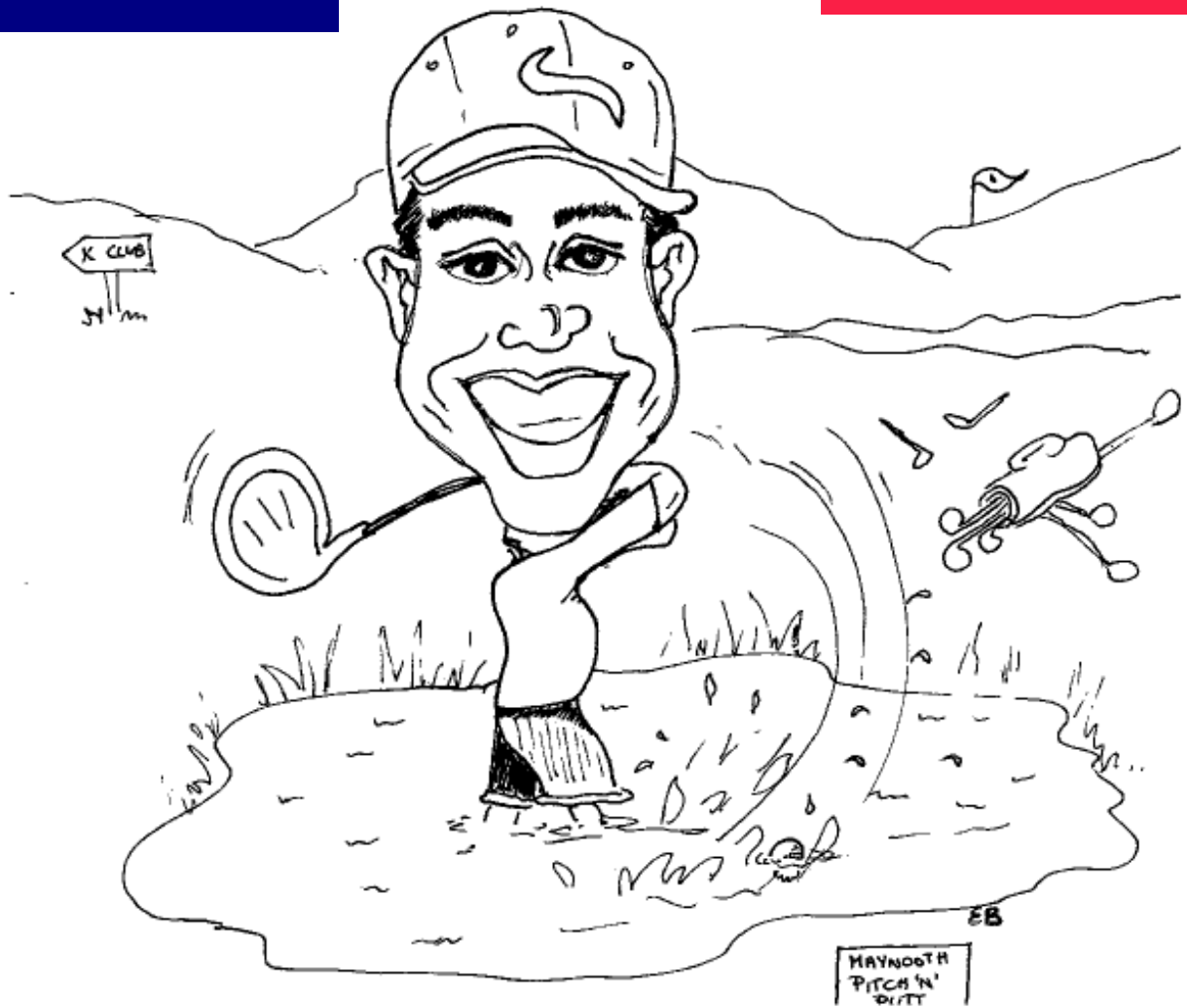
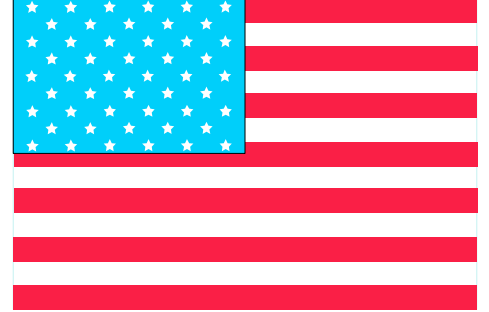


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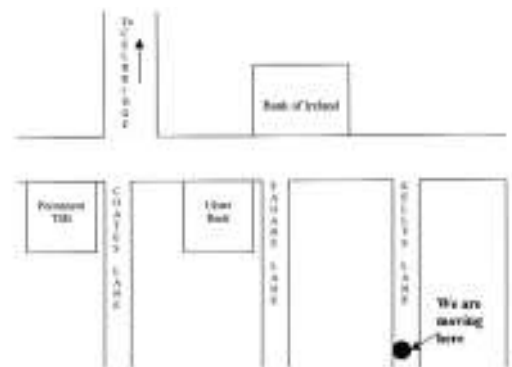
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Editorial

The town has been noticeably quiet for the past number of months with the large student population away for the summer holidays but September will mark their return along with school openings. The traffic that was not really a problem during the summer will suddenly multiply with many students driving to the College and the parents who insist on driving their children to school. The opening of Bond Bridge should alleviate some of this congestion but people should try to walk and cycle instead of driving everywhere. We are well served with cycle lanes on most roads in the town making this mode of transport much safer than in past times.

We would like to welcome the new students to the area and wish the best of luck to all the children going back to school particularly those who are facing that pleasure for the first time, whether in national school or making the huge transition to the Post Primary School.

This month marks the biggest road show ever to hit Kildare when the Ryder Cup comes to Straffan. Kildare Fáilte have been organising events for the 40,000 visitors who are expected to attend and Tidy Towns groups all over the county are working hard to make their towns as attractive as possible. The Minister for Tourism and Sport, John O'Donoghue, has requested that people do not charge exorbitant prices during the Cup; what a pity that the same concern for 'rip-off Ireland' does not apply to our own citizens.

If the Galway Races is anything to go by, the skies above will be crawling with helicopters – the new toy of choice for those who have been successful in our so-called Celtic Tiger economy. Earplugs and earmuffs may be necessary in Maynooth for the few days as these noisy creatures fly back and forth over our heads.

Finally, I would like to mention two deaths within our community. We said a final farewell to both Jim Reilly nicknamed 'The Camel' and to Pius Kelly. Both came to Maynooth from elsewhere but became well-known characters around the town. Pius worked for the Community Council on the FÁS projects on a number of occasions and contributed to the Newsletter. He will be sadly missed by family, friends and all of those who knew him in Maynooth. *Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anam.*

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Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
06/1594	Michael & Josephine Kelly	Ballagh Donadea Naas Co Kildare	P	28/07/06	Consequential application for full planning permission 04/306 construction of two storey detached dwelling house comprising of 3 bedrooms and assoc development works to site at side.	4 Brookview Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1603	James & Gabrielle Hoare	Dowdstown House Maynooth Co Kildare	T P	28/07/06	Up-grading of the existing two storey retail/residential & storage premises with ground floor shop units or optional shop unit 325m sq street setback etc.	Double & Pound Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1683	CMC Accident Repairs	Old Carton Maynooth Co. Kildare	Permission for Retention of Development	31/07/06	Extension to the workshop to rear (150.74m2) and retention of rear parking area and proposed new storm water drain and oil interceptor and associated works.	Old Carton Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1616	William Byrne	13 Shanid Road Harold Cross Dublin 6	P	01/08/06	Construction of a new ground floor extension to side of existing house providing enlargement of kitchen and utility room, alteration to ground floor in-suite window, and 3 new additional velux rooflights to first floor.	79 Leinster Wood Carton Demesne Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1628	Teresa Doherty	21 Brenley House Tabard Garden Estate London SE11Y6 England	P	02/08/06	Construction of a dormer bungalow, detached garage, bison treatment system and all ancillary site works.	Moneycooly Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1664	Dan Carr	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare	Permission for Retention of Development	04/08/06	Retention of existing single storey dog kennels used for hobby purposes and all assoc site works.	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1673	Catherine Kiernan	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	04/08/06	Construction of a four bedroom dormer bungalow, mechanical aerated treatment plant with raised percolation area, new entrance onto public road, and all assoc site works.	Clonfert South TD Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1691	NUI Maynooth	NUI Maynooth Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	08/08/06	Construct a single storey extension to the North of the former SMA Missionary building providing crèche and associated playground facilities on the North campus of NUI Maynooth.	NUI Maynooth Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1700	Thomas & Wendy Murphy & Forster	Rose Cottage Ladycastle Straffan Co. Kildare	P	09/08/06	Bungalow, amall waste water treatment unit and percolation area to (WWTM 2000)	Smithstown Maynooth Co. Kildare



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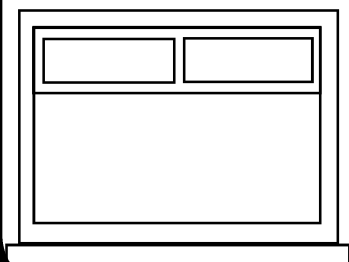
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06/1730	Lisa Halton	Treadstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	14/08/06	Alteration to elevations, reduction in gross ground floor area & provision of 2 new dormer windows to the rear of previous planning permission ref 02/1669.	Treadstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1735	Fionnuala O' Flaherty	Kilmacredock Upper Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	14/08/06	Construction of a 5 no. bedroom detached house and a proposed garage with drainage for the house and garage been a mechanical aeration system and a partially raised soil polishing filter.	Kilmacredock Upper Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1754	Derrinstown Stud	29 Earlsfort Terrace Dublin 2	P	16/08/06	Construction of new single storey extension to the side of the existing offices with a connection to the existing septic tank.	Derrinstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/1759	The Trestees of St Patrick's College	St Patrick's College Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	17/08/06	Construction of a new disability access, cut stone apron surround to the President's Arch etc, landscaping and assoc works.	St Patrick's College Maynooth Co. Kildare



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Supported Employment

What is Supported Employment?

Supported Employment enables people with a disability to access paid employment in the open labour market by providing on-the-job supports.

Supported Employment identifies existing jobs, matches suitable individuals with those jobs and assists them to integrate into the work by providing on-going supports in the workplace including support in relation to adapting to the work environment.

Who is Eligible?

The Supported Employment programme assists the placement and support of people with different types of disability and varying degrees of disability. However, the nature of disability must be such that the job seeker genuinely needs the initial support of a Job Coach to obtain and integrate into employment in the open market.

How Does the Programme Work

Supported Employment involves four key strands:

When a jobseeker is referred to Supported Employment they will be allocated an employment specialist called a Job Coach who will carry out a "Needs Analysis" with the Jobseeker to identify the type of employment the Jobseeker would like to pursue in the open labour market.

The Job Coach will identify suitable jobs, carry out job analysis and market the Jobseeker's abilities with prospective employers.

The Job Coach will then help to source job options, which match the Jobseeker's skills with the employer's requirements.

Both employer & employee will be provided with the necessary support and coaching in the workplace by the Job Coach. The amount of support provided should decrease over time as the employee adapts to the job and the workplace. The provision of support is helpful to the employee and to the co-workers in facilitating the integration of the employee with a disability into the workplace.

How can I avail of the Programme?

Supported employment is nationwide. In Kildare and West Wicklow the service is provided by the Kildare Coalition of Supported Employment Ltd. (KCSE) which is based in Kilcullen.

Referrals for this service **must** be made through FÁS. Therefore in order to access Supported Employment, you should first call into your local FÁS or LES office and register with FÁS.

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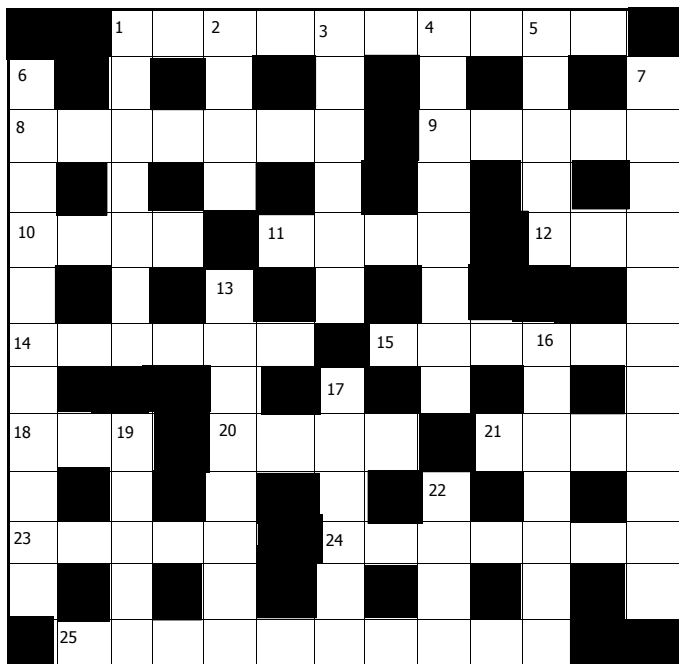
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Crossword No: 48



Entries before: 14th September 2006

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Across:

1. Style of swimming (10)
8. Mike- - -, comedian/raconteur (7)
9. Lorna- - -, R.D. Blackmore novel (5)
10. Healthy colour? (4)
11. Graham- - -, the 'Galloping gourmet' (4)
12. Equipment (3)
14. Golden red (6)
15. Oath (6)
18. Compressed ball (3)
20. Harvest (4)
21. Stone particles (4)
23. Rule (5)
24. America's second-largest city (7)
25. Below (10)

Down:

1. Hereditary title (7)
2. Prune (4)
3. Type of finger ring (6)
4. Vanessa- - -, actress (8)
5. Hit (5)
6. Union representative (4,7)
7. Fresh air circulation (11)
13. D.H.- - -, British novelist (8)
16. Indian route to conflict (7)
17. The Maltese- - -, film (6)
19. See fit (5)
22. Birthplace of Galileo (4)

Across:

3. Stability, 8. Paul, 9. Radiator, 10. Copeck, 13. Forge, 14. Remorse, 15. Auk, 16. Evening, 17. Refit, 21. Raisin, 22. Waterloo, 23. Boar, 24. Intercept.

Down:

1. Specified, 2. Supporter, 4. Tarka, 5. Bo Derek, 6. Loan, 7. Tool, 11. Professor, 12. Centenary, 14. Rug, 15. Angelic, 18. Group, 19. Dawn, 20. Mere.

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Daily Energy-Saving Tips

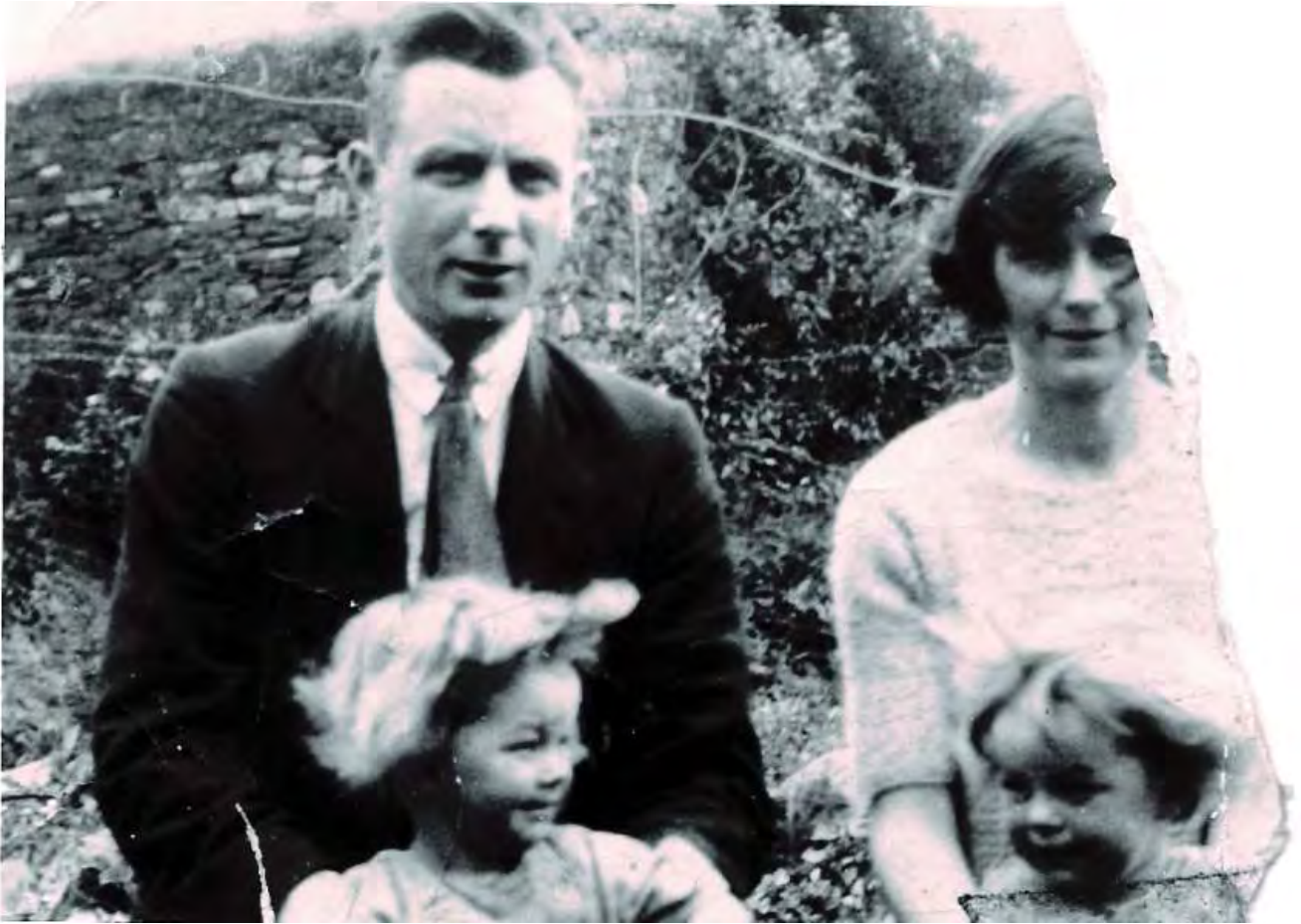
Steps:

1. Set your thermostat to 68 degrees F or lower during the day and 55 degrees when you leave the house for more than 4 hours or before you go to bed.
2. Close off rooms that don't need heat if you have automatic thermostat controls.
3. Turn down the heater when using the fireplace.
4. Close the damper when not using the fireplace.
5. Keep your range clean, lubricated and properly adjusted.
6. Clean and replace the range filter regularly.
7. Open curtains on south-facing windows to let in sunlight.
8. Keep warm indoors by wearing layers of lightweight clothing.

Tips:

1. Get an electric blanket for each bed in your house. You can stay warm during the night without blasting the heat and wasting energy.
2. The cost of heating your bed or your bedroom is much lower than the cost of heating your entire house.
3. Oh, and insulate everything, water heaters, windows, doors, etc. Insulation is cheaper than energy.
4. Fit a lagging jacket to your boiler.
5. Let your pooch climb in bed with you, just this once! You'll be so warm, you might even end up kicking him out!
6. Leave oven door open after baking in the winter to let the heat out. (Unless of course you have toddlers!)
7. Clean your chimney thoroughly before the season starts and, if you can, during the season. A clogged chimney can fill your house with smoke or even catch fire.
8. Open curtains or drapes in early morning to let sun in when shining; then re-close them as soon as sun goes down. Try to prevent opening doors as much as possible.

Happy 78th Birthday on the 19th September to Maynooth Twins



Shown here in a photograph taken in Dillons Row with their late Parents Edward and Nan Maguire are Tosheen Farrell and Theresa Ranson when they were four years old. Theresa has just returned to her home in Birmingham where she lives with her husband Peter for the past fifty six years, having spent a weeks holiday in O'Neill Park with Tosheen. Maynooth has been home to Tosheens all her life. She moved to O'Neill Park with her late husband Nicko in 1951, where they raised ten children. We wish them both many more years of health and happiness.

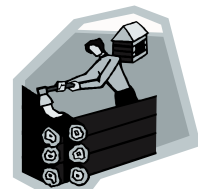
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ARIES MARCH-21-APRIL-20

Things are all happening at once this week, and not all good. This should work itself out by the weekend you seem to be working hard; take time out. Saturday the stars shine. Lucky colour green. Lucky number 5.



TAURUS APRIL-21-MAY-21

A new job or a windfall could see you spending more than you should so be careful not to overspend. And a chance meeting with a person from your past could see you meeting new friends. Lucky colour: brown; Lucky number 6.



GEMINI MAY-22-JUNE-22

You are willing to forgive and forget the past. This week things will change for you by the weekend, when a boat trip could change your mood. The weekend is on top form. Lucky colour: forest green; Lucky number: 2.



CANCER JUNE-23-JULY-23

You could not be happier at the moment and your good spirits and good luck seems to have no end. Things come to a head on Monday. Lucky colour: red; lucky number: 8.



LEO JULY-24-AUGUST-23

You are ready to go anywhere now and you could be in for a promotion and all your hard work will be rewarded. Things are moving fast. luck Tuesday is your day lucky colour: orange; lucky number: 14.



VIRGO AUGUST-24-SEPT-23

You are seeing the world through rose colour glasses this week. And not every one shares your opinion. Smile and take the joke. The sun always shines tomorrow. Lucky day : Tuesday; Lucky colour: lemon; lucky number: 7.



LIBRA SEPTEMBER 24-OCT-23

Today is the first day of the rest of your life. Romance is high as is travel. The stars shine this week for you. Lucky day: Thursday; Lucky colour: gold; Lucky number 1



SCORPIO OCT 24 NOVEMBER-22

You are now thinking over your options this week. A new job or an old romance could reawaken the past for you. Lucky day: Wednesday, make a wish. Lucky colour: ruby red; lucky number: 4.



SAGITTARIUS NOV 23 - DEC 21

Things look good this week don't take your good luck too lightly as lady luck smiles on you over the next few days. And about time too if the past few days are to be believed. Lucky day: Friday; Lucky colour: blue; Lucky number: 10.



CAPRICORN DEC-22 - JAN-20

You are in two minds this week at work and at home. You are caught between family and friends and you don't know where to turn, slow down and look around you: your happiness is at stake. Tuesday brings joy; Lucky colour-purple; lucky number: 12.



AQUARIUS 21-JANUARY-19-FEB

You feel life is passing you by and you are not getting the rewards you need to see you through. Everything has a time and a place. Things will change. Next week things will seem clearer. Monday starts the week well. Lucky colour-silver; Lucky number- 16.



PISCES FEBRUARY 20-MARCH-20

You are in two minds this week and you feel no one is listening to you. Your judgement is in question at work this week but you will come out on top. Family may need your support. Lucky day is Thursday; Lucky colour: black; lucky number: 17.

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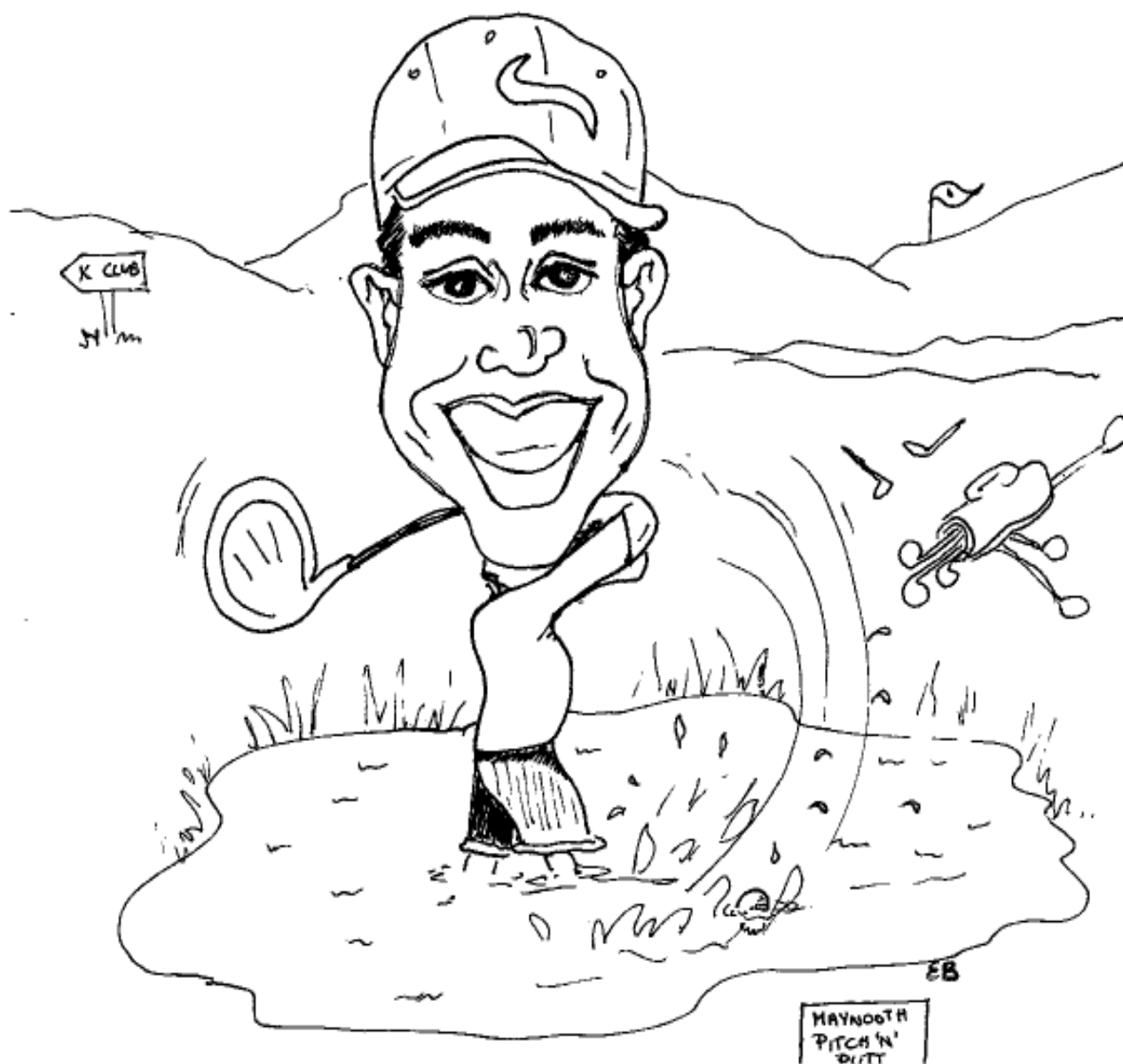
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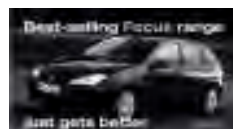
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- Striking plasters - either a box of assorted sizes or a strip that can be cut to the correct size.
- Cr pe bandages for bandaging wounds in awkward places, such as elbows, and to bind strains.
- Sterile dressings in various sizes.
- Blunt-ended scissors for cutting bandages and dressings to size.
- Sterile cotton wool for cleaning cuts and grazes.
- Pain-killers—keep paracetamol and aspirin that are suitable for both adults and children.
- Tweezers for removing insect stings or splinters.
- Antihistamine cream for treating insect bites and stings.
- Triangular bandage to make a sling.
- Safety pins to hold bandages or a sling in place.

First-Aid Tips

Animal bites and scratches:

All animals carry germs in their mouths and claws. When these penetrate the skin, the germs will be left in the muscle tissues and may cause infection if not cleaned thoroughly.

Hold the wound under warm running water and wash the affected area with soap for at least 5 minutes to remove any saliva or dirt particles. Gently pat the area dry, then wipe the wound with a mild antiseptic solution before covering it with a plaster or sterile dressing. A serious wound should always be referred to hospital.

Burns and scalds:

Immediately douse the burned or scalded area in cold running water. Gently try to remove any jewellery or constricting clothing from near the burn before it starts to swell. Keep the affected part in cold water for at least 10 minutes, then place a clean dressing over the burn and gently bandage it. Any injury larger than 2.5cm / 1in will require treatment in hospital.

Some tips include:

- Never breakably butter, lotions or ointment to the affected area. blisters
- Never use a sticking plaster

Electric shocks:

It is vital not to put yourself at the risk of an electric shock as well when dealing with a casualty. Immediately switch off the source of power at the mains. If you are unable to do so stand on a good insulating material such as a thick book, a rubber mat or a pile of newspapers before attempting to help the casualty.

Use a wooden broom handle or chair to push the casualty away from the source of electricity. Otherwise, without touching the casualty, a scarf or or rope looped around their arms or feet can drag them clear. Once the victim is free from the electric current place him in the recovery position or, if unconscious be prepared to resuscitate.

Tips include:

- Do not touch the casualty until you are sure that the electric current has been switched off
- Never use a damp or wet towel or a metal object to free the casualty, even when the power has been turned off.

Insect stings:

Remove a sting that is left in the skin by carefully pulling it out, using a pair of tweezers. Rinse the area under cold running water. Wine or vinegar can reduce the swelling caused by a sting from a jellyfish but seek medical advice if the pain does not subside after a few hours.

Nose bleeds:

Help the casualty to sit down so that his head is well forward. Ask him to pinch his nose just below the bridge and to breath through his mouth. After 10 minutes the pressure can be released but, if the nose is still bleeding re-apply the pressure for another 10 minutes. Once the bleeding has subsided gently swab around the nose and mouth with warm water.

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Continental soils the sips
The black foaming
Beauty whip
Reeling time unwind to slip
And there stand still
Until, a past seem redream
And brushed on canvas new
There to be hung
In a mid-still cheeken hue

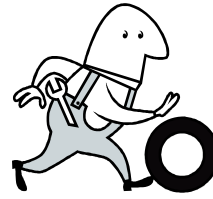
And she, needing drapes an old
Culture round,
Did sense a greener part had grown
Though it was thought left behind
That greeny duffle-coated garment
Never shed
Must have slipped inside the case
When back was turn
And came a chase

And being in pursuit adrift
To enrope around and pull to shore
As if the soul itself had never left
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6th	Don O Sullivan	35 pts (B.3)
7th	Mick Flynn (Jnr)	35
Front 9	Tommy Campell	19 pts
Back 9	Kevin Loftus	19 pts
Nearest The Pin	Philip Doyle	
Twos Club	Niall Farrell + Mick Flynn (Snr)	
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Gardening Tips for September

September weather, no less than that of any other month in Ireland, can be changeable, but on the whole it is drier than August, and mild spells permit a good harvest. We will look at what needs to be done this month in the flower garden and in the glasshouse.



The Flower Garden

Dead-head border flowers as they fade, and cut back stems while green to make compost. Divide spring and early summer-flowering border plants if overcrowded. Discard the older central parts and replant the younger ones immediately.

- Start bulb and corm planting this month, particularly the smaller bulbs. Broadly, the earlier they are expected to flower, the earlier they should be put to bed. Plant the corms of crocus as soon as possible, especially in the north. They dry out quickly when left in the air. Hyacinths, large daffodil and narcissus bulbs and tulips can wait until October-November, if necessary, but lose nothing by being planted earlier. Place at a depth equal to twice their own width in the soil. Set on a layer of sand in clay soils.
- Plant the flowering onions (*Allium* species) this month and next, in sunny positions and humus-enriched soil.
- Give the large bulbs of crown imperials (*Fritillaria imperialis*) a sunny south aspect, in a deeply worked and rich soils. Set them on their sides, to prevent moisture collecting in the dimple, 15cm (6in.) deep.



The Garden Under Glass

Make sowing of early maturing carrots ('Amsterdam Forcing', 'Early Market Horn', 'Konfrix') in frames or under cloches early in the month. Sow a hardy lettuce ('Winter Density') this month and next to winter under cloches and head up in the spring. Also a quick-maturing radish ('Saxerre', 'Cherry Belle', or 'Scarlet Globe') and salad onions can now be grown.

The Cool Greenhouse

Keep temperatures in the greenhouse as equable as possible; ventilate freely if daytime temperature rises to avoid the clammy atmosphere that encourages fungus disease. Close up early before the cool of night. Stop damping down on cool cloudy days.

Planning Ahead

Carry on potting up bulbs, hyacinths, narcissi and tulips, each week or fortnight, so that a number can be forced to give a succession of blooms for the new year and winter months. Place bulbs in a dark, cool place, not an airing cupboard, for 6 weeks or so until at least 5cm (2in.) of shoot shows through. At this point move them into subdued and then better light over a few days. Alternatively, place them outdoors under a north wall (see August notes). *Iris tingitana* may also be treated in this way.

Bring in chrysanthemums which have been growing in pots out of doors towards the end of the month. Clean up the pots, remove flagging leaves and water very moderately until the plants adjust to their new conditions. Remove tomato plants to make room for the chrysanthemums and other winter-flowering subjects

Wipe down glass and greenhouse structure that is greening with algae with a cleaning solution. Line the greenhouse with an anti-condensation plastic sheeting, fastened with clips or tape, as a kind of double-glazing that will conserve heat and increase the possibilities for growing plants in winter.

Overhaul and repair heating units for the cool greenhouse. Have electrical equipment and propagators tested. Clean oil heaters thoroughly, wipe dry the exterior parts and renew the wicks.

Make use of fine days to repair and repaint greenhouse structures; seal in glass with fresh putty where necessary, or make windproof with sealing tape.



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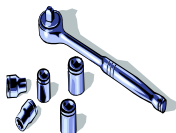
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Back to School Healthy lunches as recommended by VHI

Healthy lunch suggestions



Lunches should be composed of a variety of foods and include at least one item from the different food groups. Example there should be something in the lunch box from:

1. Fruit and vegetable group

Some typical choices are a whole fruit, a fruit juice drink, vegetable soup, salad, or cooked/raw vegetables.

2. Cereal group

Foods such as bread, rice, pasta, potatoes, bagels, pancakes or pitta bread.

3. Dairy group

Milk, cheese or yogurt.

4. Protein-rich food

Meat, chicken, fish, egg, beans, peas, lentils or cheese.



The following foods are suitable for lunches:



Whole fresh fruit	Fruit juice
Vegetable soup	Batons of raw vegetables
Salad vegetables in sandwiches	Wraps and rolls
Homemade fruit salad	Fruit chunks in ready to peel packs
Sandwiches	Crackers
Bread sticks	Rice cakes
Flour tortillas (wraps)	Ciabatta bread
Foccacia bread	Pitta bread
Naan bread	Bagels
Pancakes	Madeira cake
Pasta salad	Rice salad
Potato salad	Bean salad
Couscous	Yogurt drinks
Yogurt pots	Cheese strings
Cheese (sliced/grated/cubed/cream)	Milk
Cheese triangles	Fromage frais
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Dominic's Day

After the Maynooth Festival I usually head for Urlaur Pattern in Co. Mayo. On August 4th each year, this Festival and Sport's Day takes place on the grounds of the ancient Dominican Abbey. As a former runner I usually gravitate towards the running track.

I have been doing well in the Men's 100 metre sprint in recent years, finishing second twice. This could be my Year I sensed, as I studied the track picking the smoothest lane. Who should join me on the sideline but Dominic Nyland of Maynooth who is a native of that area. I told Dominic I was running and I encouraged him to run as well. He is very reluctant at first stating that he had just ate a big feed of bacon and cabbage. He also informed me that the last time he ran was chasing cows as a young lad. Eventually he agreed to run.

Soon the race started with ten runners. I got the best start of my life heading into a clear lead. Within five yards of the finishing line I sensed someone coming up fast on my right shoulder. I threw myself at the line almost crashing into a camera man. When I eventually stopped and looked I could not believe when I saw the stewards grabbing Dominic and taking his name. Then I realised that he had pipped me at the line.

Dominic proved to be a very popular winner among the home crowd. I can still see the smile on his face as they carried him away shoulder high.



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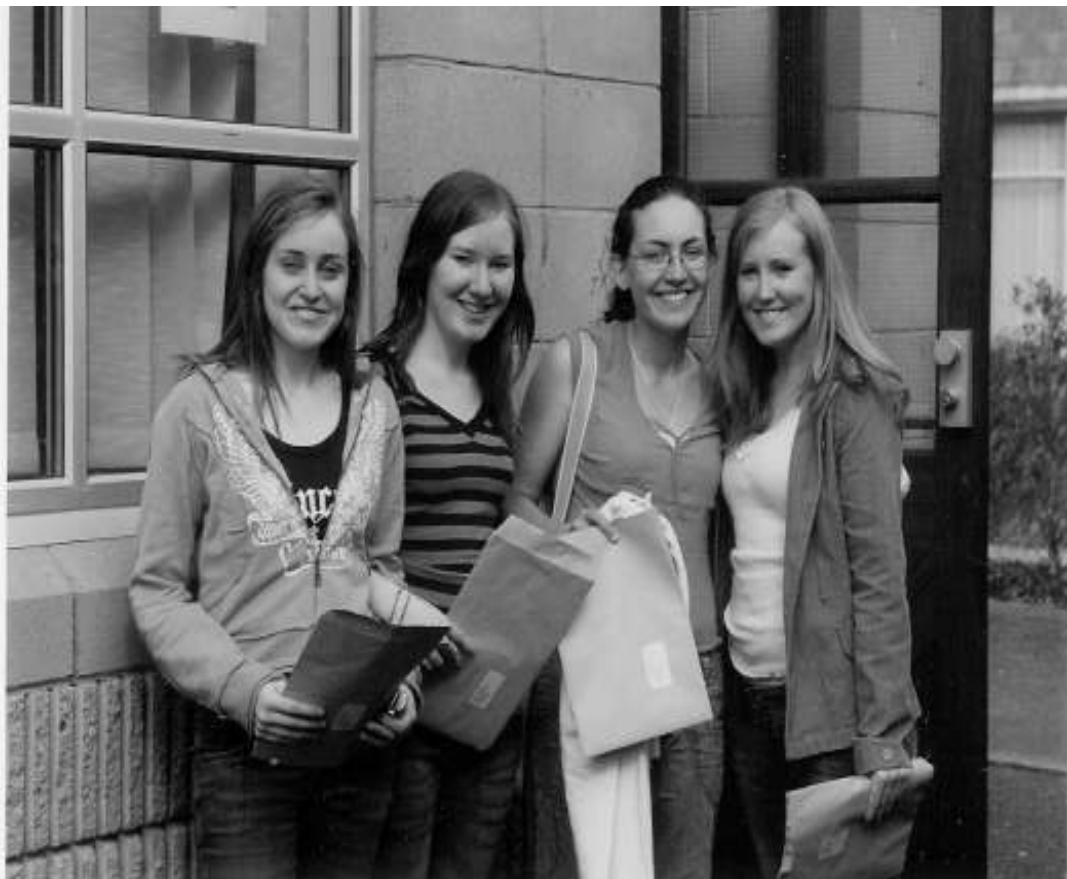
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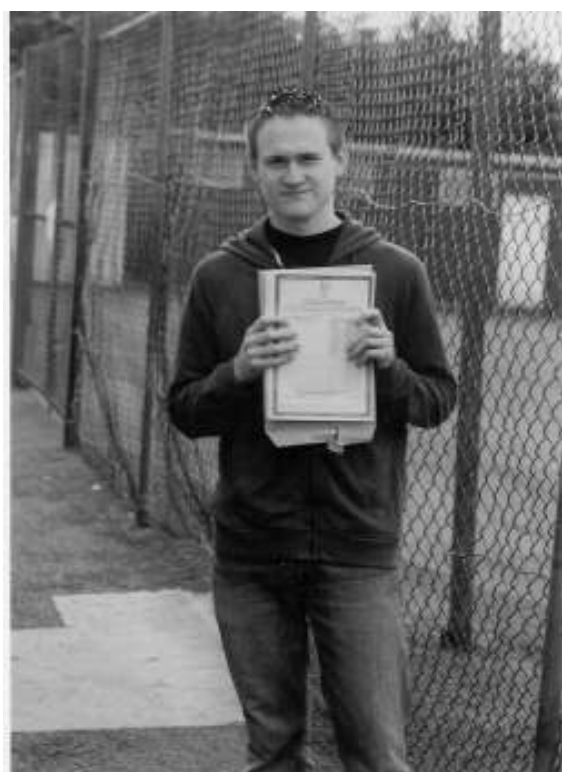
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Features

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

After Orby made the breakthrough and won the Epsom Derby in 1907, it would have been a reasonable expectation that Irish Trainers would have produced a steady stream of winners of this prestigious Race. This did not happen because the environment was not there for the improvement of the Irish Blood-Horse.

The Irish Free State, poverty stricken and socially backward, stood still for nearly forty years after its inception. Some of the following economic indicators show that in some cases the State actually went backwards over the period between our first and second win in the Epsom Classic. In 1958 when Hard Ridden won the Derby, Ireland has less railway track than when the British Administration left in 1922. The price of prime agricultural land on the eastern seaboard was more or less unchanged since 1916. There was mass immigration to England and unemployment was at an all time high. We had suffered the consequences of a trade war with our powerful neighbour and had been pushed into isolation by the United States for our failure to join the Allies in their war against Germany. These factors had enormous consequences for our Economy and our Bloodstock Industry. The quality of our horses were not up to standard.

It is true that our horses were winning abroad and the Irish Bloodstock Breeders Annual Review proudly

listed their successes in countries like Italy and Turkey. It was all poor quality really and with few exceptions not worth talking about. There were some opportunities for the Irish Blood-Horse to develop but the opportunities were not taken at the time. The purchase of Tulyar by the Irish Government from the Aga Khan in 1954 met with widespread disapproval. There was bitter criticism of the Government in the Dail for its attempts to upgrade the quality of Stallions standing at the Irish National Stud. Opposition TD's could not see the economic benefits in the purchase of the horse and he was subsequently sold to the United States. It has to be accepted that the purchase price of £250,000 was deemed to be excessive and a waste of taxpayers money when most of the population were living in poverty. Although he was a failure at stud, Tulyar represented a genuine attempt by the Irish Government to upgrade our breeding stock and put the industry on a forward track for the first time in our history.

The sale of the McGrath owned Nasrullah to the United States was another setback in the development of the Irish Thoroughbred Racehorse. Champion Sire in America on five occasions, his influence on the North American thoroughbred equates to that of Northern Dancer. No blame can be attached to the McGraths who sold him as they received an offer from Bull Hancock that could not be turned down. Joe Mc Grath did indeed have second thoughts but it is believed that Hancock's



Hard Ridden (C. Smirke) winning the 1958 Epsom Derby, the first Irish trained winner since Orby

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Hard Ridden (Continued)

determination to "nail down" the Irishman on his verbal agreement to sell, left Mc Grath with no line of retreat. The fact that Nasrullah made history in America and not in his first home, Ireland ,must remain a matter of considerable regret. It is in this context that the year of 1958 and the win of Mick Rogers trained colt, Hard Ridden, turned out to be an event of major significance. It heralded the arrival of an exceptionally gifted trainer on the Epsom Derby stage. It also provided the motivation for his brother, Captain Tim Rogers to start breeding quality horses on what was up to then his father' stud farm at Airlie, Lucan, Co. Dublin. In the following decades Tim Rogers was to succeed where Irish Governments down the years had failed. He became the most influential thoroughbred horse breeder, not only in his native Ireland but also Europe. He was the founder breeder of the modern Irish Blood Horse and the Industry owes its present position to his dedication and passion in developing the quality of the Breed.

Hard Ridden was bred by Sir Oliver Lambert. The colt was not bred to be a Derby winner as his sire, Hard Sauce, never raced beyond six furlongs. Hard Sauce had plenty of class however as he numbered the July Cup and the Challenge Cup amongst his victories. Hard Ridden probably derived his stamina to stay the one and a half miles at Epsom from his dam Toute Belle II. Sir Victor Sassoon bought him at Goffs yearling sales at Ballsbridge for 270 guineas. The purchase price probably represented the limited expectations for the horse. Sir Victor turned out to be quite a lucky owner as he won the Epsom Derby on three occasions in the space of ten years with St. Paddy, Never Say Die and Hard

Ridden. The colt was sent to the Curragh to be trained by Michael Rogers. As a two-year-old he had only one run to finish second on his home course. The following year he won the Irish 2000 Guineas after a prep run, finishing second, in the Tetrach Stakes. This was a very good renewal of the Irish Classic as the second horse home, Sidon, went on to win the Irish Derby.



Tim Rogers. He played a decisive part in raising the standard of Irish breeding by installing top class stallions at his Airlie and associated studs.



Horse racing was going through a very difficult period at the time with doping scandals seriously affecting the integrity of the sport. That year (1958) it was widely accepted that the ante-post favourite for the Derby, Alcide , was got at by dopers paid off by elements within the book makers fraternity. Alcide owned by Sir Humphrey de Trafford, won the Chester Vase and the Lingfield Derby Trial before being routed for Epsom. A week before the race he was withdrawn due to "a strained stomach muscle" Subsequent informed opinion suggested that he had been got at. It is probable that he would have won at Epsom as later on in the season he won the Great Voltigeur and the St. Leger. He was not the only Derby favourite to be got at. The Noel Murless trained, Pinturischio, was also got at and his racing career destroyed by dopers in 1961. It is a cause of regret that the perpetrators behind these disgraceful acts were never brought to justice.

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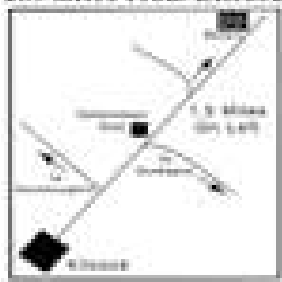
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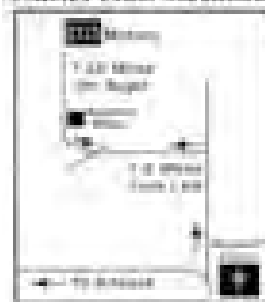


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The next priority was to install temporary changing facilities, develop the playing surfaces to the best possible standard, and provide car parking. Grant funding from the Government (€127,000) and Kildare County Council (€20,000), together with local fundraising and contributions from families made this phase of the development possible, and it was completed without the need for bank borrowings in 2003. €250,000 has been spent to date installing 3 full size pitches, a 7-a-side pitch, training area, drainage & car parking, safety netting, fencing and pitch improvements.

The growth of the club today to 25 teams is due to the efforts of a small, dedicated core of people who kept the game going with huge effort and personal commitment over the last 37 years. We can now boast that we own our own pitches, something most clubs can only dream about.

However, the need for proper permanent changing facilities, with toilets, showers, and training resources, to meet the increasing demands of the community in which we live is now more acute than ever.

Following a meeting in early January 2005, a working group was set-up to investigate planning & funding for the next phase of the development. An architect was engaged by the club to draw up plans for a modern clubhouse and submitted for planning permission to Kildare County Council. Planning Permission was granted in late 2005.

A project team is now in place to progress the development. Professional advice has been sought on the next steps for the development, and it is clear that major fundraising will be required to complete the project, as conservative estimates indicate the construction costs will be in excess of €500,000.

Lotto funding of €350,000 was applied for in

February 2006, which represented 70% of the total budgeted cost, and in June 2006, €250,000 was approved for Maynooth Town FC towards the cost of the project under the Sports Capital Grants Scheme. However, this money must be utilised before September 2007, or it will be withdrawn.

Our own fundraising efforts have begun with the provision of pitch-side advertising opportunities to businesses in Rathcoffey Road.

Projected Costs and Sources of Funds:

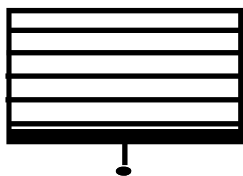
Est. Total Construction Costs:	€500,000
<i>Funded by:</i>	
Lotto Grant	€250,000
KCC Grant	€20,000
Bank Loan	€100,000
Club funds already raised	€30,000
Fundraising	€100,000
Total:	€500,000

The challenge facing the club now is enormous with an urgent need for facilities immediately, and a shortfall in the funding required to commence/complete the project.

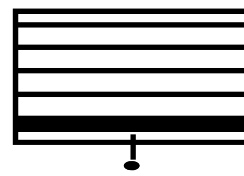
While we intend to borrow money for some portion of the project, we will also need to raise a large portion ourselves. To do this, the support of parents and friends of the club is essential.

In the longer term, it is also planned to develop other facilities such as all-weather pitches for year round use by the members of the club and other local organisations.

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Can You Help?

- Would you have an occasional few hours to help with the running of the club or to contribute towards this project?
- Do you have experience, skills or contacts that might be useful in getting things done?
- Do you have any fundraising ideas worth trying?
- Would you be prepared to become involved in helping with fundraising activities?
- Would your business/employer be interested in availing of our pitch-side advertising at competitive rates?
- Would you like to be part of the team that delivers this badly needed facility for the members of the club and the people of Maynooth?

We readily acknowledge that this project is a major undertaking for us, and we are seeking all the help we can get. If the answer to any of the above is yes, and you feel you can help in some way, however big or small, please contact Seamus Thompson, 6286270. Thank you.

New Season 2006/07:

Now that the summer is almost over, the new season is already upon us, and managers have begun their preparations. Following another very successful year, Maynooth Town FC continues to grow with 25 teams taking to the field this year (5 more than last year!).

This year the club will have 3 Senior Men's teams competing in the Leinster Senior League. Training takes place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7.30, Rathcoffey Road. New Players are always welcome.

We will have 13 teams playing eleven-a-side football, in the North Dublin Schoolboys League (NDSL), and matches begin on the 3rd September. There will be a number of midweek matches during September, in addition to the Sunday games.

This year sees the introduction of nine-a-side football for Under 10s, to ease the transition from the 7 a-side game to the 11 a-side game. We wish both Under 10 teams well in this new and interesting development.

7 seven-a-side teams will take to the field this year which will ensure that Rathcoffey Road on Saturday Mornings will continue to be a hive of enthusiasm and excitement! First match of the new season kicks off on 9th September.

Every Manager's nightmare is the administration and

paperwork involved in putting a team onto the pitch. We ask for your support by ensuring that registration details and membership subscriptions are returned promptly, so that league formalities and insurance cover is completed on time.

Assistance with transport to away fixtures is always appreciated, especially midweek, when work commitments can delay some people. We suggest that parents organise a car-pooling arrangement among themselves, and take turns bringing the lads. Finally, we ask you to acknowledge and support our sponsors whenever possible. Without their generous help, many of our achievements would not have been possible.

Club Contact Details:

<i>Chairman</i>	<i>Pat Moynan</i>	6286865
Secretary	Seamus Thompson	6286270
Treasurer	Joe Walsh	6285871
Vice-Chairman	Tommy Daly	6289817

Sportsmanship: Club Guidelines

Players:

- Play for enjoyment, not just to please your parents or coach.
- Play by the rules of the game. Always accept the referee's decision.
- Play with control. Do not lose your temper.
- Play for yourself and your team – your team's performance will benefit and so will your own.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good play.
- Respect your opponent. Treat all players, as you would like to be treated.
- Co-operate with your coach and other players.
- Remember that the goal of the game is to have fun, improve your skills, and feel good.
- At the final whistle shake hands and thank your opponent.
- Win with humility – lose with dignity.

Parents:

- Remember, young people are involved in soccer for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage your child always to play by the rules of the game.
- Teach your children that honest endeavour is as important as winning, so that the result is accepted without disappointment.
- Help young children to work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship.
- Set a good example by applauding good play on both sides.

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- Never ridicule, humiliate or shout at young players for making a mistake or losing a match.
- Do not place emphasis on winning at all costs.
- Do not force an unwilling child to participate in playing soccer.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from soccer.
- As a spectator, do not use profane language or harass referees, coaches or players. They give of their free time to provide recreational

Poetry Corner

At The Botanic Gardens

To Cheryl

In flowerbeds overgrown and bleak,
Teenagers with rakes and clippers
Clear a space for nature's rebirth,
As we venture like Adam and Eve
Back Through this recovered Eden.

Skirting yew and belladonna,
Where a cat stalks a hidden mouse,
We pause by unfamiliar trees:
Cork oak, redwood, eucalyptus,
All the wealth of distant countries
Grown to tease us from our worries.

Then wander down a curving path,
Shedding the dead growth of acceptance,
So that you are once again a child,
Enraptured with snowdrops and crocuses,
And look, just dropped from where they
grow,
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Patrick Devaney



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Maynooth Tidy Towns

Maynooth Tidy Towns awaits the results from the surveys carried out by students from NUI, Maynooth

Late last autumn students of Geography from NUI, Maynooth carried out a number of environmental surveys around Maynooth as well as visiting over six hundred household to ask residents in the town for their views on the voluntary work of Maynooth Tidy Towns committee as well as for their ideas for enhancement works that they would like to see created in our town. Under, the co-ordinating control of Dr. Shellagh Waddington the results have been collated and we look forward to unveiling the report at our annual awards ceremony. More on this story next month.....

Best Estates and Shop Front Competitions 2006

More results just to hand are the prize winners in our Annual "Best Estates" and "Best Shop Front Competitions" 2006 sponsored by the Glenroyal Hotel, Conference and Leisure Centre. Each year residents anxiously await the judges' opinion on their area and to find out have they done enough to make it into the prize winners. As these results are a carefully guarded secret until the awards night we are all going to have to wait just a few more weeks.

Is Maynooth ready for the visitors that will come during the Ryder Cup?

In an effort to maintain the blaze of colour provided by the hanging baskets filled by Maynooth Tidy Towns, we delayed putting them in place this year until mid July. This was a risky strategy as we could have missed our first judging in the National Tidy Towns competition as it has taken place before as early as the June Bank Holiday weekend.

However, we wanted the flowers to look their best for the period of the Ryder Cup so that it would help to leave a favourable opinion with visitors during this prestigious golf event. The baskets were also removed from the Straffan Road beyond the Glenroyal so that they could be erected in Mill Street and elsewhere in the centre of Maynooth.

Our committee are very disappointed with the failure of Kildare County Council or indeed "Failte Ireland" to recognise the importance of Maynooth and Celbridge as the two largest urban centres close to the K CLUB and where services not available in Straffan can be secured including much

accommodation. This failure means that badly needed funding for well overdue maintenance work in Maynooth will not be provided. See some recent photographs taken in the Main Street showing bins without lids and rusting. The surface of the street is greasy not having been cleaned since the paving was originally put in place. Bins overfull having not been emptied during the weekend and litter strewn all over the place as the town does not have a seven day street cleaning service. As usual self appointed volunteers can be seen in the pictures (members of Maynooth Tidy Towns and friends) cleaning the street. On the day these pictures were taken four people cleaned the Main street, side streets, the square and around by the college in just over an hour. In other words there was four man hours work involved – is that too costly to organise when the eyes of the world are upon us?

Paul Croghan
PRO
Maynooth Tidy Towns.



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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Notes

Question

I heard that the income guidelines for the GP Visit Card have been increased. Can you please give the details?

Answer

The GP Visit Card allows you to attend your family doctor free of charge. For all other health services you are treated the same as a non-Medical Card holder and you have to pay the appropriate charges.

To qualify for the GP Visit Card you have to pass a means test. The means test is similar to the means test for the Medical Card but the income guidelines are higher. In June 2006 the income guidelines for the GP Visit Card were increased and are now 50% higher than the Medical Card guidelines.

GP Visit Card Income Guidelines—June 2006

Weekly income limit (gross less tax & PRSI deductions)

Age	Single Person living Alone	Single Person Living with Family	Married Couple/ Single Parent with Dependent Children
Up to 66 years	€276.00	€246.00	€400.00
66-69 years	€302.00	€260.00	€447.00
70-79 years			€895.00*
80 years or over			€940.50*

Allowance for each dependant	Under 16 years	Over 16 years
First two children	€57.00	€58.50
Third and subsequent children	€61.50	€64.00
In full-time third-level education and not grant-aided		€117.00 *Where one of the couples is aged under 70 years.

There are also allowances for expenses incurred on childcare costs, rent/mortgage payments and travel to work.

Where your means are assessed as being higher than the income guidelines, a card may still be given to cover your whole family or an individual member on the grounds of financial hardship, if you have exceptional medical expenses.

You apply on the same form you apply for a Medical Card. The application form is available from your Local Health Office or health centre.

Question

We have just returned from a package holiday in Spain. Unfortunately the holiday was a disaster as we did not have the hotel facilities promised in the brochure. Is there anything I can do about it in terms of making a complaint and getting our money back?

Answer

Yes there is. The Package Holidays and Travel Trade Act 1995 implements an EU Directive and gives you a certain level of protection should the package holiday not be satisfactory or if the operator goes out of business. For you to benefit from this protection, your holiday should be a package holiday, sold at an inclusive price that covers a period of more than 24 hours or overnight accommodation and be made up of a combination of at least two of the following pre-arranged by the operator/organiser:dge

- transport
- Accommodation
- Other tourist services which account for a significant proportion of the package (e.g. golf or fishing).

You are entitled to compensation for financial loss that you have incurred as a consequence of relying on information given to you about your package holiday. Compensation may also be claimed for disappointment at the quality of the holiday.

If the brochure was inaccurate, or things went wrong during the holiday itself, you can look to the tour operator and/or the travel agent for compensation. Your contract must give you at least 28 days from the date the package holiday ended to lodge your complaint.

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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Notes (Cont'd)

If your holiday is altered or cancelled you have the right to either a replacement package of similar or superior quality, a lower grade package plus compensation up to the cost of the original package or a full refund. Alternatively you can sue for breach of contract. If, however, cancellation was caused by factors beyond the organiser's control, or the minimum number for the package was not reached and you were given the required notice of this in writing, you will not be entitled to any compensation.

Question

We are returning to Ireland after living in Germany for a few years. Will we be able to bring our dog with us?

Answer

If you want to import a dog or cat into Ireland from any EU country, except for the UK, your pet must have an EU Pet Passport. This EU Pet Passport certifies that your pet has been identified by means of a microchip and vaccinated against rabies.

Your pet needs a blood test, at least six months before travelling, to certify that the rabies vaccination has worked. Your pet also needs to be treated for tick and tapeworm between 24 and 48 hours before travelling. The test and treatment are also certified on the Passport.

Your pet must travel with you, or with a person acting on your behalf, and must travel on an approved carrier on an approved route. Unaccompanied pets cannot travel to Ireland under the EU Pet Passport System.

Pets coming from other "qualifying" countries must also satisfy these requirements, including microchipping, and must be accompanied by a Veterinary Certificate.

Pets coming from non-qualifying countries or coming from qualifying countries but have not been properly prepared will need an import licence. They will also have to spend six months in quarantine in Ireland on arrival.

Pets coming to Ireland from the UK (or the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man) are not subject to the quarantine or passport requirements and can travel freely.

Question

Can I claim tax relief for third-level tuition fees?

Answer

Yes you can, providing the courses are eligible. Tax relief for third-level tuition fees is available for the following courses:

- Approved undergraduate and postgraduate courses (full-time and part-time) in both private and publicly funded third-level colleges in the State.
- Approved undergraduate and postgraduate courses (full-time and part-time) in both private and publicly funded third-level colleges in any EU member State.
- Approved undergraduate and postgraduate courses (full-time and part-time) operated by colleges in any EU member state providing distance education in this State.
- Postgraduate courses in certain private and publicly funded third-level colleges in non-EU countries.

Undergraduate courses must be of at least 2 years duration. Postgraduate courses must be for at least 1 academic year, but not more than 4 years, and must lead to a postgraduate award based on a thesis or an examination.

Tax relief is also available for approved information technology and foreign language courses in the State resulting in a certificate of competence (not just a certificate of attendance) and of less than 2 years duration.

Tax relief is at the standard rate of income tax (20%). The maximum relief allowable for the academic year 2006/2007 is €5,000. For the information technology and foreign language courses the relief applies to fees ranging from €315 to €1,270 maximum.

The tuition fees must be paid by you on your own behalf or on behalf of your spouse, your child or someone for whom you are the legal guardian. Application forms (IT 31) are available from the Revenue Commissioners website at **www.revenue.ie or telephone Lo-Call 1890 306 706**

A Special Thank You

Gerry and Deirdre McDonnell wish to thank everyone who participated in The Benefit Night which was held in The Newtown Inn on Saturday August the 19th.

A very big thank you to everyone who bought tickets for the event, your generosity was over-whelming. To all those who donated the wonderful spot prizes, both from the business sector and from good friends and neighbours. A very special word of thanks to John and his team from The Newtown Inn who provided the music and the lovely food on the night.

To Dympna and the gang who worked so hard to make the night such a great success.

Thanks once again from The McDonnell's and their extended family's.

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Question

I am going to college in the autumn and I want to know if I will be able to get a grant?

Answer

The Higher Education Grants Scheme provides means-tested grants to eligible students on approved courses. Application forms are available from your local authority which administers the grant. For the academic year 2006/2007 the application must be with the local authority by 31 August 2006.

Number of dependent children	Full maintenance and full fees	Part maint. (75%) and full fees	Part maint. (50%) and full fees	Part maint. (25%) and full fees	Part fees (50%)
Less than 4	€37,365	€39,695	€42,030	€44,365	€46,700
4-7	€41,055	€43,625	€46,190	€48,760	€51,325
8 or more	€44,580	€47,365	€50,150	€52,930	€55,325 The limits can be where there are third-level educational child.

	Non-adjacent rate	Adjacent rate
Full maintenance	€3,110	€1,245
Part maintenance (75%)	€2,335	€ 935
Part maintenance (50%)	€1,555	€ 625
Part maintenance (25%)	€ 780	€ 310 The adjacent rate is paid if you normally reside 15 miles or less from your college. Mature students will receive the non-adjacent rate in all courses.

The scheme is also available to full-time students who are attending full-time undergraduate courses of at least two years' duration in publicly funded third-level institutions in other EU member states, with certain exceptions.

The income limits (for the period 1 Jan-31 December 2005) are as follows:

The maintenance grant rates are as follows:

The Special Rates of maintenance grants for 2006/2007 are €5,970 for non-adjacent rate and €2,390 for the adjacent rate, equivalent to a top-up of €2,860 and €1,145 to the standard rates respectively. The income limit for these grants is €16,748. You must be receiving an eligible social welfare or other payment.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre.

This column has been compiled by the Citizens Information Centre which provides a free and confidential service to the public.



Emmet Stagg T.D.

Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Saving the Trees on Main Street, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley placed the following motion on the Agenda for the Leixlip Area Committee Meeting of the Council on 21st July in order to prevent any of the trees being removed from Main Street, Maynooth:

"That under no circumstances should any trees be removed from Main Street, Maynooth to facilitate traffic management."

Cllr. Gerry McDonagh seconded John's motion. Unfortunately, Cllr.'s Paul Kelly and Senan Griffin would not support the motion and Cllr. McGinley deferred it in the hope that they would change their minds when they had time to consider the views of the general public.

Cllr. John McGinley made the following points in support of his motion:

- ❑ Removing two trees at Bradys/Caulfields to create a left turning lane is pointless as it has already been agreed that Doctors Lane will become one-way from the Dublin Road end and thus creating a permanent left turning lane. It makes nonsense to say that these two trees can be replaced elsewhere as the straight line of trees from the Lime Walk Avenue to the College Gates must be retained. Removing them would destroy the integrity of the 18th century tree lined Main Street as well as the Square.
- ❑ Removing two trees to move the pedestrian lights at the Bank of Ireland a few metres closer to the square beggars belief. These pedestrian lights are a hazard to both pedestrians and motorists and should be removed. Also, they are not required as there are new pedestrian lights at the Roost and another set of lights at the Square. The Council engineers seem to be ignoring the fact that FOUR new pedestrian crossings have been created at the Roost.
- ❑ Removing trees to widen the bus bay at Buckley's borders on the criminal. The good drivers are able to pull fully into the bay at present and the poor drivers will continue to block the road irrespective of how wide the bay is made.

In addition Clause 2.8.5 of the Maynooth Development Plan states:

"It is the policy of the Council to make tree preservation orders for the trees, groups of trees and woodlands listed in section 3.11.4."

The trees listed in 3.11.4 include:

**Main Street
Lime Avenue
Leinster Street
College Lands
Maria Villa
Castle Area**

This section also states **"that a tree survey of trees on Main Street and the Lime Avenue be carried out and replace if necessary"**

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This survey was carried out by Costin & Associates and it called for the immediate removal of one of the trees (at Barry's) and direct replacement. This was done and all of the other remedial work called for in the report has been carried out.

In October 2004 Cllr. John McGinley submitted a motion calling for a tree protection order in line with section 2.8.5 of the Maynooth Development Plan and this was agreed.

When the Council wrote to the Maynooth Community Council on the 29 May 2006 stating that they were proceeding to remove trees to "**achieve maximum efficiency at the traffic lights**", Cllr. McGinley submitted his motion above.

It is Cllr. John McGinley's view that if all four Area Councillors support his motion protecting the trees it is highly unlikely that the Council Engineers will proceed any further. Therefore, John is requesting the people of Maynooth to make their views known to Cllr.'s Senan Griffin and Paul Kelly before the next Leixlip Area Committee Meeting on the 15th September.

Also, the Maynooth Web Site (Maynooth.org) is running an on-line "Save the Trees" Petition and every entry counts.

North Kildare Swimming Pool Complex

On the 26th April 2006 Cllr. John McGinley was given the following progress report on the North Kildare Swimming Pool Complex to be constructed at the Leixlip Amenity Centre:

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

- ❑ *Phase 1. Construction of 6 all-weather pitches costing €250,000. The Tennis club is moving to facilitate this and when the pitches are completed six tennis courts will be built at a cost of €150,000. It is hoped to have Phase 1 completed by September 2006.*
- ❑ *Phase 2. The Athletic Club will move from the back of the Centre to the raised ground close to Louisa Bridge. Funding approval is expected from the Department by end May or early June 2006. The cost of Phase 2 is 500,000.*
- ❑ *Phase 3 is the Swimming Pool Complex and an application for Exchequer Funding will be*

made early next year. It will be a 25m pool, with facilities similar to the new pools being constructed in Naas and Athy. It will cost €7 or €8m."

It therefore came as a great shock to Cllr. McGinley when the Council's Director of Services casually stated at the Council Meeting on the 31st July *"that it would be between one, two or three years before serious progress would be made on the Leixlip pool issue."* Cllr. John McGinley immediately submitted the following motion for the next Leixlip Area Committee Meeting:

"That a detailed progress report on the North Kildare Swimming Pool Complex be given to the meeting, in the light of the comments made by the Director of Services at the July Monthly Meeting of the Council."

Re-opening of Bond Bridge

Cllr. John McGinley was again advised by the Project Manager for Bond Bridge on the 8th August that the 1st September was still the scheduled date for the re-opening of the bridge to pedestrians and cyclists. It is expected to have it opened to vehicles some three weeks later.

Land Between the New Bond Bridge and Silken Vale/The Arches

At the request of Silken Vale/The Arches Residents' Association Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the next Leixlip Area Committee Meeting of the Council:

"That the land between Bond Bridge/Meadowbrook Road and Silken Vale/The Arches housing estate be landscaped with low maintenance shrubs and trees, instead of the proposed high maintenance grass seeding, and that the gate for maintenance access be removed as there will be no need for it."

Carton Action Area Plan Adopted

The Carton Action Area Plan, for the lands either side of the Lime Walk Avenue, was adopted at the Council Meeting on 31st July.

While there are many good features in the Plan, especially the new public park, Cllr. John McGinley and his Labour Party colleagues, along with Independent Cllr. Tony McEvoy, voted against the Plan because of the height and densities of the buildings proposed. There were a total of 31 objections to the Plan and all of these were opposed to the height and densities. Residents will of course have another opportunity to object when Planning Applications are lodged, but it will be much more difficult to win following the a

Party Political

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Adoption of the Action Area Plan.

Castledawson Taking in Charge Update

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following update on the taking-in-charge of Castledawson housing estate by the Council on the 14th August:

"The current developrs 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 had been upgraded".

Recycling Centre in the Public Car Park in Maynooth

When Cllr. John McGinley asked for details, at the Area Meeting on 21st July, on the amount of fines and summons issued since the CCTV cameras have become operative at the recycling centre in Maynooth he was given the following incredible response:

"The CCTV at the recycling centre in Maynooth is not yet fully functional. It is expected that the outstanding technical problems will be resolved in the next two weeks. The Litter wardens will then be in a position to act on all evidence obtained and issue fines as appropriate."

Cllr. McGinley stated that it was beyond belief that the CCTV cameras were still not operating two years after they were supposed to be installed. He asked that he be given regular updates on the amount of fines and summonses issued from now on and this was agreed.

Request for Roundabout at junction of Moyglare Abbey/The Paddocks

At the request of the Residents' Association Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to examine the

possibility of installing a roundabout at the junction of Moyglare Abbey/The Paddocks, in the interests of public safety.

Stagg objects to 3 storey element of development adjoining Carton Court/Greenfield Estate and calls for transfer of Amenity Lands to council.

Deputy Emmet Stagg has along with his colleague Cllr. John McGinley lodged an objection to the proposed development of lands adjoining Carton Court, Greenfield Estate, and Griffinrath Estate near the M4 at Maynooth.

In objecting to the Development Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley raised concerns about aspects of the Development and the Transfer of 6.25 acres of Amenity Land to the Council which is to be developed as a District Park for the Area in line with the Maynooth Development Plan 2002.

In relation to the Transfer of the 6.25 acres of Amenity Land the applicants state that they have no control over this land despite the fact that when their land was zoned in 2002 there was a common owner (The Land now the subject of this planning application was purchased by the applicants sometime after the land was zoned). Deputy Stagg in his submission has called on the Council to seek proposals for the transfer of these lands from the applicant to the Council. The Amenity Land is of no value to anybody so why would somebody buy it or hold onto it. In any event given the way the lands were zoned in 2002 one would assume that the current applicants have some clause in their purchase contract covering the raising of these lands at the planning stage, giving them the option to purchase the Amenity Lands also.

Other issues raised by Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley include the following:

- The proposed 3 Storey Duplex Units are ugly and out of character with the existing built environment in Carton Court, Greenfield Drive and Maynooth Park.
- Similarly 2.5 Storey houses are out of character with the area.
- The lands proposed for development and nearby are subject to serious flooding every Winter. Measures to deal with this during construction and on a permanent basis are required.
- No landscaping proposals have been submitted in relation to the 91 Metre Setback from the Motorway. The bulk of this area

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should be planted with a forest of evergreen trees in order to prevent it becoming an overgrown wilderness and this would also help to reduce traffic noise from the Motorway.

- The proposed mix of housing comprises too many 2 bedroomed units and more 3 and 4 bedroomed family type units should be included in a revised proposal.

In conclusion whilst Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley accept that development will occur on the lands zoned residential it was critical that the aspects of the development which were unsatisfactory and the issue of the transfer of the Amenity Lands to the Council were dealt with now.

Minister confirms Rye Flood Study will commence in 2006

Deputy Emmet Stagg has continued to pressurise the Minister of State for Finance in relation to the commencement of the Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study of the Rye River.

The Minister of State advised Deputy Stagg in the Dail on July 6th that the Office of Public Works are in the process of recruiting additional staff and that the OPW are currently preparing Tender Documents for the appointment of Consultants to carry out the Study. The Minister further advised that the Study will commence this year and that a Steering Committee comprising representatives from the OPW and Kildare Co. Council will oversee the Study.

Welcoming the confirmation that the Study will commence this year Deputy Stagg stated that it was a critical Study given the level of Development presently being experienced in the North Kildare Towns of Kilcock, Maynooth and Leixlip, and the need to eliminate flooding in the area which has been experienced in the past particularly in Leixlip and Maynooth.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he would continue to monitor progress on the issue to ensure that the Study commenced at the earliest possible date.

Stagg rejects O'Donoghues explanation on low Sports Grants for Kildare

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism in the Dail on Thursday 6th July in

connection with the unfair distribution of Sports Capital Grants in 2006 which saw Co. Kildare receiving €8-58 per head of population whilst the National Average was €13-72 per head of population, and he also sought information in relation to the amount of grants sought and awarded by County.

Minister O'Donoghue advised Deputy Stagg that applications under the Sports Capital Programme are assessed under a detailed assessment criteria which takes into account the existing levels of facilities in an area, the number and quality of applications received and population in the area and that every effort is made to achieve a balanced geographical spread of funds throughout the country, whilst also affording priority to projects in areas of social and economic disadvantage. Of the 28 applications for funding from Kildare in 2006, 17 were provisionally approved whilst 11 were unsuccessful, 10 of which the Minister stated failed to meet basic minimum qualifying conditions. The Minister also pointed out that the number of applications from groups in Co. Kildare was down 25% on the years 2003, 2004 and 2005.

Dismissing the Ministers attempts to gloss over the harsh treatment of Co. Kildare Groups, Deputy Stagg stated that of the total amount of grants sought Kildare had received only 33% whilst Kerry had received 42% of Grants Sought, Monaghan 44% and Meath 59%. Under the Programme Grants of up to 70% can be awarded but in the case of one of the successful groups in Co. Kildare, Maynooth Town Soccer Club, the Minister only awarded a 50% Grant. If the Minister had really wanted to assist Co. Kildare Groups he could have given maximum grant aid to take into account the fact that 10 of the applications were not up to scratch. This would have seen our rate per population draw nearer to the average for the Country.

Referring again to the case of Maynooth Town Soccer Club, Deputy Stagg stated that the Ministers reluctance to award the full 70% Grant meant that they would now have to reassess their proposals for the development of dressing rooms and other facilities at their Grounds at Newtown, Maynooth, because the Minister had left them short by €100,000.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg reiterated his contention that Co. Kildare had been badly treated by Minister O'Donoghue and his attempts at trying to explain the small award to the County held no water.

Hanafin Washes her hands on forced merging of classes at Maynooth Boys National School

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Education in the Dail in relation to the entirely

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unacceptable situation at Maynooth Boys National School where through the loss of a teacher for the next school year, 5th and 6th class pupils will be taught in the same classroom and by the same teacher from September next.

The Minister advised Deputy Stagg in the Dail on July 4th that the staffing of a primary school is determined by reference to the enrolment at the school on the 30th September of the previous school year and that any staffing appeals must be made to an Independent Appeals Board. The Minister stated that the next meeting of the Independent Appeals Board is due to be held in October 2006 and that it would be inappropriate for her to intervene in the operation of the process.

Deputy Stagg has reacted angrily to the Ministers washing her hands of the problem by stating that the Board of Management must appeal the decision to an Independent Board. Deputy Stagg further stated that having looked at the criteria for appealing the staffing at Maynooth Boys National School it would appear that an appeal under the circumstances is not covered. Deputy Stagg further criticised the Minister for stating that the Board was independent when it is her as Minister for Education who determines the criteria for appeals.

Deputy Stagg stated that practical flexibility in the running of our National Schools is non existent under this Minister and this Government, and apart from forcing the merging of classes we also have 31% of our pupils being taught in classes of 30 or more in Co. Kildare.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that he would contact the principal of the school with a view to seeing what options were open at this stage given the fact that the Minister couldn't care less.

New census figures show population of 26,266 in Celbridge and Maynooth with no local Authority Town Council

Deputy Emmet Stagg has again criticised the inexplicable reluctance by the Minister for Environment to bring forward regulations under the Local Government Act 2001 to allow for the Establishment of new Town Council's.

The recent Preliminary Census Figures produced last Wednesday stated Deputy Stagg show Celbridge with a population of 14,790 people and Maynooth with a population of 11,476 people. Neither of these towns

have Town Councils where democratically elected people would have power and funding to decide on what's best for the development and enhancement of their Town. Voluntary Community Council's exist in both towns and their members are to be congratulated on the work they do. But real power lies in Town Councils stated Deputy Stagg.

In his most recent response to Deputy Stagg the Minister for Environment refused to give a timeframe for the conclusion of consultations on the setting up of the Local Government Commission which is a prerequisite for the setting up of new Town Councils. If this Commission was set up a proposal for a Town Council in both Celbridge and Maynooth could be made.

Deputy Stagg stated that the really galling thing about all this is that Towns for Historic Reasons have Town Councils with significantly less of a Population than either Celbridge or Maynooth – Such as Trim in Co. Meath –Population 1,581 – Longford Town , Population 7,612 – Kells in Meath – Population 3,663.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that the refusal of this Government and Minister Roche to allow for the setting up of new Town Councils was anti-democratic and an insult to the hard working families of Celbridge and Maynooth.

Contract documentation under preparation for upgrade of the N4 between Leixlip and the M50

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been advised by the Director of Transportation in South Dublin County Council that a Consulting Engineer is at present preparing the Design and Build Contract Documentation for the upgrade of the N4 between Leixlip and the M50.

Deputy Stagg was further advised that a shortlist of suitable contractors was been drawn up to issue the contractual documents to, with a view to having the contract in place early in the New Year and the contractor on site in the second quarter of 2007.

The Improvements planned under this scheme include the following stated Deputy Stagg:

- Widening the Existing Carriageway to 3 lanes in each direction.
- Provision of new Interchange at the Lucan/Newcastle Road junction on the Lucan Bypass.
- Closure of existing Median Crossings along the full length.

Whilst welcoming the slow but steady movement on this important project for the hard pressed commuters from North Kildare who have no option but to travel by car to Dublin daily to work, Deputy Stagg said it was

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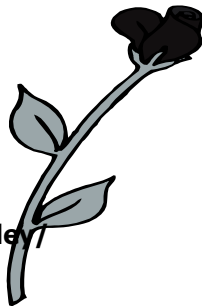
scandalous that this main artery into our Capital City was not upgraded in 2004 as originally intended. The reason the project was not completed then was not South Dublin Co. Council's fault but this Government of Wasters we have who imposed massive cutbacks on infrastructural projects following the 2002 General Election.

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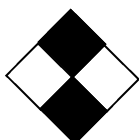


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Bord Pleanala asked to reverse Council decision to widen Weston stopway.

Deputy Catherine Murphy together with Conyboro Residents Pat McCabe & John Farrell have lodged an appeal with An Bord Pleanala against the decision made by Kildare County Council that would allow Weston Aerodrome widen the stopway by 7metres.

The three have pointed out that the stopway which is located at the end of the runway was sought in 1998 for safety reasons however the Irish Aviation Authority at the time pointed out to Kildare County Council that stopway's were frequently sought as an economical first stage in the extension of an existing runway. Since then Kildare County Council have issued both warning letters and at least one enforcement notice because there was evidence of the stopway being used as an extension to the runway.

The appeal refers to a previous Bord Pleanala decision in 2003 in which it was pointed out to Weston that any material change in the type or capacity of existing aircraft using the aerodrome would require a further planning permission. However it points out the enormous increase in the number of helicopter movements in that context yet no planning permission was sought for the substantial change.

Drawing attention to the application made to the Irish Aviation Authority for changes to their Airspace the appeal contains a copy of the proposal submitted by Weston which includes the following quotation;

"The airport infrastructure has been geared towards the handling of executive aircraft. The size of aircraft permitted to use Weston is limited by the runway and taxiway width and strength."

Widening the runway and stopway would obviously allow larger aircraft to take off and land.

The Kildare County Council permission sought details on drainage. Weston is located adjacent to the reservoir which ultimately supplies drinking water to North Kildare, parts of Meath and a significant part of Dublin. They included photographs taken from the reservoir of large drainage pipes with their outfall directly into the reservoir.

The appeal questioned why Kildare sought as a condition lighting and a new entrance when clearly they did not form part of the application.

The three asked An Bord Pleanala to overturn the decision of the Council on the basis that if widened it would allow larger aircraft to land and take off from Weston.

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