Visitors 1st Prize was 16 year old Robert Moore with 30 points, nephew of Shay Moore and one to watch in the future.

The next outing is the weekend away. We play Longford on Friday 15th September and Carrick-on-Shannon on Saturday 16th September.

1st	Pa Conway	39 pts
2nd	Steve Greenwood	32 pts
3rd	Tom Flatley	31 pts B9
4th	Martin Maguire	31 pts
5th	Terry Moore	30 pts B9
6th	Paddy Foy	30 pts B9
7th	Ken Donnelly	30 pts
Front 9	Barry Desmond	19 pts
Back 9	Philip Doyle	16 pts
Visitors	Robert Moore Mick Harrigan	30 pts 29 pts
Nearest the Pin	Mick Harrigan	
2's	Mick Flynn (Jnr), Philip Doyle	
	Mick Harrigan	



L to R: Terry Moore, Pa Conway & Philip Doyle



L to R: Gerry McTernan, Robert Moore & Philip Doyle



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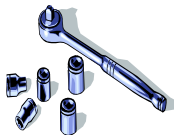
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Features

Toastmasters Comes to Maynooth

A new Toastmasters Club for the people of Maynooth and the surrounding areas is being formed on October the 9th next.

Toastmasters International is the leading movement devoted to making effective oral communication a reality. This world-wide, non-profit, volunteer, community based, educational organisation helps men and women learn the arts of speaking, listening and thinking.

We are each presented with these situations from time to time. And yet, these simple everyday situations can be both daunting and terrorising frequently rendering us speechless. As Maureen from Bandon in Cork, a very active community worker once said "because of my silence, it was assumed I had no views". That prompted Maureen to do something about it.

John, from Dublin, a young man starting his working life, troubled by questions at job interviews left every interview with the same feeling: "I wish I had thought of that earlier". John did something about it by being quicker to think out his answers.

Mary from Limerick, working for a major multinational, was frequently been pulled up by her supervisor for not following instructions. Mary wished she could understand better – she did something about it.

Tom retired and recently elected Chairman of the residents association. Tom, from Sligo, found the job frustrating and felt everybody in the estate was pulling this way and that. Tom knew he had to pull the group together but how. Tom did something about finding out the how.

Darragh, who had lived all his life in a rural part of Kerry. Never one too much for books but a great memory for the many stories he had picked up over the years from his father and others in the parish. Darragh knew the stories he had were interesting, each with its own little lesson for life. But how to tell the stories as well as he had heard them. Darragh found out.

And there was Eileen from the Midlands believing that the grass was greener on the other side of the hill, questioning the value of her own life. Eileen

did something about it and went on a journey of discovery in her own mind.

Different people in different parts of Ireland each in turn addressing different issues. But all found their answer in Toastmasters and each in turn got a bonus.

Maureen's need to organise her thoughts and present them clearly were addressed by the Communication Programme offered by Toastmasters. This is a basic ten stage programme, each stage addressing one of the fundamental skills in oral communication, from gestures, to voice use, word selection and structure leading to the final stages of persuading and inspiring.

John the young man developed quick thinking by participating in the impromptu question session at Toastmaster meetings. A variety of questions on topical matters are assembled and put to the members in turn without prior notice. The idea is to provide a short reply in less than two minutes. Replying to these unexpected questions helped John to "think on his feet". Perhaps a scary prospect for most of us but think on this – how many times a day do we have to answer a question where we do not know what's coming next.

Mary from Limerick honed her listening skills by getting involved in the evaluation sessions at Toastmasters meeting. Evaluation sessions involve providing feedback to a speaker where we mark the positives and identify areas for improvement. To do that properly Mary knew she had to listen intently to the speaker and learned to eliminate distractions from her thinking.

Tom, when he attended his first Toastmasters meeting, one he attended just to see what it was like, realised he had found his answer. He realised the structured meetings, following a published agenda, was just what he needed to keep focused on an end-game. For some people, initially at least, the highly organised structure of a Toastmasters meeting can be a little off-putting. But for those who persist they see the benefit of using well that increasingly scarce resource – time. Meetings are confined to a two hour period with a refreshment break. As a rule meetings are held fortnightly from September to May – in that way Toastmasters will contribute to your life but not take it over.

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Darragh's power to pass on a lesson through stories was magnified by working through one of the Advanced Speaking Programmes – the very one dealing with storytelling. This is one of fifteen Advanced Speaking Programmes available, many of which are targeted at career development. Each programme follows a standard method of five projects, each providing objectives, executive summary, how to do it and evaluation criteria.

Eileen found, by working through the foundation programme, that all new members undertake, that she entered a dialogue with herself; a voyage of discovery so to speak. In this she was able to recalibrate her goals, refocus on the things that were important to her and by so doing add great energy to her life.

But they all got more than their original objective – they got tremendous enjoyment. Enjoyment from involvement in their clubs where they met like-minded people, some of whom became life-long friends. Further opportunities for socialising through various inter-club events. The chance to meet up with some of the 5,000 members from right across Ireland and the UK is available when two conferences are held each year in November and May. Conferences venues alternate between Ireland and the UK and are held in different parts of each country to add variety.

Up and down the country, from Westport to Waterford, from Clonee to Clonakilty, from Cookstown to Cork there are over 80 Toastmasters clubs catering for the needs of their members. Each of these clubs is made up of a small group of between 20 to 30 people. Each of these Toastmaster clubs provides an environment that is mutually supportive where everyone has the opportunity to grow.

And the good news is that Sean Brady, Lucia Hughes, Peter Farrelly and a team are bringing Toastmasters to Maynooth. A new Toastmaster club specifically to serve the people of Maynooth. The first meeting will be held on the 9th October, next, in Maynooth.

For further information you can contact Lucia Hughes at 086-2491051 or Sean Brady at 087-2413297 alternatively log on to www.toastmasters.org.

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Centre: Maynooth

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County: Kildare

Mark: 235

Category: F

Date: 21/07/2006

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2006
Overall Development Approach	50	44
The Built Environment	50	32
Landscaping	50	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	23
Litter Control	50	24
Waste Minimisation	20	7
Tidiness	30	16
Residential Areas	40	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	26
General Impression	10	8
Total Mark	400	235

Overall Development Approach:

The adjudicator would like to welcome Maynooth to the 2006 Tidy Towns Competition. Maynooth is a very interesting town steeped in heritage that has some character and a great feeling of friendliness. Thank you for the most comprehensive documentation submitted with your Entry Form all of which was really useful on adjudication day. The press cuttings supplied were really interesting and your publicity strategy seems to be working well. The high degree of commitment that Maynooth has to Tidy Towns is appreciated and commended. There appears to be a good level of engagement with the school students in the town and that is crucially important. Have you considered co-opting two 5th year students to your committee as full members? The Carton Avenue action plan is interesting and we would be interested to see a copy in 2007.

The Built Environment:

The completion of the Manor Mills complex has been a great step forward for Maynooth and especially for that riverside area. The restoration work that you mentioned at the Castle and entrance area has been very well carried out. It would be good to have a roadside information panel that would give further details on these buildings to assist the visitor. The bilingual signs using a smart blue and white design are effective and it is especially encouraging to see their use on lesser used back lanes throughout Maynooth. As last year Court House Square continues to be well presented and acts as a focus for the town. Again an information panel here would be interesting and useful if it contained a town centre map like that at the start of Carton Avenue. At the Presentation Girls Primary School consideration might be given to painting the large steel gates here in matt black. The Roost bar stands out in Maynooth. It occupies a key corner location and was attractively landscaped with colourful hanging baskets. Unfortunately there are still some plastic retail signs in Maynooth and quite a number of projecting signs that cannot all be essential from a retail marketing point of view. However good signage was also noted such as that at the Elite Confectionary premises that has adopted a hand-written signage style that is effective and fitting for a town such as Maynooth.

Landscaping:

Good landscaping and Maynooth seem to go hand in hand and your committee has done excellent work in this area. The new rockery outside the Boys National School and the tree planting here together with the flower beds at the Girls School add much to the town. The many hanging baskets, window boxes and small landscaped areas compliment the fine mature trees that line the main street area. This landscaping helps to link Maynooth with the surrounding rural countryside. Some graffiti was noted at the small park area to the side of the St. Mary's Band premises. The beautiful wild flowers at the Small Pound park by the river were much admired. It was disappointing to find so much litter here. The NUI and St. Patrick's College grounds were superbly presented again this year. Opposite the Castle buildings the landscaped area by the railings caught the eye. This area was attractively presented but the railings need some repair and could be repainted matt black to good effect.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The involvement of some of the Maynooth school children in Nature Watch in the local parks is a great initiative. It was good to see the wildlife in the river at

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Manor Mills but some water discoloration was noted here at the small stream that joins the larger stream and the case of this should be investigated. The river bank area to the side of Manor Mills looked quite rough and uncared for. Litter was noted along the bank together with some rubbish here and in the river. The progressive approach of your committee in the promotion of the new wildlife area at the Business Park in cooperation with National Learning Centre is strongly welcomed. The preservation of areas on approach roads to allow for the needs of wildlife is an excellent initiative but do make sure that these areas are checked for litter on an ongoing basis. The Canal together with the nature trail and amenity walk here is another great wildlife resource for the people of Maynooth.

Litter Control:

You have adopted a very structured approach to litter control and the litter pick-up ongoing programme. It was therefore rather disappointing for the adjudicator to see a lot of litter in and around Maynooth on adjudication day. Litter was noted along Main Street and Leinster Street and much at the start of Carton Avenue. Litter was also seen in the river at Little Pound Park. Some of the litter bins were quite grubby and would benefit from being powered-hosed. Congratulations to the Gaelscoil on becoming a Green School. The NUI Questionnaire on Tidy Towns made very interesting reading considering that it represented a total of 579 residents. The 91% awareness level of Tidy Towns is indeed most encouraging.

Waste Minimisation:

This is a new category in the Tidy Towns Competition introduced in 2006. The purpose of this new category is to encourage Tidy Towns Committees and the community that they support, to get involved in projects that will reduce waste and encourage recycling. Marks can be gained by Maynooth for the promotion of best practice. This can include community guidance on methods of reducing waste, segregating litter during clean up events. You could also consider a partnership with local firms and businesses to encourage them to reduce unnecessary waste. The segregation of litter after litter collections and the involvement of the Maynooth in waste minimisation programmes all make a useful local contribution to waste minimisation.

Tidiness:

The weed management strategy is welcomed and every Tidy Towns Committee should adopt such an approach. A large coil of yellow piping was noted

inside the entrance to Carton Avenue and this looked untidy and above all out of place. Much more can be made of the Mill Wheel display. The area itself was rather untidy with long grass and litter and this area looked quite unfinished. Other grass had been very roughly cut. It would be useful to have an information panel here that would give a little of the history of the wheel and how it relates to Maynooth. Litter and rubbish was also noted in the river at this location. To the side of the Coffee Mill the area looked quite untidy with litter noted again at the river arches area. It is possible to rationalize the nine directional signs at the Straffan Road \ Main Street junction? Some of the signs cannot be read when approaching from Maynooth.

Residential Areas:

The Best Estate Competition that is organised by your Tidy Towns Committee is an excellent way of developing further community involvement in the Tidy Towns movement. The encouragement of estate bilingual signage is welcomed. At Straffan Wood good tree planting was noted and the fine mature trees at Rail Park provide an attractive backdrop for the built environment here. A good use of colour was noted at Rockfield at the entrance area and this continues throughout the estate. The beautifully presented older cottages at Charter School Lane with their colourful hanging baskets are a most attractive feature of Maynooth. The nearby Leinster Cottages off Back Lane would benefit from the provision of some hanging baskets or a window box on for each cottage. In Pound Lane the well presented terraced of two storey houses are a credit to the occupiers. In a town the size of Maynooth that has so many housing estates it is not possible in one paragraph to sum up all estates in the town in terms of overall presentation. However the following recommendations are offered by the adjudicator who suggests that the Tidy Towns Committee bring these points to the attention of all estates in Maynooth.

- ⇒ Road boundary walls will probably need to be painted twice each year especially on busy roads.
- ⇒ Gable end walls though sometimes difficult to paint should be painted when the rest of the house is being painted.
- ⇒ Timber fencing will require treatment at least twice per year.
- ⇒ All estates should be encouraged to provide entrance name signs and directional signage within the estate.
- ⇒ Green open space grass areas will need to be cut frequently if a quality presentation is to be achieved. Remember that grass will probably

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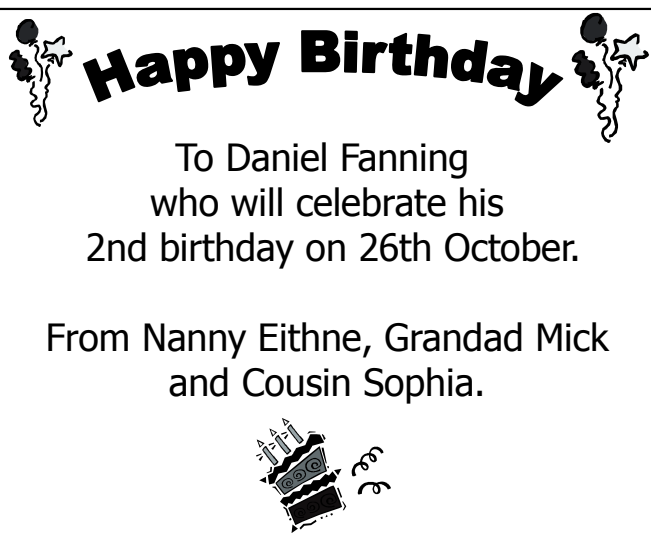
- have to be cut back from the top of kerbing by hand. The provision of a few well chosen trees can often transform an open space.
- ⇒ Areas to the back of estates can sometimes become dumping areas for cut grass and other materials.
- ⇒ Simple landscaping at individual houses can often be very effective if the proper trees and shrubs are planted.
- ⇒ By their nature estates can sometimes have litter control problems and this must be addressed by each individual estate in the town.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

On the Kilcock R148 approach no recent work appeared to have been carried out. The landscaped area near the Leinster Clinic was attractive but needed a little work to improve the overall impact. Poor verges and a lot of litter was a feature of the Maynooth Gate R157 approach. Little work was evident on the Dunboyne road. Work on the verges out from Tesco would improve the presentation of the Dublin road. At the 60 KPH sign on the Straffan road the Maynooth sign was partially obscured by growth and the verges on the right needed to be cut. The fine stone walls and the mature trees are fine features here. On the Celbridge KR405 road the long timber post and rail fencing on the left by Laurence Avenue needs to be painted. The verge near the Gaelscoil would also benefit from cutting.

General Impression:

Maynooth has a serious traffic problem and hopefully there are some plans to improve the situation in the not too distant future. It is an attractive town where the Tidy Towns Committee and the community are enormously committed to Maynooth.



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Conclusion from September Issue.

Hard Ridden - The Epsom Derby of 1958 The story of Michael and Capt. Tim Rogers

The French colt Wallaby II started favourite for the Epsom Derby of 1958. Another French horse, Noelor II was joint second favourite in a field of 20. Hard Ridden, backed at 18/1, was joined by his compatriot, Paddy's Point in the field. The story of the race is simply told. The race was run at a modest gallop to Tattenham Corner where the field was still tightly bunched. Guersillus, ridden by Eddie Hide led from Amerigo, Artic Grittel, Bald Eagle and Boccaccio, who was Sir Victor's second horse in the race, ridden by Lester Piggott. Hard Ridden was lying in tenth place as they entered the straight but the ever-watchful Charlie Smirke spotted an opening on the rails. He took the opportunity and was soon clear. He was never in danger of being caught and went on to win by five lengths. Paddy's Point trained by Mick Hurley and ridden by the great national hunt jockey, Willie Robinson, finished second. Paddy's Point later finished second in the Irish Derby to the Ann Biddle owned Sindon.

Hard ridden was to run only once again, finishing unplaced behind the Vincent O'Brien trained Ballymoss in the King George and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot. There is no doubt that the absence of Alcide removed the main threat to Hard Ridden's Derby win but the subsequent performance of a number of horses in the Derby field suggested the race was up to standard. Nagami who finished third won the Coronation Cup at Epsom the following year. Bald Eagle twice won the Washington International at Laural Park and subsequently sired the Arc winner San San. Amerigo had a very successful career in the States winning many races and subsequently sired Fort Marcy another dual winner of the Washington International. Hard Ridden never raced again and was exported as a stallion to Japan. There is no doubt that Hard Ridden's success was down to the genius of his trainer, Michael Rogers, who was to change little in the following decade in his method of getting a horse ready for both the Epsom and Irish Derby.

Michael's brother, Tim, was born on November 28th 1922. His grandfather, Jack Rogers, was a successful amateur jockey on the flat and over

jumps. Jack moved to Ireland during World War One and set up a training establishment on the Curragh. He did well and was champion trainer on three occasions during the the 1930's. He sent out Museum to win the Irish Triple Crown in 1935. Both Mick and Tim highly respected their grandfather and subsequently the family sponsored the Group One J T Rogers Gold Cup at the Curragh. The prestige of this race was recently further enhanced by an outstanding winning performance by the 2005 Arc winner, Hurricane Run, ridden by Kieran Fallon. Tim's father, Darby, also trained in England before he moved to Ireland to take over the reins held by Jack.

Tim suffered a bad ankle injury during his first year in senior school and never returned to finish his education. This decision did not hinder him in later

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life. Tim joined the British army at the start of World War Two. He was initially posted to Northern Ireland where he joined up with the legendary jockey, Charlie Smirke who was to play such a vital role in Hard Ridden's Derby win. Tim spent some time at Sandhurst where he was commissioned as a junior officer. He was subsequently posted to North Africa where events took place that not only changed his life but arguably had a major impact on the development of the Irish Blood-Horse. Dispatched by his commanding officer to drive Winston Churchill from Cairo to Army Command HQ at the height of the North African campaign, Tim and Mr Churchill seemed to hit it off from the start. The young officer from Dublin impressed the Prime Minister and on subsequent visits Churchill requested Tim as his aide. Tim's regiment then joined the Italian Campaign.

When the War was over Tim joined his fellow horse loving colleagues in riding races at unofficial racetracks in Northern Italy. It was at one of these meetings that Tim brought off a betting coup that netted him a villa beside an Italian lake. On his return to Ireland and with nothing else on hand, Tim, took over the management of his father's small stud farm, Airlie. Standing two stallions of little consequence and slipping into the general malaise that existed at the time, Tim drifted from party to party enjoying the laid back attitude of social life in Ireland. He did have some initial success with the three-year-old filly, Discipliner. The mare bred eight winners including Martial, the Paddy Prendergast

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trained winner of the English 2000 Guineas. The mare also bred two top class sprinters in Skymas and Ell Gallo. Tim was very close to his brother and when Hard Ridden won the Derby he realised that Mick had reached the top of his profession and that he was not making a similar commitment. Having decided to purchase Airlie from his father, in order to get control of the breeding operation, he formed a partnership with a family friend, William Barnett. He realised that in order to make progress he had to upgrade the quality of the bloodstock standing at Airlie. He purchased Omeiad, a beautiful son of Hyperion and installed him as the foundation stallion. Due to his contacts with Winston Churchill who became interested in horse racing after the war, Tim was able to add two top class horses, High Hat and Vienna to the stallions standing at Airlie. High Hat bred the Vincent O'Brien trained Glad Rags winner of the English 1000 Guineas. Tim was to prove a very astute player in his field but Vienna was the one of the very few that got away.

Initial reports of his first offspring were not favourable and he sold the stallion. Vienna subsequently sired the great Arc winner Vaguely Noble. In the following decades Tim Rogers was to house the best stallions in Europe at his three stud farms in Dublin and Kildare, Airlie, Grangewilliam and Simmonstown. The names read like a roll of honour, Habitat, Petingo, Sea Hawk, Astec, Ela Mama Mou amongst many others. There is no doubt that he was the maker of the modern Irish Blood- Horse, in many ways a patriot who turned the tide of selling our best horses abroad. Captain Tim Rogers died in 1983 after a long and courageous fight against leukaemia. The Irish Breeding Industry owes him a great deal.

If because of his breeding, Hard Ridden was an unlikely winner of the Epsom Derby then his jockey, Charlie Smirk, was perhaps fortunate to take the mount on that momentous day in June 1958. By then a veteran with a rapidly diminishing book of rides this was one of Charlie's final moment of glory. If ever a term "colourful" could be assigned to a jockey, then

Charlie more than qualified. A supreme belief in his own ability to an insufferable degree, he managed to get the back up of his trainers, owners and fellow jockeys during his thirty year career. A trained boxer, who was not averse to settling scores with his fist while his loud mouth was used as a psychological weapon against his fellow jockeys. Some of the best trainers in England and Ireland used his services on the basis that they could not do without him but many found it impossible to deal with him. To be fair the prevailing ethos at the time was to address the trainer as Sir or Mr. and to always know your place in their presence. Charlie Smirke rode in the golden age of English jockeys against the likes of Gordon Richards, Edgar Britt and Doug Smith. He preceded Lester Piggott and maybe the maestro himself learned from Charlie how

to poach mounts from his fellow jockeys. He had no problems in approaching legendary owners like the Aga Khan with the intent of poaching rides from Britt and Smith and went as far trying to jock off Gordon Richards on occasions. Smirke's conduct certainly cost Britt two classic winners and possibly four. This kind of behaviour



led to many weigh room confrontations often resulting in fisticuffs with Edgar Britt in particular.

It is true that down the years the English Jockey Club carried out acts of injustice against race riders. In many cases the jockeys may have been innocent of the specific charge laid against them but some had walked a narrow line and were nailed by their reputation. Charlie had a lot of enemies in the game and when his 11 to 4 on mount, Welcome Gift, failed to start in a race on August 31st 1928 his case was referred to the Stewards at Portman Square. Facing a trio of Lords, Rosebery, Ellesmere and Hamilton it was payback time for the horse racing establishment. He was warned off, indefinitely. Each year he reapplied for his licence only to be refused. He spent five years in the wilderness and it was only the subsequent

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behaviour of the horse, Welcome Gift, who had become unmanageable that allowed Charlie to get his licence back. The stewards had to accept that the horse had temperament problems which probably stopped him from running on the day in question.

There is no doubt that Charlie Smirke was a great jockey. In the following twenty years following the resumption of his career in 1933 he rode some great horses. The Triple Crown winner Bahram, the Derby winners, Windsor Slipper and Tulyar. He also rode the legendary Mamoud and Palastine. Charlie was fifty two when he rode Hard Ridden to his Classic wins at the Curragh and Epsom. Still as cocky as ever and ignoring the fact that he was in the twilight of his career he took the opportunity to remind his previous trainers and owners that he could still ride a Derby winner. He was to ride for just one more season and many observers reckon he was one of the best Derby riders ever. John Hislop breeder and owner of the legendary Brigadier Gerard wrote that Smirke was probably the best Epsom Derby race rider since Steve Donoghue. Of course the history of the Epsom Derby had to be rewritten with the superlative performance of Lester Piggott in winning the famous Blue Riband on nine occasions.

Let there be doubt that Michael Rogers was a talented trainer. He put Irish Racing on the map by his Epsom Derby wins with Hard Ridden and Santa Clause (1964). He was certainly affected by the death of Royal Sword, perhaps the horse with the greatest unrealised potential he ever trained, when the colt broke a leg in the 1967 running of the Irish Derby and was put down. Michael Rogers retired from training at a relatively young age.

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My Experience working with The Street Children Of India

Aoife McTernan, daughter of Ray and Noelle McTernan of Moyglare Village spent her summer vacation in India working on community based projects for the neglected street and working children of India. The following are excerpts from her emails homes which I am sure you will find interesting.

Tuesday June 20th.

Hi guys arrived here on Friday morning about 7.00 a.m., heat was such a killer even at that time, by the time I got from airport to the university where I'm staying, we were all soaking wet with sweat. The road system is crazy, there doesn't seem to be any sort of rules of the road, just beep for any reason, even when stuck in traffic.

We are staying in a hostel at a Muslim university, have to say, accommodation is quite sweet. Girls are on the second floor and boys on the first. We have a kitchen area and a huge common area on both floors. There is a/c in the common area but it's still like a sweat box!

I'm sharing a room with two girls, Sinead is a teacher from Cork, get on great with her. We have en-suite with shower, sink and hole in the ground. I've become quite accustomed to squatting!!

One of the lads arrived a day late, he actually got the day wrong, he thought that we were leaving on Friday, he arrived the next day though...it's still a running joke!

We all went for dinner in the next town that evening but we had to be split between two restaurants because they wouldn't take 22. We got a rickshaw to the restaurant, three wheeled little car—very dodgy!!! There were so many children begging it's so hard to turn away, but we were told not to give to them because they usually have a pimp or else hundreds just swarm around you.

There are shanty towns all over the place, I would make two of most of the men here!

Saturday and Sunday we went shopping in Paraganj Bazaar in central Delhi—it was so much fun. We all bought Salwars—the local Indian dress (includes a pair of very large baggy trousers, a long tunic and a scarf) for about a fiver

1 We bought so much clothes for next to nothing! Also got myself a knife, fork, spoon, two plates, a glass, 2 large Tupperware containers and a bowl for €3—I love bartering! Sat in and drinks on Sun night, our group all got on so well.

Yesterday we were brought to Prayas, the NGO we will be working for over here. We got to find out who our teaching partners are, I'm with a guy called Aonghus, get on really well with him. We will be teaching from 9—12.30 daily. Then we got to meet

with the organiser of Prayas and were split into our groups for our work in the afternoon from 2—5, we start Friday. I will be with 6 other girls, we will be teaching informally in a girls shelter aged 3—11 and 14—18. These girls have been used for trafficking, been raped or been used by pimps. We got to meet them, most of them are under 10, they all seem so sweet. We start there Thursday. Today we were brought to a boys shelter run by Prayas, this was like a juvenile prison, some boys are in for petty crime but others are in for rape, murder etc. The facilities are lovely and it seems to be well run. All the boys learn a trade.

Last night some of us did yoga, actually just laughed through the whole session, very sweaty indeed!

Tomorrow we are going to another Prayas boys shelter, 2.5hrs away. This is to cater for railway children who have run away from home for various reasons, they usually arrive in Delhi train station and are picked up by Prayas, really looking forward to it.

MY hindi is coming on slowly but surely. It's such a crazy place, but I'm loving it!

Friday 23rd June

Started teaching yesterday. It's located down a market slum area—quite smelly. It's got two classrooms—quite small. Aonghas was given one class and I was given another. His teacher was there to meet him, I was just left on my own with my class. They had little or no English so communication was difficult but I managed.

They ranged in ages from 1—7 or 8 (I think it's hard to tell) I think the baby was just there to be minded though, poor little thing was petrified of me. The other kids were jumping all over me!

Today I got to go to the girls shelter home. The girls were 14-18. There were 7 of them, but I think a few were in bed. I really enjoyed it, they had basic English, so we chatted about music and I got my nails painted!!

Next week we will be doing more structured learning with the, mainly English and maths.

Don't think I've sweated as much as I did today—47 degrees—hope it rains soon (never thought I would say that!).

Friday June 30th

Delhi Belly Delights!!!

Delhi Belly started Sunday morning and literally kept me running non-stop till Wed. Lets just say it wasn't pleasant, especially on a squatter—if it wasn't one end it was the other!!! Horrible.

So on my second visit to the hospital they decided to

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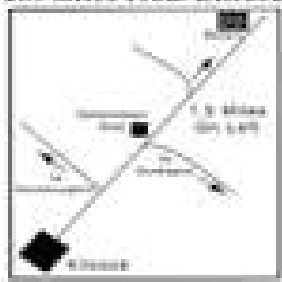
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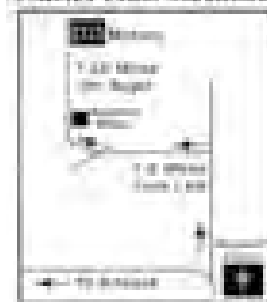


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admit me. I was put on a drip for fluids and to get an antibiotic into me. The hospital was like a 5 star hotel. I had a huge room all to my self, a huge bathroom with a proper toilet, much to my delight. I was made feel right at home, with cable TV and real cool a/c.

Just gotten out and am doing great. I haven't been sick since Wednesday evening. I'm starving so heading for dinner—back to my usual self!

Thank you all somuch for the e-mails. It means so much when your away.

Tuesday, July 18th

Monsoon!!

Monsoon began at about 7.30 this morning, by 8.30 the water was flowing rivers along the university where we are staying. There is no school when it is raining, the street which we have to walk to school becomes a slurry river, not too pleasant.

Myself and a few others decided to head into the local town to write e-mails instead. Most transport was not running. We waded to the nearest bus stop and were pulled on to a jam packed bus-people were hanging out of the doors and windows for dear life-was a great laugh. So sitting here drenched, but it makes a nice change for being sweaty!

The Monday after my birthday, my teacher had a party for me in school. All the children (about 50), myself, my teaching partner Aonghus, and two teachers squashed into a tiny little box room. I was given a party hat and myself and Aonghus were made to stand up in the middle of the circle of kids and dance to Bollywood music-these songs last about 10-15 mins. The sweating was something else, then the fan broke!!! 2 hours later the dancing was still going on—we weren't a pretty sight! Then my teacher presented me with roses and a heart shaped birthday cake-the tradition over here is that the birthday person is fed the cake, so she dug out a few handfuls of cake and fed it to me, then to Aonghus. All the kids got a little and a sweet each-it was an experience!!

Headed up the Himalays both last week end and the week end before-just couldn't get enough of it. The scenery is amazing, its so peaceful. The weather is much cooler too, only about 16 degrees, makes a pleasant change.

The bus journey, both week ends were between 9-12 hours, no a/c and a few screaming babies thrown in for good measure. The driving over here is so erratic, we take our life in our hands when we step onto those buses, they rally them up and down the mountains-needless to say there were a lot of sick people on our journey!

Last week end we were horse riding, boating and trekking, it was really great fun. We had to get a cable car to our bungalow. We couldn't get alcohol in most of the restaurants, but the one we decided to eat in, snuck in beer for us and wrapped the bottles in tissue, the manage said we were all very noble doing the work we did and allowed us stay there till the early hours-people over here are always more than willing to help us out.

At my evening placement at the girls shelter yesterday, they showed us how to make Indian dishes, they're great cooks! The food was delicious. It was one of the girls birthdays so we brought sweets and cakes, they were delighted! School is going great. I introduced stickers for their copies last week-all hell broke loose, they are so proud of them. We are really getting to know the kids, but they had an exam last Friday, they were tested on random things like birds names, days of the week, colours, opposites, my fathers name is etc. They had been learning in rote, they don't actually understand the concept of name. I said my name is Aoife, they all shout it back at me—My Name is Aoife. Or after a day of doing phonetics of the letter A and then they point to W (they have an obsession with W) - it can be frustrating.

I have a few very smart kids so I'd say they passed the exam, they'll be leaving for the government school next week. So I'll have new kids again.

Sunday, July 30th

Hey there, hope alls well at home.

Monsoon season is slowly starting to die down again and the sun is starting to show its face again. Myself and a few of the girls are up on our roof trying to catch a few rays, the farmers tan is really not a good look!!! We can only say in it for a max half an hour because its so hot! Last week end we were brought on a tour of New Delhi Train Station. It is a massive place where there are hundreds of homeless people, especially children. Our guide was a guy who had lived at the train station for 6 years(6-12 yrs). He then was persuaded to join the Salim Balik Trust which offers railway boys an education and accommodation. It is such a fantastic organisation, they have so many successful stories. Our guide was currently studying for his Masters in Social Work. His English was perfect-he was such an inspirational guy. He showed us where he used to sleep, where he used to find work for food, where to hide if the police were after him. He told us about his addiction to tip-ex (this is a huge problem for all street kids over here. They can get through 5-10 bottles a day because its sold for about .08 cent a bottle). He'd had suffered so much abuse both physical and sexual, from both

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the other gangs at the station and train travellers.

He said volunteers from various organisations often approached him offering help but that most children are very reluctant. They feel loved and secure at the station with their friends. All these children want to be movie stars and spend any money they get buying cinema tickets. On Wednesday this week we are all heading to the Salim Balik shelter and painting it for them. If I'd any more time I'd really love to help out more because they are looking for volunteers.

Cians group arrived yesterday, so now there are 45 of us. Was great to see him.

Yesterday we all went to Agra to visit the Taj Mahal, it was amazing. It seemed almost surreal being there, even looking at my photos it looks a bit like a fake backdrop rather than the real thing.

Thursday, August 17th

Hello all,

Sorry its been a while but life's very hectic over here at the mo. Can't believe the programme is nearly over. Just one week left, I'm going to be so upset leaving. Last Thursday I helped one of the other girls, Denise, with a tour with her evening placement. She's a group of 8 girls, aged between 4-8. They are so cute. We brought them to a playground, then on a boat trip and finally to McDonalds. They were so impressed with the food but enjoyed the novelty of the happy meal box and toy.

Last week end I was in Jaipur-its known as the jewel capital, its where you get them at 'good price.' It was so nice there. We were staying in a nice hotel with a pool (which was filthy but we got in anyway) but for less than €3 per night what more can you expect. We visited all the sites and got in an elephant ride as well.

It was a holy day yesterday so no school. My teacher brought me sari shopping. I got a really nice blue one, even got the tacky gold jewellery to go with it.

From today till next Wednesday is creation week. Today was sports day. We had 120 kids in an open field, 44 degrees heat from 9-4. I've never sweated so much in all my life-needless to say there are a lot of beetroot faces.

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Features

The Late Pius Kelly 1956 - 2006

Remembering the late Pius Kelly is an easy thing to write about because he was so much part of the public face of Maynooth Community Council for so many years. The only thing that is difficult about it is that being still relatively young when he was taken from us there was so much more that we have lost.

Over the years I have met many employees who have really taken an interest in the work of the community council. However, in Pius Kelly we had a person who would undertake any task that needed doing (he drew the line when it came to computers) in the office. His flexibility and enthusiasm meant that he could paint the walls, sell ads and write articles all in the same week. He never took the "cannot do" approach and in everything he would do he would give you the confidence that a good job would be done. In particular, when Pius was writing articles for the Maynooth Newsletter I would occasionally ask him for the source of his material and with his sharp wit he would always assure me that he was accurate, but his sources must remain confidential.



His positive attitude and good humour was very useful in diffusing difficult situations and it would be difficult not to be guided by his wisdom. For several years his role included the responsibility to take the photographs for the Maynooth Newsletter and he has provided us with many unique pictorial records of events in Maynooth in recent years. He rarely if ever would let us down and despite our occasional difficulties in finding him when he worked outside the office he always came back having been somewhere else working on our behalf.

On a personal level he was very good company and through his work with Maynooth Community Council and other jobs in the town, he was well settled in our community. The affection with which he was held was borne out by the very large number of people that came to his removal and mass before he returned to his home village of Ballygar for his final resting place.

I believe that Pius had happy years in Maynooth combining his work with being an active parent, partner and friend. He often put other people before himself and we will miss him.

Paul Croghan
Participant Development Officer
Maynooth Community Council Ltd

Features

Presentation to Fr. John Nevin as Scholarship Fund gathers momentum.

The Fr. John Nevin Pakistan Scholarship Fund for Children, launched in July this year to support children's education in Satellite Town, Rawalpindi, is proving to be an outstanding success. The Fund committee wish to acknowledge and sincerely thank all those who have to date assisted this endeavour by way of monthly standing orders and donations.

At this early stage the committee are pleased to announce that through people's generosity, they are currently in a position to provide funding to enable forty children commence Primary education at Raja Sultan Holy Faith Public School in Rawalpindi.

Prior to his return to Pakistan Fr. John recently celebrated a Mass of thanksgiving for all those who have supported him and afterwards at a function in the G.A.A. Club, the Committee presented him with a cheque for €12,000 to commence the Scholarship process. As the Fund grows, more children will be helped to their basic human right of education.

In his address Fr. John Thanked all those who are supporting the Scholarship Fund and all those who have assisted him over the past 41 years. He said that the Scholarship Fund would signal a very positive change in the lives of so many children in his Parish. Fr. John also thanked Alverne, Sallyann and Ted Keogh who very generously provided and sponsored the delicious food and refreshments at the function.

The committee are asking people who intend assisting the Fund by way of standing order or donation to consider doing so soon. Completed standing order forms or donations may be sent to Mr. Willie Holmes, Treasurer, Barrogstown, Maynooth or to any member of the committee. All contributions will be acknowledged and regular updates on the Fund will be published in this Newsletter.

Sandra Nevin will run The New York City Marathon at the end of October and her chosen charity is the Fr. John Nevin Pakistan Scholarship Fund for Children.

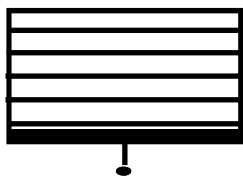
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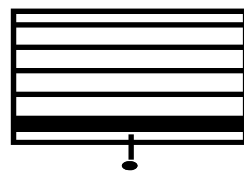
Presenting the cheque for €12,000 to Fr. John Nevin are Colm & Mary Nelson & Willie Holmes

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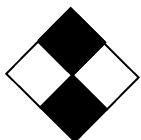


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Minister's Inaction on Constituency redraw equals abandonment of Democracy

Catherine Murphy, TD (Ind) has today expressed her outrage at Minister for the Environment, Dick Roche's announcement that he will not be appointing a Constituency Commission to examine the potential redraw of Electoral Constituencies until after the official census figures are published in early 2007. Murphy, who has already indicated her intention to seek legal advice on the matter, referred to the Minister's decision as a "copout" and an effective abandonment of the democratic process.

"The Constitution states that representation in each Constituency must be equal 'as far as is practicable' and that this be measured with reference to the closest census preceding each election. The operative words here being 'as far as is practicable'. Is it practicable for the Minister to take heed of the preliminary census figures released in April? Yes. Is it practicable for the Minister to establish a commission to examine the situation with a view to introducing a redraw upon the release of the official census figures next year? Yes. So what exactly is the motivation for the Ministers decision?" - Murphy

Doe already using preliminary census figures elsewhere

Although Minister Roche does not regard the preliminary census figures as adequate to prompt him into acting in the interests of preserving proportional representation, it has emerged that his own Department will however apply these figures when allocating millions of euro to Local Authorities throughout the country next year under the Local Government Fund. It would appear that the Department of the Environment regards the preliminary census figures as being of sufficient accuracy to decide which Local Authority gets how many million next year, over €885 million was distributed under this fund last year alone. Such dependence on the preliminary census data shows a marked contradiction of the Ministers cautious reaction towards the figures where electoral boundaries are concerned.

"I'm very supportive of the DOE's use of these preliminary figures for the administration of the Local Government Fund but it does seem a little unusual that the same Department takes two entirely approaches to one set of figures", stated Murphy.



Emmet Stagg T.D.

Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Bond Bridge

Cllr. John McGinley has been advised by Kildare County Council that Bond Bridge will be opened to traffic at the end of September.

John has asked that the agreed safety measures for the Meadowbrook Link Road be carried out immediately. These measures include traffic ramps and the Council promised that they would be in place before the bridge opened to traffic.

John has also asked for the planting of low maintenance trees and shrubbery between Bond Bridge and Silken Vale/The Arches instead of the proposed high maintenance grass seeding.

Proposed Removal of Some Trees to "Facilitate Traffic Management"

Cllr. John McGinley is very pleased with the public's response to the daft proposal to remove some trees from our Main Street. A decision was due to be made by the four Councillors at the Leixlip Area Meeting on 15 September, however, at the time of writing it is not listed on the Agenda. It is possible that the proposal has been dropped as a result of the public views of the people of Maynooth.

Incredibly, the Draft Minutes for the Leixlip Area meeting of 21 July state that Cllr. John McGinley's motion not to remove any trees was agreed by the four Councillors. Readers will recall that Cllr. McGinley deferred his motion to the September meeting as Cllr's Griffin and Kelly would not support it. John will be looking for a positive decision to his motion on the 15 September and he will also be seeking confirmation that the Council Officials will abide by the decision.

Castledawson

Cllr. John McGinley got the following reply from the Council, on 14 August, when he asked for an up-date on the taking in charge of the estate:

"The current developers have submitted proposals (in compliance with the conditions of the planning permission) for upgrading the existing pump station, this has been referred to Water Services who are considering these proposals. I will follow this matter up with them to make an early decision on these proposals.

Sherwood Homes have been in contact in the last week, they are lining up a contractor to lay the wearing course on the main access road in Castledawson. I anticipate that this will happen in the next couple of weeks.

The developers were on holidays when the recent difficulty with the Pump station occurred. They have been instructed to ensure that the existing pumps are kept working properly until the pump station has been upgraded."

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Noise from the M4 and other Motorways

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the members of Kildare County Council at their monthly meeting on 25 September:

"That the NRA be asked to undertake noise mitigation measures of installing timber noise barriers and a low noise thin wearing course of asphalt macadam (similar to that on the new N7) where this is required on the M4 and M7, especially on the section of the M4 at Maynooth."

Stagg welcomes deemed withdrawal of proposal for restaurant/wine bar in residential area

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the deemed withdrawal of a proposal for a Restaurant and Wine Bar at 1 Pound Lane, Maynooth, following the failure of the applicants to respond to a request for further information within a 6 month period.

Deputy Stagg had objected to the proposal in May 2005 given the residential nature of Pound Lane and in objecting to the proposal he made the following points:

- The proposal would have an adverse effect on the residential amenity of residents in Pound Lane through the introduction of a commercial enterprise to one of the oldest residential enclaves off Main Street, Maynooth.
- The proposal would cause an odour and noise nuisance for residents of the area.
- The proposal would lead to disturbance in the area particularly at night.
- The proposal would increase traffic and parking problems in the area.
- The proposal would have a negative effect on the quality of life of the existing residents of Pound Lane.
- A similar proposal for a restaurant on East Main Street, Maynooth, had been rejected by An Bord Pleanála because of the effect it would have had on residents in the area.

Deputy Stagg stated that the Further Information Request which was not responded to included the issues he had raised and whilst the applicant may make a further application in relation to this site at some future date, for the moment we have successfully blocked this unacceptable proposal.

Stagg disappointed over commissioners refusal to sanction 24 hour Garda Station for North Kildare

Deputy Emmet Stagg has expressed his disappointment at the refusal of the Garda Commissioner to reconsider the case put forward by Deputy Stagg for the provision of a 24 Hour Garda Station to serve the North Kildare Towns of Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth.

With a population of 45,324 in the Towns based on the 2006 Preliminary Census figures Deputy Stagg stated that he found the reluctance of the Commissioner to deal with the issue unsatisfactory to say the least.

Deputy Stagg stated that when he requested the Commissioner to review his position on the 24 Hour Garda Station last April he pointed out that there was no great visible presence of Gardai in either of the towns at present so the fact that members might be tied up manning the 24 Hour Station instead of being on the streets did not really cut ice. Deputy Stagg stated that Co. Leitrim with a population 30% below that of Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth had two 24 Hour Stations which was presumably because of border problems in the area previously. This situation no longer pertained and surely one of these could be closed with a view to opening one where it is required, namely in North Kildare.

The Commissioner in his response to Deputy Stagg outlined the current number of Gardai in each of the Stations which is Celbridge 20, Leixlip 25 and Maynooth 16. He further advised that all the towns have a 24 hour mobile patrol service which is augmented by the Divisional Traffic Units and District Detective Units. However the bottom line was that there are no plans to provide a 24 hour station in North Kildare but that the matter will be kept under review.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that he did not accept the Commissioners view and indicated that he intended to continue to raise this matter with the Commissioner until a satisfactory outcome was arrived at. That can only be the provision of a 24 hour station in North Kildare.

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