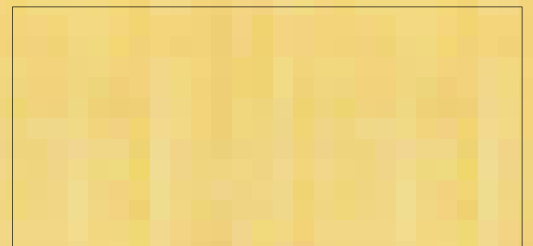


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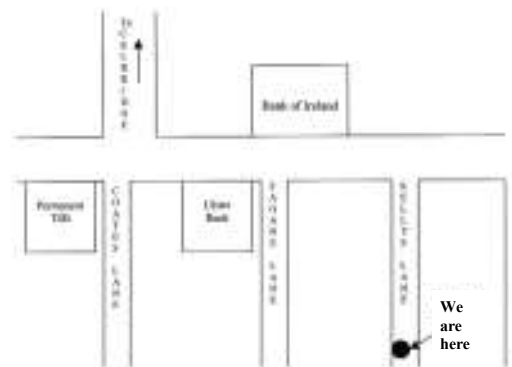
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Editorial

A few short items of interest to note as we approach the run up to the Christmas and New Year holiday.

1. The Maynooth Community Council represented by the Chairperson, Brid Feely, Secretary Muireann Ni Bhrolchain, PRO Marie Gleeson and members Peter Connell and Terry Nealon met in Kildare County Council offices last week with the County Councillors for our area and Council officials to discuss the proposed Community Centre.

The objective of the meeting was to forward progression on the matter and convey to the council our sense of urgency, expectation and determination to bring the matter forward rapidly to the next stage. The next steps include the forwarding of a feasibility study showing the economics of the venture or in effect how the venture can pay for itself by maximizing its utility. Most of this study has already been drafted by Terry Nealon who has vast experience of knowledge of similar projects and the Feasibility study will be presented to the Council in the next month or so. We will be following up with the Council shortly after its presentation.

2. The festive period is upon us and in our busy lives, we are rushing around trying to make sure that presents are bought, Christmas dinners are planned and that we enjoy the period to the maximum we possibly can. Vast sums of money are spent on ensuring that our families have the best of whats on offer and they deserve it too. Let's just try and make an effort to remember the people who will be spending Christmas on their own – the people who have no families to spend time with – widows, senior citizens etc etc. Some of these people are our neighbours and while we try not to be intrusive, it is nice to look out for them and try and give them the option of being included in some small way.

Finally, on behalf of the Community Council, I would like to wish all the residents of Maynooth a very happy Christmas and an equally happy New Year. Any residents wishing or willing to take part in building a better community for Maynooth are welcome to enquire in the Council offices on 01-6285922 anytime.

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

The November meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on Monday the 13th in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Traffic Lights on Main Street

Traffic Lights at the Bank of Ireland are to be turned off, and railings are to be put up. This will only affect the Pedestrian crossing.

Bond Bridge

The new opening date is now the 15th of December. The road down to the Station was to have been updated, but this has not been done yet.

Community/Art Centre

A delegation representing Maynooth Community Council and the Arts Forum made a presentation to Kildare County Council on Friday. Peter Connell spoke on behalf of Maynooth Community Council and Terry Nealon spoke on behalf of the Arts Forum.

Twinning Committees

Hugh Gallagher invited people to be on the board, he said that they are now at the stage where they will need people with ideas. He also said he felt this was a very interesting project.

Local Matters

Irish Rail are to be invited to a meeting of Maynooth Community Council in January 07. The situation with cars parking in estates is increasing, the question being what can Irish Rail do to improve parking.

Harbour Field

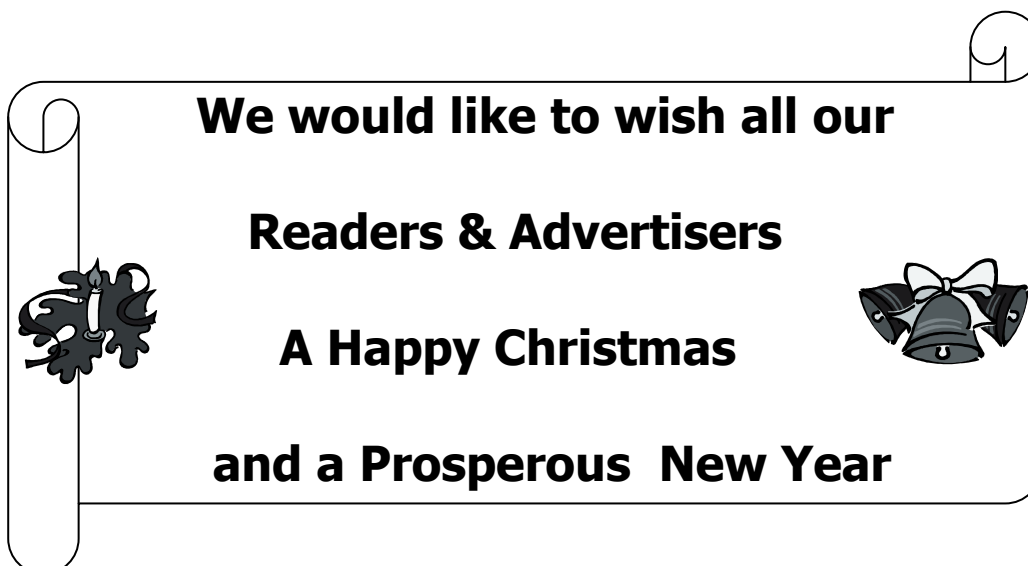
Kildare County Council needs to know what is happening and what we want in the Harbour Field. It was suggested that all weather type courts and places for hard court games would be needed here. It was noted that the Scouts will be relocated here. This area will become the heart of the town, and with the Geraldine Hall, Community/Arts Centre, and the development of the Harbour Field this will be a wonderful amenity for Maynooth.

Amenity Lands on Moyglare Road

Peter Connell called for an update of what is happening regarding amenity lands on the Moyglare Rd. The schools, and the G.A.A., and the community are loosing out big time here. Paul Croughan said the land swap is the only way to get things going, but that it may not be the best way. He also said he felt that Kildare County Council are not at fault.

The next Community Council meeting will be held on **11th December 2006** in the Glenroyal Hotel.

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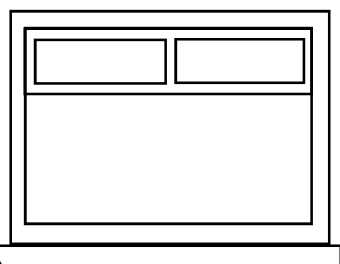
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File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
06/2278	Michael McLoughlin	Smithstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	19/10/06	Construct a silage pit and concrete apron.	Smithstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2284	Nicholas & Caroline Byrne	16 Rockfield Grove Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	19/10/06	Construct a porch to front of existing dwelling house.	16 Rockfield Grove Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2280	Joe & Mary Murphy	6 Leinster Pk Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	19/10/06	Demolition of existing dwelling house, construction of 2 no detached dormer bungalows, and associated site works, provide for new and revised existing site entrance arrangements, also to provide for connection to existing public services.	6 Leinster Pk Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2295	James Stephen Corr	54 Doneybrook Castle Donnybrook Dublin 4	P	19/10/06	Single storey house extension of approx 35sqm and a first floor balcony all the rear and side.	49 Leinster Wood South Carton Demesne Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2308	Farrell O'Boy	Greenfield Moneycooley Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	20/10/06	(a) demolition of existing sub-standard single storey rear extension of existing two storey end of terrace house. (b) construction of two storey rear extension to existing two storey house © change of use of existing two storey house	1 Pound Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2307	Tommy Richardson	519/520 Newtown Rd Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	20/10/06	Retention of bungalow and domestic garage as constructed and all associated site works.	519/520 Newtown Rd, Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2351	P & M Tocair	Curraville The Curragh Co. Kildare	P	26/10/06	11.5sq.m conservatory extension and to install a door and balcony on the southwest elevation of an existing permitted dwelling (existing area is 260sq.m) and associated works.	65 Leinster Wood Carton Demesne, Maynooth, Co. Kildare
06/2378	Kieran O'Malley	1 The Green Double Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	31/10/06	Convert the existing ground floor study and utility into a one bedroom granny flat.	1 The Green Double Lane Maynooth, Co. Kildare
06/2405	Patrick Gina Power	6 Rockfield Green Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	02/11/06	Erect a first floor extension to side of existing garage conversion with utility room extended below, a single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling house and also porch to front of existing dwelling house.	6 Rockfield Green Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare

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Christmas

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06/2414	Irene Kavanagh	Radio Property Dept 02 Ireland 28/29 Sir John Rogersons Quay Dublin 2	P	03/11/06	The existing base station installation consisting of no 2 panel antennas and 1 link dish measuring 0.6m in diameter all shrouded on and existing 15m floodlight structure and equipment container on ground level.	Maynooth GAA Club Moyglare Rd, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.
06/2412	Edward Power	Kilmurray Clane Co. Kildare	P	03/11/06	2 no dwelling units in a dormer type bungalow	347 Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2447	Padraig, Brian & Joe McHale	Taghadoo Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	08/11/06	Construct a single storey administrative building (256 sq.m) as requested in pl ref 05/2808 and including pro shop, seating area toilets. Reception and storage and all associated site works.	Taghadoo Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2442	Pat & Theresa Mooney	Celebridge Rd Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	08/11/06	The erection of a 2 storey dwelling house, domestic double garage, new waste water treatment plant, site development works landscaping entrance gates and piers.	Mooneycooley Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2450	Stephen Byrne	Donadea Naas Co. Kildare.	P	08/11/06	Construction of a bungalow, detached garage, bison treatment system and all ancillary site works.	Kealstown, Ladychapel Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2480	Emmet House Eastern vocational enterprises ltd	138-40 Thomas St Dublin 8	P	10/11/06	Single storey, flat roofed extension (41sq.m) to the south of the existing kitchen/ dining block to accommodate relocated enlarged kitchen with roof-light and plain rendered finish, it is within the cartilage of a protected structure	Larine Court The Square Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2504	Mary Murray	Donaghstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	15/11/06	Of a conservatory at the rear of my bungalow type dwelling and the proposed conversion of a flat roof to a pitched roof at the rear of my dwelling and all associated site works	Donaghstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2506	Brian McCann	Treadstown House Treadstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	16/11/06	Erection of a lined farm slurry storage lagoon on our farm	Treadstown House Treadstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2520	John Owen	Divine Word Missionaries Mariavilla Moyglare Rd Maynooth	P	17/11/06	Single storey side extension as 2 classrooms and associated car parking	Mariavilla Moyglare Rd Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2527	Mick Keaveney	58 Parklands Court Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	17/11/06	Porch extension to front façade	58 Parklands Court Maynooth Co. Kildare

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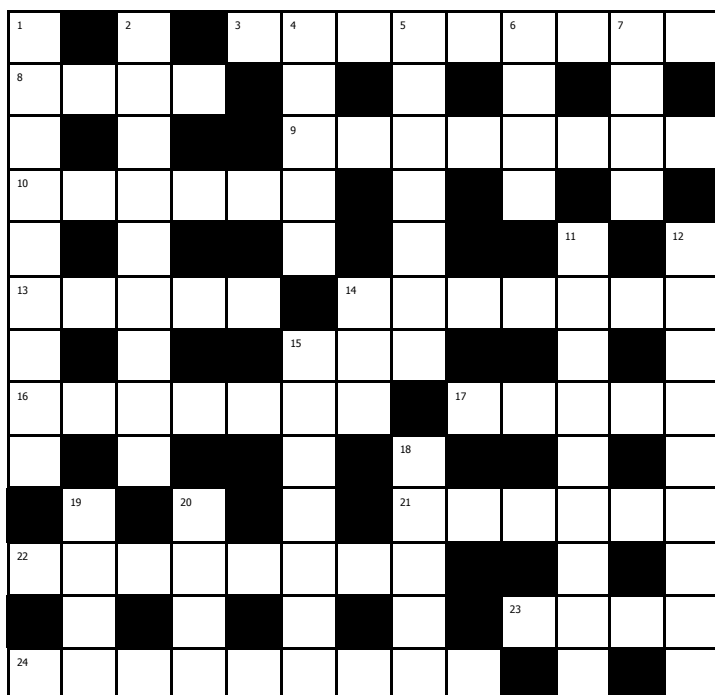
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10. Cry for more (6)
13. Opera by Puccini (5)
14. Childbirth assistant (7)
15. Actor, - - - Cruise (3)
16. Plant with red stalks (7)
17. Panache (5)
21. Lubricating (6)
22. Cabbage salad (8)
23. Flat-bottomed boat (4)
24. English racecourse (9)

Ship's Down:

1. The Poseidon- - -, film (9)
2. Yellow flower (9)
4. Tricked (5)
5. Provisional (7)
6. Ambush (4)
7. Small valley (4)
11. Full of vitality (9)
12. Set apart (9)
14. Unruly crowd (3)
15. Caravan (7)
18. David- - -, rock-star (5)
19. Prod (4)
20. Ship's wheel (4)

Doodle Box

Across:

1. Compete, 7. Widen, 8. Decorum, 9. Jetsam, 11. Screw, 13. Vine, 14. Tax-free, 15. Wray, 16. Music, 17. Resort, 21. Vatican, 22. Wench, 23. Measles.

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Caring for houseplants makes for a great hobby during the long winter months, and even through the year. Many gardeners refuse to twiddle their green thumbs as the long winter months keep them indoors. Rather, they actively extend their gardening pleasure throughout the winter by tending to a wide array of indoor plants. Another big benefit of indoor gardening is there is nothing more relaxing than gardening, so if the Christmas rush is getting you down, take some time for yourself and give your plants some t.l.c.

Christmas is the time for giving and receiving flowering potted plants. A bright, colourful azalea, Christmas begonia, chrysanthemum or a gaily decorated poinsettia, Kalanchoe, or Christmas cactus added to the other decorations in the home give the holiday season a festive air.

If care is taken of these plants, they can be enjoyed not only during the holidays but will remain attractive far into January and even February if properly cared for. Care of Christmas plants is easy. Faithful attention will add days and even weeks of life to any of these popular Christmas plants.

Temperature is Important

Temperature has an important influence on the length of time a flowering house plant will remain attractive. The poinsettia is especially sensitive to chilling, and a prolonged chill will cause it to lose its leaves. The plant should be placed in the coolest part of the room, but not in a cold draft. This means away from radiators and other sources of heat. A temperature of 65 degrees at night is satisfactory but 60 degrees is still better for most of the flowering potted plants. In fact, cyclamen like a 50 degree night temperature.

Watch the Watering!

The method of watering also can determine the life of a plant. Many people drown their plants by watering at regular intervals, not considering whether the plant needs. The roots of plants need air as well as water, and excessive amounts of water do not allow a place for air in the soil. Over watering literally smothers the plant roots. Proper watering calls for a little thoughtfulness and often the exercise of restraint. Water should be applied in sufficient quantities to thoroughly soak the soil in the pot and no more watering should take place until the soil approaches dryness again. Plants should be checked for dryness daily but not watered if the soil is still moist. Do not immerse the pot in water—water from the top.

Lots of Light

Remember that most holiday plants have been out of a greenhouse only a short period. The difference between a greenhouse environment and a typical indoor room is usually considerable. In the home as much light as possible should be provided. A dark bedroom, hall, entrance foyer, or living room does not have optimum growing conditions. Place your plants where they receive the morning sun. Poor light will cause leaf drop. And remember, if you place a plant on a windowsill, remove it before you pull the curtains or it will surely die of the cold!

Although the humidity in a house is not easily altered, plants will do best in an area of the house where the humidity is the greatest. This is usually in the cooking area. It often helps if plants are set on pebble-filled saucers with water maintained at a level just below the base of the pot so that it does not touch the water.

By giving your Christmas pot plants the best environmental conditions of proper temperature, adequate water, and good light, they will furnish an attractive display for a longer time.



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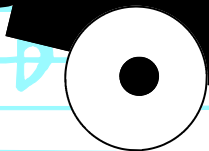
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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Notes

Question

I understand that the names of some social welfare payments have been changed. Can you please give the details?

Answer

You are correct. A number of payments from the Department of Social and Family Affairs have been renamed. A new pension scheme has also been introduced.

The new names are as follows:

Old Name	New Name
Unemployment Benefit	Jobseeker's Benefit
Unemployment Assistance	Jobseeker's Allowance
Disability Benefit	Illness Benefit
Unemployability Supplement*	Incapacity Supplement*
Orphan's (Contributory) Allowance	Guardian's Payment (Contributory)
Orphan's (Non-Contributory) Pension	Guardian's Payment (Non-Contributory)
Retirement Pension	State Pension (Transition)
Old Age (Contributory) Pension	State Pension (Contributory)
*part of the Occupational Injuries Benefit Scheme	

A new payment called the State Pension (Non-Contributory) has been introduced. It replaces the Old Age (Non-Contributory) Pension.

In addition to the changes to payment names, changes have also been introduced for people getting certain payments from the Department when they reach age 66.

People getting Invalidity Pension or State Pension (Transition) will automatically transfer to State Pension (Contributory). Those getting Blind Pension, Widow's and Widower's Non-Contributory) Pension, One-Parent Family Payment, Deserted Wife's Allowance and Prisoner's Wife Allowance will **not** continue to receive their payment when they reach 66 years of age. They will have to apply for the State Pension (Non-Contributory) and should do so 3 months before they reach age 66.

Question

If a couple who were engaged to be married end the engagement, what happens to any wedding gifts they may have received?

Answer

The Family Law Act 1981 covers what should happen to wedding gifts if an engagement ends. It allows for legal action where there is a dispute over property or finances between a couple or involving a third party following a broken engagement.

When two people who are engaged give gifts (including an engagement ring) to each other, there is a presumption that they are given on the condition that the gifts will be returned (if the donor requests) should the engagement end. If one of the engaged couple dies, however, it is presumed that the gifts the deceased gave were given without any conditions, so the surviving fiancé(e) can keep the gifts.

Where someone gives an engaged couple or one of the couple a wedding gift, there is a presumption (unless there is evidence to the contrary), that it is given to both of them as joint owners. It is also presumed that the gift will be returned (if the donor requests) should the engagement end and the marriage does not take place for any reason. This includes the death of one of the engaged couple.

Where an engagement has ended and one of the couple has incurred substantial expenses in preparation for the marriage (and hasn't benefited from the expenses), that person may apply to the courts for compensation. These expenses might include, for example, expenses incurred in booking the wedding reception or honeymoon. A third party (such as a family member or friend), who similarly incurs substantial expenditure in preparation for the marriage on behalf of one of the couple, and has not benefited, may also apply to the courts for compensation.

Under Section 44 of the Family Law (Divorce) Act 1996, dispute about property between a couple whose engagement has ended are treated in the same way as disputes between a married couple who are separating or divorcing. This only applies to property in which either or both of them had a beneficial interest while they were engaged. It does not apply to property acquired after the engagement ended.

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Know your rights

Question

I am not included in the Register of Electors and therefore will not be able to vote in next year's election. How do I register?

Answer

A new Electoral Register is compiled each year by each local authority and it is published on 1 November. You have until 25 November to make a correction or have your name included. You can inspect the draft Register in Garda stations, public libraries, post offices and local authority offices.

To be included in the Register you must be at least 18 years of age on 15 February, the day the Register comes into force. You must also have been ordinarily resident in the State on 1 September in the year before it comes into force.

If you miss the deadline for inclusion in the Register you can apply for inclusion in the Supplement to the Register at any time. To be able to vote, however, you must apply at least 15 working days before polling day. You must also be at least 18 years of age on polling day.

Application forms to register are available from Garda stations, public libraries, post offices and local authority offices.

If you are already on the Register of Electors but have now moved to another local authority area you can apply for inclusion in the Register at your new address. Your name will be deleted from the original Register.

Question

Is there a special payment that someone gets when they reach 100 years of age?

Answer

Yes there is. It is called the Centenarian's Bounty.

The Centenarian's Bounty is a national award made by the Irish President which is paid to all those resident in Ireland on their 100th birthday. It is usually presented on behalf of the President by a local member of the clergy or a friend of the person. The person receives €2,540 and a letter of congratulations signed by the President.

Since March 2006, the Centenarian's Bounty is extended to centenarians who were born in the Irish State and are Irish citizens, but who left Ireland to take up permanent residence abroad.

Information about those who are about to reach the age of 100 years and who are getting a pension from the Department of Social and Family Affairs is forwarded automatically to the office of the President in advance of their birthday. The office of the President then makes the award to the person.

Information about those resident in Ireland who are not receiving a social welfare pension, and those Irish citizens abroad who are now included, should be forwarded to the President's residence at:

Centenarian's Bounty, Áras an Uachtaráin, Phoenix Park, Dublin, 8. Tel: (01) 6170000, Loc-Call 1890 430 320.

When it is verified that the person is liable for the bounty, the award is made.

Since 2000, the President has also marked the birthday of each person resident in Ireland over the age of 100 years. On his or her 101st and every subsequent birthday, he/she receives a special commemorative coin in a presentation box, along with a congratulatory letter signed by the President. A new coin is designed for each year.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre.

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Useful Hints



Christmas Food Safety

Over 100,000 people in Ireland could suffer from acute gastroenteritis during the Christmas holidays according to the website Safe-food.com, While food poisoning is only one of the possible causes of this condition, almost a quarter of respondents in a recent survey suspected that their illness was due to consuming contaminated food or water.

Food poisoning is a particular problem at Christmas for a variety of reasons:-

- The fridge is usually overloaded
- Food is often left out on tables for long periods
- Catering for large numbers is a challenge in a domestic kitchen
- In the rush people can forget the food safety practices they would normally adhere to; such as washing their hands between preparing raw and cooked food
- Leftovers are left out at room temperature for more than two hours.

However the most common danger is from under-cooked turkey. As a poultry, uncooked turkey can contain the *campylobacter* bacterium so it's vitally important that you **cook your turkey** thoroughly to avoid giving anyone food poisoning.

Cooking Turkey

Everybody has a different method of cooking the turkey. Some people slow cook them in the simmer section of the Aga over 24 hours, some people part cook them so there's only an hour or so left on Christmas day, others cook them on Christmas eve and reheat on Christmas day.

Start the cooking process by heating the turkey to an initial high temperature (72 degrees C) in order to kill the bacteria after which normal slow cooking or part-cooking can occur.

Temperature

Raw meat may contain bacteria, which can give you food poisoning. Adequate cooking can kill these bacteria. Temperature and time settings for cooking your turkey are dependent on your oven.

The following are approximate cooking times for turkeys in an oven, which is at 180° C/35° /gas mark 4

Time

The time for cooking a turkey is dependent on its size and whether it is stuffed or unstuffed.

	Cooking Time	
Size of Turkey	Stuffed Turkey	Unstuffed Turkey
8—12 lbs/3.5—5.5kg	3hrs 20 min—4 hrs 40 min	3hrs—4hrs 20 min
12—14lbs/5.5—6.5kg	4hrs 40min—5hrs 20 min	4hrs 20 min—5 hrs
14—18 lbs/6.5—8kg	5hrs 20 min—6 hrs 40min	5 hrs—6 hrs 20 min
18—20 lbs/8—9 kg	6 hrs—40 min—7 hrs 20 min	6hrs 20min—7 hrs
20-24 lbs/9-11 kg	7hrs 20 min—8 hrs 40 min	7hrs—8hrs 20 min.

Stuffing the turkey?

The safest way to cook stuffing is outside the bird. If you prefer to cook it inside the bird the best way to do it is as follows:

- Prepare stuffing just before cooking
- Stuff the neck region of the bird
- Allow an extra 20 mins for cooking when the bird is stuffed

How do you know when the turkey is cooked?

When the bird is fully cooked the juices should run clear, not pink. A helpful tip is to make sure the bird is cooked thoroughly, just pierce the thickest part of the drumstick and check the juices are clear in colour.

Follow these guidelines to ensure that you have a very merry and safe Christmas.


Catering for large numbers is a challenge in a domestic kitchen





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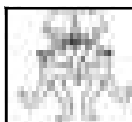
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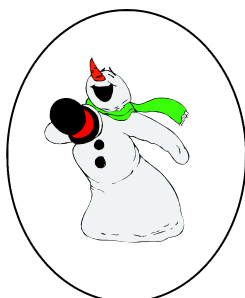
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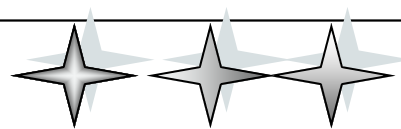


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Christmas Recipes



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TURKEY PIE



Ingredients

- 1 lb/500g cooked turkey cut into chunks
- 80z/225g puff pastry
- 1 tin chicken soup
- 1 tin mushroom soup or natural yogurt
- Cup frozen peas
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 onions
- Salt and pepper
- Milk or beaten egg to glaze the pastry

Method

Mix the turkey, soup, natural yogurt, peas, lemon juice, onions, salt and pepper and turn into a casserole dish

Roll out the pastry to about half an inch thickness and cover the casserole

Glaze the pastry with milk or beaten egg

Bake in the oven at 200° /400° /gas mark 6 for 25 minutes

Ham Patties

Mix ground ham with an egg, breadcrumbs, a pinch of sage and pepper. Shape into patties and fry in butter. Serve hot in burger buns.

Christmas colcannon

Chop ham into small pieces and mix into creamed potatoes, cauliflower and leaks. Serve piping hot as a main dish with a little mustard.

Leftover tips

Turkey that is left over should be taken off the bone, cut into small pieces and placed in a shallow dish. Once refrigerated the food should be eaten within 3 days.



CRANBERRY KISSEL (Russian)



kissel (or kisses) is a fruit dessert with a soup-like consistency. The word means sour, so tart berries such as cranberries or raspberries are best, but other fruits such as red or white currants, plums or rhubarb can also be used. This dish is delicious when served with pancakes or waffles and is sometimes used in savoury sauces in the same way you would use redcurrant jelly.

Preparation time: 15 minutes

+ Two hours refrigeration

Total cooking time: 15 minutes

Serves 4

2 lemons

375 g/12 oz sugar

600 g (1¼ lb) cranberries (fresh or frozen)

2 teaspoons cornflour

1 teaspoons orange juice

Yogurt cream

250 ml/8fl oz cream

125 ml/4 fl oz natural yogurt

115 g/4 oz soft brown sugar

1. Remove the peel from the lemons in large strips with a vegetable peeler, avoid the white pith. Place the peel, sugar, cinnamon sticks and 375 ml/12 fl oz water into a saucepan and stir over low heat until the sugar has dissolved. Bring to the boil, reduce the heat and simmer for 5 minutes.
2. Rinse the cranberries (not necessary if frozen) and remove any stems. Add the cranberries to the hot syrup, return to the boil and simmer for 10 minutes, or until the skins have split. Remove from the heat and set aside to cool.
3. When cool, remove and discard the peel and cinnamon sticks. Remove about ½ cup of the berries and reserve. Blend or process the remaining mixture until smooth, return to the saucepan and add the reserved whole berries. Blend the cornflour and orange juice over medium heat for 5 minutes, or until the mixture boils and thickens. Serve cold or warm with yoghurt cream.
4. For the yogurt cream, beat the cream in a bowl until soft peaks form, then fold the yoghurt through. Transfer to a small bowl and sprinkle with the sugar. Refrigerate, covered, for 2 hours.

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**A report by Sandra Gillick (Nevin) from 56 Greenfield Drive
who ran the Marathon for her chosen charity**



This year on 5th November I completed the New York City Marathon. I was also collecting for my chosen charity: The Fr. John Nevin Pakiston Scholarship Fund for Children. I wish to thank all those who sponsored and supported me, especially the generosity of family and friends in Maynooth. I collected to date €2,464.80.

Each person who sponsored me was given the opportunity to predict my finishing time, where the nearest time would win a voucher. My finishing time was 4 hours 9 mins and 2 seconds, and the voucher was sponsored by Michael Gillick Driving School went to David O' Hanlon from Palmerstown, Co. Dublin.

It was a great trip and I was delighted to be accompanied by my husband Johnny Nevin, son Jack, daughter Molly and my parents Mick and Margaret Gillick.
Thank you again.

Yours in sport Sandra Gillick.

***May the saddest day of your future be no worse
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Horoscopes



ARIES—March 21—April 20th

You are in the party mood and your high spirits will last long in to the holiday season. Be careful of falls as something could get broken. Also be careful of over-eating on Christmas Day. You will be busy on Christmas Eve. CHRISTMAS CAROL: AWAY IN A MANGER



LIBRA—September 24—October 23

You shine this holiday season and there could be some news to make this year one you will remember for a long time. Don't forget Santa on Christmas Eve. - there could be a chance of last minute shopping. CHRISTMAS CAROL/SONG: JOY TO THE WORLD



TAURUS—April 21—May 21

You will be remembering past Christmases this year. Nonetheless you will enjoy Christmas this year and there is a chance you will be up late Christmas Eve putting the finishing touches to your Christmas tree and Christmas gifts. A late arrival for lunch Christmas day will surprise you with some news. CHRISTMAS CAROL/SONG: THE CHRISTMAS SONG



SCORPIO—October 24—Nov 22

It's a quiet Christmas for you this year and a well earned break. However the family will keep you from being bored, and fun and games will be had by all. You may find your self at the panto and joining in the fun and games. CHRISTMAS CAROL/ SONG: IN THE BLEAKER MID WINTER



GEMINI—May 22—June 22

You will be in demand in the week coming up to the holiday season with invites to parties. You may be called upon to sing a carol or too which will put you into the Christmas spirit. CHRISTMAS CAROL/SONG: JINGLE BELLS



CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan. 20

Santa will come with something special for you this Christmas. Enjoy the festive foods as it's only once a year and its nice to celebrate with family and friends and enjoy plenty of laughs as well. CHRISTMAS CAROL/ SONG: SANTA 'S COMING TO TOWN



CANCER—June 23—July 23

You will be feeling pleased with yourself because you have everything done before Christmas Eve. Someone special is thinking of you this holiday season. Go easy on the mince pies! CHRISTMAS CAROL/SONG: WHITE CHRISTMAS



SAGITTARIUS—Nov. 23—Dec. 21

Christmas Eve starts well and you could have a visitor bringing good news which will make the season a joyful one. Make sure you have not forgotten anything for Christmas day and every one should enjoy the day. CHRISTMAS CAROL / SONG: DRIVING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS



LEO—July 24—August 23

You're dreaming of the perfect Christmas and you would like to spend it with some one special. However this someone is not thinking of you and the best thing you can do is get together with some friends and enjoy the season joy and try and forget them. CHRISTMAS CAROL/ SONG: LAST CHRISTMAS



AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb. 19

It's possible that the New Year will see a new arrival in the family! You would love to go to the sales but cash is tight—not to worry by mid month money will come your way. CHRISTMAS CAROL SONG HAPPY NEW YEAR "ABBA".



Virgo—August 24—September 23

Like Leo you would like the perfect Christmas this year. There's lots to see and do and your family and friends will make it one you won't forget. Plenty of everything nice on Christmas Day. CHRISTMAS CAROL/SONG FAIRYTALE: OF NEW YORK



PISCES—February 20—March 20

There will be a party in the house Christmas day buy be careful the turkey does not burn and the potatoes dry up while you are having fun! You will enjoy the holidays and have a good new year. CHRISTMAS CAROL/ SONG: ONCE IN A ROYAL DAVID CITY



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Mistletoe



More than any of the evergreens, the mistletoe has inspired fascination throughout history, held in esteem for its medicinal and magical properties. Many traditions and customs have arisen from the beliefs in the power of mistletoe,, but the kissing origins remain obscure. Druids used the plant as an aphrodisiac and in Scandinavian tales it symbolises peace and love. Until the arrival of Christmas trees, the kissing bough held centre stage at Christmas when a berry was placed with each kiss until none were left.

Holly



The tradition of holly decoration lies with the early pagans of Europe, who brought holly inside in the winter to provide fairies with a warm place to sleep. The Romans sent holly branches with presents during the December festival of Saturnalia, believing the prickly leaves drove evil spirits away.

Ivy



Ivy has been a popular decoration over the centuries and was once thought to possess powers of protection against house goblins that were at their most malicious in winter. The custom of decorating homes with ivy and evergreens dates back to pre-Christian times when they were associated with the power of eternity and represented life continuing through the winter.

Frankincense and Myrrh

Both in the time of the three wise men and today, frankincense and myrrh are commonly used to create incense. You mix frankincense with things like spices, seeds and roots to create different aromas

Frankincense

Frankincense has long been valued for the sweet-smelling fumes it produces when burnt. Ancient Egyptians used the resin in religious rites, in anointing the mummified bodies of their kings, and to treat wounds and sores. Incense containing frankincense was found in Tutankhamen's tomb. In the Christian faith, frankincense was one of the three gifts given to the infant Jesus by the Wise Men. It is still used in religious ceremonies by the Parsis, cultural descendants of the Wise Men.

Both in the time of the three wise men and today, frankincense and myrrh are commonly used to create incense. You mix frankincense with things like spices, seeds and roots to create different aromas. Traditionally you burn the powered incense in a censer or on a small stand.

Frankincense is the resin produced by various trees in the genus *Boswellia*. The trees grow in the dry areas of north-eastern Africa and southern Arabia. The resin is harvested by nomadic tribes, who visit the trees periodically. They make small cuts in the bark and return to collect the 'tears' of solidified whitish resin a few weeks later. Trees can yield several kilograms of resin each year.

Myrrh is a yellowish-red sweet-smelling resin. It oozes from damaged bark of certain trees in the genus *Commiphora*. The resin gums up the mouthparts of attacking insects such as termites and its antibiotic properties protect the trees against infection through wounds in their bark. Ancient Egyptians used the resin to preserve mummies—its antibiotic quantities reduced decay, it helped to prevent the tissues falling apart, and it smelt sweet. Myrrh has been used from remote ages as an ingredient in incense, perfumes, etc., in the holy oil of the Jews and *Kyphi* of the Egyptians for embalming and fumigations.





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Maynooth – a great place to live!

by Trish Groves

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Maynooth is best seen on foot, because it's a place to live, not a place to drive through. You can drive down Main Street in less than a minute, and at first glance you might think there's not much to it. Once you start exploring on foot, though, you'll quickly start to discover the hidden side of Maynooth; if you're the kind of person who likes to hunt down bargains on holiday, you'll love Maynooth!

A Home You CAN Afford

Why live in a shoe box in Dublin, when you can buy a spacious home in Maynooth for the same price? If you don't believe me, then spend a few minutes comparison shopping on www.myhome.ie and prepare to be amazed. Then contact any one of Maynooth's excellent estate agents – Bradys Property Partners, Coonans, Matt Bruton, O'Sullivan's and Remax Progressive - and come and arrange a viewing straight away! Not every property for sale or rent is listed online, so ask them what else they have on their books – you may find exactly what you're looking for.

If you don't want to buy right now, there are some lovely homes to rent in Maynooth, at very reasonable prices. A single person or couple can rent a bijou apartment (agent-speak for tiny, but perfect if you just want somewhere to crash out and store your toothbrush 'cos you're out enjoying life!) Or would you prefer a spacious family home with a huge open-plan kitchen? With a sunny garden for relaxing in? Or a conservatory for lazy Sunday breakfasts?

Whatever kind of home you want, you'll find it in Maynooth. Stroll down the Main Street and have a look at the listings in the estate agents' windows and call in for a chat; most of them are open on Saturday mornings.

Appliances and Furniture

Once you've chosen your new home in Maynooth, you need to think about appliances and furniture. Ever felt pressured by a smooth-talking salesman to buy the SensoMatic Auto Toast Extreme for 'only' €165 when all you want is an economy two-slice toaster? Or bought a sofa that's so big the delivery man has to take off all your doors to get it into your living room only to find there's no room left for your coffee table?

That won't be a problem if you shop locally in Maynooth. For appliances, simply write a list of what you really need, then go and talk to Ger or Mark in Three Pin Electrical in Court House Square (phone (01) 6291104, open 9am to 6pm Monday to Friday, and 9.30am to 1pm on Saturday). Three Pin is a tiny little shop which is always packed with useful items like those fiddly light bulbs you can never find for your cooker hood. For bigger white goods like washing machines and cookers, Ger and Mark will order them in especially for you. They will order in exactly what you want, at a price that won't break the bank.

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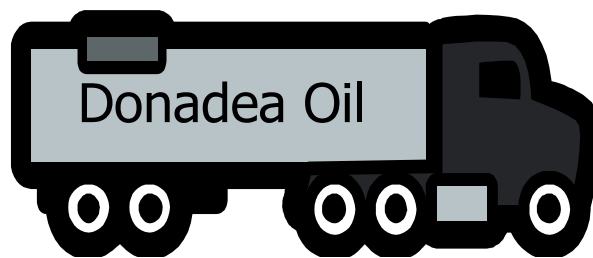
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Features

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From ABC to PhD - Education in Maynooth

They say Maynooth is the only place in Ireland where you can start your education in a crèche singing ABC, and then grow up to receive a PhD, without ever leaving the town.

There are plenty of childminders, crèches, playschools and montessories for pre-schoolers in Maynooth; word of mouth is always the best recommendation, so ask other parents for their advice. There are three primary schools – one for boys, one for girls and a mixed Gaelscoil. For post-primary students there is the ever-expanding Maynooth Post-Primary and, at third level, students can choose between St Patrick's College and the NUI Maynooth, with degrees covering everything from arts to physics, and computing to philosophy.

Shopping without Dropping

Maynooth now has four major supermarkets – Aldi, Dunnes, Lidl and Tesco – and five smaller convenience stores, Centra, Mace, Spar, Londis and Super-Valu, and a host of other shops. Some stores are open 24 hours, so no matter what time of day you run out of milk, there's always somewhere open nearby.

Dunnes Stores is the anchor tenant in the new Manor Mills shopping centre, which is well worth a visit. Check out the full range of shops at www.manormills.ie. And when you're finished shopping, you can enjoy the lovely view from the coffee shop over the leafy grounds of Maynooth Castle and St Patrick's college.

Chatting, Relaxing and Making Friends

Economists say that you can tell a town is on an upward curve when you see loads of coffee shops appearing; they call it the 'cappuccino effect', and you can see it in operation in Maynooth. In recent years, nearly every pub in Maynooth has been refurbished, new chefs have been hired and there are dozens of places to eat out.

From takeaway to gourmet, you'll find something to suit your palate in Maynooth.

OK, so what's the catch?

Yeah, right, you say, it sounds lovely, but there must be a catch somewhere! Sadly, like everywhere in Ireland, the main problem everyone talks about in Maynooth is the traffic. So far, all parking in Maynooth is free, but there's very little of it, and most of it is taken up by commuters who, quite sensibly, park-n-ride. This really only leaves the supermarket car parks, which have strict time limits.

The road infrastructure in Maynooth seems to have been designed so that when it gets busy, everyone gets stuck behind vehicles trying to make a right-hand turn. The traffic lights at the Bank of Ireland and The Roost pub seem to be the worst. The Glenroyal junction has no lights so is the worst one for pedestrians, with poor visibility for traffic. It's a very wide junction, and perhaps a 'pedestrian refuge' would help – that's one of those raised areas with safety railings so pedestrians can cross half-way and then wait until it's safe to cross the other half.

With the explosion of housing development and new businesses in Maynooth in the last eighteen months, and it will be interesting to see if the infrastructure and services can keep up. Most of the schools in Maynooth are busy with extensions, and even the NUI has expanded. Luckily, so far Maynooth has not had to issue a warning to parents about a lack of school places, which is a real problem in Newbridge and Kill.

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Maynooth Town F.C. **Clubhouse Development Draw** **Local Prize Draw Winners:** **October**



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1st Prize	€500	Sam Feeney	Lenny Murphy
2nd Prize	€200	Mary Lynn	Paul Keogh
3rd Prize	€100	Bernie Mooney	Ger Thompson
4th Prize	€100	John O'Neill & Dee Tobin	Declan Foley
5th Prize	€50	Eugene & Mary Brown	Ger Thompson
6th Prize	€50	John Rooney	Joe Walsh
(Bonus Prize)	Hotel Mini Break	Joanne Barry	Ronan Barry

Other Maynooth Town F.C. Prize Winners

Ticket Number	Prize Number	Prize	Winner	Sold By:
200	38	Set of 6 Cavan Crystal Wine Glasses	Anna Cullen	Tommy Daly
787	70	Framed Mirror	Collette Kavanagh	Tommy Daly
672	90	Framed Mirror	Mary Noone	Mickey Noone
675	103	Framed Mirror	Noel & Marie McGovern	Tom McGovern
101	113	Framed Mirror	Liam Aspil	Tommy Daly
280	117	Framed Mirror	Mick Byrne	Gerry Folan
258	127	Framed Mirror	Marie/Olive Murray	Derek Murray
383	171	Framed Picture	Margaret O'Dell	Declan Byrne

Next Draw: 24th November 2006

**Full Official Prize List available from Seamus Thompson—
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Local prizes will be sent out this week.**



Maynooth Town F.C.

Clubhouse Development Draw

Main Prize Draw Winners:

October



Prize	Winner
€20,000 Car	Martin Murphy, 56 Pearse Road, Enniscorthy
Hotel Mini Break	c/o All Ireland Karate Association
Hotel Mini Break	Elizabeth/Mattie Callaghan, 14 Straffan Way, Maynooth
Hotel Mini Break	Jimmy O'Leary, Tullylease, Charleville
Hotel Mini Break	Joe Clinton, Balrath South, Delvin
Hotel Mini Break	c/o All Ireland Karate Association
Hotel Mini Break	c/o All Ireland Karate Association
Hotel Mini Break	Thurles Croke Athletic Club
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Features



Liam and Luke Nulty

Winner of the November Children's Colouring Competition is Luke Nulty pictured above, with his brother.

Maynooth Town AFC

The **Newtown Inn** presented a set of jerseys and associated kit to the Maynooth Town Under 14 team at a recent function at the Inn. Tony Murray, in presenting the kit, praised the work done by the club's members. Maynooth Town plans for a new clubhouse are at an advanced stage and work is expected to begin next year. In reply, Declan Byrne thanked Mr. Murray for his support.



Tony Murray presenting kit to Declan Byrne



Derek Murray, Niall Byrne, Tony Murray, Declan Byrne, Shane Hawthorne, James Walsh



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Maynooth ICA News

The meeting opened by thanking Eilis O'Malley who came to the meeting and organised prayers for our deceased members. Members were thanked for doing the Arthritis collection at the church which realised €807. A Craft Day was held in the ICA Hall on Saturday 18th November from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and a maximum of 15 places were available. The Federation Meeting took place on Thursday 23rd November in Kildare Town. The A.C.W.W. (Associated Country Women of the World) Triennial Conference takes place in June 2007 in Finland. Crafts continue every Monday night, with Badminton on Monday and Thursday morning in the Parish Hall. The Guild competition for December is table flower arrangements, made in any material of your choice.

The Samaritan Purse Project was carried out by the ICA and all members brought their filled shoe boxes to the meeting for collection. Following a good auction at the last meeting Mairéad Scanlon and Mary Halton got a half scholarship to An Grianán. Ongoing competition at the moment is a short story through Irish and had to be related with the aid of flash cards. Competition for gingham embroidery will take place at the next council meeting in Clonmel in February 2007. Next months raffle in the Guild will be for turkeys. The Christmas party takes place on Thursday 14th December 2006 in the Springfield Hotel. The December Meeting will be party night and we will invite neighbouring Guilds.

Norah Mc Dermott was delegate to the National Council Meeting in Carlow in October. She reported that the meeting was opened by Anne Mai Hugh, secretary of the National Ploughing Championships. Maureen Holden, National Secretary was wished a speedy recovery. The ICA is to lobby the powers that be to push out Breast Screening throughout the country and this is to happen in 2007. The ICA campaigned for different heights in Army and succeeded and the height is now 5 ft. 2 inches.

Fundraising is very important for now in the association as we need more members or a higher fee to stay afloat. Over the last eight years ICA has collected €114,000 for Breast Cancer. The coffee shop in An Grianán has closed but the flower and vegetable shop is still trading. ICA is to invest in a defibrillator for An Grianán and federations will be asked to donate towards this. The Aontas Festival Week takes place from 22nd to the 26th January 2007 dealing with adult education. Rural Dublin Leader Board has allocated €31,000 to Dublin ICA for Craft Training Day courses and all tutors have been informed. These sessions must all be held in Dublin. Handcraft week will take

place from 16th to 20th April '07 in An Grianán. We have been informed that Mayo is the only county that has a Road Safety Officer and that we should all be campaigning for one in our own county. We should also be campaigning to have VAT removed from child car seats as they have a 21% VAT rate on them. European awareness week will take place in An Grianán from 13th to 16th Nov '06. One person from each federation will attend this event.

Winners of Guild Competition were:

1st Mary O'Gorman, 2nd Margaret Houlihan, Maura Browne, Mary Deane, Madeline Hynes.

Winners of Guild raffle were:

1st Mary O'Malley, 2nd Mary Halton, 3rd Margaret Houlihan.

This concluded the meeting and our next meeting will take place on **Thursday 7th December.**

New members are always welcome.

Nora Mc Dermott PRO

Snowball

I made myself a snowball as perfect as could be.
I thought I'd keep it as a pet and let it sleep with me.
I made it some pyjamas and a pillow for its head.
Then, last night it ran away.
But first— it wet the bed.

Shel Silverstein



Features



The Flowermill recently opened for business at the Greenfield Shopping Centre, Maynooth. Proprietors, mother and daughter, Carmel and Erica O'Dea have many years of experience in floristry and both girls are qualified Interflora Florists.

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Maynooth Tidy Towns Awards Night



Mary Dunne, Coonan's Real Estate Alliance receiving the Prize for the Best Shop Front Award 2006 from Moira Baxter MTT



Berna Hatton from The Mill Wine Cellar receiving her award from the Runner Up in Best Shop Front category from Richard Farrell MTT



Eddie Tobin MTT presenting the award for the Junior Volunteer to Carmel Cushen



Gerry Lawlor presenting the Environmental Award to Tracey Kirrane from Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich Green School Committee



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Maynooth Tidy Towns Awards Night



Mattie Callaghan Vice Chair MTT presents the "Best Large Estate" Award to Noleen Gillick, Lesley Byrne and Eileen Neary from Rockfield Estate



Aidan O'Rourke, MTT presenting the Most Improved Shop Front Award to Mary Houlihan the Hula Bou



Eilish Cushen MTT presenting the Runner Up Award to the Small Estates category to Martin Connolly from Pebble Hill and Rosaleen Higgins MTT presenting the prize for the Most Improved Small Estate to Gerry O'Reilly from Castlebridge



Patricia Moyonan and Bernie O'Meera, Kingsbry receiving the prize for the Runner Up in the "Best Large Estate" category from Mary Jennings MTT



Des Matthews MTT presenting the award for the Most Improved Large Estate to Dave Doherty, Angla Dennehy and Pat Gunning from Moyglare Village



Sean Lyons MTT presenting the "Best Small Estate Award" to Joe Geraghty and Robin Jones from Lyreen Park

Maynooth Tidy Towns Awards Night



Robert O'Reilly President MTT making a presentation to Dr. Shelagh Waddington NUI Maynooth



Tom McMullon "Maynooth Tidy Towns Person of the Year 2006" receiving his award from Sean Cushen MTT



Trevor Holmer receives the prize for "Team of the Year 2006" on behalf of "Intel Involved"

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MAYNOOTH Golf Society

The Christy Kenny Cup was played on the 15th and 16th of September 2006. It was a weekend away to Carrick-on-Shannon.

The following are the results:

1st Overall	Martin Deveney	75 pts.
2nd	Niall Byrne	71 pts.
3rd	Tom O Haire	67 pts.
4th	Eamon Murphy	64 pts.
5th	Ken Donnelly	63 pts.
6th	Kevin Loftus	60 pts. (B.18)
7th	Gerry Mc Tiernan	60 pts.
Front 18	David Weafer	35 pts.
Back 18	Norman Kavanagh	27 pts.
Longford Nearest The Pin		Niall Byrne
Longford Two's Club		Albert Harrigan
Carrick-on-Shannon Nearest the Pin		Norman Kavanagh
Carrick-on-Shannon Two's Club		Norman Kavanagh



Capt. Philip Doyle presenting a bottle of Brandy to "Hole in One" man of the day—Tim Mullane

The John Tiernan Memorial Cup was played on Saturday 21st of October 2006. It was held in Castle Barna

The following are the results:

1st Overall	Dave Mahony	19 pts. (B.9)
2nd	Niall Byrne	16 pts.
3rd	Dermot Myles	16 pts. (B.9)
4th	Derek Murray	13 pts. (B.9)
5th	Ken Donnelly	20 pts.
6th	Eddie Connolly	22 pts. (B.9)
7th	Mick Flynn (Jnr)	9 pts.
Front Nine	Colm Loftus	23 pts.
Back Nine	Sean Farrelly	19 pts.
Nearest The Pin	Terry Moore	
Two's Club	Terry Moore, Mick Flynn (Snr), John Hynes & Noel Farrelly	
Visitors	Joe Bidik	38 pts.
	Eddie Bradley	32 pts.
Hole in One	Tim Mullane	



Winner Dave Mahoney being presented with the John Tiernan Trophy by Mrs. Rita Tiernan who was accompanied by her son Mitch and daughter Danielle.

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MAYNOOTH Golf Society

The following are the results:

1st Overall	Philip Doyle	40 pts.
2nd	Dave Weafer	37 pts. (B. 6)
3rd	Brendan Bean	37 pts.
4th	Tim Mullane	36 pts. (B. 9)
5th	Don Sullivan	36 pts. (B. 9)
6th	Steve Greenwood	36 pts. (B. 9)
7th	Dave Kinlon	36 pts. (B. 9)
Front Nine	Dermot Myles	21 pts.
Back Nine	Mick Fahy	21 pts. (B.6)
Nearest The Pin	Dave Kinlon	
Twos Club	Paddy Foy	
Visitors	Joh Aibik	29 pts.



L-R: Pa Conway, Vice Captain, Paddy Foy, President, Mark Doyle, Son of Phillip—Winner & Kevin Loftus, Secretary



L-R:

Mick Fahey,

*Phillip Doyle
(Captain & Winner)*

& Barry Desmond

St. Brigid's Hospice and Home Care Service

To whom it may concern,

On Sept 14th I held a Coffee Morning at my home in aid of St. Brigid's Hospice and Home Care Service in the Curragh. I wish to acknowledge everyone that made the day a success. Whether you gave of your time or made donations of cash or coffee prizes, I am deeply appreciative of your generosity.

There are too many people to name personally so a big thank you to you all. Special thanks go to my family and friends, without whom I could not attempt such an undertaking. The full sum raised was €3,010.83 for which the Hospice also send their thanks. I look forward to your support again next year.

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L-R: Niamh O'Connor & Lauren O'Loughlin



*L-R: Emmet Cullen Tinley, Graham Kinsella
& Jack Hartnett*

Members of The Maynooth Table Tennis Club, who performed exceptionally well at their first Leinster Tournament.



From Left: **Conor Mullally** (who got first in the plate competition, under 12 and second place in the plate competition, under 10); **Kate Connerty** (who got second place, under 10), **Jakob Zukowski** (who got second place, under 12 and first place in the plate competition, under 14) and **Sian Millar** (who got first place in the

First Year Students in Maynooth Post Primary



L-R: Ronan Gallagher, Ben Devine, Rory Penny & Elisei Buceann



Dairmaid Ó Murchú, Eoin MacArdail & Friends



L-R: Phillip Garrad, Aaron Downes & Justin Roux



L-R: Katey McQuillan, Aisling O'Leary, Sharon Tyrrell & Nicole Desmond



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Tips for Buying a Printer

By Jane MacNulty

Before you Choose a Printer

Deciding what kind of printer you want to purchase—inkjet, laser, or multifunction—can be frustrating and confusing. Here are some basic questions you may be asking:

What kind of printer should I buy?

If you just need to print out documents such as letters, copies or Web pages from the Internet or simple spreadsheets, a low-end **inkjet printer** is fine. If you need to do presentations or high quality photographs you want a **photo printer**. If you print over 100 pages on a daily basis and don't need colour, you may want to look at **laser printers**. And, of course, if you need a combination of scanner, printer, copier, and fax, a **multifunction printer** is best.

What are All-in-One Printers?

An all-in-one printer (also known as a multifunction printer) combines the features of more than one device in one package. At its simplest, an all-in-one offers a printer (either an inkjet or laser printer) together with a scanner so that it can act as a printer, a scanner, and a copier. Many all-in-one devices also have the capability of sending and receiving faxes, which make them very useful for home offices and small business.

What costs come with all-in-ones?

An all-in-one uses the same supplies as ordinary printers: toner if it is a laser printer, ink if it is an inkjet printer. The only additional cost can be if there is a problem with the device: if, for example, the scanner needs to be repaired, you will also be deprived of your printer.

What are the advances of all-in-ones?

- Convenient
- Saves space

Disadvantages

- Repairs means you are deprived of both printer and scanner.

Why are printers so cheap these days?

A lot of the money that vendors make from printers are from selling ink and toner cartridges—which are called in the trade as “consumables”. Because printer users must continually purchase more cartridges when the old ones run out, they can pay more than the original cost of the printer within a year or so.

Quick Tip : Watching Your Ink Disappear

Keep track of how often you have to replace the ink cartridge in your printer, and how much it costs. At the end of the year, add it all up. If the cost of buying ink at the end of one year is more than you paid for the printer in the first place, then you may want to think about replacing the printer!

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Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Ladies Golf Society

Castlebarra Golf Club was the venue for the Maynooth Ladies Golf Society's outing on Saturday 26th August. 13 members took part in the outing. The winners of the Stableford Competition were:

1st	Anne Finn
2nd	Karen Kelly
3rd	Eleanor Reilly

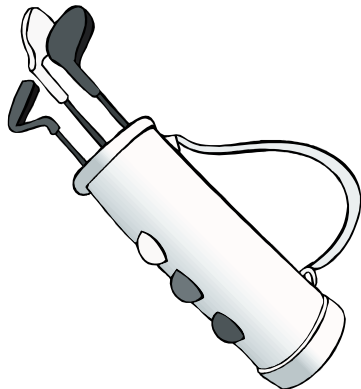
The society held its Captain's Day on Saturday 16th September in Hollystown Golf Club. 21 members took part on the day which was hosted by Captain Pauline Loftus. The prizes were very generously sponsored by Declan Kennedy of Brady's Pub, Maynooth. The winners of this outing were:

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2nd	Heather Meldrum
3rd	Mary Hoban
4th	Ann Burns
5th	Deirdre Glynn
6th	Ursula Byrne

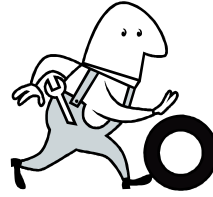
The members were warmly welcomed by Declan and his staff when they returned to Brady's after their round of golf for the prize giving. Declan along with Captain Pauline Loftus presented the prizes of Tipperary Crystal to the prize winners. Congratulations to all the winners. A very big thank you to Declan Kennedy for his sponsorship of Captain's Day and for his support throughout the year.

This year the society has sought sponsorship for prizes from local businesses in Maynooth and the surrounding areas. There has been a great response to this and the society would like to once again thank all the sponsors.

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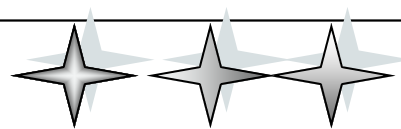
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Serves 4

900g/2 lbs Small or new salad potatoes
50g/2 oz Butter
350g/12 oz Wild and cultivated mushrooms, thinly sliced
170g/6 oz Beaufort or Fontana cheese thinly sliced
50g/2 oz Walnuts toasted
Salt & Ground Black Pepper
Fresh parsley roughly chopped to garnish
12 gherkins, sliced, to serve

Bring a large pan of lightly salted water to the boil over a medium heat and cook the potatoes for 20 minutes until tender.

Drain well and return them to the pan, add a knob of butter and cover to keep warm.

Heat the remaining butter in a heavy based frying pan that can be safely used under the grill.

Add the sliced mushrooms and fry over a light heat, stirring occasionally until the juices begin to run, then increase the heat and fry until most of the juices have been absorbed again. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Meanwhile preheat the grill. Arrange the slices of cheese on top of the mushrooms. Place the pan under the grill and cook until the cheese is bubbly and brown.

Scatter the gratin with the toasted walnuts, garnish with parsley, and serve at once with the buttered potatoes and sliced gherkins.

Chestnut, Stilton and Ale Pie

This hearty winter dish has a rich stout gravy and a herb pastry top.

Serves 4

30 ml/ 2 tbsp Sunflower oil
2 Large onions chopped
500g/ 1 1/4 lbs Button mushrooms, halved

5ml/1 tsp Yeast extract
5ml/1 tsp Soft dark brown sugar
350g/12 ozs Drained canned chestnuts, halved
30ml/1 tbsp Cornflour, mixed to a paste with 30 ml/2 tbsp cold water
150g/5 ozs Stilton cheese, cubed, beaten egg, to glaze
Salt & Ground black pepper

For the Pastry

115g/4 ozs Wholemeal flour, a pinch of salt
50g/2 ozs Butter
15ml/1 tbsp chopped fresh thyme

Make the pastry, put the flour and salt in a bowl. Rub in the butter until the mixture resembles fine bread crumbs. Add the thyme and enough water to form a soft dough. Knead it lightly, wrap and chill for 30 minutes.

Make the filling, heat the oil in a pan and fry the onions until softened. Add the mushrooms and cook for 3 minutes. Stir in the carrots, parsnip and herbs. Cover and cook for 3 minutes.

Pour in the stout and stock the stir in the yeast extract and sugar.

Simmer, cover, for 5 minutes. Add the chestnuts and season to taste. Stir in the cornflour paste until the sauce thickens. Stir in the cheese and heat until melted, stirring.

Pre heat the oven to 220°C/425°F/Gas 7. Spoon the chestnut mixture into a 1.5 litre/ 2 1/2 pint pie dish. Roll out the pastry to make a lid. Dampen the edge of the dish and cover with the pastry. Seal, trim and crimp the edges. Cut a small slit in the top and use any surplus pastry to make pastry leaves. Brush with egg and bake for 30 minutes.





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You lay in your manger there
In peace you slept away
A child with lots to share
To save this world today*

*Sleep heavenly child at rest
Ruler of this earth
A tiny infant forever blessed
At the thought of your birth
So life will be forever more
For each child born like thee
With so much love in store
To enchant a man like me.*

Santa Claus

*Santa Claus is on his way
With gifts for each child
He will travel on a sleigh
Through snow barren and wild.
Rudolf with his red nose
Will carry Santa without fail
For Father Christmas clearly knows
Each and every hill and dale.*

*Down the chimney he will expertise
Any task Santa can undergo
With gifts for all to please.
So sleep tight each one of go
With the greatest of you
And dream of Christmas Day
Santa loves you through and through
In a very special way.*

The Christmas Tree

*Fairy lights on the Christmas tree
Flickering like magic in the night
A special sight for my eyes to see
With many different colours of light
Many treasures are on each pine
That is a treat for the young ones
A spirit of this season is always mine
A sense of happiness each child belongs
On the top shines a silver star
To remind us how Jesus found his way
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Maynooth newest community club continues to go from strength to strength, with very large full attendances at the meetings from Maynooth and the surrounding areas. There is plenty of fun, excitement and learning at the meetings on the second and Fourth Monday of the month at 7.45 p.m. in Bradys Clockhouse Bar.

The most recent meeting was held in Brady's Clockhouse Bar in Maynooth recently under the leadership of John Cronin. John led a very lively and interesting meeting. There was an attendance of 35 at the meeting. All the prepared speeches were made by Maynooth members. Martin Vural gave a very moving speech outlining the amazing history around his name. Andrew Lang told us a fascinating story about all the countries, greater than ten, he has worked in so far in his life to date. John Fleming gave a very interesting speech outlining his youth in Mayo with great stories of that period. Joe Lyons presented the Ryder Cup Award to Martin Vural.

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Santa Claus: The Epsom Derby - 1964

The Epsom Derby of 1964 will be remembered for a number of reasons. The uniquely named winner that brought a warm glow outside the seasonal context and the conflict of opinion that erupted after his win. It is not the intention to make a judgement on the merits or otherwise of the conflicting positions taken by the horse's connections, the jockey and expert opinion after the running of the 184th Epsom Derby. It can be argued that the rating of 133 plus, given to Santa Claus by Timeform at the end of the 1964 racing season did not do the horse justice. (Sea Bird, the 1965 winner was rated 145) It is true that Timeform could only go on what the horse actually achieved but there are arguments to be made that had events taken a different course, Santa Claus may have ended up with a higher rating, thus bringing him up to the standard of Nijinsky, an outstanding winner of the 1970 Derby.



Santa Claus and Willie Burke

Scobie Breasley entered the winner's enclosure at Epsom Downs on June 6th 1964 wearing a broad smile. Santa Claus had just won the Derby and Scobie had ridden his first winner of the Blue Riband after a lifetime in racing. The smile was quickly wiped off his face. The reception he received from the winning connections of the horse was decidedly muted. Scobie recalls in his autobiography that the Rogers Family were not happy with the ride he had given the horse. Sir Peter O'Sullivan, the racing voice of the BBC and a race reader of great experience went further. In his autobiography "Calling The Horses" he recalls that Mick and Tim Rogers were seething with indignation following the running of the race. Mick Rogers was highly respected as a trainer of two Epsom Derby winners and a number of top class horses including Royal Sword and Candy Cane, from his small stable on the Curragh. His brother, Captain Tim Rogers was the founder of the modern Irish Blood-Horse and a colossus in the Thoroughbred Industry. Both were highly respected for their sound judgement. History is not written in stone. There will always be differences of opinion as to what actually happened in a particular situation. What is clear is that

a decision was made by the Rogers family, before they reached the bottom of the Queens Stand steps, to replace Scobie, as jockey, for future races. It had all started so well

In August 1963 Santa Claus made a pleasing introduction to his racing career as a two-year-old in the Anglesey Stakes at the Curragh. Although unplaced he ran with sufficient promise as did Scissors owned by Ann Biddle. Scissors was subsequently disqualified after winning the Timeform Gold Cup at Doncaster in highly controversial circumstances. The trainer of Santa Claus, Michael Rogers, never in a hurry to rush his charges, waited until September for the National Stakes at the Curragh for the colts next run. Race favourite, Mesopotamia, started at 5-4 on. Owned by the McCalmont family, the filly had destroyed a top class field in the Chesham Stakes at Royal Ascot. The filly had also

won the Railway Stakes at the Curragh. Santa Claus with Willie Burke in the saddle, tracked the leading pair of Mesopotamia and Victoria Quay to the furlong pole and then showed a devastating turn of foot to sweep by the leaders to win by eight lengths. It was a staggering performance by the Colt and he was immediately installed as winter favourite for the Derby. Willie Burke was not a pretentious man, more often than not he chose to be identified as a stable lad rather than a stable jockey as he enjoyed few rides from outside the stable of Mick Rogers.

"The smile was quickly wiped off his face. The reception he received from the winning connections of the horse was decidedly muted."

It was apparent from his win in the National Stakes that Santa Claus had shown a nice blend of speed and stamina. He was bred by the 1945 St. Leger winner, Chamossaire, with the dam, Aunt Clara who came from the same family as Sun Chariot, who won three Classic Races in 1942. Chamossaire also bred two Irish Derby winners in Chamier and Your Highness.

Santa Claus was jointly owned by Mrs. Darby Rogers and Mr John Ismay and had been purchased by the BBA Ireland for 1200 Guineas at the Newmarket September Sales.

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Santa Claus wintered well but he did not appear in public until the Irish 2000 Guineas in May of 1964. His presence proved an enormous attraction and the enclosures at the Curragh were packed. He did not let his fans down. Again, showing a blinding turn of speed in the final furlong, he powered away, with Willie Burke in the saddle, to beat the English trained Young Christopher by three lengths. Santa Claus was now a serious racehorse and his next assignment was the Epsom Derby. This was going to be his most difficult task yet. First, the Colt had never raced outside the Curragh. This course is probably one of the best and most fairest test for a race horse in these Islands and also a course that suited Santa Claus's physical confirmation. Second, the going at the Curragh is never firmer than good and the track has a policy of watering to take the sting out of the ground. Epsom on the other hand tends to be good to firm in the first weeks of June and the gradients and turns on the one mile four furlongs course makes it exceedingly difficult to

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The decision to book Scobie Breasley was a good one. A champion jockey in his native Australia, he was a worthy foe to Lester Piggott in their many Jockey Championship battles during the sixties. Unlike Lester, he sat quiet in the saddle, used the whip sparingly and always done just enough to win a race. A trainer entrusting his horse to Scobie always got his horse back with the minimum of use made of him and plenty to work on for his next race. Scobie in accepting the mount on Santa Claus knew exactly

what was required to get the best out of the Colt and also what was required to get him home in front with minimum wear on those suspect joints. This was never going to be a Curragh repeat but the "iceman" as Scobie was known, was confident that he would deliver the Blue Riband to Mick Rogers.

Although Derby Day (Wednesday June 3rd 1964) was warm and bright, the going was unusually soft, thus providing an optimistic omen for Santa Claus,



Santa Claus (Willie Burke) wins the Irish Sweeps Derby 1964

who started at 15-8 favourite. Second favourite was Lord Howard de Walden's, Oncidium, winner of the Lingfield Derby Trial. There was also plenty of money for the English 2000 Guineas winner, Baldrick II. The seventeen runners went off to a first-time start. Oncidium gave his backers cause for concern as he fought for his head and disputed the lead with Balustrade and Hotroy. Baldrick and Indiana tracked the leaders with Scobie and Santa Claus last

keep a horse balanced while keeping a challenging position.

Santa Claus was lean and lanky, straight in the shoulder and joints that may have caused his trainer a lot of concern. A horse with his confirmation was always going to find it difficult to negotiate a course like Epsom.

but three.

However, on the downhill run to Tattenham corner the favourite made steady progress through the field to be in 9th position as they approached the straight. Scobie gently manoeuvred Santa Claus to the centre of the finishing straight, giving his mount plenty of

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time to balance himself. He let the race develop on the far rails. Oncidium had shot his bolt leaving Baldric, the 2000 Guineas winner to strike for home. He was quickly overtaken, however, by Indiana, ridden by Jimmy Lindley

The Colt by Sayajirao was being called the winner with two furlongs to go. The "iceman" had it measured, however, and Santa Claus having made steady progress up the centre of the course delivered a challenge in the last seventy yards to win by a length.

Paddy Prendergast, one of Ireland's great trainers, described Scobie's challenge as one of the best rides ever given to a horse in the Epsom Derby. His opinion must be respected. So also must be the opinion of Sir Peter O'Sullivan who, admittedly a fan of the great Australian, described it as a "master class." However, the connections of Santa Claus did not agree. Scobie was fired, not given a present (which was traditional) and never rode the horse again. Can there have ever been such conflict of expert opinion?

Willie Burke was reunited with his beloved Santa Claus for his next run. Willie appearing on the race course for only the sixth time that season took the mount for the 1964 running of the Irish Sweeps Derby at the Curragh. The enclosures were packed and Willie did not let the fans down. He gave Santa Claus a professional and confident ride, waiting until the final furlong before sweeping away the opposition to win by four lengths. Lionhearted finished second with Sunseeker third. The reaction of the Irish racing public to Santa Claus was ecstatic and equaled the adulation shown to the new hero of the national hunt, Arkle.

Santa Claus was then entered for the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth stakes at Ascot. The connections decided to stay with Willie as the jockey. This was a mistake. It was one of the smallest King George field in history and tactics were going to play a big part. Facing Willie were the best two jockeys in the world. Lester Piggott (Royal Avenue), the Australian, Bill Pryers (Nasram II) and the field was completed by M. Depalmas (Prima Donna II). It could only be described as "throwing Christians to the lions". To make matters worse Scobie Breasley was bitter about being jockeyed off. He freely admits taking a phone call from Bill Pryers, a good friend, and advising him as to how best to beat Santa Claus. Scobie may have felt no sense of loyalty to the Rogers family. It is hard to understand, however, why he planned the downfall of a wonderful horse that had given him his first win in the Epsom Derby when he was fifty years old and a grandfather. Scobie told Bill Pryers that the firm going would be

Santa Claus's undoing. With suspect joints Scobie knew that the horse would not let his legs down on the rough, rock hard ground. He told Pryers to set a fast pace from the front and not give Burke a chance to balance his mount. That's the way the race developed. Nasram II led from start to finish, Willie did not know who to follow and Santa Claus was never balanced during the race. He finished a poor second at odds of 13 to 2 on. Let there be no criticism of Willie Burke. He made the horse, working on the home gallops he built his mount's confidence and produced him, well schooled, to win three Classic races. He should never have been asked to take on that most difficult task at Ascot.

Santa Claus appeared for the last time on the race course at Longchamp for the 1964 running of the Arc. Ridden by Jimmy Lindley he finished second to Prince Royal II. In his autobiography a clearly embittered Scobie stated that Santa Claus would never have been

"The Curragh comet, a brief but brilliant blaze, was gone but not forgotten."



Scobie Breasley,

beaten had he retained the ride. On his racing record as a jockey, he clearly has the right to say that. On the other hand the Rogers dispensed with his services after Epsom. The matter will continue to be discussed wherever racing men meet.

Santa Claus retired to stud and in a brief career sired Santa Tina to win the Irish Oaks, Reindeer (Irish St. Leger) and Bonne Noel to win the Ebor. He died in 1970. There can be no better epitaph for this wonderful horse than that provided by Guy Williams in his History of the Irish Derby when he wrote in conclusion "The Curragh comet, a brief but brilliant blaze, was gone but not forgotten."

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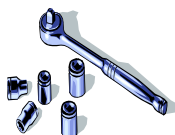
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A Christmas Story

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An old beggar comes up to the two children and asks them for money. The two children give all the coins in their pockets to the beggar man.

Christmas morning arrives, it is a very cold morning after a night of heavy snow. Tom and Megan get up and dress, and get ready to go to Mass to the local Y. M. C. A. for lunch. A knock comes to the door, their mother opens it to find a man there, and he asks can he talk to the two children. A nervous Carol takes her children to the man at the front door. The man asks the children, do you remember me? Both of the children reply that they do not know him. The man tells the children, a week ago I posed as a beggar in the town centre to see if the Christmas Spirit was alive and well. I stood all day in my beggar clothes looking for money and your children were the only ones to give me money. I heard off people of your poor father dying and how poor you are this Christmas so I have come here this Christmas morning to bring you to my estate to spend Christmas day with me.

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Historic Day for Camogie and Girls' Football in Maynooth

Wednesday the 8th of November was an extraordinary day for all concerned with sport in the Presentation Girls' School as the under 11 Camogie team captured the division 1 title and so completed an unprecedented double with the under 11 footballers who were victorious over Clane two weeks previously. There were jubilant scenes as the teams returned to the school where they were greeted by supporters who had travelled to both finals.

The footballers were the first girls team from Maynooth to win the under 11 trophy. This was the school's first time entering this grade and proved to be a successful choice as not only was the team victorious but over twenty five girls were involved in all the girls matches. The games started in mid-September and the team played four matches against Kill, Clane, San Carlo (Confey) and Monasterevin before ending up in a final against Clane.

On a day when Ciana Heneghan was in inspirational form for Maynooth scoring all the teams scores, she was ably assisted by Anne Lavelle, Emma Collins, Shannon Thompson and twins Ciara and Jennifer McMahon. There was a huge sense of relief as the referee blew the final whistle on a score of Maynooth 2 goals and 2 points against Clanes score of 5 points. Between supporters and parents nearly a hundred people poured onto the field and applauded and congratulated the team. The cup was then presented to captains Ciara and Jennifer McMahon. The team returned to Maynooth with horns blaring and on the following day in school they were treated like royalty!

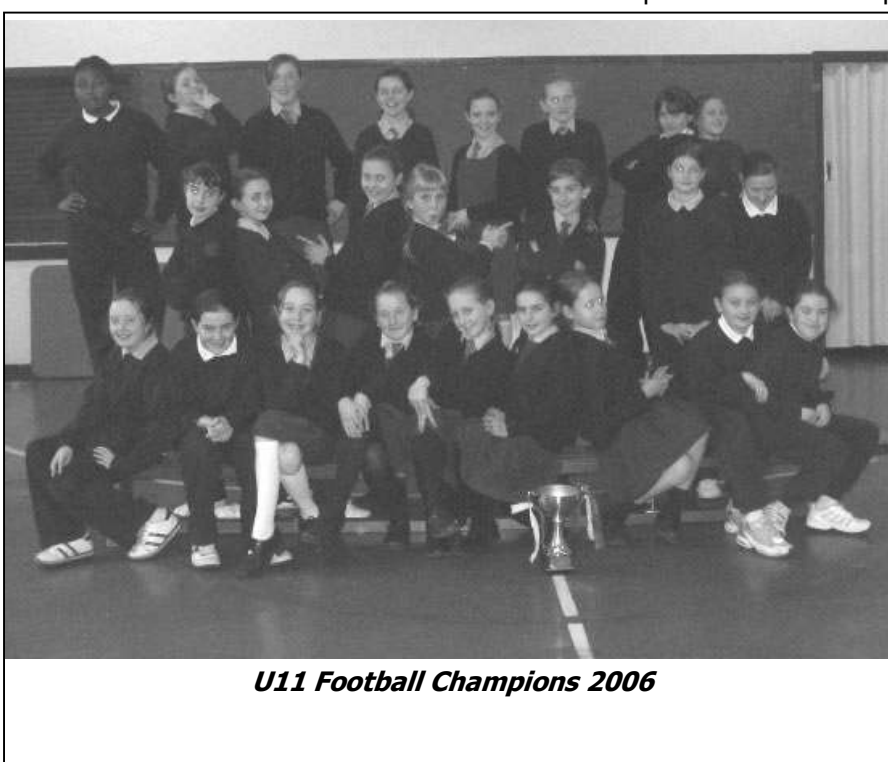
The double was completed when the camogie team defeated Kill after a replay. Like the footballers the games started in mid-September with matches against Coca Naofa (Kilcock), San Carlo (Confey), Ballymany (Newbridge) and Kill National School. The girls played Kill in the final at Allenwood on the 25th of October. After a fantastic match the teams ended level and so extra time had to be played. With both teams trying their utmost the teams couldn't be separated and so a replay was arranged

for Wednesday the 8th of November. On this day there was only going to be one winner as the Maynooth team played superbly with an unbelievable team display. Aoife Coghlan, Ciana Heneghan, Chloe Doyle and goalkeeper Allison Tierney shone. With goals on either side of half time by Louise Qualter and Ali Kelly, victory

was ensured for Maynooth. The trophy was then presented to joint captains Rachel O'Neill and Helen McMillan. The team and supporters returned to Maynooth to the sound of hooters and flags flying.

With around twenty eight girls involved in the camogie team and twenty five girls in the football team the future looks bright and healthy for Gaelic games in Maynooth. Well done again to this group of girls who are the first team to succeed in winning this Division 1 Camogie and Football double.

Their success is in no small way due to the enthusiasm of their coach Fergus Casey. Let's hope he rests for the winter and comes back with renewed energy for the U13's competition in April.



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Housing Information Seminar

On Thursday 23rd November 2006 at 8pm. I held the first in a series of Housing Information Seminars in the Carbury GAA Centre. The event was a great success with approximately 100 people attending on the night. The next Seminar I hope to hold in December possibly in the Prosperous area and all who can attend are very welcome – you don't have to be from the immediate area. In the New Year I will hold similar Seminars spreading throughout the North Kildare area and of course I fully intend to have one in Maynooth. Details will be advertised in good time.

Briefly the Seminars will deal with the following issues :

New Planning Guidelines
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Buying and selling a site
Developments in Town and Village settlements
Council and Co-operative Housing
Affordable Housing
Subsidised sites
Council Loans
Disabled Persons Grants
Essential Repairs Grants
Tenant Purchase Schemes.

The Seminars will take the format of a short presentation, followed by a question and answer session with a panel of professionals experienced in the housing field.

Brid Feely, your local Remax Estate Agent who is from Maynooth will attend the Seminar when it is held in Maynooth. Other professionals attending will include an Architect, Solicitor, Financial Advisor and Public Representatives. These professionals will be available to give advice on an individual basis in privacy.

In my experience as a County Councillor and for a very long time before that as Assistant for many years to Charlie McCreevy former Minister for Finance and TD for Kildare North, the issues as outlined above are of immense importance to many people hoping to build their own home in Kildare and it is difficult for members of the public to garner all the information they require in one place at any one time. It is my aim to facilitate a greater understanding of the planning process, pitfalls and advantages etc to the general public by holding these seminars.

Of course, at any time, I can be directly contacted with any query relating to any of the above on my mobile 086-2706150 or at my office in Naas at 045-888438 or email to fitzmichael@eircom.net.

Local Authorities Being Priced Out Of Housing Market Due to Failure of Government Policy

Catherine Murphy, TD (Ind), in a Dáil statement last night, slated the current Government's Social and Affordable Housing policy warning that prices are being paid in both "human terms" and economic terms.

Kildare "has seen a couple of dozen units, at the very most, covering both affordable and social housing."

Local Authorities are themselves priced out of the housing market. In many cases they simply can't afford to buy the full 20% they are entitled to in each development as, although a below market value price is negotiated with developers rising costs such as increased land purchase prices are driving even non-market prices upwards. Social and Affordable Housing Schemes introduced to assist people who themselves are unable to buy privately, cannot operate to their full capacity because of rising house prices. The irony here is clear.

"I can see nothing but apartments being offered on social and affordable housing."

As two bedroom housing units, and specifically apartments, are less costly than larger units we are seeing a disproportionate number coming on stream. For many families two bedroom units and apartments are only temporary measures and so there are thousands of families whose needs cannot be met by Part V in its current form.

The system is failing the most vulnerable

Last year a 22 page assessment form was sent to all Social Housing Applicants which, if not completed and returned, would cause them to be removed from the waiting list. "In Kildare, 1,500 families or individuals are on the waiting list. That understates the case, as every week I come across people who have been scratched off the list because they did not complete the assessment last year. A 22-page assessment is pretty daunting for some individuals, and it is part of the reason people have gone off the list." The most vulnerable people are those who

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will loose out in a system like this, and changes must be made.

€10 Million underspend in Disabled Persons Grants must be addressed

Figures from the Department of the Environment provided to Catherine Murphy, TD (Ind) show that almost €10 million of the €74.5 million allocated to the Disabled Persons & Essential Repairs Grants went unspent in 2005. These Grant Schemes aim at prolonging the length of time that disabled or older persons can live in their owns homes by either fully or partially funding home modifications, such as the installation of ramps, chair lifts, and modified bathroom facilities. However Murphy contends that the way the system is run results in Local Authorities being unable to spend the full amount budgeted by the Department of the Environment, leaving many applicants either denied funding or awaiting allocations for long periods of time. **"At a time when there is such huge pressure on healthcare facilities we need to be facilitating independent living for disabled and older people for as long as possible"** stated Murphy.

How the Schemes Work

"The Disabled Persons and Essential Repairs Grants are part-funded by Local Authorities and part-funded by the Department of the Environment. The amount of applications which can be met is ultimately down to how much money Local Authorities have available to spend because they are only entitled to draw down the monies if they can provide a third of the total required. For example, if the Department of the Environment allocate €3 million to a Local Authority for the Scheme however the Local Authority has only €500,000 in its budget for the Scheme it can only draw down a maximum of €1 million from the Department leaving €2 million unspent. This is obviously a flawed system in that applicants whose Local Authorities have very little funding available are unable to avail of the Grants whereas people with the same level of need living in a different Local Authority Area encounter no such problem."

Murphy went on to highlight that even in instances whereby Local Authorities sought more funding than was originally allocated to them there is an indication that the monies made available to them by the Department of the Environment is not sufficient to meet the need that exists. She has therefore called for the funding of these schemes to be met entirely by the Department of the Environment to ensure that where an applicant lives does not have a bearing on their ability to avail of the scheme. **"This scheme must be changed so that applications are assessed on a**

needs basis not a geographic basis."

"Dangerous Parking" - New Commuter Phenomenon Needs Urgent Action.

Catherine Murphy, TD (Ind) has today urged Kildare County Council to take urgent action towards tackling the widespread problem of "dangerous parking" in areas surrounding train stations. Her calls for action came in reaction to continuous complaints to her offices of commuters effectively abandoning their cars in housing estates adjacent to train stations due to the significant under provision of parking facilities within the stations. This emerging driver's behaviour was also confirmed by a Garda Official who stated in relation to one housing estate in particular, **"the local Gardai have been called and have issued tickets for dangerous parking, obstruction, parking on the footpath and green areas, which is provided for in the General Bye-Laws under the Road Traffic Act 1961 as amended."**

Murphy has highlighted that there must be a two pronged approach to this problem which is causing significant disruption to residents and commuters alike whose ideal solution would be the provision of adequate parking and feeder bus facilities to and from each Train Station.

"People are parking in this way because they have no choice. They simply don't have anywhere else to put their cars if they want to use the train, which is a ridiculous situation when you consider that we're trying to encourage the use of public transport. Equally though, residents are being obstructed in getting in and out of their homes, and there's a public safety issue with regard to access routes for emergency vehicles and site lines. We need an immediate solution to this which will satisfy both train users and residents living adjacent to train stations."

Murphy concluded in highlighting that the insertion of double yellow lines at certain points within the affected estates may act as a deterrent for those attempting to park within them, however the most important solution was to increase train station parking facilities, and more importantly provide feeder services which would eliminate the need for this type of private car use.

Nursing Homes Becoming Hospital Overflow rather than Retirement Homes

Catherine Murphy, TD (Ind) yesterday made the following statement in the Dáil concerning the

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worrying trend of Nursing Homes becoming more like overflow wards for acute hospitals than retirement communities wherein the elderly can live in a secure environment that also offers the quality of life and social facilities they need to live out their days in a dignified and fulfilling manner.

"Last Friday, I attended the opening of a well designed modern nursing home in my constituency. It is one of a number of new facilities that have been developed recently and more are planned. This is evidence of the growing need to make provision for our elderly. It is a major step for frail people or elderly couples to leave their homes, move away from the neighbourhoods with which they are familiar and move into nursing homes. However, I fear many of them are moving into an environment that more closely resembles a hospital than a nursing or retirement home. I have noticed a fundamental change in nursing homes due to the shortage of hospital beds. The ratio of high dependency patients is growing continually. I do not refer to people with conditions such as dementia, but to people who are attached to drips and who undergo ongoing acute treatment of the kind one would expect to see in a hospital. Higher proportions of people with acute illnesses affect the social environment and create a higher risk of infection.

“Terms such as step-down facilities have negative consequences. While medical consequences must be anticipated and responded to, social consequences are as important if elderly people are to enter retirement homes to live out their lives. This implies good levels of activity and social interaction, which become difficult with disproportionate numbers of people who are very ill.”

"A patient safety authority in my opinion is needed. I have heard words such as "robust" used in respect of the so-called new arrangements. Unless new arrangements are backed by defined standards, the availability of adequate resources and accountability when failures occur, cases such as Leas Cross will continue to arise. There must be a separate agency to police standards."

Rapid Population Increase to be factor in deploying Gardai and New Civilian Staff

Minister for Justice, Mr. Michael McDowell today in the Dáil informed Catherine Murphy, TD that the Garda Commissioner will be considering her constituency of North Kildare for the deployment of additional resources due to the significant increase in population experienced in recent years. Minister McDowell stated "The Commissioner is obliged when

deploying gardaí across the country to make the maximum use of those members. Population growth in the Deputy's constituency has been considerable in recent times and therefore the Commissioner is paying particular attention to such areas. It is in such areas that the proportion of gardaí to residents has declined most.” Murphy later welcomed the fact that the Minister officially acknowledged the significant problems being caused in her constituency due to the under resourcing of the Gardaí and indicated that she will continue to pursue the deployment of additional Garda resources to Kildare.

During the Dáil Debate Murphy highlighted that Gardaí face an uphill battle responding to instances of damage to public property and public order issues so much so that they do not even have the resources to record incidents to which they are called unless arrests are made. As a result, she indicated that many residents of her constituency are becoming disillusioned with the function of reporting such crimes. \\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\

The Minister's response directly precedes the release of two reports commissioned by the Garda Inspectorate, headed up by former Boston Police Chief Kathleen O'Toole and policing expert Senator Maurice Hayes, in which the increased civilianisation of certain functions within the force is recommended. **"It's vitally important that the Gardaí we have are deployed and employed in the most effective manner possible, I've always said that the civilianisation of certain roles within the force would help to return many of our Gardaí to non-desk based duties and increase the effectiveness of the force in general, and so I'd be encouraging the Minister to take this stance on the development of the force so that communities in rapidly growing areas like North Kildare get the level of service they need."** - Murphy

Murphy Slams Failure of Minister to Compile List of Rogue Developers

Catherine Murphy, TD (Ind) has today harshly criticized the stance of Minister for the Environment, Mr Dick Roche TD, on how rogue developers are to be prevented from developing in the future. She has continually called for the creation of a central database of developers who fail to comply with planning regulations or fail to complete developments to the standard agreed, however was extremely critical of Minister for the Environment's response to her latest call for this facility, which read:

"Each planning authority has primary

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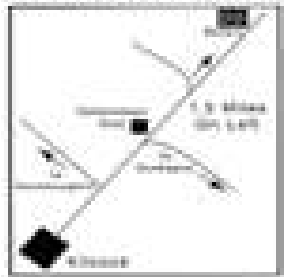
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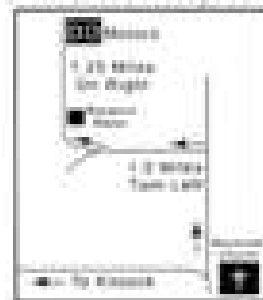
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responsibility for dealing with applications for permission and planning enforcement within its own area. The section [9 of the Planning & Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act, 2006] therefore does not enable a planning authority to rely on information supplied by others, or from a centrally maintained list, when deciding whether to grant or refuse permission in any particular case." (*Question 26, 8th November 2006, Ref 36442/06*)

"This", Murphy highlighted "shows that while the new Act gives Local Authorities the power to refuse planning permissions on the grounds of past developments, it does not extend beyond individual council area's, therefore it doesn't give them the tools or the information to carry out this function. Yet another instance of legislation not being backed up by practical resource allocation."

The North Kildare TD concluded in stating that as a result of a failure to establish a centrally maintained database of rogue developers, each Local Authority is left to operate on its own in such matters in total ignorance of a developer's history in another administrative area. **"Developers will literally be able to jump from one Local Authority area to another leaving behind them a trail of non-compliant developments, which is utterly ridiculous. It's very easy to set up a database that Local Authorities could check for development history so I simply cannot accept the Minister's stance on this."**

Minister Pledges to take action on Aerodrome Security "within the week"

Minister Michael McDowell has, in the Dáil, pledged to **"within the week"** commence an audit on the action taken to bring about a more co-operative approach to policing and customs checking at small airfields around the country, like Weston Aerodrome in Lucan, Co Dublin. His statement came in response to calls from Independent Deputies Catherine Murphy, TD (Ind), and Tony Gregory, TD (Ind) for a more proactive approach to the monitoring of small airfields in light of the massive drugs haul earlier in the year of €10m in heroin destined for Weston at a Belgium airfield. Murphy highlighted the fact that Weston advertises its lack of security on its website stating that it indicates that incoming passengers go from **"touchdown to taxi in 5 minutes"**.

Minister McDowell stated:

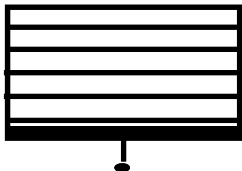
"Deputy Catherine Murphy is absolutely right about aerodromes. Responsibility to regulate aerodromes

falls between different Departments. They are licensed by the Minister for Transport, Deputy Cullen's Department and the provision of customs and excise is the responsibility of the Minister for Finance, Deputy Cowen's Department, while my Department is responsible for the policing aspect. The fact that three major Departments are involved in that particular activity does not mean that there is not a very strong case for clear co-ordination of activity. I do not dispute Deputy Murphy's assertion. If private aerodromes are not being adequately policed - I use the term to mean inspections, customs arrangements and the monitoring of who is using what aircraft and for what purpose - that must be addressed, but I do not wish to close them down because they are a very useful facility. They are part of the world we live in but they cannot be an open porthole for people to access Ireland without any adequate safeguards ... I will take up the points made by the Deputies on that matter. Within the week, I will commence a process within my Department to audit the actions being taken ... As Deputy Catherine Murphy said, the public are entitled to reassurance. What appears to be lax procedure must be examined very carefully." (www.oir.ie – Dáil Debates, 16th November 2006, *Europol (Amendment) Bill, 2006*)

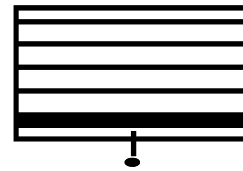
Murphy later referred to the commitments made by the Minister as "very positive", and "hopefully an indication that the security issues surrounding Weston will be improved." She concluded in cautioning that she would await the outcome of the Minister's investigations and an announcement of the action he will take to tackle the security shortfall at small airfields before easing the pressure she has been putting on Government Departments since her election on this issue.

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Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Bond Bridge

Cllr. John McGinley was advised by the Project Engineer on 13th November that the scheduled date for the opening of Bond Bridge is the 15th December. Final surfacing of the bridge was due to take place during week ending the 19th November.

Cllr. McGinley has asked that the Meadowbrook Lawns cul de sac be surfaced at the same time in the interest of efficiency.

Silken Vale/The Arches----Bond Bridge

At the request of Cllr. John McGinley representatives from Kildare County Council met with representatives from the Residents' Association to agree on the tree planting between Silken Vale/The Arches and Bond Bridge. As a result of John's motion it has been agreed that an access gate is not required from Bond Bridge to the estate.

Removal of "The Bandstand" from Pound Park

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following progress report on his endeavours to have the "bandstand" removed from Pound Park.

"The University Authorities are prepared to carry out the foundation and ground works at the campus if the Council are prepared to cover the cost of the relocation of the structure.

The price of relocation is estimated to be €25,000 - €30,000. The Planning Authority are arranging to have this figure factored into the budget for 2007."

Cllr. McGinley welcomed this good news and asked that full re-instatement of the Park be carried out when it is removed.

Wall at Pound Park:

Cllr. McGinley was also given the following good news on the re-construction of the wall next to the Band Hall at Pound Park:

"It is estimated the cost of carrying out these works is €2,500 approx. The Planning Authority are arranging to have this figure factored into the budget for 2007"

John has asked for details of the work to be carried out.

New Public Lighting for The Harbour, Maynooth

Members of the public will be aware of Cllr. John McGinley's ongoing campaign for proper public lighting to be installed from Straffan Road to The Harbour Area and from The Harbour to the Pedestrian Bridge. John was given the following progress report at the October Area Meeting:

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"The Council is committed to the installation of these lights at an early date. A meeting has been arranged with Waterways Ireland to agree the type of lamp-standard. It is hoped that works can commence within approximately four weeks."

Ring Road from Blacklion to the Celbridge Road, Maynooth

Cllr. McGinley was given the following "progress report" on the provision of this essential ring road for Maynooth:

"This is also an objective of the current Development Plan. It is, however, likely to be expensive particularly in view of the fact that it traverses both the canal and the railway. The members will recall that an allocation for constructing the Maynooth ring roads was included in the 2006-2008 capital programme. Certainly, the possibility of advancing this route to preliminary design stage could be considered. It is, however, considered expedient to await the publication of the IFPLUTS study before making this decision. The members will be kept informed of progress."

Cllr. John McGinley stated that the reply was nonsense as this ring road is an objective of the 2002 Maynooth Development Plan and that the IFPLUTS study should have no bearing on it. Anyway the IFPLUTS study is three years overdue. He proposed that the ring road be advanced to preliminary design stage and this was agreed.

Provision of a Footpath and Public Lighting from the Nursing Home to Moyglare Hall;

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following reply to his motion on the above:

"This matter has been examined on a preliminary basis by the Area Engineer. The cost involved will be in the region of €85,000 and there is no budget currently available. The matter should, however, be forwarded to the Planning Section (02/2491) in order that the planning conditions of the Moyglare Hall development can be examined."

Needless to say Cllr. McGinley rejected the reply and he stated that there was funding for this work as Development Levies of €2,670,575 were a condition of planning for the provision of services that facilitate the development. John also stated that it would expedite matters if the developer of Moyglare Hall was asked to provide the footpath and public lighting infrastructure.

CCTV Camera at the Recycling Centre at the Car Park in Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley has been advised that the camera is now in operation and checked on a regular basis. John has asked for a regular update on the fines issued.

Bollards opposite Boy's School, Moyglare

As requested by the Parents Association of the Boy's School Cllr. John McGinley has asked for decorative bollards to be erected on the footpath in the interests of public safety. He was advised *"that this will be considered as part of the 2007 budgetary provision."*

Cllr. John McGinley has made the following submission for Kildare County Council's 2007 Budget:

1. The Council must stay in the waste collection business and maintain the existing waiver system for those on Welfare.
2. Maynooth is the only Town in Ireland with a University. There are 6,500 students attending NUIM. Such a population of young people warrants seven day street cleaning. Indeed there should be seven day street cleaning in all of our major towns.
3. As I have stated at Budget meetings for the past 10 years Litter Management should not be under the control of the Local Roads Engineer. It needs to be given a separate management structure in order to be given the attention it deserves.
4. There should be an allocation for the resurfacing of the roads in housing estates greater than 20 years old.
5. There should also be greater funding for the maintenance of footpaths in housing estates greater than 20 years old
6. Funding must be allocated for the provision of 30kmph speed limits at all schools in the county
7. There needs to be significantly increased funding for traffic calming throughout the county.
8. There should be an allocation for the landscaping and maintenance of the public areas in Council housing estates in order to assist the residents and in order to protect the value of our investment.

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following Motion for the consideration of the November Meeting of the Council:

" That this Council calls on the Government to introduce a national waiver scheme for domestic waste charges for those on social welfare and a subsidy for low income households, with grants given

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to local authorities for its operation, in line with the recommendations of the Combat Poverty Agency and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul."

STAGG LODGES OBJECTION TO 4 & 3 STOREY PROPOSALS FOR FORMER PITCH AND PUTT COURSE

Deputy Emmet Stagg has along with his colleague Cllr. John McGinley lodged an objection to the proposal by Garland homes to develop 98 dwellings in three 4 storey blocks of apartments and three 3 storey blocks of duplex units on the former Pitch and Putt Course on the Dunboyne Road, Maynooth.

Deputy Stagg stated that this is the third such application on this site, the 2 previous applications having been turned down by An Bord Pleanála for different reasons, and he stated that the present proposal remained unacceptable;

Outlining his reasons for objecting to the proposal Deputy Stagg stated the following:

The proposal ignores the unique nature and character of development in this Historic Town Area of Maynooth. If the present proposal was allowed to proceed it would irreparably damage Maynooth Village's unique architectural heritage.

2 of the 3 Storey Duplex Units will block a view of the Lyreen River from Leinster Cottages, a view which has been in existence for 200 years.

The 3 Storey Duplex Units and 4 Storey Apartment blocks will over look rear gardens in Leinster Cottages and the Dunboyne Road.

The proposed 4 Storey Apartment Blocks are monotonous and are Cityscape in Design and Style and are most unsuitable for the Centre of Historic Maynooth Village.

The Density of the proposal at 20 units to the acre is excessive when compared with other developments in the area which consist of densities of 6 units to the acre and single dwellings on their own individual sites.

The excessive height of the proposals will impact on the views from Pound Park.

The proposed 3 Storey Duplex Unit fronting the Dunboyne Road is out of character with existing development along the Dunboyne Road and would be an unacceptable low quality development at the entrance to Maynooth.

The overprovision of 2 bedroomed units in the proposal (90 out of 98 units) does not comply with the Maynooth Development Plan 2002 which requires a variation in house types in new developments.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that the Council should reject this unacceptable development in the interests of the existing residents of the area and in the interest of preserving the unique character of the area.

STAGG'S CAMPAIGN FORCES ADDITIONAL OPTICAL CLINICS IN MAYNOOTH AND NAAS HEALTH CENTRES

The Campaign by Deputy Emmet Stagg to force the Health Services Executive to eliminate the inordinate Waiting Times for Eye Tests for Children at Maynooth and Naas Health Centres has borne fruit with the decision by the HSE to commence additional Optical Clinics for children at both Health Centres from November.

In the past 10 months Deputy Stagg has publicly highlighted the fact that there was a 12 month waiting list at Naas Health Centre and an 11 month waiting list at Maynooth Health Centre for children requiring Eye Tests whilst the waiting time at Newbridge was only 3 months. The HSE advised Deputy Stagg on October 19th that extra child optical clinics will commence in November with a view to addressing and eliminating the waiting lists at both Health Centres.

Commenting on the position Deputy Stagg stated that in this rich country of ours we should never have a situation whereby children are left waiting for tests and treatment. Obviously the Minister for Health and the Government took their eye off the ball on this one and he stated that he was pleased that action was now underway to eliminate the waiting times.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he would monitor the impact the additional optical clinics were having to ensure that they had the desired effect on waiting times.

130 ELDERLY PEOPLE ON WAITING LIST FOR ADMISSION TO PUBLIC NURSING HOME BEDS IN KILDARE

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Tanaiste and Minister for Health in relation to the number of elderly people in Co. Kildare who were awaiting admission to a long term care bed in State nursing homes in the County.

The Health Services Executive responded to Deputy Stagg and indicated that there were 130 elderly people

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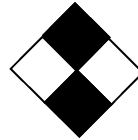


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awaiting such places in the County. The total number of beds in State Nursing Homes in the Kildare Area including Peamount and Baltinglass stands at 349, which are all full. Therefore, Deputy Stagg, stated that there remains an under-provision of 37%, which is likely to worsen as we head into the Winter months.

Deputy Stagg stated that this under-provision causes real hardship for elderly people and their families in a number of ways:

- Elderly people, living alone at home, who are incapable of independent living within the community are struggling to keep going with the support of relatives, friends and neighbours.
- In cases where there are two elderly people at home, one of whom requires long term care, the other elderly person has to struggle to act as a nurse and a carer.
- In many instances adult children are expected to take in their parents, give up their jobs and provide 24 hour care, without any backup, training or compensation.
- Finally, many elderly people are in acute beds in hospital awaiting a placement. Deputy Stagg stated that this treatment of our elderly people, in their twilight years and having paid their taxes all their lives, shows how uncaring this Government is. It's a shocking indictment of this Government and with all the money they have they refuse to build additional Units such as the one in Maynooth, to ease the suffering of elderly people. The Maynooth Unit was built at a cost of €5.4 Million and it costs €2.2 Million a year to run. If similar units were built in Celbridge, Leixlip and Naas at a cost of only €16 Million there would be adequate beds in the system to deal with the numbers requiring long term care. However Deputy Stagg stated that the Government won't fund any additional State Nursing homes pending the carrying out of an assessment of the long term care needs of elderly people. A cop out which leaves our elderly people at the mercy of Private Profit Making Nursing homes.

A National Economic and Social Forum report released in 2005 found that Government Spending on care for the elderly is running at only half the E.U. average and to bring Ireland up to the O.E.C.D. average would entail additional expenditure of €500 Million per year on care services for elderly people.

What are the Government doing instead, stated Deputy Stagg, they are putting on a legislative basis, a provision whereby elderly people with homes in excess of €300,000 in value will have to sell their homes to fund long term care. This Bill presently before the Oireachtas will be opposed by Deputy Stagg and his Labour colleagues.

OUTLANDISH PROPOSAL FOR STRAFFAN ROAD REQUIRES HEIGHT REDUCTIONS AND DESIGN CHANGES

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have lodged an objection to the proposal for 122 dwelling units in 1 substantial 4 Storey Block of Apartments and six 3 Storey Blocks of Townhouses and Duplex Units on lands at the Gateway Entrance to Maynooth along the Straffan Road, bordering Straffan Wood Estate and opposite the Esso Station and Lidl.

Deputy Stagg described the 4 Storey Apartment Block, which fronts the Meadowbrook Link and the Straffan Road in an L shape as one of the worst designs he has seen resembling something from Eastern Europe, which would be a stark soul-less building with a flat roof. In his objection he pointed out that it was critical that an appropriately designed building should be built at the entrance to Maynooth, a Town rich in Architectural Heritage. The present proposal does not comply with Housing and Residential Objectives as outlined in the Maynooth Development Plan 2002.

Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley also made the following points in relation to the overall proposal:

- Taking the proposal as a whole, the 7 Blocks will be a mass of concrete buildings which will be visually obtrusive to people living in the area or walking or driving in the area.
- The bulk of development along the Straffan Road at present is set back from the road giving a soft entrance to the town. The 4 Storey Apartment Block will introduce an inappropriate streetscape along the Straffan Road.
- A number of the 3 storey Townhouses/duplex units back onto 2 storey houses in Straffan Wood and this will cause overlooking and a loss of privacy. The density of the proposal at 23 units to the acre is excessive when compared with existing developments in the area.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that the project is so bad it is incumbent on the Council to reject it outright or to issue a strong request for further information directing the applicant to modify his proposal seriously in relation to the Design and the Building Heights and in particular to put a roof on the building to the front in any revised proposal.

STAGG LODGES FURTHER OBJECTION TO RESTAURANT/WINE BAR IN RESIDENTIAL AREA

Deputy Emmet Stagg has lodged an objection, along with his colleague Cllr. John McGinley, to a further

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Some of the many walkers who took part in the Tony Smith Memorial Walk on Sunday 15th October. (See full report on page 88)
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proposal for a Restaurant and Wine Bar at 1 Pound Lane, Maynooth.

The proposal stated Deputy Stagg is similar to a previous application lodged in April, 2005 which was subsequently deemed withdrawn by Kildare Co. Council because of a failure to respond to a request for further information on the proposal.

This new application stated Deputy Stagg does nothing to address the concerns of residents living in this residential area of old Maynooth and he indicated the following objections to the proposal:

- The proposal would have an adverse effect on residential amenity by introducing a commercial enterprise to one of the last 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.

Deputy Stagg also pointed out to the Council that a similar proposal for a restaurant on Main Street, Maynooth, was turned down in April 2005 by An Bord Pleanála, because of the negative impact it would have on nearby residents, and he indicated that this proposal should be viewed similarly.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that it was regrettable that developers were trying to encroach on residential areas of Maynooth Village Centre and he looked forward to Kildare Co. Council refusing planning permission for the proposal.

TONY SMITH MEMORIAL WALK 2006 RAISES €7,610

The Tony Smith Memorial Walk 2006 was held on Sunday 15th October and raised a Record sum of €7,610.

Those participating in the Walk were led off by Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley and the route for the walk was from Maynooth G.A.A. Grounds via the Main Street, the Avenue and into Carton Estate.

All funds raised from the Walk, which is now in its 27th year, will be handed over to the Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee at their Christmas Party on Sunday December 17th.

We would like to thank the people of Maynooth for their generosity in sponsoring our walkers.

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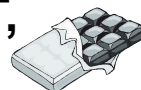


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This is just a note to remind you all that the **Newsletter** exists for your enjoyment and that we welcome all contributions from our readers. We would like to hear from any organisation or indeed from individuals with something to say or suggest.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

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Editorial

This month we have a brief outline of a number of issues that may be of interest to our residents.

1) The St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Community Council are currently preparing for this annual event which is looked forward to and supported by the residents and families of Maynooth. We would appeal to residents to come forward and make known any ideas you might have or opinions you might have on how to improve the Parade this year. Also, businesses in the area are warmly thanked for their continued support and again, we would like to extend our invitation to businesses that are not yet directly involved to become involved and perhaps sponsor a float in the parade — the bigger the better!!!!

2) The Maynooth Festival

Again, we are now preparing for the annual festival that usually takes place in July. We would like to thank our principal sponsors, namely Tesco and Remax Progressive (Maynooth) for their continued support. We would also invite members of the public who would like to take part in the planning of the festival to kindly come forward to the Community Council office and volunteer their time and ideas. The Festival committee are now starting their meetings at which plans for the festival will be made and we would welcome all participants.

3) The Harbour Field

As part of the development of the Harbour Field area of Maynooth, the Community Council would like to invite members of the public and residents associations to make known what they would like to see included in the amenities to be made available in that area. Already, skate rinks, all weather pitch, public seats, a running track and many more ideas are on the table. Please make your views known as soon as possible to:

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Newtown Shopping Centre,
Beaufield,
Maynooth.
Telephone: 01 6285 922

Brid Feely
Chairperson,
Maynooth Community Council.

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

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

There were two co-options to the Council Tommy Geoghegan and Eithne Bean representing Lyreen Residents Association.

Lights at Bank of Ireland

The pedestrian section of these lights were to be turned off, this was to see what difference if any this would have on traffic flow. However this has not happened yet.

Bond Bridge is expected to open on 15th of December 06, however this also has not happened yet.

Geraldine Hall-----New Community Centre

A presentation was made to the area councillors in the Kildare County Council offices in November. A detailed plan was presented to the councillors by Peter Connell and Terry Nealon both expressing the urgency and need for such a complex in Maynooth. The delegation included Brid Feeley, Chairperson, Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin, Secretary, Marie Gleeson Pro. The plan will include a Theatre with all facilities, meeting rooms and Community Centre. The next step now will be to produce a feasibility study, this will show how the project will be run and managed. This is a wonderful project for Maynooth, and we fully expect this project to go ahead.

Harbour Field

The Action Area Plan for the Harbour Field has being fully discussed and it is now time for a plan to be put in place. What is proposed for this area is playing fields for Soccer and Gaelic which would also include an all-weather play area. The possibility of a Skate Board Park is to be looked at and a new Scouts Hall. The removal of the old Straffan Road with landscaping done here to be included.

The over all plan for the Harbour Area is very ambitious and the plan for the Harbour Field will have to be looked at very seriously now.

Tidy Towns

The results of the IBAL Business against Litter competition, didn't do Maynooth any favours and it was generally felt that it showed an unfair view. Few points aired.

No litter warden bad reflection on Kildare County Council.

The judging is done on one day of the year. 5.000-6.000 students.

It was also stated that the competition was a very bad reflection on Tidy Towns who do a wonderful job. In addition people that have being fined should be named and shamed. We should now be looking for 7 day street cleaning said Councillor John McGinley. The fact that Kildare County Council does not have a separate Litter Management unit was pointed out.

Twinning

John O'Connor said they have now sent information to a community in South Africa but he pointed out that this is a slow progress.

Christmas Lights

The point was made that Maynooth Community Council are not responsible for Christmas Lights.

Traffic Lights at Manor Mills

It was suggested that lights here are not pedestrian friendly making it very dangerous for children; the lights are in favour of traffic, and adults are not waiting for green lights. John O'Connor raised the point is there a traffic management plan for Maynooth. John McGinley said the Traffic management plan will be implemented in 2007.

The parking problem in Maynooth is dreadful and the car parking regulations will have to be implemented, also cars parking on greens and footpaths or any illegal places should be reported to the Superintendent in Naas

Thanks were extended to the Glenroyal Hotel for providing Wine and Mince pies.

The **January** meeting of the Community Council took place on the 15th January in the Glenroyal Hotel.

I-Bal report on Maynooth (Business against litter)

Again this was raised and it was suggested could Kildare County Council clean up these areas so they don't appear again. Tidy Towns can only do so much.

Christmas Lights

The Business Association were thanked for a lovely display of Christmas lights this year. Brid Feely also thanked the Association and said the contractor came in late on this, but had done a great job.

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Maynooth Community Council Notes Cont'd

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Harbour Field-Maynooth Action Area Plan

At this stage Maynooth Community Council are putting together their plans for the Harbour Field. As this is a project for the whole community, people are invited to submit other proposals. Tom McMullon commented that people in the community should have an input into this including the GAA and Soccer etc. Letters including plans are to be sent to all Residents Associations welcoming comments. It is worth noting that with all the development planned for this area, development levies will fund this. There is also to be under ground car parking which won't be covered by levies. The plan will also include playing pitches for GAA and Soccer etc. indoor sport all weather facility. The new Scouts Hall will be located here also. There now seems to be shift towards including a Skate Board Park, while it has been pointed out a lot of thought will need to go into this because of its permanent structure, it was also pointed out by Cyril McAree that children should be involved in this as they are the ones that will be using it. Cllr Senan Griffin said things should be moved on quickly, he noted parking will be under ground, he also pointed out that Iarnrod Eirean will have to provide something here for their customers. Sean Cushen said the possibility of a running track should be looked at and it was pointed out that the frame work for a track is all ready there. The fact that the new Post Primary School will soon be finished and will include a full gym, basketball and many other facilities its important that we don't duplicate. Cllr John McGinley said re-His Draft Proposals would also include a landscape plan that will contain detail planning to include, Pedestrian and cycle access, new street furniture and new planting.

Landscaping of land between the field and the Straffan Road.

This is a wonderful project for Maynooth and with the Maynooth Harbour Action Plan it gives you the people of Maynooth the chance to have your say.

Saint Patrick's Day Parade

John McGinley said getting bands is proving difficult; it costs in the region of one thousand euro to sponsor a band. He paid tribute to our own local Brass and Reed band that plays every year. Looking for suggestions and hoping for the same success again this year.

Tidy Towns

Paul Croghan said they are setting out their plan for 07 also looking for more helpers to come on board, he

noted that they don't have anything like the members that Celbridge and Leixlip have but have a strong group of people that work very well. Sean said this year they are having an "Open Day" to meet people and to show what their plans are for this year. Sean also said that the baskets will be getting a tidy-up by the end of the month.

Local Matters

Safety Issues

Tom McMullon raised the point re no lighting in the Harbour Area. John McGinley said that €35,000 is available for this.

Des Matthews also noted the bridge over the canal is highly dangerous with wooden steps broken, Des also drew attention to the fact that five lights over the railway bridge are not working. He said lights here are often broken. Des also raised his worrying concerns regarding the height and width of the new walls on Bond Bridge; he said they are very high and dangerous for kids. He also raised the point of our 15 month wait rather than the original 7 month plan for completion of Bond Bridge.

Moyglare Abbey Residence Association

John O'Connor said that speeding is taking place on the Moyglare Road and asked that we write to KCC re—Traffic calming here. John also said that speeding is taking place on the back lanes of the town, he suggested ramps be put in here.

Carton Court Residence Association

Frank O'Shea said that a sub-station near the entrance to the estate is causing problems by blocking views here. They have wrote to both the E .S. B. and K.C.C. each blaming the other and that it would cost the residents 100,000 euro to pay for it. Frank still wants to know who is responsible. It was felt that K.C.C. own the lights and the E. S. B. maintenance. It was also said that several lights are out in the estate. This will be included in a letter to K. C. C.

Cluain Aoibhann Residents Association

Tom McMullon said that there is a very dangerous tree at the entrance to the estate, he said they wrote to K. C. C. with no response, to be included with points on safety to K. C. C.

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Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
06/2630	Tony & Breda Gannon	Willowmere, Ladychapel rd, Newtown, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.	P	28/11/06	Demolition of a single storey shed and the construction of 2 no 2 storey detached dwellings in the rear garden of the existing dwelling with new vehicular access from newtown road, and associated site works	505 Newtown Rd, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.
06/2649	S T O'Mahony-Adams & M Pandora	19 Strakem Crescent Clonsilla Dublin 15	P	30/11/06	To demolish existing single storey bungalow, and to construct 9 no apartments (2 one bed, 5 two beds, 2 three beds) in 3. no two storey blocks and 18 carparking spaces, landscaped open space, retention and refurbishment of existing protected wall	Kilcleagh Maynooth Road, Co. Kildare.
06/2664	Jason Costello	No 59 Moyglare Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	01/12/06	Construction of single storey domestic extension to side and rear, single storey domestic storage shed extension to side and front of existing dwelling and all associated site works	59 Moyglare Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2686	Brian O'Connor	184 Collins Ave East Killester Dublin	P	05/12/06	Erection of a 1st floor extension at the side of the house consisting of a new bedroom, 1 ensuite and the extension of and existing bedroom. And bathroom and the renovation of the existing house. The erection of a sunroom at the back of the house.	9 Lyreen Pk, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.
06/2707	Mary Murphy	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	07/12/06	Garage for domestic to rear of house	Moneycooley Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2708	Miranda, Pandora, S & T O'Mahony Adams	19 Strakem Crescent Clonsilla Dublin 15	P	07/12/06	Demolish existing single storey bungalow and to construct 9 no apartments (two one bed, five two bed, two three bed) in 3 no two storey blocks and 18 car parking spaces, landscape etc	Maynooth Rd Celbridge Co. Kildare
06/2757	Michael & Mary McGreevy	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	12/12/06	Construction of a single storey nursing home containing 46 one bedroom units, 2 two bedroom units, reception, administration offices community/meeting room. Residents shop day room, kitchen, dining, laundry, plant room consultation etc.	Barrogstown Maynooth, Co. Kildare
06/2764	Fiona Kenny	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	13/12/06	Amendment of condition no 1 of planning permission 9791 and for full planning permission to construct a 5 bedroom dormer bungalow, mechanical aerated treatment plant with raised percolation area, new entrance onto public road.	Clonfert South Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2765	Rory Moynihan	Clonagh Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	13/12/06	To construct a dormer style residence, garage, associated site works.	Clonagh Maynooth Co. Kildare

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Notes

Know your rights

Question

I heard that people on disability payments can now work for more than 3 years on a Community Employment Scheme. Is this true?

Answer

Yes it is.

The Community Employment (CE) Programme operated by FÁS provides part-time work (39 hours a fortnight) for eligible unemployed people and other disadvantaged groups. In general to qualify you must be receiving an eligible payment from the Department of Social and Family Affairs for a certain period of time. There are two options under the Programme the Part-time Integration Option and the Part-time Job Option.

The Part-Time Integration Option is for those aged 25 or over and the employment lasts for one year. The age limit for those receiving Disability Allowance, Blind Pension, Invalidity Pension and Illness Benefit (previously called Disability Benefit) is 18 years or over.

The second option is the Part-time Job Option which is for those aged 35 and over. Under the Part-time Job Option participants can work for up to 3 years. Those aged 55 or over can work for up to 6 years.

Since September 2006 participants on the Part-Time Job Option who are aged 35 to 54 and are receiving one of the disability payments mentioned above can work for up to 4 years. Those on a disability payment aged 55 or over can work for up to 7 years.

Participants on a CE scheme are paid by the scheme sponsor. Those on a disability payment can continue to receive their disability payment as well as their CE payment but their disability payment may be reduced.

Further information is available from your local FÁS office and from the Citizens Information Centre.

Question

How do I make a complaint about a programme I saw on television?

Answer

Anybody can make a complaint about a programme or advertisement, broadcast on television or radio broadcasting service licensed within the Republic of Ireland, to the Broadcasting Complaints Commission

(BCC). The BCC deals with complaints about material which has been broadcast in relation to:

- Impartiality in news and current affairs
- Taste and decency
- Law and order
- Privacy or an individual
- Advertising, teleshopping, sponsorship and commercial promotion codes
- Slander
- Published material in relation to RTE

Complaints must be in writing, preferably on a complaint form which is available from the B.C.C. and is also available on their website at www.bcc.ie. You can e-mail your complaint or send it to

Broadcasting Complaints Commission,
2-5 Warrington Place,
Dublin 2.
Tel: (01) 676 1097, Fax: (01) 676 0948,
E-mail: complaints@bcc.ie

Your complaint must be made within 30 days of the broadcast and must include the following:

- The date, time and channel of the broadcast
- The news item, programme or advertisement
- A short detailed summary of what has caused offence, stating under which sub-heading (as listed above) of Section 24(2) of the Broadcasting Act 2001 the complaint is being made.

All decisions of the B.C.C. are made publicly available, including the name of the complainant. A copy of the decision of the BCC will be sent to you before it is published. Generally, if the complaint is upheld the broadcaster will be required to broadcast the decision. The BCC has no powers to award costs or expenses.

Question

Is it true that you can claim from the Department of Social and Family Affairs for dental treatment carried out in another EU country?

Answer

Yes, it is possible to claim for certain dental treatment obtained in other EU countries under the Department's Treatment Benefit Scheme, providing you qualify for the scheme.

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To qualify for the scheme you must satisfy certain Pay Related Social Insurance (PRSI) contribution conditions which vary depending on your age. You are also eligible if you are the dependent spouse of an insured person or a dependent widow or widower whose spouse was qualified at time of death. If you satisfy the PRSI conditions when you reach age 60 you will remain qualified for life.

Under the scheme you can qualify for Dental, Optical and Aural Benefits whereby the Department pays some of the costs of various treatments, such as dental fillings and extractions, eye examinations, spectacles, contact lenses and hearing aids.

You can now claim these benefits if your treatment, spectacles, etc. was obtained in another EU country. The Department pays an amount equivalent to the rate paid for similar treatment carried out in Ireland or the amount actually paid—whichever is lower.

Before going abroad you should contact the Department's Treatment Benefit Section, Tel: LoCall 1890 400 400 (ext 4480) for an application form and details of how much the Department pays for the various treatments. When abroad you pay the full amount for the treatment, but you should ask the dentist, optician or audiologist to complete the application form. To claim the benefit when you return to Ireland, send the application form to the:

Treatment Benefit Section,
Department of Social and Family Affairs,
St. Oliver Plunkett Road,
Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.

Question

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

Answer

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

If the 1st of January fell on a Thursday for example and you worked every second week you would still manage

to pay a PRSI contribution in each contribution week because the contribution week started in the middle of the week. Therefore you would have the full 52 PRSI contributions paid for the year.

In 2007 the 1st of January falls on a Monday which means each PRSI contribution week runs from Monday to the following Sunday.

The 1st of January falling on a Monday is particularly relevant if you are job-sharing with a week off as part of your work pattern because you will miss out paying a PRSI contribution for the week you are not working. If you work one week on and one week off you will pay only 26 contributions for 2007.

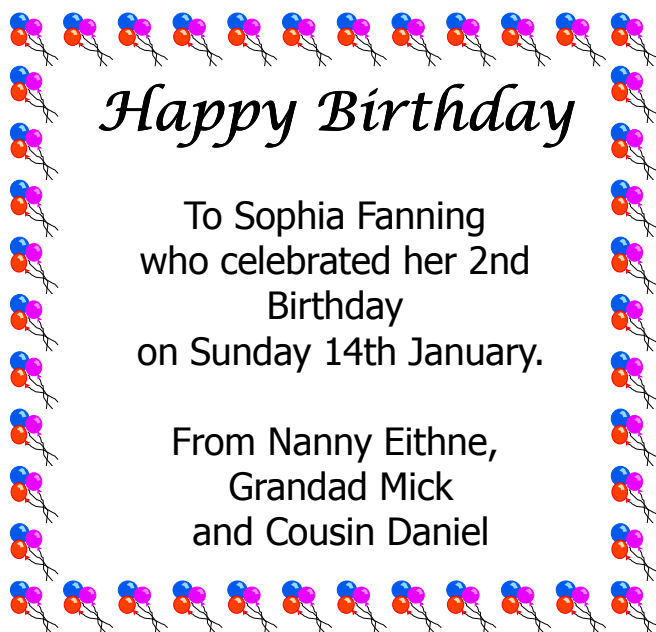
This could affect your entitlement to a State Pension (Contributory) when you retire. The amount of State Pension (Contributory) you will receive when you reach age 66 is based on the average number of yearly PRSI contributions you have paid since starting work. It is therefore important that you have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

If your job-sharing arrangement requires that you work part of every week between the days Monday to Sunday, you will have your full 52 PRSI contributions for 2007.

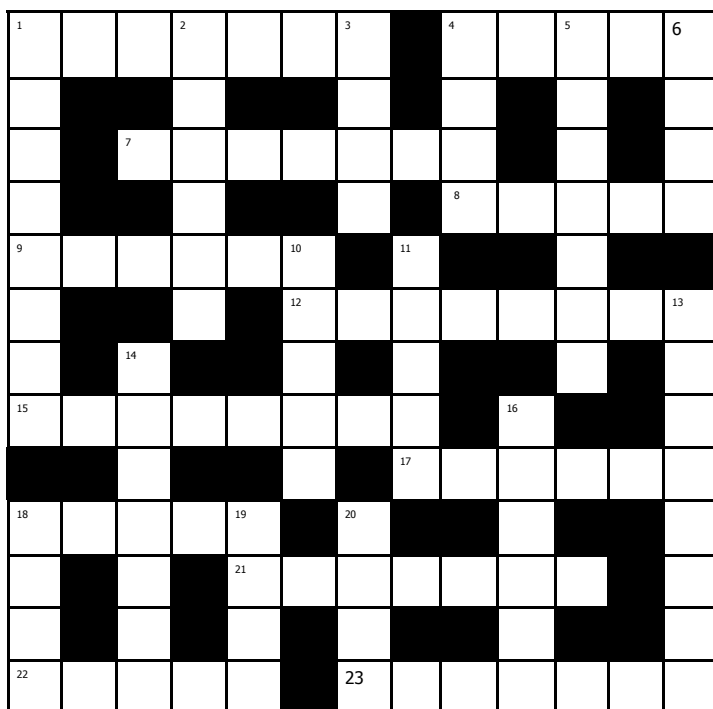
Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre.

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Entries before 16th February 2007

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Address: _____

Phone: _____

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1. Cautious (7)
4. Point of convergence (5)
7. Mix together (7)
8. Monetary unit of Ecuador (5)
9. Plant pest (6)
12. Novelist, - - - Maclean (8)
15. Sir Gordon- - -, champion jockey(8)
17. Pines (6)
18. Garret (5)
21. Lie partly across another (7)
22. Arthur Conan - - -, author (5)
23. Lockjaw (7)

Down:

1. Military field gun (8)
2. Flower genus (6)
3. Existence (4)
4. Professional charges (4)
5. Disguise (7)
6. Team (4)
10. Cavalry sword (5)
11. Slightly drunk (5)
13. Washington- - -, American football team (8)
14. Rapture (7)
16. Capital of Cuba (6)
18. Parched (4)
19. Lane-marker (4)
20. Annoyance (4)

Doodle Box

Across:

3. Addictive, 8. Deal, 9. Pitiabie, 10. Encore, 13. Tosca, 14. Midwife, 15, Tom, 16. Rhubarb, 17. Flair, 21. Oiling, 22. Coleslaw, 23, Punt, 24. Newmarket.

Down:

1. Adventure, 2. Narcissus, 4. Duped, 5. Interim, 6, Trap, 7, Vale, 11. Vivacious, 12, Segregate, 14, Mob, 15, Trailer, 18, Bowie, 19, Poke, 20, Helm.

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Features

Scholarship awards NUI Maynooth

Individual scholarships valued at Euro 1000 and a memento were awarded to eight pupils from the Post Primary School at a ceremony held in NUI Maynooth on 6th November 2006. The students from the Post Primary School had exceeded 500 points in their Leaving Certificate and had declared for NUI Maynooth, thus qualifying for the entrance scholarships. The ceremony was held in the impressive John Hume Hall and the awards were presented by Professor John Hughes, the President of the College and by David Redmond, Dean. Mr Senan Griffin, Principal of the Post Primary School was delighted with the overall performance of his school. Eighteen pupils achieved 500 points or more with eight declaring for Maynooth NUI and six for Trinity. There were 82 scholarships awarded to students Nationwide.



L to R Aileen Dunne, Sarah Oxley, Amanda Fahy, Aoife Kelly & David Geraghty



L to R Senan Griffin, Gillian Cotter, David Geraghty & Sean Redmond



L to R David Redmond, Dean NUI Maynooth, Aileen Dunne, Fiona Canning, Aoife Kelly, Gillian Cotter, David Geraghty & Senan Griffin

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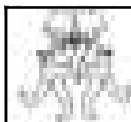


L to R David Redmond, Dean of NUI
Maynooth & Senan Griffin
Principal of Maynooth P.P.S



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Gardening

Despite its reputation as a rainy month, February usually has more dry days than wet. From regions of high barometric pressure over Scandinavia blow north and east winds that are dry and chilling, though they also bring gripping frosts and snow. It is not until the end of February that there may be the occasional clear and sunny day, to be paid for in night frosts.

From February to early May, take into account the effects of latitude, site and soil condition, available light and especially air and ground temperature on outdoor operations.

- Finish any deep digging or trenching of vacant soil as soon as weather permits. Break up topsoil well with a fork, and leave it rough for frost and thaw to break up the clods.
- Use moist and very well-rooted materials for organic manuring, whether farmyard manures, compost, peat, leaf-mould, forestry bark or weathered sawdust, so that they can be well worked into the soil. Unrotted manure slows down fertility by needing the attentions of bacteria which normally release nitrogen into the soil for plants
- Condition heavy soils and clay with a calcified seaweed soil conditioner roughly raked in a few days before cultivating.

THE FLOWER GARDEN

Delay sowings and lifting of plants for division to the end of the month or leave until March until the light strengthens and temperatures begin to rise. Take into account the reaction of native plants to climatic conditions; the soil temperature and how quickly it begins to rise, which will depend on the aspect and texture, height above sea level, and exposure to the sun's warmth.

- Take advantage of sunny mild days to lift and move deciduous shrubs, if necessary, herbaceous plants and ferns to new quarters in the garden; left with plenty of soil clinging to the roots and do not allow them to dry out before replanting.
- Plant lily of the valley (*Convallaria majalis*) crowns or pips with tips just below the soil surface. Choose a site in partial shade with well-drained soil enriched with leaf-mould or well-rotted organic matter. They take a year to become established. The variety 'Fortin's Giant' gives larger, longer-stalked flowers a fortnight later than the type; 'Rosea' has rose-pink-tinted, strongly scented flowers and is less vigorous.
- Take advantage of the first dry days to weed, refirm the roots, and rake in a light dressing of a nitrogenous fertiliser such as dried blood or hoof and horn meal to bedded-out stocks and wallflowers.
- As soon as the flowers drop, lift clumps of snowdrops that have become overcrowded, divide and replant immediately, without exposing the roots to dehydration by air. Space large bulbs 10 cm (4in) apart. If replanted with care, the plants make vigorous leaf growth and are one of the few bulbous plants successfully propagated in this way.
- Check primroses, polyanthus, and autumn-planted pansies and violas for slug damage in mild weather. Slug pellets are effective but harmful to wildlife and pets.
- Give a top-dressing of fine bone meal and well-rotted manure or compost to crown imperials (*Fritillaria imperialis*) early this month. A well-drained site is essential, and it is advisable to plant the bulbs on their sides to prevent water collecting in the depression on the top. The lemon-yellow variety 'Lutea' is outstanding and looks magnificent in full spring sunshine.
- Lift and divide hardy herbaceous border plants while still dormant, removing the roots of invading weeds such as couch grass, horsetails and bindweed before replanting.



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Valentine's Day—Origins of the Day of Love

The origins of Valentine's Day are shrouded in mystery. The two main theories to explain how February 14th became synonymous with romance:

Roman Feast of Lupercalia—This ancient pagan fertility celebration, which honoured Juno, queen of goddesses and goddess of woman and marriage, was held on February 14, the day before the feast woman would write love letters, also known as billets and leave them in a large urn. The men of Rome removed them from the urn and ardently pursued the woman who wrote the message they had chosen.

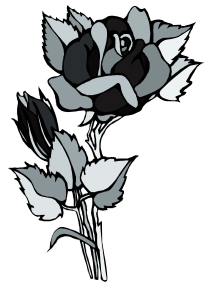
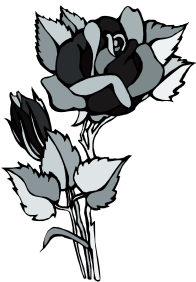
The Birds and the Bees?— In the Middle Ages, people began to send love letters on Valentine's Day as they believed that birds began to mate on February 14th.

Valentine Traditions

A variety of interesting Valentine's Day traditions developed over time. For example, hundreds of years ago in England, children dressed up as adults on Valentine's Day and went singing holiday verses from door to door.

The gift of flowers on Valentine's Day probably dates to the early 1700s when Charles 11 of Sweden brought the Persian poetical art called "the language of flowers" to Europe.

The **rose**, representing love, is probably the only flower with a meaning that is universally understood. The red rose remains the most popular flower bought by men for their sweethearts.



Loves Philosophy

The fountains mingle with the river
And the rivers with the oceans
The winds of Heaven mix forever
With a sweet emotion;
Nothing in the world is single
All things by a law divine
In one spirit meet and mingle
Why not I with thine ?

See the mountains kiss high Heaven
And the waves clasp one another
No sister-flower would be forgiven
If it disdained its brother;
And the sunlight clasps the earth
And the moonbeams kiss the sea
What are all these kissings worth
If thou kiss not me ?

THE BRIDESMAID

O bridesmaid, ere the happy knot was tied,
Thine eyes so wept that they could hardly see;
Thy sister smiled and said, 'No tears for me!
A happy bridesmaid makes a happy bride.'
And then, the couple standing side by side,
Love lighted down between them full of glee,
And over his left shoulder laugh'd at thee,
'O happy bridesmaid, make a happy bride.'
And all at once a pleasant truth I learn'd,
For while the tender service made thee weep,
I loved thee for the tear thou couldst not hide,
And prest thy hand, and knew the press return'd,
And thought, 'My life is sick of single sleep:
O happy bridesmaid, make a happy bride!'

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Did you know the Playbarn is the home to
RTE's children's quiz show Quizone ?

Horoscopes



ARIES—March 21—April 20

You could do with some help at the moment and not just at home with your painting and spring cleaning. Make the most of your time and take a chance at the end of the week. Lucky number 5, colour green and your lucky day is Monday



LIBRA—September 24—October 23

Your sense of confidence is well placed and you could be starting a new career shortly. A telephone call during the week will have you in a spin. Lucky number is 2, colour white, and lucky day is Friday.



TAURUS—April 21—May 21

A family member comes up tops when it really matters. This week you get noticed at a party, it will be an unlikely source and you will find them easy to talk to. Lucky number 3, colour black, and lucky day is Wednesday



SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22

You look and feel like life is one big party at the moment. A small windfall will keep the party going. St. Valentine's day will have a very special meaning for you. Lucky number 13, colour red, and lucky day is Thursday.



GEMINI—May 22—June 22

Spring has come early for you and everything in the garden seems great but be careful you could be in for a fall. With your dual personality you have to take things slower. Lucky number 8, colour blue, and lucky day Saturday.



CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan. 20

Good time for making a fresh start. Be cautious about rushing into things. Concentrate on your love life and expect positive results mid month. Lucky number 1, colour red, and lucky day Monday.



CANCER—June 23—July 23

It would not be advisable to make the move you are thinking about at this time. Better times are ahead if you just have the patience to wait. A chance meeting will bring good news. Lucky number 7, colour pink, and lucky day Sunday.



SAGITTARIUS—Nov. 23—Dec. 21

Its time to relax and enjoy your success. You need to chill out and take life easier in general. Money is abundant at the moment, but don't forget that rainy day. Lucky number 9, colour blue, and lucky day Friday



LEO—July 24—August 23

A family reunion could bring a new romance, but beware all may not be what it appears to be. Buy that ticket, your luck is in. Lucky number 10, colour yellow, and lucky day Wednesday.



AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19

Guard your privacy. Don't let strangers know your business. Look for hidden messages in your dreams. Take time to reflect. Lucky number 1, colour orange, and lucky day Monday



Virgo—August 24—September 23

A friend will need your advice about important issues. Some hard truths will have to be told. Your advice will be appreciated and taken to heart. Lucky number 11, colour brown, and lucky day Thursday.



PISCES—February 20—March 20

Something brings a twinkle to your eye. A stranger you meet at the weekend could mean lots of fun. Concentrate on your career as future prospects look good. Lucky number 14, colour purple, and lucky day Sunday.

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Maynooth Newsletter Reaches Russia

A Russian Christmas

On December 28th 2006 I departed from Dublin to Amsterdam and then flew to Moscow. I then travelled by train for eleven hours South to a place called Lipetsk, which is the home of my wife Olga. Her brother Dmitry is a Neuro Surgeon and Olga is a pharmacist who graduated from the University of Kursk. Christmas Day is on the 7th January in Russia. I spent twelve days in Russia. Unusually for Russia it was the mildest winter for fifty years. While it should have been -25° to -30° and lots of snow, the temperature only dropped to -6° and very little snow. I returned home to Ireland on 10th January with happy memories of my first Russian Christmas. I was very lucky to celebrate two Christmas's this year. This had been my fourth trip to Russia.

Traditionally Christmas and New Year are family holidays in Russia. In the last minutes of the Old Year all family members sit down at the table and wait until the sound of curanty (main clock) on Spasskaya Tower of Kremlin will start to beat twelve times. Russians believe that when curanty rings all their wishes will come true. New Year in Russia is not possible without champagne, mandarin (oranges) from Abhmasia and Russian "Salad Olivier". The name of Christmas Eve (January 6th) in Orthodox tradition is Sochelnik, because people usually eat a special kind of porridge with honey called Sochivo. On Christmas Day people usually eat a pork dish and possibly goose and duck. This meal can only be eaten when every family member is seated at the table. Then to finish off it must include Soviet Champagne with pineapple pieces in it, sandwiches with salmon (red) and sturgeon (black) caviar and finally the famous Russian cake Napoleone.

There are so many stories to tell about Russian culture etc. perhaps I will tell some another time. Soon I will start planning my fifth trip to Russia and visit to St. Petersburg.

Novym Godom Happy New Year

A report by Kevin McGovern
818 Old Greenfield
Maynooth.



Features

BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition 2007 Students from Post Primary School Maynooth Scoop Top Group Award

Post-Primary students Ben Finnegan (17) Timothy Seebus (16) and Justin Cullinane (16) were awarded the top group prize at the recent Young Scientist Competition.

Their project to set up and operate an Internet based radio station was deemed worthy of the top prize by the adjudicating panel. The young men had spent more than a year researching and setting up an operating model labelled Teenradio. The station currently broadcasts from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. each day from the web address www.t-radio.eu.

The project began after Tim started looking at software used to edit and package music and voice. Ben and Justin had also been working on web applications for a number of years. They decided with Tim, to move forward as a group to examine the possibility of setting up their own radio station. This station would be different, getting the signal out over the Internet rather than by radio frequency broadcasting. Legal and licensing aspects of their project were examined and overcome by the payment of fees to IMRO and PPI.



L to R Justin Cullinan, Timothy Seebus. Ben Finnigan

The station promises “no adult control or classical music” and audiences peaked at 1500 connections during the competition. They are now in the process of developing software, which would allow them to receive requests and texts from listeners. The students, Tim, Ben and Justin are delighted with their award of €2400 and trophy.

Their project has attracted commercial interest and we at the Newsletter add our congratulations to a meritorious performance.

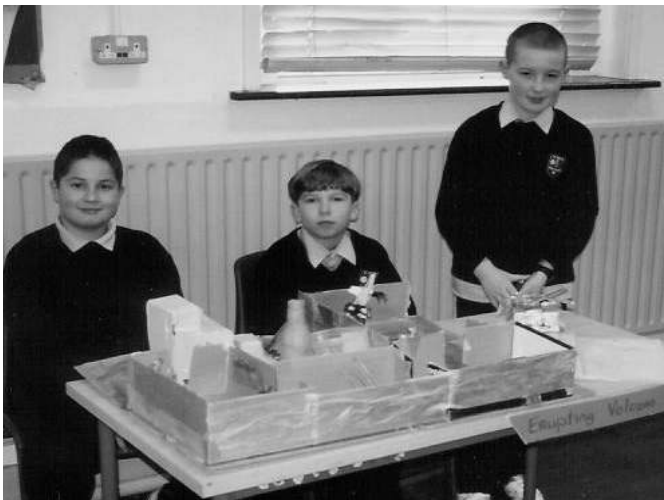
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Boys National School Maynooth

INTEL MINI SCIENTIST EXHIBITION

Shortly before the Christmas break the Boys National School Maynooth held a science exhibition under the Intel Mini Scientist Programme.

In recognition of the increasing importance of science related subjects in the education system, Intel have sponsored a number of initiatives to increase the awareness and the importance of the subject, essential to the continued development of the National Economy.



**L to R Moxin Burak, Nikita Barisnikov
& Andrew Jolley**



**L to R Aaran Jordan, Declan Burke & Darren
Kennedy**



L to R Jacub Zukowski & Bartek Dwokczyk



L to R Ronan Gorey, Ian Doyle & Michael Carton

The boys did their school proud with a variety of projects covering a wide field of study. The projects included studies of volcanic energy and eruptions, atmospheric conditions, electrical generation and circuits as well studies attached to motor vehicles.

Presentation of proceeds of Tony Smith Memorial Walk 2006 Sunday 17th December Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth



Included in photo - Left to Right -

Cllr. John McGinley, Eileen Leavy (Highest Sponsored Walker), Josie Moore (Chairperson, Maynooth Senior Citizen's Committee), Emmet Stagg T.D.

Photo - Kim Mullahey.

Features

Maynooth Boy's National School "Ask Bernard"

Huge congratulations must go to the boys, staff and parents of Maynooth B N S who produced yet another brilliant show last December.

The show, "Ask Bernard" was written by Mr. Grundy and directed by Mr. Davis. There were packed houses on each of the three nights.



Builders: L to R Mark Bennett, David Leavy, Kenneth Stewart, David Condan, Jamie McEvoy & Brendan Sheridan.

It told the story of two schoolboys, Kevin and Bernard, who are kidnapped by an alien crew led by the fierce Nivek and brought into deepest space. There they are forced to solve a problem set by an even nastier group of aliens, the Nemgob. Luckily the boys survive their ordeal and make it back to class in time for their maths lesson with the cruellest teacher any of us have ever seen.

The cast was made up of over 200 boys from Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth classes. In a cast of this size it would be unfair to single out any individual for attention but mention must be made of Damien Kelly and Tom Oliver who played Bernard and Kevin and also David Green who played Nivek and Neil Delaney who was so terrifying as a very sarcastic and rude teacher.

Darren Coyle and Conor Davin got great laughs as the compere/critics, Vladimir and Estragon.

"The Cosmic Choir" sang the songs for the show and they were brilliant. In addition to having to learn the words and tunes of the songs the boys had to learn dance moves which they did so well.

As is now traditional with the Boys' School's shows the band was made up of pupils under the watchful eye of Mr. Davis. They were; Stephen Colfer on drums and on guitars we had, bandleader Peter Sheeran, Lorcan Halton, Thomas Dempsey, Daniel Hobbs and Caelan Donnan.

Special mention must be made of the large number of teachers who prepared the costumes and make-up. The Nemgob in particular drew gasps from the audience when they appeared. We can only imagine how long Ms. Ring, Ms. Henderson, Ms. McLaughlin and Ms. Flynn spent on them, or how many curries they had to eat to get the tin foil containers. A very able stage crew led by Mr. Creevy and Mr. Fenton handled the props. These two gentlemen also get the credit for building the stage, which was in itself a mighty feat of engineering.

The sets were painted by a group of parents who wish to be known only as "The Tuesday Club". They added so much to the show.

At the end of the show Mr. Coakley congratulated the boys on the huge amount of commitment they had shown and their dedication in learning lines and turning up for rehearsals. Mr. Coakley is to be congratulated for his own commitment to the show and his active support of something that gives our children, and the community in Maynooth such pleasure year after year. It's a lot of extra hard work Mr Coakley and the teachers but the boys get so much out of these shows that the effort is worth it. As the audience left the show many were asking how could the Boys' School follow a show like that and of course there can only be one answer, "Ask Bernard".

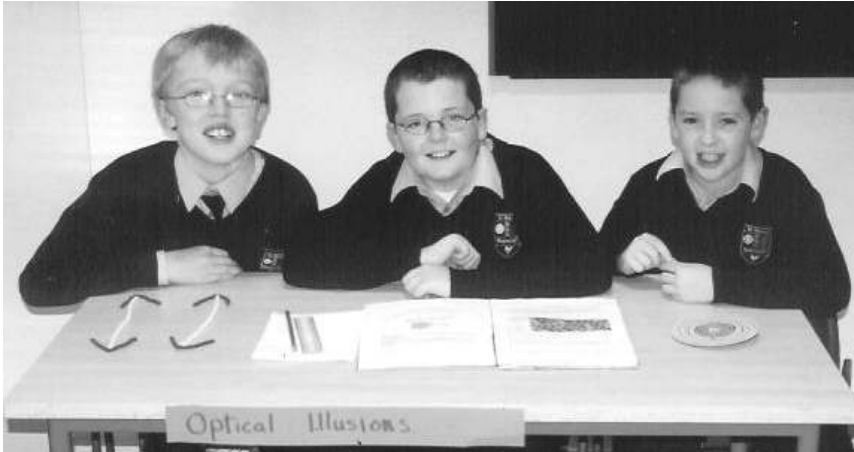


Green Aliens: L to R Fergal Stack, Eoin Leavy, Donal Reilly & Darragh Burgess

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Boys National School Maynooth

INTEL MINI SCIENTIST EXHIBITION



**L to R
Neil Byrne,
Eoin Mc Cormack
& Darragh Mahan**



**L to R
Luke Stuart, Mills,
Seonse Murray,,
Dáine Byrne
& James Penny**



**L to R
Michael Lloyd,
Fawaz Oduyebu
& Robert O'Neill**

Features

Boys National School Maynooth **INTEL MINI SCIENTIST EXHIBITION**



Representing Intel on the day were :
L to R
Ciara McCaughey and Clare Mc Dermott,
and for the school Triona McEvoy (Teacher)



L to R Mathew Melic, Cormac Maguire
& Joshua Healey



L to R Anthony Bennett, Eoin Byrne
& Lorcan Haltan



L to R Jordan Besek, Daniel O'Keefe, Jordan
Mc Grath & Robert Cowhey

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

MAYNOOTH TOASTMASTERS

If you want to make a new Years Resolution to learn a new skill and have some fun, then a new club that has been set up in Maynooth might be just right up your street. This new Toastmasters Club has just started to help people improve their communication skills in a fun environment.

Maynooth Toastmasters President, Sean Brady a founder member of Maynooth Toastmasters. "Through its member clubs Toastmasters International helps men and women learn the art of speaking, listening and thinking-vital skills that promote self-actualization, enhance leadership potential, foster human understanding and contribute to the betterment of mankind" said Sean. "The mission of Maynooth Toastmasters Club is to provide a mutually supportive and learning environment in which every member has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth.

He went on to say that everyone is welcome to come to a meeting, so that they can see for themselves how Toastmasters can be enlightening, entertaining, a great night out, and an opportunity to meet new friends in a fun and sociable environment. "During club meetings you build "Quick thinking" skills as you give one-to-two minute speeches on general subjects during Table Topics," said Peter Farrelly, who hails from the Carbury area and is the Area 28 Governor of Toastmasters International. "You'll introduce speakers, conduct meetings and perform other roles that will give you plenty of practice in a variety of communication experiences, but your greatest learning will come from preparing and presenting speeches."

John Cronin Vice President of the Lucan club said "if you wish to speak without fear in public, communicate effectively, learn from others, develop leadership skills, try chairing a meeting, and have fun when learning then Toastmasters is for you." P. L. Curran Vice President of Education, Maynooth Toastmasters said "when members are asked why they joined one of the most frequent answers given is it helps me in my job and I enjoy the fun".

"We will be delighted to welcome you to the next meeting on Monday, February 12th at 7.45p.m", said Sean Brady. Follow on meetings will take place on Monday, February 26th, and March 12th & 26th upstairs in Brady's Clockhouse Bar, Main Street, Maynooth at 7.45p.m.

All are Welcome !

Toastmasters: "Better Speaking, Better Listening, Better Leading".

If you require further information place contact:

Peter Farrelly 086 2510880

Bernie Conroy 086 8161688

P. L. Curran 086 8163473

or check out the very interesting Maynooth Toastmasters website at www.maynoothtoastmasters.com

Maynooth Post Primary School Presents My Fair Lady

**In
St. Mary's Parish Hall
On**

Wednesday 7th February—Sunday 11th February (inclusive)

**Show starts 7.30 p.m. Sharp
Tickets available from the school**



The *DANCE* Academy

The Royal Academy of Dance

The Royal Academy of Dance is an international teacher education and awarding body for Classical Ballet, established in 1920 with the aim of developing and maintaining the highest possible standard of teaching. This remains its objective.

The Dance Academy is a family business, now run by Sadhbh Ó Dúnlain. Every year pupils work towards either R.A.D. Examinations and Presentation Classes or are prepared for stage work through a School Performance. Sadhbh personally teaches every single pupil.

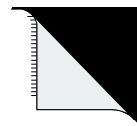
The Dance Academy has been operating successfully in Bray, Maynooth, and Mount Merrion for a number of decades and now is delighted to announce that it has just completed its first year in Edenderry having taken over the local R.A.D. School in Churchwalk.

Enquiries



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Poetry Corner



Flowers



Such sweet scented aroma flowers blow through
As I walk on meadows inhaling the scented air
Clover of all colourful blends Mother nature grew
In a wonderful Greenland perfected with such care

By the river glen the daffodils dance with the breeze
Their yellow petals show brightness to a dismal day
The bees pollinate with each plant as they please
Producing such lovely combs in a special way
Spring of youthful growth in bloom for a while
Bluebells and snowdrops seep through the sodden earth
In a natural woodland with such care and toil
Awaiting to a seasons decay with a sudden death

Cultivated flowers of many kinds are special to grow
With rain and sun essential for them to thrive
The growth of nature I really do not know
Knowing that each flower is so much alive
Alas all flowers of nature must meet decay
But renewed seedlings soon take their course
All the stems and buds die to my dismay
Making my mind wonder of such a source
Ah but the wild rose of a country road is special to me

With its scarlet red or pink that is special to all
Of all the beautiful flowers my eyes does see
Will be there for me to cherish at natures call

Patrick Murray





Smoked Salmon Pancakes with Pesto

Makes 12-16

Ingredients

120ml Milk
115g Self-raising flour
1 Egg beaten
30ml Pesto Sauce
Vegetable oil for frying
200ml Crème Fraiche
75g Smoked salmon
15g Pine nuts toasted
Salt & ground black pepper
12/16 Fresh basil sprigs to garnish



Method

Pour half of the milk into mixing bowl. Add the flour, egg, pesto sauce, salt and ground pepper and mix thoroughly to make a smooth batter. Gradually add the remainder of the milk and stir until evenly blended. Heat the vegetable oil in a large frying pan.

Spoon the pancake mixture into the heated oil in small heaps. Allow about 30 seconds for the pancake to rise, then turn them over and cook briefly on the other side. Remove from the pan and keep warm. Continue cooking the pancakes in batches until all the batter has been used up.

Arrange the pancakes on a serving plate and top each one with a spoonful of crème fraiche. Cut the salmon into 1 centimetre strips and place on top of each pancake. Sprinkle each pancake with pine nuts and garnish with a sprig of fresh basil.

Chocolate Meringues with Chocolate Cream

Makes 12-16 Meringues

Ingredients

Meringues

3 Egg whites
150g Castor sugar
1 tsp Cocoa, sieved
50 g Good dark chocolate, grated or chopped finely

Chocolate cream

100g Chocolate
50ml Cream

Method

Preheat oven to 140°C/275°F/Gas 1. Line two baking trays with greaseproof paper. In a perfectly dry, clean bowl whisk the egg whites until almost stiff. Gradually add the sugar, whisking all the time. Stop whisking when it's very thick and will hold stiff peaks.

In a separate bowl, stir together the cocoa and chocolate and gently fold into the meringue.

Spoon tablespoons of the mixture onto the prepared trays and quickly put them into the oven before it loses any volume. Cook for 40 minutes or until they lift easily off the paper.



To make the chocolate cream, gently melt the chocolate with the cream, stir to mix, pour into a bowl and let it cool; it will thicken as it cools. This can be done in advance, but don't put the chocolate cream into the fridge. As it won't be easy to spread on the meringues if you do.

When the meringues and chocolate cream are cool, sandwich the meringues with a tablespoonful of the chocolate cream. These sit perfectly like this for a couple of hours. If you like, serve with some softly whipped cream.



Poetry Corner

Winter

A dull affair is winter time
With many changes of wintry sky
For rough season that is seldom fine
While it never seems to fade or die
Cool is the atmosphere around you
That is prominent this time of year
The sky is seldom of blue
When its dismal clouds draw near
I walk the frosted pathways
With its shiny sparkle of light
Remembering my childhood days
Sliding on ice with such delight
But winter elements can be cruel
With lashing rain and intense cold
Nature with its constant duel
On the helpless vulnerable old
Snow and hailstones are common
Too
With winds that drift from far
Nature's cause I wish I knew
With careful driving in a car
Lucky we are to have no extreme
Of weathered wind, rain or snow
Awaiting spring is in my dream
When exactly we do not know
So cold, dark and bleak is this
Season
That is depressing in my mind
But mother nature must have a
Reason
For all these weathered days we
Find
Soon the snowdrops will appear
Being the first sign of my spring
Its calming season will conquer my
Fear
And bring new life to everything
Wild is the weather of wintertime
And what is the reason of it all
Here I am at this fire of mine
Sheltering from wind and rain that
Fall
But I will be patient at all time
For better weather to come along
Soon again it will be fine
When all the winter scorn is gone

Patrick Murray

Presentation Girls' N. S. And Maynooth Boys N. S.

Enrolment

For September 2007
Parents and Guardians are
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- Do you wish to do a demo (3-4 mins) at Reviewing Stand? Yes ☐ No ☐

Entrance Fee:

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- Bands ~ Free

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1 Best Commercial Float

Trophy

2 Best Club Float

Trophy

3 Best Band

Perpetual Cup

4 Best Portrayal pf Irish Culture

Trophy

5 Best Portrayal of International Culture

Trophy

6 Best Portrayal of Environmental Awareness

Trophy

Applications with entry fee to be sent to Community Council Office before Friday 2nd March or phone Christina Sauls (office hours - 6285922 or 6285053) or John McGinley (6285293 (H) or 7026536 (W))

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth ICA News

Our meeting for December 2006 was held on Thursday 7th and we had invited members from surrounding Guilds.

Two members did attend the senior citizens dinner on the 17th December 2006 and we thank them for their invite.

We have no news as yet on the future of our hall in the harbour despite having written to Kildare County Council. The only news we have on the harbour site is what we are reading in the papers, as nobody has approached us on the position of our hall.

The recent craft day held in the hall was a great success. There was a great craft display at the December meeting. Our member Mary McNamara took part in the Federation Comortas competition in Prosperous. Sports Officer stated that badminton has ceased until February 2007 as the hall is being used by the schools. Gingham embroidery items will be judged at the spring council meeting in February 2007 in Manilla Hotel Clonmel. There will be a fun night in Killeel on the 9th March 2007.

A federation trip to a European City is being organised by the federation. Kildare will be hosting the National Council Meeting in Standhouse Hotel Curragh on Saturday 19th May 2007. The next Kildare Federation meeting will take place on Tuesday 27th March in Slip Hall Celbridge at 8 p.m. sharp.

A service for all deceased members will be organised by the Federation in April 2007.

The Federation annual dinner dance will take place on Saturday 17th February 2007 in Keadeen Hotel Newbridge at 8 p.m.

Raffle winners:

1. Betty O'Kelly
2. Betty Farrell
3. Rosemary Hanley
4. Mary McNamara
5. Eileen Flynn
6. Norah McDermott
7. Maura Brown

The yearly competition winner was Betty Farrell who was presented with the Perpetual Cup. Second was Mary O'Gorman and third was Veva Kearins.

At the January meeting president Mary O'Gorman welcomed everyone back after the Christmas break. Crafts have resumed on a Monday night and

badminton will start again on 19th February in the Parish Hall. Christmas pudding competition was won by Margaret Houlihan with Mary O'Gorman in second place and Betty Farrell in third. Competition for February meeting is a hand made Valentines Card.

Raffle winner on the night was Mary Dunne second was Bernadette Rafferty and third was Teresa Corcoran. A Mediterranean Cruise is being organised by our National Organisation for the first week in July.

So you can see there is a very busy calendar of events for ICA members for 2007 and no doubt plenty of more dates will be added to that during the year.

Our monthly meetings take place every second Thursday of the Month in the ICA Hall in the Harbour at 8.00 p.m.

New members are always welcome.

Norah McDermott PRO.

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Boys National School Maynooth

Football and Hurling champions Presentation of winners medals

Shortly before Christmas, a presentation of winner medals was made to the successful hurling and football teams from the Boys National School Maynooth. In a carnival atmosphere created by the school pupils who thronged the hall, Mr Peter Coakley, the School Principal organised the showing of a specially commissioned DVD showing the highlights of the championship year.

Each kick of the ball and lifting of the cup sparked a Mexican wave with loud cheering round the hall. It was then the pleasure of Mr Patrick O'Connor a member of the teaching staff at the School to introduce Mr Micháel O'Muircheartaigh to present the medals.



Jonathon Flattery



Owen Byrne



Curtis Walsh

Mr O'Connor gave a resume of the legendary broadcaster. Born in Dingle County Kerry 1930, trained to be a schoolteacher in St Patrick's College Drumcondra. Started his broadcasting career commenting in Irish on minor championship football games. A commentator for over fifty years he joined RTE full time in 1980, succeeding the late Micháel O'Heir. Micháel is not only the finest broadcaster in the Irish language but probably the best in these Islands in English. His love for Gaelic football and hurling is evident in his broadcasts and his passion for parish, town, and county spreads across the airwaves every Sunday. A genuinely humble and friendly man, Micháel walked onto the stage and his magic was there for all to see.

In his reply, he told the story of his passion for Gaelic games. He also said that it was his earnest wish that someday in the future he could tell his friends that some of the young men that he had presented with medals today had gone on to win an All Ireland with Kildare. With that he began the presentation of the medals and had a few words for every recipient.

New Year: New Debt

How people are using their Mortgage to get back on top

For many people the New Year begins with the realisation that they have huge debts after the Christmas season. Whether it be store cards, credit cards, overdrafts or personal loans. But these 'small' Loans and debts can cost thousands in interest and charges. If people have a mortgage, they can wrap up all these high interest small loans that are costing a fortune each month into their mortgage payment and significantly reduce their monthly outgoings. People may think that by wrapping up all their debts into a mortgage they will be paying more in the long run but that may not be the case. The amount owed on the small loans may be wrapped up into the mortgage at the lower interest rate, and with lower monthly repayments, savings can be built up and paid back against the mortgage within the original timeframe, costing less in real terms.

Mortgage interest rates are still historically low and are very low in comparison to the interest charged on credit cards and personal loans. Added to that, the Banks and lending institutions are now offering incentives and bonuses to stay competitive in a very competitive market. To try and eliminate the negative effects of rising interest rates, the mortgage market is heating up. Banks and lending institutions have adjusted their lending criteria for home buyers and investors and are competing on an unprecedented scale.

Annette Furlong of Michael Corcoran Mortgages in Maynooth says "consumers have the widest choice ever available to them at the moment. Interest rate increases have actually prompted the lending institutions into offering more benefits to the consumer, for example if someone has a property with some equity built up, i.e., they owe the bank less than the property is worth then they can actually switch to a more competitive mortgage and pay less interest." Michael Corcoran, Managing Director of Michael Corcoran Mortgages, is delighted the banks are in such competition now, he says that "in the past when interest rates went up people had to just bear it, these days people can switch to a more competitive mortgage and actually save money in the long term." Michael also says "there are many property owners out there who could be saving thousands every year off their mortgages and could reduce their repayment period if they switched to a better mortgage deal." Michael Corcoran Mortgages on Main Street Maynooth offers independent, no fee advice for those wishing to buy their first home, dream home, investment or for those who wish to see if there is a better mortgage deal on the market for them. They can also help with structuring investments for better tax relief and consolidating loans to pay off existing higher rate debts. It really does pay to get independent professional advice.

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Presentation Convent Maynooth

Girls under -11 Football and Camogie Champions Cumann na mBunscol Division I

Shortly before Christmas, The Presentation Convent played host to one of Ireland's greatest ever hurler and sportsman, D. J. Carey. He had kindly consented to present the victorious girls camogie and football teams with their winning medals at a ceremony held in the school hall.

Teaching staff and pupils created a carnival atmosphere by wearing the football and hurling jerseys of their county of origin. The hall was a mass of colour as county jerseys from all parts of Ireland were worn proudly for the day.

In her introduction welcoming the Kilkenny legend, School Principal, Mrs. Boylan wearing a Kerry jersey presented to her by one of Kerry's greatest ever footballer, Maurice Fitzgerald, thanked her star guest for his attendance at the presentation.



Under 11 Camogie Team

Cumann Na mBunscol

Division 1 Champions

**L to R
Mr Fergus Carey (Coach)
and Mr D. J. Carey (Hurler)
and team members.**

Under 11 Football Team

Cumann Na mBunscol

Division 1 Champions

**L to R
Mr Fergus Carey (Coach)
and Mr D.J. Carey (Hurler)
and team members.**



Born in 1970, D J Carey received his initial education at Gowran National School. He then attended St. Kieran's College Kilkenny where his hurling ability came to the fore. He won five Senior Hurling All Ireland Medals with Kilkenny. He also won a minor and under 21 All Ireland hurling medal with the County. He is a winner of a record nine All Star Awards together with Colleges and Provincial Titles. He is also a former all Ireland handball champion. He retired from inter-county hurling in 2006.

He was given a tumultuous welcome and had a few words for each of the winners as they stepped up to accept their award. It was a memorable day, indeed, for the School.

Poetry Corner

Valentine

*On this special day I pray
You will be my Valentine
United together find a way
To be lovers for all time*

*Your angel eyes reveal it all
Of the person special to me
My want for you in my call
My love for you forever be*

*Live well girl I say to you
Love will always find a way
Your dreams are so very true
You will share many a sunny day*

*A feminine way of you so divine
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Maynooth Flower & Garden Club

New Year Greetings to all our members and friends. The club celebrated with their annual dinner in the Moyglare Manor Hotel on Tuesday Jan. 16th. It was a wonderful night among new friends and old with excellent food and relaxing surroundings. A great night to catch up after the Christmas break and find out about the events of the coming year.

We have a packed programme planned and if you have an interest in floral artistry, gardening, visiting gardens or just meeting up with like minded people then come along to one of our meetings.

All meetings are held at 8 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at Loftus Hall, Maynooth College unless otherwise stated.

Next Club Night	FEBRUARY 20th	Demonstrator : Margaret Quinn
	Competition:	"Stark Beauty" An Exhibit
	Classes A,B, & C	Space 60cm
	Plant Competition	6 Stems of Snowdrops

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Bond Bridge and Associated Works

Unfortunately, the contractor Stanley Macadam, was unable to lay the final surface on Bond Bridge in December because of weather conditions, according to Kildare County Council. At the time of going to press the surfacing is nearing completion and hopefully there won't be any more "banana skins" to prevent the bridge from opening to vehicular traffic in mid-January.

Cllr. John McGinley has again asked the Council to speed up the provision of the safety measures for the Meadowbrook Road. These safety measures were agreed in November '05 and it is extremely disappointing that they are still not in place.

John has also asked the Council to consult with the Maynooth Gardai to ensure that car parking at the entrance to Parson Street is stopped prior to the opening of the bridge as otherwise there will be total chaos. In addition John has asked that the footpath from Parson Lodge to number 18 Parson Street, on the river side, be re-surfaced as it is in a very bad state as a result of the Bond Bridge works.

Cllr. McGinley has also asked the Council what provision is being made for pedestrians to cross the road in safety at the T Junction of Bond Bridge/Rathcoffey Road.

Following representations by Cllr. McGinley agreement has been reached for the surfacing of Medowbrook Lawns as soon as the surfacing of the bridge is completed.

Parking on Parklands/Castlebridge by Train Commuters

At the December Leixlip Area Committee meeting of the Council Cllr. John McGinley again asked that double yellow lines be painted on both sides for the full length of the Parklands/Castlebridge road and at the entrance to the Square in order to remove the hazard presented by parked commuter cars. It was agreed that the Council would write to the Gardai seeking their approval.

Provision of a Footpath and Public Lighting to Moyglare Hall, Maynooth

On the proposal of Cllr. John McGinley the Leixlip Area Committee submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Full Council:

"That funding from the €1,877,605 roads element of the Development Contributions on Moyglare Hall housing development, Maynooth, be used for the provision of a footpath and public lighting from the Nursing Home to the development entrance on Moyglare Road (90m Approx) in the interest of public safety."

Laraghbryan Cemetery

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to provide a footpath from The Leinster Clinic to Laraghbryan Cemetery and that a public light be also provided at the entrance gate in the interest of public safety.

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Provision of Social and Affordable Housing in Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley got the following reply to his motion asking for a report on the number, location and time when ready, of social and affordable houses in Maynooth:

"Planning Ref 02/2491

Kildare County Council has reached an agreement to purchase 70 units (42 affordable and 28 social) in this development at Moyglare Hall, Maynooth under Part V. These units are not yet completed but the Housing Department will keep the Area Committee informed on progress made in this regard.

Planning Ref 03/1192

Kildare County Council has purchased 8 units (5 affordable and 3 social) in this development in Straffan Wood, Maynooth under Part V. These units are currently in the Council's ownership and are in the process of being sold/allocated."

Cllr. John McGinley has been advised by the Council that Maynooth is the first preference of 65 affordable applicants and 176 social applicants.

Northern Relief Road from Moyglare Road to Blacklion

Following on from Cllr. McGinley's motion a meeting has been arranged for this month between the Leixlip Area Councillors, Dunboyne Area Councillors and Council Officials in order to make progress on the provision of this essential relief road.

New Public Lighting for The Harbour, Maynooth

As a result of Cllr. McGinley's ongoing campaign the County Manager has allocated €35,000 for new public lighting from Straffan Road to the Harbour and from the Harbour to the footpath bridge to the railway station.

Mud Bath at Beaufield Shopping Centre

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to install bollards at the footpaths "green verges" at Beaufield Shopping Centre in order to prevent cars from parking on them.

Stagg critical of council condition in relation to Tesco's and remaining danger to main street trees

Deputy Emmet Stagg has criticised the decision by Kildare Co. Council to grant planning permission for the new Tesco's Supermarket in Maynooth, by including a condition in relation to Traffic Management which retains a danger to the Trees along Main Street.

Deputy Stagg stated that Condition 33 of the Grant of Planning Permission reads as follows: *'Prior to commencement applicant to submit details of proposals for an Urban Traffic Control (UTC)SCOOT system for all traffic signal installations in Maynooth for the approval of the Planning Authority (As per applicants proposals received on 1/11/06). This system shall include the widening and upgrading of the Main Street/Straffan Road junction and the provision of CCTV monitoring facilities at 5 locations to be agreed with the planning authority and shall be implemented prior to the opening of the development.'*

Deputy Stagg stated that the proposals submitted on 1/11/06 by the applicants suggested 2 options in relation to the upgrading of the junction. One of these widened the Main Street without removing any trees but left very little protection for the trees near the Square as they would literally be on the edge of the road whilst the other option would remove all of the trees on South Main Street from Bradys to Hands old house (8 trees), and would cut a roadway through Court House Square. Why the Council left the latter option in is incredible and against the wishes of local Councillors and the General Public in Maynooth. The proposal would be an act of State Vandalism against the Community of Maynooth declared Deputy Stagg.

Deputy Stagg stated that the Trees on Main Street, Maynooth, were visually the most striking aspect of the Town and to even contemplate their removal was sacrilege.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he would appeal the Councils decision to An Bord Pleanala specifically in relation to this condition with a view to eliminating any possibility of the removal of any trees along the Main Street, by amending the Condition to the use of the SCOOT system only.

Labour propose 500 additional buses for Dublin bus and €1 fare

Deputy Emmet Stagg has declared that the Labour Party Policy launched today *'Getting Dublin Moving'* was a realistic solution to the gridlock Kildare Commuters faced getting into Dublin every day and that the provision of an additional 500 buses in the Dublin Bus Fleet and a €1 fare per trip would make a real contribution to expanding Public Transport in the short term.

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Deputy Stagg stated that the Government is announcing Metros and new LUAS lines every week, but all these like many of the other aspects of Transport 21 take time. The Government have failed to implement a short term strategy to improve public transport.

The bus is the Workhorse of the Public Transport system carrying 115,000 commuters at peak time each morning. Average Peak Time bus speeds have dropped to 8 mph whilst on some of our Quality Bus Corridors peak time speed can be as low as 6 mph. This situation cannot be allowed to continue based on the right wing policies of F.F. and the P.D.'s who oppose Public Transport.

Deputy Stagg stated that the main points in Labour's Proposals were as follows:

- * Labour will increase the Dublin Bus fleet by 50% (500 buses) significantly increasing frequency and reducing waiting times.
- * Labour will complete the Quality Bus Corridors and greatly reduce journey times. At present the Lucan QBC has a bus lane covering only 65% of the corridor.
- * Labour will introduce a €1 per trip fare for adults and a 50c per trip fare for children for bus services within 25 miles of the City Centre.
- * Labour will fast-track Park and Ride facilities on the outskirts of Dublin with express bus services.
- * Labour will ensure that the integrity of the Dublin Bus Network will be kept intact, expand and enhance services, and deploy private operators in a more co-ordinated manner.

Deputy Stagg stated that since 2001 the Government have only provided an additional 20 buses to Dublin Bus. Labour in Government will provide 500 additional buses bringing the Dublin Bus Fleet to 1,582 buses.

O2 mast retention declared invalid again – Stagg presses council to seek enforcement of court order to remove mast

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been advised by Kildare Co. Council that they have yet again declared as Invalid, O2 Communications Application for Retention of

planning permission for the Unauthorised Mast at Maynooth G.A.A. Grounds on the Moyglare Road, Maynooth.

This stated Deputy Stagg is the 4th time a Planning Application by O2 in relation to this Unauthorised Mast has been declared invalid in the past 2 years and is in blatant disregard of undertakings given in Naas Circuit Court on October 17th last.

Deputy Stagg stated that in Court O2 Communications consented to the Orders sought by the Council for removal of the Mast but a Stay on this Order was put in place for a month to enable O2 to submit a valid application to the Council for retention of Planning Permission. The application was duly submitted within 1 month but has now been declared invalid.

'Therefore' stated Deputy Stagg 'O2 are in breach of the conditions put on the Stay of the Order in that they failed to submit a valid planning application within 1 month and I have today spoken to the Senior Executive Planning Officer in the Council and I have called on him to instruct the Council's Solicitors to seek Enforcement now of the Court Order requiring the removal of the Mast within 4 weeks. Given the History of this case I expect nothing less from the Council'.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that this long saga of an Unauthorised Mast must be put to bed now once and for all.

Not a single additional hour provided for home help service in 2006 in county Kildare – Government disgrace

Deputy Emmet Stagg has reacted angrily to the news that from an additional allocation of 1.75 Million Hours, nationwide, for Home Help Services in 2006, not a single additional hour has been allocated to the HSE in Kildare/West Wicklow.

Deputy Stagg stated that having raised the 27% drop in hours available in Kildare between 2003 and 2005, and the 33% increase in the number of people availing of the service between 2003 and 2005, directly with the Minister of State Tim O'Malley in the Dail last year and who indicated that the Tanaiste was concerned at the reduction in services in Kildare, I am astonished to find that not one single additional hour has been allocated to Kildare in 2006.

It beggars belief stated Deputy Stagg that this Government seems intent on leaving Elderly people at home without proper care to assist them with daily duties; such as a bit of washing, cleaning or preparing a breakfast. There is also the added value of just having somebody to talk to for part of the day.

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Deputy Stagg stated the facts are clear:

- The number of Home Help Hours has dropped by 27% since 2003.
- The number of people availing of the service has increased by 33% since 2003.

The average number of hours per week which a person receives for home help has fallen from 7 hours per week in 2003 to 4 hours per week in 2005, a 43% reduction in service.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that he intended to raise the systematic dismantling of an effective service with the Minister for Health further in the Dail as this disgrace cannot be allowed to continue.

4 out of every 5 people in Kildare have neither a medical card or doctors visit card

Deputy Emmet Stagg has reacted with concern to the information supplied by the Minister for Health that 4 out of every 5 people in Co. Kildare have neither a Medical Card or a Doctors Visit Card.

Deputy Stagg stated that 40,046 people are covered under the Medical Cards Scheme in Co. Kildare while a paltry 580 people have benefited since the introduction of the Doctors Visit Card late in 2005. The Doctors Visit Card was suppose to cover 200,000 people in the State for Doctors Fees Only and was introduced following the Governments failure to award 200,000 additional Medical Cards to hard working families on low to modest incomes. These families many of whom have high mortgages are unable to cope with sudden illnesses to themselves or their children because of the prohibitive cost of doctors fees, prescription fees and hospital fees. Having been denied the additional medical cards to give them some comfort if members of their families became ill the Government is now unable to even deliver on the 'Yellow Pack' Doctors Only cards.

Deputy Stagg stated that the mismanagement of this Government in the delivery of what is an extremely limited medical cover scheme shows how inept they are. They have yet again failed to deliver in an area which is of critical importance to parents and their children and we shouldn't be surprised by this as they really don't care.

Pressure from Stagg forces recruitment of additional speech and language therapists

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been highlighting the scandalous Waiting Times for assessment of children

for Speech and Language Therapy in recent months where children have to wait 20 months for an assessment.

Following the imposition of Staff Ceilings in 2003, Deputy Stagg stated that all vacant posts were frozen and no recruitment was allowed. This left the service in Kildare with just 6 therapists whilst 5 vacant posts were left unfilled.

Deputy Stagg has now been advised by the Principal Speech and Language Therapist for Kildare that sanction has now been received for the recruitment of 2 additional Therapists, which will have a positive impact on the waiting times and overall provision of service.

Welcoming this positive move forward Deputy Stagg stated that the campaign does not end here. For the Service to function properly a further 6 therapists would be required and he indicated that he would continue to pressurise the Minister for Health on this issue as the effect of the understaffing was causing suffering to children and forcing many parents into the Private Sector to arrange assessments at €250 a go.

Commissioner finally concedes that 24 hour Garda station will be required in North Kildare at future point

Deputy Emmet Stagg has continued to pressurise the Garda Commissioner in relation to the provision of a 24 hour Garda Station to serve the North Kildare Towns of Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth which have a combined population of 45,324 people.

In the most recent response to Deputy Stagg from the Chief Superintendent Personal Assistant to the Commissioner, Gardai have finally conceded that *'In time and in conjunction with the increasing population in North Kildare, local Garda Management assess that one of the Garda Stations referred to will be required to open on a 24 hour basis'*. This response stated Deputy Stagg, whilst not setting a timeframe for the delivery of a 24 Hour Station in North Kildare is the first time Local Garda Management have conceded that a 24 hour station will be required in North Kildare.

Now that this principal is firmly established Deputy Stagg stated that he would now increase pressure on the Commissioner to put in place a timeframe for the provision of a 24 hour station in the North Kildare area which will bring additional policing resources to the towns of Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth and would send a clear message to local criminals and criminals from Dublin that North Kildare is not going to remain an easy picking area for them.

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Cullen uses Dail procedure to block Stagg's questioning of Taoiseach's claims in relation to Westlink toll bridge

Deputy Emmet Stagg has reacted angrily to the blocking of a Dail Question to the Minister for Transport in relation to claims made by the Taoiseach in the Dail on Wednesday November 15th, 2006, that the lifting of the barriers at the Westlink Toll Bridge on the M50 would be a disaster based on Engineers advice.

In raising the issue with the Minister for Transport Deputy Stagg had sought information in relation to whether the Minister had received similar reports from Engineers and if the Minister was prepared to Test the Claims by lifting the Barriers to see what would happen.

On December 14th the Ceann Comhairle wrote to Deputy Stagg disallowing his Parliamentary Question on the basis that Minister Cullen had no official responsibility to Dail Eireann for the matter which falls within the remit of the National Roads Authority and Dublin City Council.

What a load of rubbish is Deputy Staggs reaction to the disallowance of his question. If the Minister for Transport is not responsible for ending the gridlock on the M50 caused by the Toll Bridge, then what is he doing in Government.

With the opening of the Port Tunnel on December 20th an additional 1,500 H.G.V.'s have now been diverted daily onto the M50, which is equivalent to 4,500 additional cars. In addition works on upgrading the N4 to 3 lanes between Leixlip and the M50 roundabout at Palmerstown will begin in April, 2007, and with the ongoing M50 upgrade, traffic gridlock can only get worse.

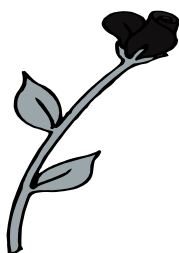
Having previously called for Shadow Tolling on the M50, which would only cost the State some €50 m9illion per year, Deputy Stagg stated that he now intended to raise the issue further with the Taoiseach and get answers from him as Minister Cullen wants to hide behind the Ceann Comhairle.

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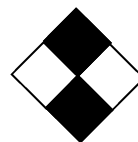
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MAYNOOTH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION –

As Editor of the Maynooth Newsletter and indeed as Chairperson of the Maynooth Community Council, I would like to take this opportunity to applaud and thank the Maynooth Business Association and its members for the excellent effort they recently put in to erecting the Christmas Lights in the town.

From experience, I know it is not easy to collect money for such ventures and I also appreciate the very significant cost of looking after such lights on an annual basis – insurance, cost of manpower in terms of putting up and taking down the lights, repairs and maintenance, cost of cabling and I also understand there was a very significant cost payable to the ESB for the erection of new infrastructure which is a necessity now before such lighting can be erected and switched on.

The amount of administration involved is also significant. However the benefits cannot be measured in terms of the “feel good” factor they are responsible for generating among the residents of the town. The residents and the business people of the town can take obvious pride in the town and this of course in turn reaps benefits for the businesses in the local area.

Again, I would like to thank the local businesses for their excellent efforts and in turn I am sure the residents will reward our business friends by shopping locally and supporting local business as much as possible – surely an excellent way to foster the best form of community spirit.

Brid Feely
Chairperson,
Maynooth Community Council.

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

The February meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on the 12th of February in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Harbour Field and Geraldine Hall Action Area plan for Maynooth.

As plans are progressing well and with the suggestion that a Skateboard Park could be included in the plan, a survey has been carried out among the pupils of Maynooth Post Primary School to see what young people would like to see in place here, surveys of the other schools are also to be done. The surveys are being carried out by the Action Playground group. Time is of the essence now so it was decided to wait on results of the surveys and have all ready to go with both the Geraldine Hall and the Harbour Field.

St Patrick's Day Parade

John Mc Ginley said that plans are coming on well and with sponsorship coming from both Tesco and Thornton's for Bands this will have a great effect on the Parade. He said the Parade could not take place without the continued support and sponsorship of the Business People of Maynooth and as always looking for stewards.

Threat to lime trees on Main Street

With the suggested widening of the Main Street we have the prospect of losing 8 lime trees on main street, what with the proposed new left turning at Brady's Pub this would bring traffic through the square and destroy the uniqueness of the square. Senan Griffin said that the only option is to put in the ring road, and then the problem will go away. He said that he has been looking for this for the past 8 years it's the only solution. It was noted that part of the link road is in place at Griffin Rath Estate with another connection at the newly finished Bond Bridge.

John Mc Ginley also said that a ring road is the only answer; this would bring traffic away from the Main Street making it unnecessary to widen the road on the main street.

This is all in connection with the proposed new extension at Tesco.

Town Council Status

A proposal from the Executive that all political parties put pressure on to attain Town Council Status for Maynooth. Letters will go to all appropriate personal of the environment.

Sub-Committees

Tidy Towns

Sean Cushan inquired was the Meadow Brooke link road taken over by Kildare County Council. He also commented on the dreadful condition of the grass verges at Beaufield Shopping Centre. Sean also said that Bond Bridge is a wonderful job, but that litter is a huge problem here, street sweeper could be used more here.

Secretary Muireann Ni Bhrolchain thanked the people of Maynooth and councillors who campaigned for over 30 years for this.

Editorial Board

A request was made to members of the Council and to the any persons interested to join the Editorial Board. Ring the office 6286922.

Festival

A Festival meeting has been arranged for the 26th February again any persons interested can ring the office 6286922

Community Games

Matt Callaghan said their AGM took place on the 15th February, they are organizing for the new year, again always looking for new people to get involved.

Local Matters

A new draft development plan for Meath County

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Maynooth Community Council Notes Cont'd

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Council proposes 500 new houses at Moygaddy. John Mc Ginley said he would be objecting to this as this has the potential to create a new village and further development on the Moyglare road.

Senan Griffin noted that if this goes through Kildare County Council will have to provide water and sewage for this project.

Amenity land Moyglare Road

Senan Griffin said that under licence they have an 11 month agreement with a view to a proper lease to be put in place, he also said that half of the land will go to the GAA and the rest to the School and Rugby Clubs. Sean Cushman suggested the possibility of an all weather track.

Neon Lights on Main Street

The question of why Neon Lights are still on some shops was raised by Tom Mc Mullon, it was explained that shops had been asked to take lights down, now Kildare County Council are processing this through the courts.

Next meeting of Maynooth Community Council will take place on Monday 12th of March in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Marie Gleeson PRO

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Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
06/2823	Pat Coman	46 Rathdown Park Terenure Dublin 6W	P	18/12/06	Partial demolition of existing residential ground floor kitchen extensions toilets and sheds to rear. Removal of existing gates to vehicular entrance to Doctor's Lane. Demolition of single storey store to rear of adjoining O'Meara offices.	Main St. & Doctor's Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2849	Sean Fox	71 Avondale Trim Co. Meath	P	19/12/06	Change of use from that granted under notification of Grant of Planning Permission, Pl. Reg. No. 378/88 from commercial/retail/office unit to bookmakers office.	Unit 4 Newtown Shopping Centre Beaufield Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2863	John Nolan	98 Laraghbryan Kilcock Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	20/12/06	Sunroom and dormer extension (with self containing granny flat) to rear of existing dwelling.	98 Laraghbryan Kilcock Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2874	Tadhg Molloy	1 Ormond House Lyreen Manor Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	20/12/06	For alterations to existing granted planning permission register reference 06/65. For sngle storey shed building to rear of new rear extension.	345 Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2885	Boldnote Developments Ltd	Stewarts House Carton Demesne Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	20/12/06	For development comprising 24 no. residences at this site (17.34ha) at Carton Demesne, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. The permission sough relates to land which was previously granted planning permission for 24 no. residence (which represents phase 4 of etc)	Carton Demesne Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2905	Sean & Roslyn Flood	29 Parklands Square Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	21/12/06	Permission to erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion with utility room extended below	29 Parklands Square Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2906	Leisa & Paul Garvey	52c Maynooth Park Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	21/12/06	Alterations to that as granted under pl reg no 06/701 consisting of first floor side and rear extension reduced in length and rear two storey extension extended in width etc.	52c Maynooth Park Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2917	Jonathan Coyne	Kilmacredock Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	21/12/06	(1) construction of a 4 bed split level dormer style bungalow, double domestic garage (2) installation of septic tank with system (3) installation of heating systems to include south facing solar panels (4) modification of existing recessed entrance.	Kilmacredock Maynooth Co. Kildare

Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
06/2927	The Rodgers Partnership	Grangewilliam Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	21/12/06	Dormer style extension to the side and single storey extension to the rear of existing dormer style dwelling	Barrogstown West Maynooth Co. Kildare
06/2968	Kevin Regan & John Moloney	Rowan Tree House Glendaugan Lemybrien Co. Waterford	P	22/12/06	The development will consist of two apartments in the roofspace of the existing 12 no. apartment block previously granted under permission 02/2060	Charter House Convent Lane Maynooth Co. Kildare
07/19	Tesco Ireland Ltd	Gresham House Marine Rd Dun Laoghaire Co. Dublin	P	11/01/07	Minor modifications to the 7 no retail units (permitted under reg ref 05/2713 K.C.C.) the proposed, modifications to the 7 no units includes internal alterations to the floor area of the units, provision of a first floor mezzanine level over etc.	Maynooth Rd/ Shakleton Rd Celbridge Co. Kildare
07/26	Fiona Kenny	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	12/01/07	Amendment of condition number one of planning permission 9791 and for full planning permission to construct a five bedroom dormer bungalow, a garage, mechanical aerated treatment plant with raised percolation area, new entrance onto public road etc.	Clonfert South Maynooth Co. Kildare
07/63	Joseph Canny	Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	22/01/07	Parts: part A: encompassing the main dwelling and part B: encompassing a self-contained single storey flat adjacent to the main dwelling	67 Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
07/73	Glenkerrin Homes Ltd	J1 Maynooth Business Campus Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	22/01/07	Retention of alterations to block J, proposed alterations to block K and alternative optional use of Unit 6 in block J as an ambulance centre in lieu of light industry/enterprise unit use, all permitted under planning . Reg. ref. no. 99/2073.etc	Maynooth Business Campus Moneycooley Maynooth Co. Kildare
07/96	Ronan Perry	87 North King Street Smithfield Dublin 7	P	25/01/07	Change of use from an office unit to Orthodontic Services.	Office Unit No 7 Manor Mills Maynooth Co. Kildare
07/105	Michael Featherston	25 Castleknock Lodge Castleknock Dublin 15	P	26/01/07	Change of use of and alterations and extensions to existing Hotel(part single storey, part 2 storey) to form a nursing home comprising 56 bedrooms plus ancillary spaces (total area 2839m2) with existing single storey separate apartments (22 no.) etc.	Straffan Court Hotel Straffan Road Dowdstown Maynooth Co. Kildare

Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
07/134	C O'Leary & Justin Browne	Whitebeam Cottage Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	31/01/07	To erect domestic garage to rear and extend existing property to rear. Upgrade of existing septic tank to Puraflo Gravity peat Filter System.	Whitebeam Cottage Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare
07/135	Dermot & Claire O'Reilly	51 Silken Vale Straffan Rd Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	31/01/07	To erect new extension to existing house.	51 Silken Vale Straffan Rd Maynooth Co. Kildare
07/137	Robert Allen	Smithstown House Smithstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	01/02/07	A one and a half storey house, effluent treatment system and associated works.	Smithstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
07/168	O2 Communications	Irene Kavanagh Radio Property Dept 3rd floor O2 Communications 28/29 Sir John Rogersons Quay D2	P	05/02/07	The existing base station installation consisting of no 2 panel antennas and 1 link dish measuring 0.6m in diameter all shrouded on an existing 15m floodlight structure and equipment container on ground level	G.A.A. Club Moyglare Road Maynooth Co. Kildare
07/178	Kevin & Pauline Barrett	Dowdstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	06/02/07	Construct two storey family dwelling including parent accommodation two storey domestic garage reversed gated entrance and driveway, propriety effluent treatment plant and percolation area	Moneycooley Maynooth Co. Kildare
07/218	Joe, Brian & Padraic McHale	Taghadoo Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	12/02/07	A closed road driving school. The development will consist of the construction of an access road and an internal network of roadways, one way routes, junctions, roundabout, pedestrian crossings, turning areas, hill, skid area, parking area etc.	Taghadoo Maynooth Co. Kildare
07/224	St. Patricks College Maynooth	St Patricks College Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	14/02/07	Provide pedestrian entrance gateway within the existing stone wall, from Parsons St. into the south campus area.	St. Patricks College Maynooth Co. Kildare
07/263	Tony & Breda Gannon	Lady Chaple Road Newtown Maynooth	P	16/02/07	Storey detached dwellings in the rear garden of the existing dwelling with new vehicular access and assiated site works.	505 Newtown Maynooth Co. Kildare
07/284	Paul McMahon	7 Silken Vale Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	19/02/07	Two storey extension to side and rear, with single storey extension to rear and conversion of garage to habitable room.	7 Silken Vale Maynooth Co. Kildare
07/291	Justine & Grainne Dunne	Dowdstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	20/02/07	64 bedroom nursing home with ancillary accommodation. Permission was previously granted for 58 bedroom nursing home with ancillary accommodation reg:ref 04/3.	Crinstown Maynooth Co. Kildare

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Gardening

Things to Do in the Garden in March

1. Prepare Soil for sowing by digging, forking and raking.
2. Get the soil weed-free and add organic compost.
3. Manure areas where you plan to plant fruit, shrubs or vegetables.
4. Plant seeds and space them well apart. Cover with soil and water lightly.
5. Plant out sturdy hollyhocks and Sweet Williams.
6. Plant broad beans, peas and onions.
7. Prune newly planted red currant and gooseberry bushes.
8. Before planting hedges soak the roots of the plants overnight.
9. Sow new lawns as soon as the weather permits.
10. Cut all dead, diseased weak and tin shoots from rose bushes.

Some Plants in flower and vegetables in season in March

The Flower Garden

Aubrietia
Bergenia
Crocus
Daffodil
Hyacinth
Iris
Tulip



The Ornamental Garden

Dog Wood
Witch Hazel
Magnolia
Willow

Vegetables in Season

Artichoke
Brussels Sprouts
Leek
Spinach
Broccoli



Your Spring

Plant evergreen shrubs, trees and conifers in the last week of the month in southern and warm localities, but leave until April or May in the north.

Prune other winter-flowering shrubs to promote new shoots or to shape plants.

Check supports for Vine-eyes, wires, trellis, netting and lead nails.

Large bulbs are the best, for instance a large crocus will give more blooms than a small one. The larger a lily bulb the more flowers you should get from the stem. The exception to this rule is the daffodil bulb grown in Cornwall or the Isles of Scilly are usually much smaller than those grown in Holland. On the other hand large corns are often old ones that are past their best.

A corn is a storage organ like a bulb. A corn is a swollen stem that grows at or just below the soil surface. It usually lasts for one season.

A bulb is a modified bud consisting of a flat base from which rise layers of fleshy or scaly food-storing leaves that enclose a bud.

Garden

Tips

Clematis should be pruned if necessary to restrict their spread. Prune summer and autumn-flowering kinds before the month is over. Cut back last year's flowered shoots to within a few buds of their base. Please leave spring and early-summer-flowering kinds alone.



Bulbs & Corns

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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Notes

Question

I have two children with disabilities. I don't qualify for Carer's Allowance but I have heard that there is a tax credit I may be entitled to. How can I claim it?

Answer

As a parent or guardian of a child with a permanent disability you may be able to claim the Incapacitated Child Tax Credit.

From January 2007, the Incapacitated Child Tax Credit is –3,000 per year. You can claim a tax credit for each permanently disabled child, so in your case you could claim a credit of €6,000.

To qualify for the Incapacitated Child Tax Credit, the child that you are claiming for

- Must be under 18 years of age and permanently incapacitated, either physically or mentally, from maintaining herself or
- Can be over 18 if the disability arose before reaching the age of 21 or while still in full-time education or training.

To claim the Incapacitated Child Tax Credit you must write to your regional Revenue office with the names and dated of birth your children, including details of their disabilities. A medical certificate may be required in some circumstances where it is not obvious that the incapacity meets the requirements.

The tax credit can be divided between parents or guardians if both are contributing towards the maintenance of the child. In such cases the tax credit is divided between them in proportion to the amount paid by each towards the maintenance of the child.

For more details about the Incapacitated Child Tax Credit contact your regional tax office (contact details are in the telephone directory) or visit the website of the Revenue Commissioners at www.revenue.ie.

Question

I notice that there has been a campaign in recent months to update the register of electors. Is it possible for prisoners to register to vote in the next election?

Answer

The law has recently been changed so that prisoners who are eligible to vote in elections and referendums

can do so by using a postal vote. To be eligible to register to vote you must be over 18 years of age and have been resident in Ireland on 1 September 2006.

If you are in prison, you can register for a postal vote in the area that you would otherwise be living in.

If you are already registered to vote in that area and wish to be able to vote from prison then you should fill out a form called form RFG.

If you are not already on the register then you should complete Form RFA4 as well.

These application forms are available in all prisons. Completed forms can be sent to the City or County Council for the area you are registering in, to be returned by 14 February 2007.

Question

What is the minimum wage that employees are entitled to?

Answer

From 1 January 2007, there has been an increase in the minimum wage. If you are an experienced adult worker, you are entitled to a minimum wage of €8.30 an hour.

Employees under the age of 18 must be paid at least €5.81 an hour.

After reaching the age of 18, you must be paid at least €6.64 an hour during the first year of employment and €7.47 an hour during the second year. You are then entitled to the minimum wage for an experienced adult worker.

There is a lower minimum wage for employees who are in certain training or study courses that will improve their work performance. They are entitled to a percentage of the national minimum wage depending on how much of the training they have completed.

The minimum wage does not apply if you are employed by a close relative or if you are working in a statutory apprenticeship, for example as an apprentice plumber or electrician.

If your employer provides your food (board or accommodation (lodgings)), then the following amounts are taken into account as contributing towards the minimum payment:

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€54.13 a week for full board and lodgings, or €7.73 a day

€32.14 a week for full board only, or €4.60 a day

€21.85 a week for lodgings only, or €3.14 a day

The rates for the minimum wage will increase again from 1 July 2007. The minimum hourly rate for an experienced adult worker will then be –8.65.

Further information is available from
The Employment Rights Information Unit,
Department of Enterprise,
Trade and Employment,
Davitt House,
Adelaide Road,
Dublin 2.

Question

What are my entitlements to maternity leave from work?

Answer

If you are pregnant while in employment, you are entitled to take a standard period of maternity leave and may take additional unpaid leave. This applies to all female employees (including casual workers), regardless of how long they have been working for the organisation or the number of hours workers per week.

The length of maternity leave entitlements will increase from 1 March 2007. If you start your standard maternity leave before that date, you are entitled to 22 weeks. If you start it on or after that date you are entitled to 26 weeks.

In addition to this standard period of maternity leave, you can avail of a further period of unpaid leave. If it starts before 1 March 2007, you are entitled to 12 weeks unpaid leave. If it starts on or after that date, you are entitled to 16 weeks.

At least two weeks of your maternity leave must be taken before the end of the week in which the birth is expected and at least four weeks after. You can decide how you wish to take the remaining weeks.

It is important to give your employer at least four weeks written notice before you take maternity leave, take additional maternity leave, or return to work.

You are also entitled to paid time off work where it is

necessary to attend related medical appointments before the birth and for up to 14 weeks afterwards. Your employer is entitled to two weeks notice of appointments and may request documentation confirming the medical appointment and pregnancy. You can take paid time off to attend one set of antenatal classes, with exception of the last three classes which usually take place during maternity leave.

Full maternity leave entitlements apply in the case of a stillbirth or miscarriage after the 24th week of pregnancy.


Your employer is not obliged to pay you during maternity leave. Your contract however, may include a provision that you be paid. You may qualify for Maternity Benefit from the Department of Social and Family Affairs if you have enough PRSI contributions. You should apply for Maternity Benefit six weeks before you intend to go on maternity leave.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre.

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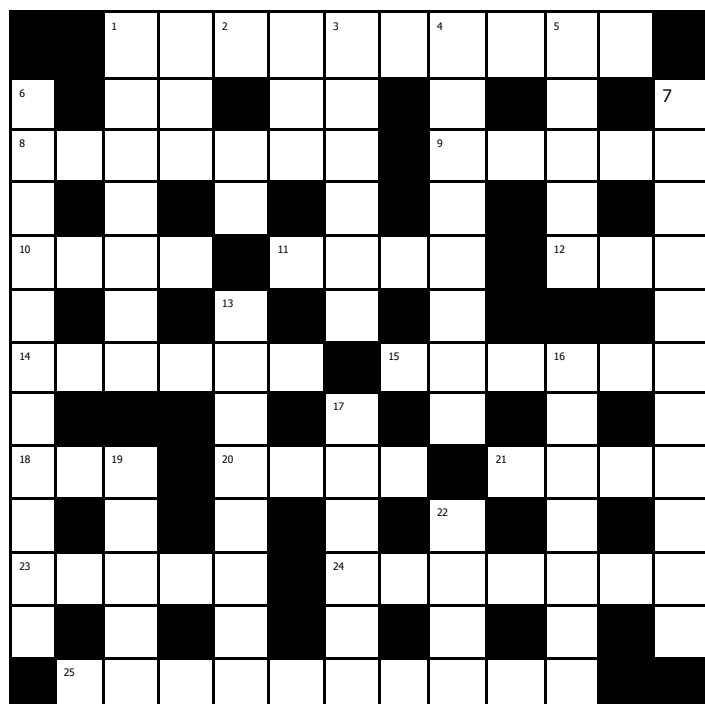
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Crossword No: 53



Entries before 16th March 2007

Name _____

Address: _____

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Across:

1. Chemist (10)
8. Clap (7)
9. Ninth planet (5)
10. Small Island (4)
11. Singer, - - Almond (4)
12. Entertainer, - - -O'Connor (3)
14. The Ape man (6)
15. Turn up (6)
18. Drilling platform (3)
20. Warm up (4)
21. Jetty (4)
23. Merge (5)
24. Roman vehicle (7)
25. Walker (10)

Down:

1. Well-liked (7)
2. Moby Dick captain (4)
3. Lunch-time? (6)
4. Room (8)
5. Military unit (5)
6. Sign of the zodiac (11)
7. Thoughtful (11)
13. Fine soft wool (8)
16. Publication (7)
17. Surgical knife (6)
19. Complain (5)
22. Hindu dress (4)

Doodle Box

Across:

1. Heedful, 4. Focus, 7. Shuffle, 8. Sucre, 9. Thrips, 12. Alistair, 15. Richards, 17. Yearns, 18. Attic, 21. Overlap, 22. Doyle, 23. Tetanus.

1.

Down:

1. Howitzer, 2. Dahlis, 3. Life, 4. Fees, 5. Conceal, 6. Side, 10. Sabre, 11. Topsy, 13. Redskins, 14. Ecstasy, 16. Havana, 18. Arid, 19. Cone, 20. Pest.

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Maynooth Taekwon-Do School

Three students from the Maynooth Taekwon-Do School travelled to Dublin on Saturday 10th of February to compete at the Old Bawn ITF Open. There were 24 Taekwon-Do Schools taking part.

The day started well with Eoin McCormick winning a Bronze medal in the U12 Blue Belt Patterns. Then in the 12-14 Colour Belt Sparring Ciaran Hickey won a Bronze while Sean Stoll went on to win the Gold Medal.

Richard Judge became the first junior from Maynooth to receive the coveted rank of Black Belt. Richard underwent the tough examination procedure at the Republic of Ireland Taekwon-Do Association (RITA) Black Belt Grading in September 2006. He was tested on his ability and knowledge of Taekwon-Do by a panel of senior Masters.

Richard is now in training for the European Junior Championships which will be held in Estonia during October. Maynooth's senior Instructor Stephen Doyle is also the RITA National Coach.



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Horoscopes



ARIES—March 21—April 20

Some fun at work helps you detach yourself from problems. Try a different angle—never mind your complexity you have the right to verbalise your confusion. Keep trying.

Monday is your lucky day, colour black, number 2.



TAURUS—April 21—May 21

A surprise like a bolt from the heavens will crash into your world and with it brings good luck. Make a wish or see a rainbow. Its all for you this week—enjoy and smile.

Tuesday is your lucky day, colour white, number 3.



GEMINI—May 22—June 22

You have enough energy for your obligations and commitments to pursue happiness on your own terms and send a load of old nonsense packing.

Wednesday is your lucky day, colour brown, number 6



CANCER—June 23—July 23

Network to good effect. The Who You Know factor was never more important. Rest up by next weekend and look after your health.

Thursday is your lucky day, colour yellow, number 8.



LEO—July 24—August 23

Push the boat out. Persist if you are not hearing the truth as it may be advisable to have words with a person who is not delivering on a promise. Do not fall into a negative spiral of thinking.

Sunday is your lucky day, colour green, number 9



Virgo—August 24—September 23

Go easy with a new routine and don't be hard on yourself. Ditch a profound worry as it is not serving any purpose. A positive transformation is now begging.

Saturday is your lucky day, colour violet, number 7.



LIBRA—September 24—October 23

Peace, love, harmony, understanding, hope and happiness can't be criticised because you are going on your way with a good heart. Monday is your lucky day, colour lemon, number 11.



SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22

Your dreams are the blueprint of your life. Be determined to be on the move in the near future. Don't waste time trying to get ahead.

Thursday is your lucky day, colour silver, number 15.



CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan. 20

Work should be enjoyed and not endured. Take time out and see how much needs to be done. There is magic in store for you in March.

Friday is your lucky day, colour gold, number 16.



SAGITTARIUS—Nov. 23—Dec. 21

Increased self-awareness will inspire you to improve in more ways than one. Play your cards close to your chest.

Sunday is your lucky day, colour navy, number 10.



AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19

Look forward to tomorrow and to what it holds. A new job is on the horizon. All work and no play makes you dull.

Wednesday is your lucky day, colour orange, number 14.



PISCES—February 20—March 20

You are in a hurry to go to new places. Take your time and things will not go wrong. A new friend leads to a possible romance.

Wednesday is your lucky day, colour pink, number 20..

Useful Tips

General Spot Cleaning Tips

Do

Use a clean white, absorbent terry-towel.
Blot or tap the spot.
Pre-test the carpet in an inconspicuous area.
Clean the stain from the edge to the centre.
Apply cleaner to the towel.
Clean with modest amounts of cleaning solution.
Adhere to product safety and follow instructions.
Remove the stain as soon as it is noticed.
Remove the dirty excess before cleaning.
Use cleaning compounds at luke warm temperature.

Don't

Use a dirty or coloured rag.
Rub, brush or scrape the spot using force.
Pre-test the carpet in the middle of the room.
Clean the stain from side to side.
Apply cleaners directly to the stain.
Saturate the spot with cleaners.
Ignore the stain or leave it until later.
Wet clean before removing the dry excess.
Apply heat to the stain.



Remove Burnt Food From a Stainless Steel Pot

Remove as much of the burnt on food as possible, using a strong spoon. Add water, a cup of white vinegar, and two drops of dish soap. Let the pot stand for 24 hours.

Put the pot on low heat, and stir/scrape regularly. When you feel that you have loosened the bulk of the burnt food, dump the residue or strain the liquid so you can throw any solid waste into the bin.

If there is still a lot of burnt food repeat the above steps. Attack with a stainless steel scouring pad and hot water or for even more stubborn areas apply oven cleaner, and allow it to sit for several hours before scrubbing.

This should remove all the burnt on food.



Red Wine from Cotton Sweater

Put efferdent for dentures in cold water. Soak the sweater. Then wash in cold water as usual.

Window Cleaners

Window cleaners generally fall into two categories: Ammonia or alcohol based. Both do a good job at cutting grime and grease while minimizing streaks.

Ammonia bases products are a better choice for heavier jobs although they can be expensive and have a stronger odour.

Liquid glass cleaners are less expensive than the aerosols. Also, concentrates which need to be mixed with water, can provide even greater savings.

A home made cleaner can be made by mixing a ½ cup of vinegar or sudsy ammonia with ½ gallon of water.



After All That Hard Work Here are Some Relaxation Tips for Mother's Day

Get away from the noise and hustle of life to reduce your stress levels. Schedule relaxing activities regularly such as:

- * Go for a pizza and movie.
- * Go for a walk in the park.
- * Get an oil massage.
- * Take herbal remedies to fight your stress.
- * Go to a yoga class.
- * Run a bubble bath or have a sauna.
- * Read a book or magazine that you enjoy.
- * Light scented candles.
- * Call or talk to a friend.
- * Listen to music that you enjoy.
- * Have dinner at your favourite restaurant.



Clubs, Organisations and Societies

MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES

Maynooth Community games held the annual table quiz on Wednesday 31st January and selected teams as follows. To represent Maynooth in Allenwood on Friday 9th March

	Maynooth East	Maynooth West
Team 1	Damien Kelly	Conor Murphy
	Cormac Maguire	Adam Dignam
	Joshua Hurley	Tom Oliver
	Niamh Feeney	Seoirse Murray
Team 2	Michael Carton	Sophie Geoghegan
	Anthony Barrett	Austin Dunne
	Eoin Bonass	Rebecca O'Neill
	Louise Doran	Eleanor Geraghty
Team 3	Christina O'Brien	Katie Geraghty
	Aisling Bonass	
	Roisin Fantham	
	Sarah Jennings	

Well done to all the boys and girls who took part. Training for questions will take place in the Boys National School Wednesday 14th February at 7.30 p.m. under the guidance of Brian O'Malley and Colm Murphy.

Many Thanks to all who helped especially Brian and Colm and the girls National School for hosting the event.

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Maynooth Swimming Club (est. 1966)



NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Would you like to learn or improve your swimming skills?

The Maynooth Swimming Club have vacancies at Beginners, Improvers and Advanced Levels. This forthcoming year will enable all swimmers to achieve their Swimming Certificate, which includes Life Saving Skills. This Certificate is awarded by Snamh Ireland - Cheesestring.

The Club is very fortunate to avail of the modern facilities at Stewarts Hospital Pool in Palmerstown each Saturday afternoon. All our members are fully insured and trained by our full qualified team of Swimming Instructors. (The Instructors remain at poolside.)

While you enjoy your swimming tuition your Mammy or Daddy can relax in the Coffee Dock, read the paper or watch the match on television. To take the hassle out of driving, the Club provides a bus service to and from the pool. All buses are equipped with safety belts and all members must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

If you would like to become a member of the exciting Maynooth Swimming Club and improve your swimming skills, please contact Jacinta Bell on (086) 8477465 or Geraldine Quinn on (01) 6293086, to book your place for the session time that best suits you.

The Maynooth Swimming Club has been in existence in Maynooth for the last 40 years to provide a safe and enjoyable swimming environment for the Children of Maynooth.

The Club was established to teach children vital swimming skills and has continued to provide this service despite the lack of a Public Pool in our own town.

Maynooth Swimming Club thank parents of Maynooth for their continued support.



Irish Sayings and Phrases



A rainy day isn't a day for the children.

Ní é lá na báistí lá na bpáistí.

Your house is your castle.
Is é do bhaile do chaisleán.

A light heart lives longest.
Maireann croí éadrom bhfad.



Mother's Day Recipes

Royal Ham and Eggs

Ingredients

- * 1 ½ a cup of French bread cubes
- * ½ lb. Cooked ham, Cubed
- * 1 8 oz. packet of frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained.
- * 12 cherry tomatoes, sliced in half
- * 8 oz. cheddar cheese, grated
- * 8 eggs
- * 1 tsp. dried mustard
- * ¼ tsp. pepper
- * 1 cup milk

Directions

Pre-heat the oven to 350°F. Butter a 13 x 9 x 2 inch baking dish and line the bottom with the bread cubes.

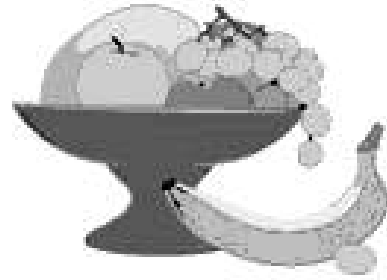
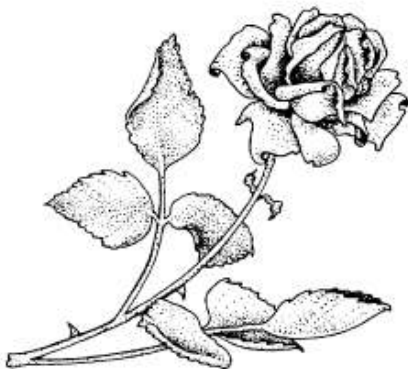
Cover with a layer of ham cubes, a layer of chopped spinach, a layer of cheery tomatoes, and finally, shredded cheese. In a separate mixing bowl, whisk the eggs, dried mustard, pepper and milk together.

Pour this mixture over the casserole.

Bake for 20 minutes, then heat for 2 minutes until the cheese turns golden brown.

The vegetables that are listed above can be substituted with ½ cup of sliced mushrooms, chopped broccoli shredded courgette, or cubed boiled potatoes.

Instead of ham, you can use strips of dry cured ham, cooked sausage slices, or bacon pieces—or you could skip the meat entirely.



Pineapple Boats

Ingredients

- * 1 pineapple, cut in half lengthwise
- * Juice from half a lemon
- * 1 ½ cups seedless grapes
- * 2 kiwis, peeled and sliced
- * 2 cans mandarin oranges, drained
- * 12 strawberries, hulled and sliced
- * 1 sliced banana (optional)
- * ½ cup chopped walnuts (optional)

Directions

Remove the tough core of the pineapple halves with a spoon or knife. Carve out the remaining fruit, cut it into bite-sized chunks. And place them in a large bowl.

Squeeze lemon over the shells and chunks to prevent browning.

To the bowl, add the grapes, kiwi, oranges, strawberries and optional ingredients. Toss well, then spoon the fruit salad into pineapple shells.

Chill and cover until serving time.

This will serve 4 to 6 people.



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My Fair Lady

Post Primary School Annual Musical

The thirteenth annual Maynooth Post Primary School Musical took place in early February. This year's production of "My Fair Lady" turned out to be a great success, as ever. The cast (which was made up of one hundred and fifty Transition year and Fifth year students) were rehearsing since January 2nd. They sacrificed their Christmas Holidays, evenings and weekends for the show.

Guiding the cast and crew of the show were a number of very dedicated teachers. The musical direction was ably controlled by Anne-Marie Lawlor. Mary Murphy was once again the producer and "My Fair Lady" was directed by Laurene Barry.

Eloise McNeely,

Sean Murray

& Sam Holt



Rian Glynn,

Nick Hudson,

Kevin Sullivan,

Shane McBride

& Ciarán Daly

My Fair Lady tells the story of Eliza Doolittle a normal cockney girl who is chosen by Professor Henry Higgins as his "linguistic project" Songs such as "I could have danced all night" "On the street where you live" and "I'm getting married in the morning" have made this show one of the musical theatre's favourites.

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My Fair Lady

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The stage and set were all designed and constructed by the students of the school (under the guidance of the teachers), so it really was an all-inclusive show.

Over the years the Maynooth Post Primary School has earned a reputation of putting on a professional entertaining show. The 2007 production certainly lived up to that reputation.

The main cast members are as follows:

Eliza Dolittle	Jade Gahan
Professor Henry Higgins	Sean Murray
Mrs. Higgins	Eloise McNeely
Mrs. Pearce	Susan Fay
Colonel Pickering	Naoise O'Cearuill
Mr. Dolittle	Dave Newport
Freddy	Graham Best



*Katherine Oliver
& Cliona Ní Chosáin*



*Susan Fay, Jade Gahan, Naoise O'Cearuill
& Cliona Ní Chosáin*

Congratulations to all cast and crew members on a wonderful show.

The year of Sir Ivor: The 1968 Epsom Derby

Sandy Barclay sat on a bench in the jockey changing room at Epsom Downs, dejected, still unable to comprehend how racing's greatest prize had been snatched from his grasp. The date, May 29th 1968 and Sandy, first jockey to Sir Noel Murless, the most eminent trainer in England, had just ridden Connaught into second place in the Epsom Derby. He sat with his head in his hands, inconsolable and on the verge of tears. A champion apprentice in his teens, and now at 19 years of age, holding down the most prestigious job in English racing in his first year as a senior jockey. A consoling tap on the shoulder from Lester Piggott meant nothing and perhaps Barclay might have deemed it the final twist of the knife from the champion jockey. Lester, the arch assassin, less than 30 minutes earlier had pegged back Sandy within 100 yards of the winning post. Riding Sir Ivor, Piggott had stormed home in the final furlong of the Classic to defeat Connaught and his young jockey, thus providing Vincent O'Brien with his second Epsom Derby win and Ireland with their 5th success in the race since its inception in 1780. In one of the most sensational Derby of all time, Sir Ivor had shown a brilliant burst of speed in the last furlong to overhaul Connaught. Sir Noel Murless's colt had looked the likely winner entering the final stages of the race. Cut loose by the young Scot at Tattenham Corner, the magnificent 16.3 hands colt raced down the finishing straight, five lengths clear, killing off the field by his relentless galloping action. Entering the final furlong he was not stopping as Lester balanced Sir Ivor for his run. The response was electric. The drama was captured by the cine cameras that recorded the motion picture "The Year of Sir Ivor". The producers had set out to follow the fortunes of the Vincent O'Brien trained classic contender from the start of the 1968 racing season. The cameras were situated at ground level to give a new perspective to the speed of the thoroughbreds in classic races. It was appropriate that they were present to record the final furlong kick of Sir Ivor. Sir Peter O'Sullivan, never a man to lose his equilibrium as a broadcaster, was put to test to describe the sheer brilliance of the Sir Gaylord's colt last furlong sprint "The year of Sir Ivor" featured most of the classic races of 1968 together with the Washington International at Laurel Park. Reviewed even now it is clear that it was a golden year for the colts and fillies both at home and abroad.

"Cut loose by the young Scot at Tattenham Corner, the magnificent 16.3 hands colt raced down the finishing straight, five lengths clear, killing off the field by his relentless galloping action."

the decline of young Sandy Barclay's racing career which subsequently nose dived in 1970. It could be argued that the emotional shock of losing the Derby at such a young age and in the manner he did, probably played some part in his demise from the racing scene. Perhaps Sandy was just too young to be riding as first jockey to the number one stable in England at the time. Sandy was not the only jockey to suffer a shock in "The Year of Sir Ivor" but Irish Jockey, Liam Ward, responded splendidly after being defeated on the Colt in the Irish Sweeps Derby at the Curragh. Lester Piggott, jockeyed off Sir Ivor because Liam rode all the O'Brien trained horses in Ireland, exposed Sir Ivor's lack of stamina, in a true run mile and a half race, by riding Ribero, a son of Ribot, to a sensational victory. Liam immediately picked up the pieces and rode the last three winners on the card. All three rides were in the "masterclass" bracket, a tribute indeed, to his professionalism.

Sir Ivor was bred at Mill Ridge farm outside Lexington, Kentucky by Alice Headley Bell (Chandler). He came from the second full crop of Sir Gaylord, who was a good fast two-year-old that won six races from five to six furlongs. Sir Gaylord was unbeaten in four races at three and favourite for the Kentucky Derby before a bowed tendon ruled him out days before the race. Sir Gaylord also sired Habitat that magnificent miler who was one of the great stallions at the Airlie Group of studs owned by Captain Tim Rogers. His son, Sir Ivor, was out of Attica, a mare with decent form whose own dam was a three quarter sister to Menow, a racehorse and sire of some consequence in the United States. He was entered for the Keenland July sales in 1966 and fetched \$42,000, a significant price for those times. Purchased by Mr "Bull" Hancock for American owner and US Ambassador to Ireland, Mr. Raymond Guest, an astute owner who was also a lucky one. Mr. Guest had the honour of leading in Larkspur, the winner of the 1962 Epsom Derby. He was the owner of L'escargot, winner of two consecutive Cheltenham Gold Cups in 1970 and 1971. L'escargot also won the Aintree Grand National in 1975.

Sir Ivor was sent to Ballydoyle to be trained by Doctor Vincent O'Brien. An imposing looking colt he made his debut in the Tyros Stakes at the Curragh on Irish

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It is not certain that Derby Day 1968 contributed to

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Sweeps Derby day. Starting favourite at 3/1 and ridden by Liam Ward, he finished 6th to Mistigo trained by Stephen Quirke and ridden by Buster Parnell. Vincent O'Brien was disappointed, but Liam

was impressed and adamant that the horses who finished in front would not do so again. It was at this point that Raymond Guest and a friend, a Mr. Hewitt, placed a £500 each way bet with William Hill for Sir Ivor to win the following year's Epsom Derby, at odds of 100/1. Hill's liability stood at £62,500, a massive amount in those days.

This price was to prove a gift a month later, after

Sir Ivor won the Probationers Stakes at the Curragh, turning the tables on Mistigo, winning by a neck, in receipt of a 5lb maiden allowance. Having his first run, the Mick Rogers trained Candy Cane finished third. Despite the winning distance and weight allowance in his favour it was an easy and impressive victory. Liam Ward, stable jockey to Vincent O'Brien in Ireland, and the complete horseman, was never hard on two year olds and always just done enough to win. However not everyone was impressed and with Mick Rogers great record in training Derby winners, Candy Cane, started favourite for the National Stakes, run at the Curragh in September 1967. However, Sir

Ivor was improving at an impressive rate and easily won the clash of the big two by three lengths. The Paddy Prendergast trained Society finished third. Sir Ivor then went to France to contest the Grand Criterium, run over a mile at Longchamp. The ground was very soft and deemed unsuitable for the American bred colt. The going did not seem to bother Sir Ivor as he won in a canter from Pola Bella with Timmy My Boy third. He was the first foreign trained winner of the race and consolidated his position as winter favourite for the English 2000 Guineas.



Sir Ivor, Who made his name at stud as a sire of fillies.

"On Derby Day, Sir Ivor looked a picture. His appearance delighted his supporters as he had clearly gained condition and put on weight since his Newmarket win."

Vincent O'Brien sent eight of his best horses including Sir Ivor to winter in Pisa, Italy. It was a new departure for the stable in the hope that the more benevolent climate would benefit the fitness preparation of the horses for the following season. It

nearly ended in disaster when Sir Ivor, spooked and got loose near a public highway but quick thinking work rider, Johnny Brabston saved the day. It was also at this time that the reputable bookmaker William Hill started to whinge. Face to face with the possibility that he was facing a record payout to Raymond Guest and his friend, he tried very hard indeed to get the pair to dilute his obligation, should Sir Ivor win the following year's Epsom Derby. With the last throw of the dice he threatened to leak the details of the bet to the racing press in the

hope it would embarrass the Ambassador. Americans are tough however and it was no deal. The details were subsequently leaked which many would have considered unethical and unprofessional.

Sir Ivor's first race as a three-year-old was the Ascot 2000 Guineas Trial. Again the ground was desperate

and Sir Ivor was not near as impressive as he had been in the Grand Criterium. Lester Piggott was unperturbed, having discarded the opportunity to ride the English champion two-year-old, Petingo, trained by his father-in-law Sam Armstrong. Petingo, winner of the Middle Park and Gimcrack Stakes in his first season carried his form into the Classic year by winning the Craven Stakes at Newmarket.

The English 2000 Guineas of 1968 was a high class race with a number of very good colts competing. So Blessed, later to become a top class sprinter made the early running with Petingo settled in behind. Lester had Sir Ivor at the back perhaps conscious that the early pace was too fast. With three furlongs to go Lester made effortless headway and was in a perfect

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position to challenge Petingo who had taken the lead from So Blessed at the furlong pole. Sir Ivor cruised by Petingo to take the Classic by a length and a half. Jimmy Reppin, later to prove himself an outstanding miler finished two and a half lengths back in third. Sir Ivor was now odds on for the Epsom Derby and Mr William Hill must have been "sick as a parrott" as he contemplated a gigantic payout on the race.

On Derby Day, Sir Ivor looked a picture. His appearance delighted his supporters as he had clearly gained condition and put on weight since his Newmarket win. He started at 5 to 4 on, with the next two in the betting being Remand at 4/1, winner of the Chester Vase, and Connaught at 100/9. Sandy Barclay aware that Sir Ivor might have stamina limitations decided to stretch the Champion by pushing Connaught clear at the five furlong marker. At one stage, he was five lengths clear and not stopping, when Piggott unleashed Sir Ivor with an electrifying run at the furlong pole. The winning distance of one and a half lengths was staggering in the circumstances. That final furlong provided one of the most thrilling and spectacular Derby episodes within living memory and will be never be forgotten by those who had the good luck to be there to see it. Sir Ivor had now won six races in a row, he was to loose the next four.

The Irish Sweeps Derby run on June 28th 1968 was his next target. In his monumental work " The History of the Epsom Derby" Roger Mortimer makes an assertion that is clearly wrong and for whatever reason, false. Lester Pigott was not claimed to ride Ribero by Johnson Houghton as written in his book The fact of the matter is that Liam Ward took the mount on Sir Ivor being first jockey to Vincent O'Brien in Ireland.

The race was to prove a bad experience for Liam. Lester Piggott, already a racing ledgend, knew that his mount, Ribero, a son of the great Ribot, would stay every yard of the 12 furlongs at the Curragh. Lester was also aware that his Epsom hero, Sir Ivor , might not. Amongst the front runners from the start and forcing a good gallop, Ribero hit the front 6 furlongs from home. Although Sir Ivor joined him at the two furlong pole he emptied like a leaking tank and had to settle for second place. The capacity crowd at the Curragh was stunned by the defeat of the 1/3 favourite. Liam Ward, although shaken by the defeat of the Derby favourite, showed what a great professional jockey he was. He promptly recovered his composure and splendidly drove home the next three winners on the Curragh card, two in driving finishes.

To be continued next month.



Sir Ivor is led in by Carolyn Guest, Wife of owner Ray-

Poetry Corner By Patrick Murray

A Yearning without my Soul

I seek for peace and love within
For to enjoy life without pain
Where did all my strife begin
That is driving me insane
Life to me is but a dream
That we carry within our hearts
Many things remain to be seen
Whenever our soul departs
I ache for comfort deep inside
So that I will finally be free
And at the turn of the tide

We would open our eyes and see
People are good on Earth
But evil also dwells too
It is of our birth
We live our lives so true
Soon we will awaken in the sun
This world will be a better sight
When all pain is over and done
I yearn deep within my soul
To end all of my sorrow
Ultimate happiness is my goal
With a better world for tomorrow

Mans Dreams

To dream of many thoughts in your mind
As life is an endless dream for all
Many tensions in your system to unwind
While you in your dreams at nightfall
Asleep at your bedside in a dark room
Thinking picturesque thoughts in your sleep
Dreaming fantasies that put you out if your gloom
Many slumber some thoughts in your mind creep

To dream of far away places that seem real
Or a beautiful woman that turns you on
A realistic dream in your heart & soul feel
In an unending ecstasy of love you have got
To dream of many happenings of your choice
Knowing that you direct each one
Imaginative dreams with a leading voice
In a world of tranquillity your soul is gone
Where does all my dreams come from in life
That are not material and never die

Dreaming as an escape from your strife
A feeling of want and care for you to cry
Dreams one as everlasting as the sea
In fact they simply never have an end
Many different dreams in my mind for me
Knowing that your dreams are always your friend.

Be Thankful

Life contains many of a need
To survive and carry on in life
Many disorders in life can be lead
To depression with much strife
Living does not always go your way
With upsets what you have to face
Make the best of each routine day
And make this world a worthwhile place
Be thankful for what you've got
And value the assets in a lifetime

With your god you've got a lot
Without not even a dime
Be good to your fellow man
With a warm heart that is sincere
Live a life the best you can
And thrive to answer your fear
Appreciate the simple things in life
And all the gifts bestowed on you
Then life will not be so much of strife
With much love thriving through

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Protecting your Computer



Well, you've bought that fantastic new computer and you can't wait to surf the net, send emails to all your friends etc. Wait a moment! Before you do anything ask yourself is your computer protected against viruses? If a virus gets on your computer it can delete or even destroy files and software, and even deliver itself to your friends or work colleagues.

What is a Computer Virus?

Just like a medical virus, a computer virus can come in all shapes and sizes and can cause all kinds of different symptoms on your PC.

In general terms, a virus is a tiny little computer program that has the built-in ability to copy itself from one location to another. It does this by attaching itself to e-mail messages or hiding in the code of some programmes. As well as making copies of themselves to send to your friends, many viruses will delete files on your computer, or even interfere with your software.

That is why they aren't very popular amongst computer users!

Spreading disease

Viruses are transported via e-mail, so before you open all your new messages remember to check who the e-mail is from, and whether it has any file attached to it.

Although they travel via e-mail, viruses cannot be transported within plain text e-mails - messages that do not have files attached to them.

It is the attached file or document on an e-mail message that will carry the virus.

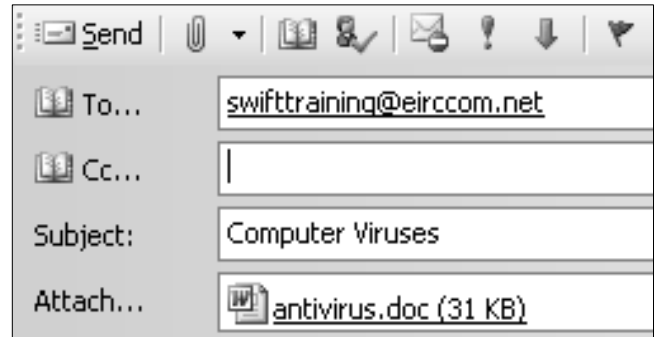
An attached file, or '**attachment**', usually shows up as a paper clip, or a small picture of a piece of paper or file **icon**, that sits on the side or bottom of an e-mail message.

An attachment can be a picture, Word document or even a movie clip.

If you don't recognise the e-mail address of the person who sent you the message, then you should be very wary of what the message contains. If the message doesn't look important then we recommend you **delete** it without opening it.

A virus in your address book

The people who make the viruses often use different tricks to try and make you open the infected e-mail attachment.



An email showing an attachment

- The e-mail will often have a title that entices you to open it - using phrases such as 'Important' and 'Read now', or it will pretend to be a joke image or document.
- If you recognise a friend or colleague's e-mail address in the message, but don't know what the attachment is, then give them a telephone call, or send a fresh e-mail message to ask if they've recently sent you anything.
- Some viruses spread by sending themselves to all the addresses of your friends and colleagues that are in your e-mail address book.
 - The virus could have sent you an e-mail message from your friend's e-mail address without them knowing it.
 - If you open that attachment you could be spreading the virus onto your computer, and to all your friends or workmates.

This is how most viruses get around the internet and cause so much trouble.

Diagnosing a virus

That doesn't mean that everything that goes wrong with your computer is always a virus, but it does mean that a virus is something to avoid.

To spot whether you've got a virus on your computer, you should look for one or more of the following things:

- ♦ your computer being unusually slow
- ♦ new or regularly used floppy disks becoming unusable
- ♦ unusual error messages popping up on screen

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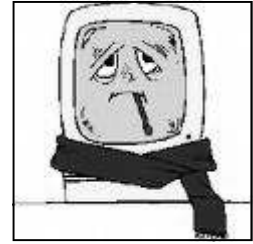
The people who make the viruses often use different tricks to try and make you open the infected e-mail attachment."

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- ◆ programmes crashing or slowing down when they're open
- ◆ documents or folders changing size, name or date
- ◆ unusually slow download speeds
- ◆ strange screen activity.

◆ Fear factor



Before you get too scared to use the internet, remember that the majority of computer viruses are actually harmless. Most of them just hop around from computer to computer without deleting, altering or damaging anything. You could get so worried about viruses that you lose out on all the fun things to do on the web. Most computer users will protect themselves with anti-virus software and still manage to enjoy the best that they can find with their keyboard.

However help is at hand and you can protect your computer from viruses using a few simple e-mail and internet functions and some anti-virus software



Next month we will look at how to get the AntiVirus software you need and the importance of backing up your files - just in case!

Jane MacNulty

Maynooth Shoppers: Get ready to be inspired at

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Leixlip Castle

An Irish "Leim on Bhradain " means literally leap of the salmon but the name Leixlip derives from the Danish Lax Hlaup as the village was, like Dublin, established by the Vikings. The Castle was built around the end of the 11th century by Strongbow, on a site where the

Adam de Hereford, a follower of Rye River meets the Liffey.

The Pypard family lived in the Henry VII granted the Castle to Unfortunately the situation after Silken Thomas led a the the Manor and Castle were Master of the Rolls, the leading



Castle from 1300 onwards before Gerald, the Eight Earl of Kildare. went badly askew for the family rebellion against the king. In 1569 granted to Sir Nicholas White, judge in the British judicial system.

The Whites remained in William Connolly. nephew heir of Castletown. purchased remained the property of the principal residence was property was let frequently Decies, Chief Censor, Dublin added the kitchen wing. was let to a succession of tenants. For a time it served as a residence for the French Embassy.

possession for almost 200 years. and namesake of speaker Connolly Leixlip Castle in 1731 and it family until 1914. The family Castletown House and the Leixlip during that time. In 1914, Lord Castle purchased the property and Unable to sell it in 1923 the Castle



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Murphy gives full backing to into Class size debate & demands Government Action

Catherine Murphy, TD speaking in the aftermath of what she termed a “hugely successful” meeting called by the INTO last night, has given her “full backing” to their campaign to have primary school class sizes in Kildare reduced to the levels promised by the Government in their last programme for government. “The INTO have rightfully labeled North Kildare as a class size blackspot, its a position that, unfortunately, I’d have to agree with. The population of Kildare has grown consistently over the past 20 to 30 years but services like school places have been very slow to come on stream, and children are suffering as a result. The Department of Education has a huge responsibility to address this issue; in failing to do so they are creating huge educational disadvantage.”

The North Kildare, TD highlighted both at the meeting and subsequently that having submitted several parliamentary questions to the Minister for Education on the topic in recent months she has been frustrated by the lack of information or commitment in the responses. “The Minister has failed to deliver manageable class-sizes to Kildare and when questioned about this, resorts to quoting national averages and stating that ‘major improvements have been made in staffing at primary in recent years’. It’s not good enough that children in Kildare are cramped into classes of up to 34 children just because the Government has failed to plan for the increased demand for places.”

Murphy concluded in highlighting that the advertising campaign for Census 2006 was that everyone should participate in order that services could be planned for, but that there has been no evidence that any previous Census was used for this kind of forward planning; an assertion that is supported by the very existence of the current school place, and class size crisis.

“The CSO prepares very detailed demographic information, including projections of where population increases
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and declines are likely to occur and what age groups they will affect, but the Government has consistently failed to use this information to plan for future need. If a private company made promises like those made advertising the Census and failed to stand by them they'd be sued for false advertising, so why should the Government be let away with it? They need to start looking at the population predictions from the most recent Census, 2002 and 2006, and not only address the school place and class size crisis we face now, but the one we're creating for

Is 650sq ft enough space for a family of 4 to live in for 20 years?

Apartments as small as 650 sq feet and containing little if any storage space or access to outdoor living space are being offered to single people, couples and families alike under the Affordable and Social Housing Schemes. Catherine Murphy, TD has termed such accommodation as "substandard", especially in the case of the Affordable Housing Scheme considering that participants are subject to a 20 year Clawback intended to deter them from entering into the scheme for speculative reasons. She has called on Government to first reduce the 20 year Clawback to 10 years for those buying such small units, so that expanding families can upgrade to larger accommodation without being penalised. New minimum standards recently announced by the Minister will take years to kick in so measures must be taken to deal with the substandard housing stock already built in the planning stages.

"The Affordable Housing Scheme is a good way for people, especially first time buyers, to buy their own home, but it's hardly fair to expect people to buy into 650 sq feet and commit to it for 20 years. There's just no room for family expansion in such small apartments; there isn't even room to store a bike or Christmas tree."

Murphy however went on to highlight that Local Authorities are being put in an awkward position because of the persistence of many developers in building such small units. "We're seeing a disproportionate number of 2 bedroom apartments being acquired by some Local Authorities on a take it or leave it basis. Although some Local Authorities are entitled to buy up to 20% of all new housing developments for use under these schemes, continuous property price rises over recent years, along with inflation, are making larger homes unaffordable. The result is that Affordable Home Buyers don't have a great deal of choice when it comes to the units being offered."

The Solution

"To be honest this problem needs a two pronged approach. Firstly the Minister for the Environment should reduce the Clawback applied to apartment purchases under the Affordable Housing Scheme to 10 years instead of twenty, with the amount of the Clawback reducing from 5 years on. This way, families could get started in apartments with the knowledge that after 10 years they can upgrade if they need to. But second, and most importantly, we need to stop the practice whereby developers are allowed to build such impractical accommodations. Apartments must have adequate living, storage, and outdoor space, it's as simple as that, but many developers will only provide these things if they are made to. Unfortunately it's easy to predict that we're trading one set of problems for yet another, its essential that there is intervention before it becomes a crisis."

Clawback

A Clawback is a way for Local Authorities to claim back the amount by which they discounted a property sold under the Affordable Housing Scheme if it's sold on within 20 years and it's applied as a deterrent to people using the scheme purely for speculative purposes. If a property, for example, is bought from a Local Authority for €200,000 but has a market value of €350,000 the Clawback is calculated as follows: $350,000 - 200,000 = 150,000$ (discount amount), $(150,000 / 350,000) \times 100 = 43\%$ (percentage by which the property was discounted). If the property is sold within 10 years of purchase the full 43% of the market value on sale is payable to the Local Authority, however, between years 10 and 20 of the scheme, the Clawback then reduces by 10% annually. In this case it reduces by 4.3% each year.



Emmet Stagg T.D.

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Cllr. John McGinley

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Bond Bridge Opened on 29th January 2007

The long wait is over. It is a fine bridge and the unseen flood alleviation measures are very welcome. Deputy Emmet Stagg and his colleague Cllr. John McGinley would like to thank the residents of the Newtown area for their support throughout the long campaign and for their patience over the last 15 months when the bridge was closed.

Stagg appeals Tesco development over threat to Main Street Trees

Deputy Emmet Stagg has along with his colleague Cllr. John McGinley lodged an Appeal with An Bord Pleanala in relation to the Grant of Planning Permission for the redevelopment of The Tesco Supermarket on the Dublin Road, Maynooth.

Specifically the Appeal, stated Deputy Stagg, has been lodged with one objective in mind and that is to remove the threat posed to the Trees on Main Street, Maynooth, caused by the imposition of Condition 33 in the grant of Planning Permission.

Condition 33 explained Deputy Stagg provides for the provision of an Urban Traffic Control SCOOT system and worryingly also includes provisions for the widening of the Straffan Road/Main Street Junction. Two proposals are on the Table in relation to the widening of the junction – one which would not involve the removal of any trees but would place them on the edge of the road near the Square whilst the second proposal would involve the removal of all the Trees from the Square to Hands old House on Main Street (Beside Maynooth Jewellers). In all a total of 8 Trees would be removed and in addition a curved roadway would be driven through the heavily pedestrianised Square.

The proposal to remove 8 Trees from one Section of the Main Street has been described by Deputy Stagg as an act of State Vandalism against the Community of Maynooth.

Deputy Stagg made the following points in the Appeal:

- The Proposed removal of the Trees would destroy forever the unique visual appearance of the Historic Tree Lined Main Street.
- The Proposed removal of the Trees breaches 13 Sections of the Maynooth Development Plan 2002, the purpose of which is the conservation and enhancement of the Towns natural and built environment, which describes the Axis from St. Patrick's College to Carton Estate as one of the finest examples of 18th Century urban and landscape design, and which states that it is the Council's Objective to protect and enhance the special character of Maynooth Town Centre.
- Other breaches of the Maynooth Development Plan 2002 include the fact that the Trees are specifically listed for Protection and that their removal would have a serious effect on the Protected View from Carton Avenue Gates to the Main Street.

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- In addition the Plan requires the Traditional Main Street Building Line to be maintained (a laudable objective) and Deputy Stagg pointed out that this applies equally to the traditional line of Trees.
- Finally the Plan requires the retention of traditional shop fronts on Main Street, and imposes restrictions on advertising structures on the Main Street to protect the essential character of the Town (again very laudable), but Deputy Stagg has pointed out that the Trees are as essential to the character of the Town and require equal protection.
- The Removal of the Trees breaches the Heritage and Architectural Conservation Areas sections of the Kildare Co. Development Plan 2005-2011.
- Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley were adamant that under no circumstances should the Trees be removed. They did point out however that a Ring Road from the Dublin Road to the Celbridge Road was included in the Kildare Co. Council Capital Programme for completion by 2009 at a cost of €10,500,000, that this road would link up with link road between the Celbridge Road and the Straffan Road, which in turn links up with the Meadowbrook Link, meaning this outer route would serve 3,000 houses and that this would be the route taken by most shoppers to the new Tesco Development rather than the Main Street. Therefore there was no need to widen the Main Street for traffic. It was also pointed out that Doctors Lane would become a one way system shortly for traffic going East to West, thus removing traffic from the Main Street.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that Condition 33 of the permission granted to Tesco's ignores the unique beauty of the Trees and their importance in the creation of a beautiful environment in the Heart of Maynooth. He put forward 2 suggested rewordings of Condition 33 with a view to removing the threat now facing the people of Maynooth.

Inclusion of target of 500 houses for Maynooth in Meath County Development Plan review illogical

Deputy Emmet Stagg has described the inclusion of a Target of 500 houses in the Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 for the Maynooth Environs as illogical and a threat to a co-ordinated planned future development of the Town.

Deputy Stagg stated that it would appear that on foot of a submission from the promoters of Moygaddy Park the Meath County Development Plan has been amended to include a target of 500 houses in the

Maynooth Environs part of Co. Meath. The Moygaddy Park proposal includes the development of a business, science and technology park, 450 executive style homes, a retirement village, hotel and equestrian centre.

Whilst some of these proposals can be dealt with on their merits under existing provisions Deputy Stagg stated that the proposed housing will open up a serious issue in relation to how Maynooth Town grows into the future. If we were to agree to this proposal we would have a satellite village with housing out on a limb, divorced from the Town itself. It would lead to calls for the agricultural lands between the Town and the Satellite Village to be zoned for housing. It would simply be madness.

The intention of Meath Co. Council is that the next Maynooth Development Plan would be jointly prepared between Meath and Kildare Co. Council's. Unlike Kilcock, where the centre of the Town is within yards of Meath, there is no reason for such a joint plan for Maynooth.

Deputy Stagg stated that the proposals are now on Public Display and that it was his intention along with his colleague Cllr. John McGinley to make a submission in relation to the proposals pointing out that they were unnecessary and inappropriate to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In addition, at the Leixlip Area Committee meeting of the Council on 16th February the Councillors supported Cllr. John McGinley's motion objecting to the inclusion of these 500 houses in the Draft Meath County Development Plan.

Pedestrian Phase of lights at Bank of Ireland, Maynooth

On the proposal of Cllr. John McGinley it was agreed last September that the pedestrian lights at the Bank of Ireland would be removed in the interest of public safety. When John asked why this had not happened he was given the following incredible reply by the Council's Director of Services:

"Traffic management issues as well as health and safety arrangements are an executive function. In this instance, any consideration on the part of the Senior Engineer to temporarily remove the pedestrian phase was firmly contingent on the following aspects:-"

- A positive recommendation on the part of the Regional Road Safety Engineer.
- Discussions with the Gardaí.

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The Regional Road Safety Engineer is opposed to the temporary removal of the pedestrian phase. A meeting took place with the Gardaí on the 13 Feb. in relation to the same matter. They are also adamant that it should not be removed for the same reasons.

The matter has since been examined in some detail by the Council's new Senior Executive Engineer (Traffic Management). He has suggested a different approach which would involve the relocation of the pedestrian crossing closer to the Straffan Road junction. This, in turn, would convey a number of benefits, including:-

- ◆ *The opportunity to better synchronise all signals at the junction.*
- ◆ *Less queuing of vehicular traffic as a result of the pedestrian crossing being located closer to the other signals.*

I have requested the Council's traffic management consultants, Faber Maunsell to prepare a preliminary design and costing and will make this available to the Committee when available. In addition, it is also worth noting that the proposal will not involve the removal of any trees but will entail some civil works in terms of alterations to kerbs etc."

Needless to say Cllr. McGinley and the other three Councillors rejected the reply and they seriously questioned the statement that **"traffic management issues are an executive function."**

Provision of Defibrillators in Maynooth

At the request of a concerned Maynooth resident Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion to the Leixlip Area Committee:

"That Kildare County Council carry out a survey to see whether or not Automatic External Defibrillators (AED's) are available to the public at the following locations in Maynooth:

- Ambulance Service
- Manor Mills
- TESCO's Shopping Centre
- Maynooth Train Station
- NUI Maynooth
- Soccer Pitches, Rathcoffey Road

- GAA Pitches, Moyglare Road
- The 3 Primary Schools & 1 Secondary School

Furthermore, and in the light of the findings of the survey, that the Council becomes proactive in implementing a pilot AED programme for Maynooth. Bearing in mind that sudden cardiac arrest is survivable, with recent studies showing that when AED's are used within the first 3 minutes that there is a 74% survival rate, that the Council would give serious consideration to extending the AED programme to other towns in the County."

It was agreed that the Council would ask the HSE to carry out the survey and that the Council would be the driving force behind this very important safety issue.

Doctors Lane to Become One Way

Cllr. John McGinley has been advised that a contractor will be appointed shortly for this work and for footpath improvements on Dublin Road and Hands Corner.

John has asked that ramps be installed on Doctors Lane in the interest of public safety.

HSE confirm purchase of new Maynooth Ambulance Site subject to planning permission

The HSE have now formally confirmed to Deputy Emmet Stagg that they have reached agreement to purchase a Unit at the Maynooth Business Campus for the New Maynooth Ambulance Base, and that the purchase is subject to planning permission.

As indicated by Deputy Stagg last week the purchase is conditional on planning permission been granted for the change of use of one of the Units at Maynooth Business Campus from light industry/enterprise to use as an Ambulance Centre. The planning application for this change of use was lodged with Kildare Co. Council on 22nd January and a decision is due on 18th March and Deputy Stagg indicated that he foresaw no reason in the world why planning permission would not be granted for the change of use.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that the expected finalisation of the Deal in March was important in that it would provide the most modern standard of an Ambulance Station in North Kildare and in the provision of a satisfactory location beside the M4 and accessible to all parts of North Kildare.

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Court Order served on O2 seeking removal of Mast at Maynooth G.A.A. grounds

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been advised by Kildare Co. Council that the Court Order seeking Enforcement of the Removal of the Unauthorised Mast at Maynooth G.A.A. Grounds on the Moyglare Road, Maynooth, was served on O2 January 29th by the Council's Solicitors.

What this means stated Deputy Stagg is that O2 have 4 weeks to comply with the Court Order requiring them to remove the Mast.

The Court Order was put in place at Naas Circuit Court on October 17th last and O2 Communications consented to the Order sought by the Council for removal of the Mast but a Stay on the Order was put in place for a month to enable O2 to submit a valid application to the Council for retention of planning permission. That application was submitted to the Council within a month but was declared invalid on January 4th, 2007.

Welcoming the Serving of the Court Order Deputy Stagg stated that the original Warning Letter in relation to the Unauthorised Mast issued to O2 in December, 2004, and following the submission of 4 planning applications, all of which were deemed invalid, we now have a Court Order requiring O2 to remove the Mast within 4 weeks.

On 5th February O2 submitted their 5th retention Planning Application but, Deputy Stagg is calling on the Council's Solicitors to enforce the order by going back to Court if necessary.

Further progress on extension to Maynooth Presentation Convent as invitations sought to be included on approved tender list

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed further progress on the required extensions to Maynooth Presentation Convent Girls N.S. following the invitation to Contractors to go on a short list to Tender for the Construction Project.

Whilst not at the stage of inviting Tenders at least this is some further progress stated Deputy Stagg.

The required Extension to Maynooth Presentation Convent is amazingly in Architectural Planning since November 2001 and was delayed by Government Cut-Backs following the 2002 General Election. The extension consists of refurbishment works, the construction of 3 additional classrooms and 4 resource rooms and a replacement General Purposes Hall. The Planning Application for the Project was lodged with

Kildare Co. Council on 7th June last and is currently on a further Information Request.

Given the clear necessity for this extension Deputy Stagg indicated that he would continue to apply pressure on the Minister for Education until Tenders were invited and contractors were on site.

€7 million allocation will kickstart upgrade of N4 between Leixlip and the M50—work to commence in the summer

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been advised by South Dublin Co. Council that the recent allocation of €7 Million by the N.R.A. will allow for works to commence on the Upgrade of the N4 between Leixlip and the M50 in the Summer of 2007.

The improvements planned under this scheme include the following:

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

Deputy Stagg stated that the overall cost of the work is likely to be in the region of €35 to €40 Million Euro and that a contract should be in place for the Design and Build Project towards the end of February. The Timescale for completion of the project will be 18 months to 2 years.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that whilst the project will bring relief for hard pressed commuters from North Kildare who have no option but to travel by car daily to work in Dublin, it is the Governments fault that this project was not completed in 2004 as originally envisaged under the 2000-2006 National Development Plan, because it was the Government who imposed massive cut-backs on infrastructural projects following the 2002 General Election.

Eircom were taken to task over delays in phone connections—privatisation chickens coming home to roost

Deputy Emmet Stagg has described the present position in relation to the provision of Land Lines to people wishing to acquire a phone service as akin to the late 1970's when former Taoiseach and then Minister for Posts and Telegraphs Albert Reynolds, promised everybody phones out of hand, but there was no delivery.

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We are now in the 21st Century stated Deputy Stagg, and following the asset stripping of Eircom when it was Privatised by this malfunctioning Government of FF/PD's, it is remarkable that people can be waiting up to a year to secure a phone service. We are suppose to be the Celtic Tiger but the Government handed over our Telecommunications Infrastructure to Venture Capitalists who's only role in life is Profit. Customers, the Public don't matter.

In New Housing Estates, be it Griffinrath in Maynooth, Easton Gardens in Leixlip, The Beeches in Straffan or RyeBridge in Kilcock, residents have been left waiting and waiting for a phone service stated Deputy Stagg. These are not areas up the top of a Mountain and yet it can take a year for the service to be provided. In rural areas where young families are building their own homes the situation is worse.

Eircom stated Deputy Stagg are regulated by Comreg whose regulatory role was set out by the Government. The Government akin to their own ineptitude deemed that Eircom upon receipt of a reasonable request had to provide 60% of all connections within 4 weeks, 80% within 8 weeks, 90% within 13 weeks, 95% within 26 weeks and 100% within 52 weeks. In other words they have a huge get out clause, courtesy of the Government.

Deputy Stagg stated that the Communications Regulation (Amendment Bill) 2007 was published on 31st January, and it now provides us with a vehicle to alter the generous time limits given to Eircom to supply a phone connection. Having spoken with Labour's Communications Spokesperson Tommy Broughan, it has now been agreed that Labour will table an amendment to the Bill to slash the time for Eircom to provide a phone connection to 100% within 3 months. This in itself is being generous but is allowing scope for wayleave issues which sometimes cause problems.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that it was time we got tough with Eircom and if they can't do the job we should renationalise them and ensure that along with our Electricity Supply System, that the State would control such a vital tool for the Economy and the daily lives of hard working families.

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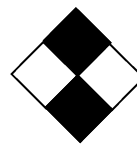
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COMMUNITY COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

On the 2nd Monday of every month the general meeting of the Maynooth Community Council takes place at 8.30pm in the Glenroyal Hotel.

In attendance are those representatives of each of the residential areas in Maynooth – people who have been elected to represent the views of their areas in relation to all issues which effect the general and specific localities in Maynooth.

As Chairperson of the Council I have outlined the fact that the representation from the residential areas each month is poor – only the same relatively small number of people take the time to come each month. As Maynooth is a growing vibrant community, the Council must reflect that and therefore I am calling and appealing to all the new residential areas in Maynooth – the new estates that have been built in the last 2-3 years to elect representatives onto their Residents Associations. In turn, an active and positive approach should be taken with regard to the Community Council – both among existing and future members.

In the next month or so, there will be Elections taking place for Councillors to represent the various areas in Maynooth – in fact details and information will be published in the next issue of the Newsletter – please take the time and trouble to investigate how you can play your part and how your area can best be represented by becoming involved in the Community Council. Details will also be available from the Community Council office on 01-6285922

Brid Feely,
Chairperson,
Maynooth Community Council.

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

The March meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on 12th of March in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Harbour Field and Geraldine Hall Projects

The plan for the Harbour Field was up for discussion; John McGinley presented a plan which had the interest of the whole community at heart. He said Maynooth should get special treatment being a university town the only one of its kind in the country. He said that Kildare County Council should hire people to push this project forward and that this should be a top notch 5 star development. It was noted that with the Action Area Plan we have the right to say what we want to be put in place here.

The development here will include a running track, pitches for both GAA and Soccer clubs.

A Scouts Hall that will be owned by the Scouts.

Enclosed all weather mini sports facility

Removal of old Straffan Road [if possible] and extend the old road out to the new road, create a playground area for 11-17 year olds here to include hang -out area. This area also to have roller skating / skateboarding and a graffiti wall.

These proposals take into account the survey carried out by the Chairperson of the Maynooth Playground Action Group among the 5th and 6th classes in the three National Schools.

It was also noted that the views of the Post Primary School should also be taken into account. They completed a project a few years ago called Our View Anybody Listening, researching the views and needs of young people in Co. Kildare.

This area when fully developed will form the heart of the town. However, Joe Penny, Parsons Lodge raised their concerns regarding possible access through Parsons Lodge, John McGinley said that the only access would be through Parsons Street; Joe said that they are in favour of development here but fearful that Parsons Lodge could become a possible access route for the Harbour Field.

Paul Croghan said he fully supported the plan, but was aware of some areas around the town that could be developed like Manor Mills and we should have an input into what goes on in Maynooth from now on.

Tom McMullon also commented on this, he said plans that were accepted for Manor Mills were some what different than what was first envisaged.

With having an Action Area Plan in place here we have a say in what goes into the Harbour Field and we should push for this now and get it started. It was proposed that we adapt the plan. It was dully carried.

Festival

Andrew McMullon said he was delighted that new members have come on board and have started making plans for the Summer Festival.

Saint Patrick's Day Parade

John McGinley said plans are going very well and with the sponsorship from Tesco, Thornton's, and Manor Mills, for bands is very welcome.

A full report is in the Newsletter.

Fair Trade

We are close to gaining Fair Trade status for Maynooth. Peter Connell said, they have also sponsored projects in the schools to promote Fair Trade. Some Fair Trade produce include bananas, coffee, tea, and biscuits.

Tidy Towns

Sean Cushman said they have done a clean-up on Main Street. He said the street was in a dreadful state with weeds. He also commented that it's a bad reflection on business that will not remove the weeds and help to improve the image of Maynooth. They are now looking for volunteers to help the Tidy Towns committee, an hour a week would make a big difference.

Local Matters

A point was raised by Cyril McAree regarding the selling of fish on main street. He said these people are running a business and have no over-heads as well as talking up parking places, also the Health screening van takes up parking spaces and can be parked for over a week.

Band Stand

The Band Stand is to be removed to NUIM at a cost of €30.000, also the old stone wall at the band hall is in a very bad condition and very dangerous.

Maynooth Community Council Notes Cont'd

Parking issues

New Rail Station has opened in the Docklands, but this is of little use to Maynooth people. There are no plans to address these problems, and it will have a bad impact on the town with no parking available. A proper parking structure will have to be put in place. It was noted that there is no parking allowed at Clonsilla station. Maynooth is not a parking site for Irish Rail and they will have to realise this. It was felt that this is maybe a good time to invite Irish Rail people to meet us. It is hoped that with the plan for the Harbour Field, under-ground car parking and related works here it will bring all the concerned bodies together.

The next Community Council will be on the 16th of April at 8.30 p.m.

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14-15 April

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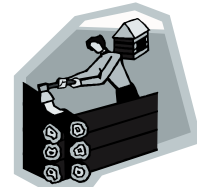
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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Notes

Question

I am planning a holiday abroad with my daughter during her Easter Holidays from school. Will she be able to travel with me if she is included on my passport or will she need to have her own separate passport?

Answer

Since 1 October 2004, all children regardless of age, must obtain an individual Irish Passport in their own name.

But if you have a passport that was issued before 1 October 2004, it remains valid if your child is included on it and it does not need to be replaced.

Children who are included on a parent's passport that was issued before 1 October 2004 may continue to travel with that parent to most countries up to their 16th birthday, as long as the passport is still valid.

There are, however, some exceptions. These include the Czech Republic, which requires persons aged 15 years and over to carry their own passport and Estonia which requires all persons aged 7 years and over to carry their own passport. Children travelling to the United States should have an individual passport which is Machine—readable.

There are other exceptions so if you are in any doubt, check with the embassy or consulate of the country concerned before you travel. You should also check with your airline to see if it has any additional requirements.

Passport application forms are available from Garda stations, post offices, libraries and Citizens information centres.

Children under 3 years of age can be issued with a passport that is valid for three years and costs €15.

Children aged 3 years to 17 years of age can obtain a passport that is valid for five years and costs €25.

There are passport offices in Dublin (9 Lo-call 1890 426 888) AND Cork 9 local 1890 426 9000

Question

If I take Maternity leave from work, am I entitled to get paid while I am on leave?

Answer

There is no legal obligation to pay you while you are on Maternity leave. Some employers pay for some or all of the maternity leave and the arrangements may be included in your contract of employment.

The Department of Social and Family Affairs provides a payment for employed or self-employed women who are on maternity leave. To qualify for Maternity Benefit you must meet certain requirements for Pay Related Social Insurance (PRSI) Contributions.

If you are an employee you must have one of the following to qualify for Maternity Benefit in 2007.

- At least 39 weeks PRSI paid in the 12 months before your maternity leave or
- At least 39 weeks PRSI paid since first starting work and at least 39 weeks PRSI paid or credited in 2005 or 2006 or
- At least 25 weeks PRSI paid in 2005 and at least 26 weeks PRSI paid in 2004

If you are self-employed, you must have 52 weeks of self-employed PRSI contributions in one of the years 2004 2005 or 2006. If you were in employment before you became self-employed, those PRSI contributions may be taken into account.

The weekly rate of Maternity Benefit that you will receive in 2007 is 80% of your average weekly income in 2006 subject to a minimum of € 207.80 and a maximum of € 280. You do not have to pay income tax on Maternity Benefit.

You should apply for Maternity Benefit at least six weeks before you intend to start leave or 12 weeks before if you are self-employed.

From 1 March 2007, you are entitled to 26 weeks of standard maternity leave from work. You can also take additional unpaid maternity leave for a further period of 16 weeks. These periods are reduced by four weeks for standard or additional leave that starts before 1st March 2007.

Further information is available from the Maternity Benefit Section of the Department of Social and Family Affairs. St. Oliver Plunkett Road. Letterkenny, Co Donegal. Lo-call 1890 690 690, and from the Citizens Information Centre below.

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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Notes (Cont'd)

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Question

I received a Free Travel Pass when I reached the age of 66 but I haven't used it in the last few years. I intend to start using it again but I understand that there have been changes to the conditions that apply to its use. Can you clarify what these changes are?

Answer

Everyone 66 or over and living permanently in Ireland can avail of the Free Travel Scheme. This means that you can use public transport free of charge. Some private transport operations also take part in the scheme.

Up until last year there were restrictions on using your free travel pass at peak times. Since 25 September 2006 these restrictions no longer apply so you can use your travel pass at any time.

Another charge to the Free Travel Scheme applies to cross border travel. Up until now you could use your free travel pass to travel across the border to or from a destination in Northern Ireland. But from 2 April 2007, you can also avail of free travel for journeys that start and end across Northern Ireland.

If you have a free travel pass, your spouse or partner may be entitled to free travel in Ireland when they accompany you. In addition if you are unable to travel alone for medical reasons, you may get a companion Free Travel Pass which allows any person over 16 years to accompany you free of charge.

To avail of free travel within Northern Ireland you will need to apply for a SmartPass. You can obtain the application form (from FTN1) from your local social welfare office or Citizens Information Centre or by phoning Lo-call 1890 202325. It may take up to six weeks to process the application.

Question

I live in rented accommodation. Can I claim any tax relief on the rent that I pay?

Answer

You can claim tax relief on rent paid for private rental accommodation if it is your residence. The tax relief does not apply to rent that is paid to a local authority

or state agency, or it is paid under a leave agreement that is for 50 years or longer.

There is a maximum limit to the amount of rent that is taken into account each year, depending on your age and marital status. For 2007, the limits are:

Age	Single	Married
Under 55 years	€1,800	€3,600
Over 55 years	€3,600	€7,200

Your tax relief is 20% of your annual rent, up to the maximum rent limit shown above.

So if you are under 55 years of age, the relief reduces by up to 4,360 if you are single (that is, €1,800 x 20%) or €720 if you are married.

If you are over 55 years, your tax is reduced by up to €720 if you are single or €1,440 if you are married.

You can claim the tax relief by completing the form Rent 1 which is available from your local tax office or can be downloaded from the Revenue website at www.revenue.ie.

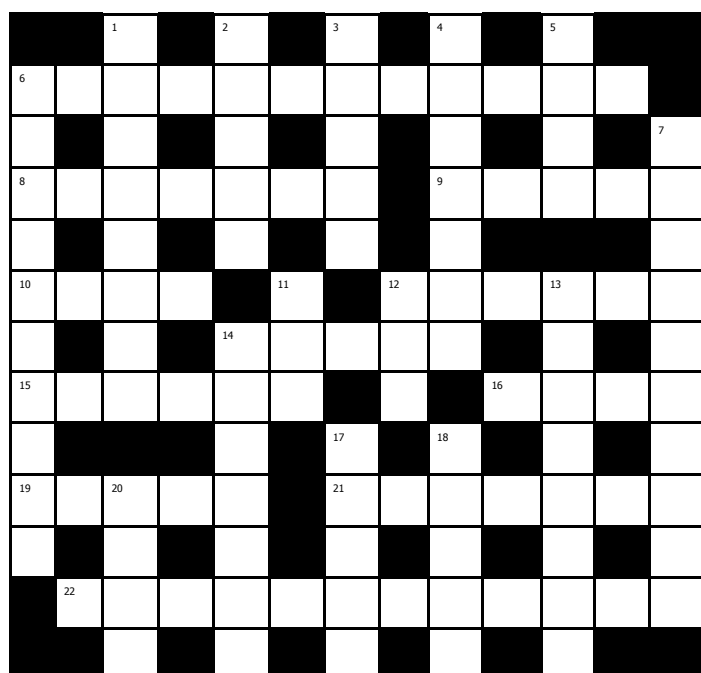
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Lo-Call: 1890 777 121



Crossword No: 54



Entries before Monday 16th April 2007

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Address: _____

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Across:

- 6. Root-flavoured soft drink (12)
- 8. Ask for (7)
- 9. Register (5)
- 10. Master cook (4)
- 12. South American river (6)
- 14. Venomous snake (5)
- 15. Country (6)
- 16. Musical composition (4)
- 19. The- - - *They Raided Minsky's film* (5)
- 21. Infectious epidemic disease (7)
- 22. Discontented (12)

Down:

- 1. Often (8)
- 2. Actor, - - - Mason (5)
- 3. Celebration (5)
- 4. Predicament (7)
- 5. Deflated (4)
- 6. Deadly poison (10)
- 7. Long running BBC sports show (10)
- 11. Put on (3)
- 12. Appendage (3)
- 13. Early airship (8)
- 14. Competition (7)
- 17. Sharp (5)
- 18. Brag (5)
- 20. Stern (4)

Doodle Box

Across:

1. Pharmacist, 8. Applaud, 9. Pluto, 10. Isle, 11. Marc, 12. Des, 14. Tarzan, 15. Attend, 18. Rig, 20. Heat, 21. Pier, 23. Unite, 24. Chariot, 25. Pedestrian.

Down:

1. Popular, 2. Ahab, 3. Midday, 4. Capacity, 5. Squad, 6. Sagittarius, 7. Considerate, 13. Cashmere, 16. Edition, 17. Lancet, 19. Gripe, 22. Sari.

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Maynooth Golf Society

Maynooth Golf Society started their golfing season with an outing to Kildea Castle on Saturday 3rd March. Weather conditions were just perfect after the rain of the previous week for the 46 members who played. Some good scores were posted, Gerry Kelly scored 41 points to win this outing sponsored by Glenmore Electrical Ltd. (David Weafer) closely followed by Niall Byrne with 40 points and last years winner Liam Farrelly 39 points.

Prizes were presented that evening in Brady's B2. Thanks to our sponsors Glenmore Electrical and to all who attended and supported this outing.

Next venue: Athy Golf Club on 31st March



*Captain 2007
Pa Conway*



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*L to R Ollie Bright, Niall Byrne
2nd & Gerry Kelly 1st*

The following are the results:

1st Prize	Gerry Kelly	41 pts
2nd Prize	Niall Byrne	40 pts
3rd Prize	Liam Farrelly	39 pts
4th Prize	Pat Conway	38 pts
5th Prize	Norman Kavanagh	37 pts B9
6th Prize	Tim Mullane	37 pts
7th Prize	Barry Farrell	35 pts
Front 9	John Carroll	20 pts
Back 9	John Byrne	21 pts
Visitors	Kevin Scott	
Nearest the Pin	Tom O’Haire	
2’s	N Kavanagh, G Kelly, L Farrelly, B Farrell, J Byrne and D Sullivan	

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Maynooth Golf Society (Cont'd)



*Match Player Winner
Mick Flynn*



*Senior Golfer 2006
Albert Harrigan*



*Golfer of the year 2006
Dave Kinlon*

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Horoscopes



ARIES—March 21—April 20

Life is often unpredictable, never more so than now. Whatever comes along you will be ready for what life has to put in your way.

Wednesday is your lucky day, number 1, colour brown.



TAURUS—April 21—May 21

Unwind with family and friends. Forget practical chores for today at least. Build up slowly to big decisions and take your time to decide.

Monday is your lucky day, number 2, colour gold.



GEMINI—May 22—June 22

Try not to lose the run of yourself, even though your temper is short. You need to hold back to avoid offence. The least said quicker to mend.

Thursday is your lucky day, number 3, colour silver.



CANCER—June 23—July 23

Some of your greatest pleasures stem from experiences. Eventually we can become addicted to these and end up craving them. Take your time and resist these temptations.

Wednesday is your lucky day, number 4, colour brown.



LEO—July 24—August 23

Nothing is forever how true. Take life as it comes and enjoy the pleasures that come your way. There will be brighter days for you this month, with just a few lows.

Thursday is your lucky day, number 5, colour white.



Virgo—August 24—Sept 23

Take care when crossing or driving busy streets as you maybe where a mishap happens. Be more alert and don't take chances.

Sunday is your lucky day, number 6, colour lime green.



LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23

Your personal life seems to be going quite well. Enhance your best quality practically. A romantic week-end lies ahead. Be careful to be there on time. Saturday is your lucky day, number 9, colour yellow.



SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22

Look before you leap and get your facts straight. Tomorrow an unusual opportunity may come your way. You may not see it in the beginning but there will be a sign for you to follow—don't miss it.

Friday is your lucky day, number 10, colour black.



SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21

Take the initiative, show others what you can do. Dreams reflect the world of your unconscious mind. According to your stars this week is mostly favourable.

Monday is your lucky day, number 11, colour green.



CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20

You are as vulnerable as the next. If the heart is allowed to rule the head results could become rather messy, so join the real world. Come down from that cloud. Friday is your lucky day, number 12, colour skyblue.



AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19

Stay clear of back roads and strangers. Maybe a complete break from the past is a good idea now. By dwelling on the past you may lose out.

Sunday is your lucky day, number 14, colour red.



PISCES—Feb 20—March 20

Settle for what you are happy with. Relax about what you expect from others. There is no point forcing the issue. Let love be freely given and freely received.

Thursday is your lucky day, number 16, colour blue.

April Fool's Day!



Unlike most of the other holidays, the history of April Fool's Day, sometimes called All Fool's Day, is not totally clear. There really wasn't a "first April Fool's Day" that can be pinpointed on the calendar. Some believe it sort of evolved simultaneously in several cultures at the same time, from celebrations involving the first day of spring.

According to tradition April Fools Day was introduced in France in the sixteenth century and eventually spread to England and Ireland in the eighteenth century.

However, communications being what they were in the days when news travelled by foot, many people did not receive the news for several years. Others, the more obstinate crowd, refused to accept the new calendar and continued to celebrate the new year on April 1st. These backward folk were labelled as "fools" by the general populace. They were subject to some ridicule, and were often sent on "fools errands" or were made the butt of other practical jokes.

April Fool's Day subsequently international fun fest, so to speak, specializing in their own brand of their friends and families.

In Scotland, for example, April celebrated for two days. The pranks involving the posterior Taily Day. The origin of the "kick observance.

It's simply a fun little holiday, but a holiday on which one must remain forever vigilant, for he may be the next April Fool!

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Fool's Day is actually second day is devoted to region of the body. It is called "me" sign can be traced to this

Mexico's counterpart of April Fool's Day is actually observed on December 28th. Originally, the day was a sad remembrance of the slaughter of the innocent children by King Herod. It eventually evolved into a lighter commemoration involving pranks and trickery.

Pranks performed on April Fool's Day range from the simple, (such as saying, "Your shoe's untied!"), to the elaborate. Setting a roommate's alarm clock back an hour is a common gag. Whatever the prank, the trickster usually ends it by yelling to his victim, "April Fool!"

Practical jokes are a common practice on April Fool's Day. Sometimes, elaborate practical jokes are played on friends or relatives that last the entire day. The news media even gets involved. April Fool's Day is a "for-fun-only" observance. Nobody is expected to buy gifts or to take their "significant other" out to eat in a fancy restaurant. Nobody gets off work or school. It's simply a fun little holiday, but a holiday on which one must remain forever vigilant, for he may be the next April Fool!

- The first of April is the day we remember what we are the other 364 days of the year. -- *Mark Twain*
- However big the fool, there is always a bigger fool to admire him. -- *Nicolas Boileau-Despréaux*

Useful Tips

Stains on Clothes.

Blood on Clothes : Pour hydrogen peroxide on blood and rinse with cold water.

Chewing gum : Use egg whites to remove gum on clothing. Brush egg white over gum with a toothbrush. Leave for 15 minutes and then launder on the item normally.

Lipstick : Use petroleum jelly for removing lipstick stains.

Mildew stains : Shake or brush the item to remove loose growth. Pre-soak in cold water. Wash in hot water with heavy duty detergent. For whites, add 1/2 cup bleach. If coloured, use colour safe bleach. If staining remains on white items, repeat washing before drying. Dry thoroughly, heat and sun tend to kill mildew

Perspiration stains : Soak the stained shirt in equal parts ammonia and water and add a few tablespoons of liquid soap overnight. Then wash as usual.

Soiled shirt collars : Take a small paintbrush and brush hair shampoo into soiled shirt collars before laundering. Shampoo is made to dissolve body oils.

Spaghetti stains : Wet the fabric and then sprinkle with powdered dish detergent. Scrub gently with a toothbrush. Rinse the item and launder normally.

Red wine on your white tablecloth: Pour salt on stain immediately after wine is spilt. When washed the stain will disappear .



Freshen up your laundry.

Fading : Turn dark clothes inside out and wash in the coolest water possible, dry on lowest heat. For all black clothes and linens, throw in a box of black dye every 8—10 washes or so to keep black clothes black.

Laundry basket freshener : Place a fabric softener sheet in the bottom of your laundry basket (remember to change it weekly). You can also simply sprinkle some baking soda in the bottom of your basket and that will help absorb the odours as well.

Mothball alternative : A better idea than using mothballs is to take your leftover soap slivers and put them in a vented plastic bag. You place the bag with seasonal clothes before packing them away. Not only will the scent prevent them from moth harm but also they will smell great when you pull them out. This method is especially good for jumpers, which can be difficult to remove the odour of mothballs from. Using soap you simply have a clean smell rather the smell of an attic.

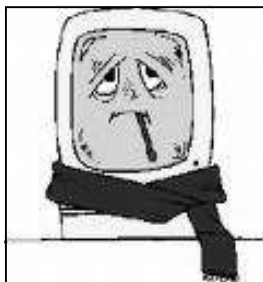


Sour smelling towels : For coloured towels pout a cup of white vinegar into the washer with the towels and detergent. Never overload the washer with too many towels, as they will not have room to agitate and clean thoroughly. Never let a washed, wet load of laundry of any kind sit in the washer for long, dry as soon as possible. For a towel you are currently using, hang it in a fashion that will allow it to dry completely between uses, if thrown on the floor in a ball or folded over a towel bar, it can quickly mildew and the smell is hard to get rid of.

Yellowed/grayed whites : Use a white wash dye for bleachable and non bleachable clothing that has yellowed or grayed. You can also hang yellowed clothes out to dry whenever possible to reduce the yellowed.

Features

Computer Viruses -don't let them Win!



A few very simple steps will help you to keep virus at bay. However should a virus damage your computer, having a backup of your data will save your sanity.

Anti-virus action

The best way to avoid getting zapped by a virus is to invest in some anti-virus software.

Just like your own personal bodyguard, the anti-virus software checks what you do on the internet and scans for viruses.

If it spots a virus hidden in an e-mail message or web page, then this clever software disables the virus and prevents it from damaging your computer.

Most anti-virus software will automatically make a regular check for computer viruses when you collect your e-mail messages or view certain web pages.

You can also set up your software so that a virus check is carried out whenever you specify.

E-mail scanning

Check the list of the programs supported by your anti-virus software as it's important that it works with the e-mail program you use.

That way it can scan your e-mails before you send them and check ones you receive.

Webmail is email you can access through a web page rather than using an email programme. This means you can view, send and organise your emails on any computer with an internet connection. (Hotmail is a well known example of a webmail service.), If you do use webmail make sure that you still keep your anti-virus software up-to-date even if your webmail provides basic protection.

Where to get software

You can download anti-virus software like AVG free but make sure you always download the free version for personal use. Go to www.free.grisoft.com to download the software for AVG.

If you'd rather fork out for a more deluxe anti-virus software package, then there are others such as Norton Anti-virus, McAfee VirusScan or Virex.

Check out the alternatives using the software reviews on the Internet .

Or just go into your local computer store and ask their advice on the best virus checking software package within your price range.

Update your definitions

Anti-virus technology isn't foolproof, because new viruses are created all the time.

This means you have to regularly update your virus checker so you can stop new viruses getting onto your computer.

Each virus has a recognisable code or 'definition' that your anti-virus software can spot and disable.

When a new virus comes out, the anti-virus software companies provide a new definition for that virus so that your computer can be protected.

Anti-virus technology isn't foolproof, because new viruses are created all the time.

You can update your definitions so you are protected against new viruses by linking to your anti-virus software's website.

It only takes a couple of minutes to download the new virus definitions, and when you finish you'll be fully protected. Look for a button in your program with the word 'Update' on it!

Most virus checkers will prompt you when your virus definitions need updating, but to be sure, we recommend you should do it

Backing up your data

The **USB flash drive** is probably the easiest way to back up your data. A small, portable flash memory card that plugs into a computer's USB port and functions as a portable hard drive. USB flash drives are touted as being easy-to-use as they are small enough to be carried in a pocket and can plug into any computer with a USB drive. USB flash drives have less storage capacity than an external hard drive, but they are smaller and more durable because

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they do not contain any internal moving parts. USB flash drives also are called *thumb drives*, *jump drives*, *pen drives*, *key drives*, *tokens*, or simply *USB drives* or *keys*.

They continue to get cheaper and you can purchase a 2GB USB key for about €50. You can of course, also back up your data onto a CD. When it works right, a CD-R drive provides a great way to back up data and burn audio CDs. When it acts up, it can seem like an expensive device for converting blank CDs into cheap DCs (drink coasters).



USB flash drive

Overall Tips & Warnings

- Create a new folder in your flash drive and give it a name, such as "Stored Files" or "Backups." This will prevent the files from being edited without notice.
 - When in use, the flash drive shows a red/blue light. Before unplugging, make sure the light is off.
- Good luck—and happy, safe computing.

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Fr. John Nevin Pakistan Scholarship Fund for Children

Launched in Maynooth just eight months ago, the Fr. John Nevin Pakistan Scholarship Fund for Children is proving to be an outstanding success story. Already many children in Rawalpindi, Pakistan are reaping the benefits of education provided for, by the generosity of the people of Fr. John's hometown and the wider community.

To date the Fund committee have transferred €17,000 to Fr. John leaving a balance on deposit at Bank of Ireland, Maynooth €13,357 as at 28th February 2007. The projected contributions over the initial five year period, based on commitments to date, total €110,000. This is an incredible display of generosity and caring by the people of Maynooth.

In a recent letter from his parish in Rawalpindi, Fr. John wrote, ***"With the extra funds we have been able to help 70 children attend school, bringing our total number at school to 150. This is a great step forward. We are able to help greatly with fees and books. We can also employ better teachers. We are concentrating on the younger children so that they get a good start and they will be able to compete when they move out to other schools. We can also help our ex students with College fees. There is hope for the future."***

The number of contributors to the Fund continues to grow which is really marvellous . Fr. John is greatly encouraged knowing he can truly make a difference in providing basic education for the children in his parish with a steady flow of funds. This is a wonderful example of true international co-operation with great satisfaction for the giver and real benefit for the receiver. Thanks again for your wonderful support.

If you would like to help and have not yet signed a standing order or made a donation perhaps you would consider doing so in the near future.

Standing Order forms are available from any member of the committee and donations can be made at **Bank of Ireland. Maynooth** to **the Fr. John Nevin Pakistan Scholarship Fund for Children, Accounts No. 42988432-Sort Code 90-15-03.**

All contributions will be acknowledged.

Join with us andLET THIS BE A VOICE FOR THE CHILDREN.

Colm Nelson

Chairman

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St. Patrick's Day Parade 2007



Guests on the Viewing Stand



Maynooth GAA Club



*Gael scoil Uí Fhiaich
Maighnuad*

Recipes

French Onion Soup

Ingredients

Serves 4

2 oz Butter
2 medium onions, slices
2 tsp plain flour
4 cups vegetable stock
4 tbsp dry white wine
4 slices white bread
1 1/4 cups grated gruyere cheese
Salt & ground black pepper



Method

Melt the butter in a large, heavy-based saucepan. Add the sliced onions and cook over a moderately low heat, stirring occasionally, for about 12 minutes, or until lightly browned. Stir in the flour and continue to cook, stirring constantly, until the flour turns a sandy colour.

Pour in the stock and wine, then bring to the boil stirring constantly. Season to taste with salt and pepper, cover and simmer for 15 minutes.

Spread out the slices of bread in a grill pan and toast them lightly. Divide the grated cheese among them. Return to the grill and heat until the cheese is bubbling. Place the cheese toasts in four warmed heatproof bowls.

Scoop out the onions and divide equally among the heated bowls. Pour over the soup and serve immediately.

Honey—Lemon Rack of Lamb

Ingredients

2 Racks of lamb, 7—8 ribs on each.
2 large cloves garlic, peeled and cut in thin slivers.
1/2 cup honey.
1/3 cup brown sugar.
6 tablespoons lemon juice.
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder.
1 teaspoon lemon zest.
1 tablespoon fresh chopped mint or 1 teaspoon dried mint.

Method

Cut small slits all over the lamb and insert garlic slivers. Place the racks, bone side down, in a shallow roasting pan. Roast for 30 minutes.

Combine honey, brown sugar, lemon juice, and garlic powder in a small saucepan. Keep stirring over medium-low heat until sugar is dissolved, remove from heat. Stir in Lemon peel, and mint.

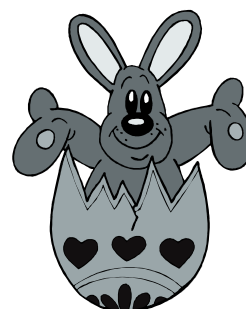
Spoon the honey mixture over the lamb. Continue roasting, basting occasionally, for about 30 to 45 minutes.

Serves 4

Chocolate Easter Eggs

Ingredients

1 cup soft butter
2 tsp salt
4 tsp vanilla
1 can condensed milk
10 cups icing sugar
1 tsp. yellow food colouring
1 lb. chocolate



Method

Beat butter, salt and vanilla until fluffy. Add milk, beat in sugar. Blend until stiff. Dust with brown sugar. Knead until smooth.

Set aside more than 2/3 of mixture. To the remaining mixture add yellow food colouring. Blend in well. Divide yellow and white into 16 or 24 pieces. Shape yellow into ball, mould white around yellow to form an egg shape. Dry at room temperature on paper towels for 24 hours.

Melt chocolate in double boiler or in microwave until smooth. Dip eggs in chocolate. Once dipped cool at room temperature. Refrigerate after cool.

When sliced these eggs will have a white cream filling with a yellow filling that appears to be the yolk. They look nice sitting in an Easter basket.

St Patrick's Day 2007

We had 24 entries for the Parade this year and with many children taking part everyone agrees that it was a great success. Despite the threatened showers the Parade drew a big crowd.

On behalf of the Parade Committee I would like to thank the participants and all those who helped with the organising of what was again a very successful Parade. I would like to thank all the businesses who contributed to ensure that we were not at a financial loss. In particular I would like to thank Willie Kieran who provides, erects and operate his state of the art public address system every year free of charge.

Our other major sponsors were:

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I would also like to thank the following:

- Paul Thornton of Thorntons Recycling for providing the reviewing stand and for sponsoring the Fintan Lawlor Pipe Band.
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- Manor Mills for sponsoring St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band.
- Elaine Bean, Melanie Oliver, Willie Saults and David Moynan for helping with the reviewing stand and putting out the crowd control barriers.
- Mary Doyle for providing flowers for the reviewing stand.
- Peter Connell for taking on the task of Master of Ceremonies.
- George O'Connor for again providing the crash barriers free of charge.
- The Parish Hall Committee for providing chairs for the reviewing stand.
- The Chinese gentleman in the flat above Miz-

zoni's for the power supply for the public address system.

- Our guests on the reviewing stand.
- Bernard Durkan T.D. for being our guest speaker.
- All the stewards who yet again performed their tasks very professionally.
- The Parade Committee and to Marie Gleeson and the staff of the Community Council for their great help.
- The residents of Greenfield Estate for their continued co-operation.
- All of the business people who did such a splendid job of decorating their shop windows.
- Finally, a special work of thanks to the Gardai for controlling the traffic.

The Parade Prize Winners were :

Best Commercial Float - Curves

Best Club Float—Maynooth G.A.A. Club (The Owen Byrne Memorial Trophy).

Best Band— St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band.

Best Portrayal of Irish Culture—Scoil Rince Ui Dhubhail

Best Portrayal of International Culture—Urban Essence Dance Academy.

The Shop Window Prize Winners were :

1. Just the Biz
2. CPL
3. Je'Meills

John McGinley,

Organiser, Maynooth's St. Patrick's Day Parade

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Features

Kidz @ Play Celebrate St. Patrick's Day

The children in Kidz @ Play Playschool celebrated St. Patrick's Day on Thursday the 15th March with their very own mini céilí. Parents, Guardians and Minders were all invited to see their child perform on this special day.

The celebrations started with the children reciting a short poem and counting ás Gaeilge. Then the céilí started. Rita Doyle (Irish Dancing teacher from Scoil Rince Ui Dhubhail) was the guest of honour. She took to the floor with the boys and girls and showed them a short Irish Dance, which the children enjoyed as their parents also joined in the dancing. They also performed the famous River Dance and what a treat that was.

Nicola Fitzsimons performed a dance for the morning class and the afternoon class was performed by Emer Flynn and Grainne Hogan. These three dancers are all from Scoil Rince Ui Dhubhail. The children enjoyed the professional dancers.



*Guest Dancers
L to R Emer Flynn & Grainne Hogan*



*Guest Dancer
Nicola Fitzsimons*

**A great day was had by all thanks to the hard work of the playschool teachers:
Evelyn McGrath, Josephine Lee and Sarah Gallagher.**

Bhain gach éinne taitneamh as an gceol agus an craic. (Everyone enjoyed the ceol agus craic).

Comhgháirdeas libh a cháilní agus a bhuachaillí. (Well done boys and girls).

Features

Kidz @ Play

In action at their own mini ceili



The morning class



Anna Ryan	Issabelle Keely	Tom Cullen Tinley	Aoife Mescal
Neamh Krahn	Aoife Shine	Nell Mescal	Eoghan Walsh
Veronica Stewart	Oisín Marron	Cillian Karney	Darragh Hetherington
Claire Hawkins	Cian Doyle	Ella Hayes	Luke Cunningham
Stephen Horgan	Tom Kelly	Fergal Reilly	Alex Pure



The afternoon class



Kirsty Fitzpatrick	Leah Edwards	Aisling Wilks	Fiachra Brennan
Ellie Molyneau	Lydia Fagan	Natasha Hughes	Iseult Brennan
Mario Mathais	Dillon Tuke	Adam Dunne	David Koziel
Aidan Duffy	Jack Hourigan	Owen Yanyongo	Séan Flaherty
Grace Brennan	James Sutton	Stephen Saults	Baba Rama Mohammed

Gardening



Monthly Gardening Tips...

...**April**

The garden really comes alive in April and the number of tasks to be carried out is considerable. Making the best use of the lengthening days is a bonus and, providing the weather stays fair, it can be a brilliant gardening month.

Do watch out for sudden air frosts, keep an eye on your local weather report and place any plants that you may be worried about in your conservatory or shed. Alternatively, you can wrap your plants up with some fleece or even bubble wrap to save guard them.

Now is a good time to plant evergreen shrubs, bamboos and conifers. Water them in well, then mulch the root area with bark or compost. Protect them from drying winds with screens of polythene or sacking supported by bamboo canes. They also benefit from syringing with water in dry weather.

Clematis and other pot-grown climbers can also be planted out now. These also need lots of water and protection from slugs and snails, alternative methods of pest control are available from your local garden centre from garden chemicals to the more organic . . . you choose!

Climbers make vigorous growth and will almost certainly flower well in the same year and are perfect for framing a doorway or porch to give your garden a more interesting and enticing entrance.

...*Summer Plants to Buy Now*

Use your imagination to create a colourful summer display of plants featured below which will last until autumn and are now available at your local garden centres or nurseries.

Wherever you decide to plant them whether it's in pots or containers, borders or balconies this selection of plants will add colour to your garden space as well as make you feel fantastic along the way!

Add a little passion into your life with ***Passiflora Caerulea 'Blue'***, this climber produces gorgeous exotic blue/purple flowers from summer to autumn. The fruits of this plant can be eaten fresh or used in drinks and the flowers can be used to make a tea which is said to relieve stress and anxiety!

Limnanthes Douglasii - commonly known as the poached egg plant for obvious reasons it produces a carpet of buttercup-like white and yellow flowers in summer and autumn. It is self-seeding so can become a permanent fixture to brighten up the garden year after year, and is great for attracting hoverflies which can help combat and control aphids, the main enemy of gardeners!

Viola is one of the most popular bedding plants because it is available in a variety of colours like yellow, purple, pink, red and deep purple, which looks like black, and they are ideal for containers and summer bedding.

Hybrid Tea Roses - produced for their long stems and large double blooms in late winter to early spring, sometimes with fragrance, they will bloom all summer and make perfect cuttings for indoor displays.

Patio and Miniature Roses - as their name suggests these plants are wonderful for patios, pots and edging and grow to an approximate height of 6 - 24 inches dependent on the variety.

Ground Cover Roses - best for filling areas or gaps in your rockeries or borders.

Now that you have some inspirational summer ideas put this into practice and make that visit to your local garden centre or nursery who have a wealth of information to share with you.

St. Patrick's Day Parade 2007



*Scoil Rince Uí Dhubhaíll
(Rita Doyle)*



*C. Company 7th FCA Battalion
(Colour Party)*



Irish Veteran & Vintage Car Club

Maynooth Soccer Club



Features

The year of Sir Ivor: The 1968 Epsom Derby (Continued from the March 07 Issue)

Sir Ivor had now run four races in two months but his owner decided against a mid summer break. Although American bred, the colt had shown a preference for yielding to soft ground, conditions he was unlikely to get in the height of a British Summer. Reverting to a shorter trip in the Eclipse Stakes at Sandown Park,(10 furlongs), a week later , Sir Ivor came up against two cracking four-year-olds in Royal Palace and Taj Dewan. Royal Palace, trained by Sir Noel Murless, had won the 1967 Epsom Derby and was a dual classic winner. Taj Dewan from France was also a dual classic winner who won the French Derby the year previously. The firm ground did not suit Sir Ivor who was delivered with a late challenge by Lester,

but was beaten a short head and 3/4 length into third place by Royal Palace who just got home from Taj Dewan. It was an outstanding performance by Royal Palace who broke down in the finishing straight, but his courage kept him going to the line. It was probably not a wise thing to do, running Sir

Ivor just one week after his exertions in the Irish Sweeps Derby. He lost nothing in defeat, running on ground that patently did not suit him, having his fifth race of the season and running up against two top class four-year-olds. He showed not only was he a class act but an extremely tough one as well. He returned to Ballydoyle with sore knees jarred by the firm ground and was rested for an autumn campaign.

His prime objective was the Arc and he had a prep run in the Prix Henri Delamarre, run over 11 furlongs a week before the big race. He finished second, conceding 9lb. to the winner, Prince Sao. Since he badly needed the outing his defeat was not taken too

seriously. In the Arc he ran an excellent race to finish second to Vaguely Noble. The victor had made the highest price ever (136,000 guineas) when he was purchased as a two-year-old at Newmarket Sales the previous December.

It would have been reasonable to expect that after his run in the Arc he would have been retired to stud or put away for the following season. Lester Piggott favours Sir Ivor as the best horse he ever rode. It is not hard to understand when you consider that this tough and brilliant Colt was to run twice more and win both times.



Vincent visiting Sir Ivor at Claiborne, near Paris, Kentucky in 1981—and exchanging reminiscences.

A few weeks after the Arc, Sir Ivor won the Champion Stakes run over a mile and a quarter at Newmarket. Starting at 11-8 on he won very easily from Locris and Candy Cane with the high class Taj Dewan a disappointing fifth.

Sir Ivor's final race was the Washington International at Laurel Park USA. This he won in spectacular fashion coming fast and late along

the inside rail to peg back Czar Alexander by three-parts of a length. The American racing press, ignorant of European riding styles, were not ecstatic with the performance of the jockey. The normally imperturbable Piggott waited until the following year to give his answer. In a press conference given after he had ridden Karabas to win the 1969 running of the Washington International Lester was asked, in the press tent, when he thought he had the race won? The atmosphere was caustic but Piggott's answer was delivered with deadpan nonchalance "about two weeks ago" The press departed with their tails between their legs.

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Cllr Michael Fitzpatrick Fianna Fail supports local girl in Kildare Final of Rose of Tralee

At the recent Rose Ball held in Killashee House Hotel, Naas, Fianna Fail County Councillor and General Election candidate, Michael Fitzpatrick was supporting Aoife Gorey the Queen of Kildare Waterways. In the photo are Gerry Gorey, Maynooth Old Carton Fianna Fail Cumann, Aoife Gorey, and Cllr Fitzpatrick. The selection night takes place on Easter Sunday, 8th April in the Killashee House Hotel and all are welcome with a contribution of €20 payable on the door. Also taking part is a representative from NUI Maynooth. The Old Carton Cumann would like to wish all those with Maynooth connections the very best on the night..



Features


(Continued from page 37)

In the world of horseracing some stars blaze for decades like Lester Piggott and Pat Eddery, others like Sandy Barclay explode in blinding light and fade almost as fast. Appointed as second jockey to Sir Noel Murless in 1967 the young 18 year Scot was riding for the most powerful stable in England. Harry Whiteman who held Barclays' indentures as an apprentice described the young man as the best he had seen in his lifetime, "an absolute genius". When George Moore, decided to leave Murless after just one season as first jockey and return to Australia, the trainer handed the job to then 19 year old Sandy. Moore's home in London had been ransacked in a sinister burglary and taken together with threats to his life, hurried his departure.

Although Sir Ivor had been impressive in winning the 2000 Guineas, Caergwrle had been equally impressive for Sandy in taking the 1000 Guineas. The young jockey also rode the good four- year-olds Royal Palace and Hopeful Venture, the three- year- olds Connaught and Caergwrle and the two- year- old Welsh Pageant to Group victories. He finished second to Lester Piggott in the Jockeys Championship with 116 winners. Maybe it was too much success all too soon. It was also possible that as he was still growing, his balance and style was eroded by the change in his physique. What ever it was, by 1970 Noel Murless had lost his patience. In his autobiography " the Guvenor" he said" Sandy Barclay just did not appear to have the mentality to make the grade. Perhaps I was a bit hard on him but he was always turning up late for work and sometimes not coming at all . Then he rode a very bad race on Parmelia, I got bloody annoyed and sacked him" Maybe the trainer should have tried a little harder to rescue a great talent. Sandy's career was now in freefall He continued to ride for a number of years after he left Murless but it was all for nought. International breeding underwent a fundamental change. Sir Ivor could have been home in Kentucky in a couple of hours from Laurel but Raymond Guest had made a commitment to Ireland, his colt would stand at Ballygoran Stud Maynooth, available to European breeders for two seasons at a fee of £4000. The fee was considered high at the time, but the chance for breeders to avail of the services of a sire of his quality made it value for money. He bred the Epsom Derby

runner up, Cavo Doro, a colt bred and ridden by Lester Piggott. He also bred Sir Tristram who, when exported to the southern hemisphere became a stallion of immense significance. His influence on the breed, in that area, rivalled that of Northern Dancer in the United States and Europe. There where no Group One winners for Sir Ivor among the 54 foals conceived in this country during his time at Ballygoran. In his first crop conceived at Claiborne Kentucky, however, he bred Arc winner, the filly, Ivanjica. Sir Ivor bred another good daughter in Optimistic Gal, who was of exceptional merit. Bates Hotel was another of his progeny who raced with great distinction. Otherwise he relied on his European runners to earn him renown at stud. This was done primarily through his daughters. One that deserves mention is Lady Capulet trained by Doctor Vincent O'Brien. This beautifully bred filly out of Caps and Bells by Tom Fool won the 1974 Irish 1000 Guineas, first time out, with the stylist jockey, Tommy Murphy riding.

Because of his failure, with one exception, to become a sire of sires his stallion fee fell from a high of \$75,000 to \$10,000 by 1990.



Sir Ivor a tough
and brilliant colt
who deserved the
acolade placed on
him by Lester
Piggott as the best
horse he ever rode.

The Year of Sir Ivor was to prove a landmark in the history of European horse breeding. In the following decades the demand for the progeny of North American sires became a deluge. The emphasis on speed rather than stamina, some would argue, has had a detrimental effect on thoroughbred horse racing. The consistent failure of many runners in the Epsom Derby to see out the mile and a half trip can be attributed to the predominance of entries bred by north American sires. You cannot buck the market however, and commercial breeders are only meeting the demands

of the buyer. The French racing authorities have bowed to the inevitable by reducing their Derby distance to a mile and one quarter. The emergence of Germany as a force in international breeding is to be welcomed. Two star sires in Monsun and Acatenango may well be the forerunner of new bloodlines which may well reverse the trend of inbreeding within the Northern Dancer line.

1968 however, was the year of Sir Ivor. a winner of eight races and placed in four more. A tough and brilliant colt who deserved the accolade placed on him by Lester Piggott as the best horse he ever rode.

Jim Healy

St. Patrick's Day Parade 2007



Fintan Lawlor Pipe Band



Maynooth Paving



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Howth Pipe Band

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth I.C.A. News

The Guild is into a very busy year with Badminton two mornings a week and Craft nights once a week. Upcoming competitions are "Write a Report on a traffic situation". An Art competition "A woodlands scene in acrylics". The Patsy Lalor Set Dancing competition and a Gospel Choir singing contest. Great variety there and something for everyone.

Kildare week in An Grianán is July 2nd to 6th 2007 and the Kildare weekend is 5th to 7th October 2007. The Federation in Kildare are organising a trip to Prague in October 2007, so again no shortage of variety on the holiday scene.

Competition winners for a handmade Valentine Card at the February meeting were;

1st Mary O'Gorman
2nd Vera Kearins
3rd Nell McLoughlin

The ICA Federation held their annual dinner dance in the Keadean Hotel Newbridge and a great night was had by all. According to those who attended the meal was great and the music and dancing was brilliant into the late hours.

Our Tinire Mary McNamara has arranged Irish Classes for the Guild and surrounding Guilds. There was a great turnout for this as some twenty members turned out on the first night, so its looking like it will be well supported.

Guild members attended the Council meeting in Clonmel on 24th February. It was reported here that of all woman who went for Breast Check between February and August 2006, some 318 women were diagnosed as having Breast Cancer. So that shows how important it is to go for Breast Checks.

Seactaine Na Gaeilge took place in An Grianán from 5th to 8th March, and was attended by Federation Tinire Mary Healy from Prosperous.

We will have our County Walk Day in April which raises funds for Cancer Research in Galway. To date the ICA have raised €150,000 for this cause.

Maynooth ICA will be on the streets selling Daffodils on 23rd March for Cancer.

On Friday 27th April The Guild will be running a fundraising morning in the ICA Hall for Brainwave Ireland and The Alzheimer's Association of Ireland.

We would ask all to support this venue, as they are both worthwhile causes.

The winners of the March "On the Spot" Comtetition were:

Joint 1st	Margaret Houlihan & Rosemary Hanley
Joint 2nd	Mary McNamara & Mary O'Gorman
3rd	Mary Dunne

Raffle winners were:

1st	Mary McNamara
2nd	Margaret Houlihan
3rd	Norah McDermott
4th	Madeline Stynes

Guild meetings are held on the first Thursday of each Month at 8 p.m. in the ICA Hall. (Harbour)

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07/291	Justine & Grainne Dunne	Dowstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	20/02/07	64 bedroom nursing home with ancillary accommodation. Permission was previously granted for 58 bedroom nursing home with ancillary accommodation reg:ref 04/3. etc.	Crinstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
07/298	Arthur O Brien	53 CastleRiada Avenue Griffen Way Lucan Co. Dublin	P	21/02/07	Alterations to previously granted planning permission reg 06/6 to include a single storey conservatory (area 40m2) to side elevation and associated site works.	111 Leister Wood South Carton Domain Maynooth Co. Kildare
07/361	Paul & Collette Hynes	28 The Steeple Moyglare Abbey Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	27/02/07	Construction of (1) a two storey extension to the side of existing detached dwelling and (2) a detached shed in the rear garden	28 The Steeple Moyglare Abbey Maynooth Co. Kildare
07/389	Denton & Margaret Howard	18 Parkland Lawns Railpark Maynooth	P	01/03/07	Erect a single storey extension to the side rear and front of existing dwelling house and also widen existing entrance	18 Parkland Lawns Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare
07/401	Hugh & Margaret O'Donnell	84B Windhurst Newtown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	02/03/07	A rear extension comprising 2 bedrooms, one of which is en-suite and a utility room. Also extension to the side for en-suite bedroom.	84B Windhurst Mewtown Maynooth Co. Kildare
07/415	Justine Moran	Moneycooley Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	05/03/07	Garage for domestic use with first floor storage space	Moneycooley Maynooth Co. Kildare
07/423	Emer Farrelly	Barberstown Upper Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	05/03/07	Attic conversion comprising 2 bedrooms with en-suite and for construction of two new dormer windows in the roof to the front of existing house, also new sun lounge to the side of same	Emer Farrelly
07/472	A & M Comerford	41 The Lodge Abbeylands Co. Kildare	P	09/03/07	11/2 storey houses with dormer element with 3 no. loose box's, tack room and dungstead, also to include a separate dormer styles double garage.	Clonagh Maynooth Co. Kildare

Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
07/478	Ann Forester	Barberstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	09/03/07	Conversion of attic space with roof lights to rear, retention of domestic garage, retention of entrance as constructed, permission for dormer windows to front, permission for conservatory extension	Barberstown Maynooth Co. Kildare
07/487	Heidi Kiernan Dunne	Clonfert Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	09/03/07	For amendment of condition no. 1 of planning permission no 9791 and for full planning permission to construct four bedroom dormer bungalow, a garage, mechanical aerated treatment plant with raised percolation area, new entrance onto public road.	Clonfert South T.D Maynooth Co. Kildare
07/491	Peadar Murray	74 Castledermot ESt Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	12/03/07	Two storey extension to rear also single storey extension to rear comprising of sunroom and utility all with tiled roof over removal of existing conservatory alterations to fenestration to side gable of house etc.	74 Castledawson Maynooth Co. Kildare
07/542	Ted & Clodagh Walsh	243 Kingsbury Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	15/03/07	Development consisting of a ground floor extension to the front and a first floor extension to the side of existing house and provision of three velux windows to the side of the roof.	243 Kingsbury Maynooth Co. Kildare
07/556	Paul & Eileen Duffy	175 Rockfield Rise Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	P	16/03/07	For erection of first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over garage house conversion with study created below, a single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling house and porch to front of existing dwelling house.	175 Rockfield rise Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare

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St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band

Curves



Organisation of National Ex-Service Men & Women

Poetry Corner by Patrick Murray

Children

Children are a blessing
To their Mother and Fathers pride
When once Mother lay caressing
Her one and tender child
Then families are created
By such love and tenderness
For this love cannot be debated
With a new born child to bless
Swiftly years go bye
When kids grow to be strong
From a tiny infants cry
To a new world to belong
I look at them in play
With adventure and such fun
Happy is their every day
In a new world just begun
Children grow to be strong and stern
With a future life to live
Many things for to learn
With plentiful love to give
They are a blessing and a prayer
With youth to guide their way
Their presence fills the air
With as much fun to stay



L to R Thomas, Hannah & Gráinne

Baby Darragh



Baby Darragh

There you are resting away
A beauty words cannot fully say
Looking out in a world of wonderment
A time of your childhood well spent

Big eyes looking up at me
So Much in your world to see
A smile so cute touch any heart
In which our love will never part

Tomorrow is a brand new day
Prosperity will show the way
If ever your life is of fear
A mothers blessing always near

A natural baby pure and strong
To your parents forever belong
One day grow to be a man
Mother rear you best she can

Guardian Angel guide you day and night
To make sure you are alright
A precious human being nature be
To fit well in society

Features

A letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

This is my first time to put pen to paper to any newspaper, but I can hold my tongue/pen no longer. How much more incompetence are we to witness from this Government?

Following the news that a child had been solicited and abused by men in high office in our country. I am appalled at the reaction of the legislators. Having watched Prime Time last night (1-03-07) and listened with disbelief, to the contribution from the Fianna Fail chairman of the Oireachtas Committee on Child Protection. If his name eludes me, it is because his message and his body language was so dismissive of the gravity of this blunder by our Government of which he is a member. I heard his message as "soliciting children is only a minor offence while actual abuse is of course a crime". I was speechless!! Grooming of children is an integral part of the sex offenders offending cycle. Once someone is at the stage of actively grooming a child they are one step away from offending, therefore the act of grooming is one that must be regarded as a criminal offence. In this day and age how many more children are going to be offended against before the government ensures that there is adequate protection in the law to prevent sex offences against children occurring. It is difficult enough for the Gardai to catch people in the act of grooming and therefore they need to have an effective legislator framework to ensure that they can prevent abuse occurring and prevent children victimised and preyed upon in this way.

If anything this case has highlighted the ignorance and arrogance of this government and Minister McDowell in particular. The reactive approach of this government has created a very dangerous situation for the children of this state. I have no confidence in this government and believe that the consequences of their lack of action and poor legislation will be felt for some time to come and I can only pray that the children will not suffer because of their incompetence.

I have just now heard our Minister for Justice being interviewed on Morning Ireland, waffling on about the inadvisability of rushing through emergency legislation, it must be thought through etc. This situation would not have arisen had his Department followed on the legislation rushed through last Summer. Again he sounded dismissive of concerns for the safety of children, in his response to the interviewer saying "the District Court can deal with most of these offences". Isn't it bad enough that once sex offenders are convicted they can sit in prison without having to undergo treatment and with no risk of assessment taking place before they are released back into the community?. They serve every day of their sentence and are released back into the community on limited supervision and are free to start again. If a perpetrator is high profile, he will have more difficulty in going back to his community of origin but will still be a risk to the community. Yes, the reconviction rate is low, but the rate of treatment is non-existent. There are no incentives for sex offenders to undergo treatment and this needs to be addressed. Prevention must be the key to all legislation in this area and the shotgun approach has now been shown to create more chaos and to offer even less protection than the previous out-dated legislation did.

All of this in the day a high profile convicted sex abuser is released, having completed his sentence, but having chosen to avail of the opportunity in prison to develop guitar and artistic skills, rather than part-take in appropriate counselling, which may have instilled some insight into his deviant behaviour.

Yours Sincerely

Helena Kirkpatrick

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Independents declare class sizes key election issue.

A group of Independent TDs will today make a statement demanding that Minister for Education, Minister Mary Hanafin TD commit immediately to reducing class size averages, initially this year by at least 1 point from its current level of 24.2 children to each teacher and again by 1 point each year for the next 5 years as a minimum.

The Independent Dáil Deputies have called a press conference in support of the INTO's recently launched campaign to highlight the huge failure of Government to reduce primary school class sizes to manageable levels, stating:

"We, as Independent Deputies in the Dáil, fully support and acknowledge the campaign by the INTO to have the class size crisis faced by primary school staff and pupils addressed immediately. At a time when education and training are of key importance for ensuring the growth of the Irish economy, we cannot afford to leave our children in educational disadvantage any longer. Measures must be put in place to ensure that all children, no matter where from or what their needs are, have equal access to education and equal opportunities for the future. In failing to significantly reduce class sizes, this Government has failed the children of Ireland and must immediately provide increased staffing levels to ensure that Irish children have the very best start in life."

Catherine Murphy TD (Ind) launches general election 2007 campaign on 2 year anniversary of election to Dáil

Catherine Murphy, TD (Ind) has officially announced her intention to run in the upcoming General Election 2007 and chose the 2 year anniversary of her election to the Dáil to do it. "March 12th 2005 is a date I won't forget too soon, it was the day the by-election count took place in Naas GAA Club and the day I was deemed to be elected to the Dáil; at 6pm to be precise! Two years on, to the day, I am formally announcing my intention to seek re-election to the Dáil and am throwing open the doors to volunteers who may wish to help with the upcoming campaign."

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"While this General Election will differ from the by-election in many ways, the vast majority of the issues are the same. For the past two years I have concentrated on issues such as transport, childcare, education, disability services, healthcare, M50 tolls, the planning and building of communities, and housing; and will continue to do so into the future if re-elected. My agenda is simple; we need to build a successful society rather than just an economy, and in order to accomplish this we must plan effectively for the future. It's not good enough that we have a school place crisis on our hands, that lack of choice or adequate services in public transport is continuing to force people into their cars, and that large-scale housing development is happening without any regard to whether the services exist to meet the needs of our rapidly expanding communities. The short-term attitude to these problems has to change, and I'll keep pressuring, lobbying and liaising with whatever Government is in power until we see real results on these issues."

Work done in the Dáil

"As well as addressing an ever increasing amount of issues raised by individual constituents, constituent groups, and lobbying groups I've managed to raise some significant national issues in the context of the Kildare experience. One example of this is that I exposed the issue of Management Companies in housing estates. I first raised this appalling practice with the Minister for the Environment in the Dáil on 29th September 2005, and have continued to highlight it, along with the need for regulation of such companies for apartment owners, and also the problems faced by people in unfinished estates county and country wide. These issues are now Nationally recognised across party divides and I'm committed to seeing them through until home purchasers and owners have the protections they deserve."

My ability to make a difference

I've already demonstrated that an Independent TD really can make a difference in the Dáil with the unfinished estates and management company issues, and I feel it's important to highlight this to voters. In fact, as a member of the Independent Technical Group in the Dáil along with others such as Tony Gregory, Finian McGrath, Dr. Gerry Cowley and Seamus Healy, I have all the benefits of belonging to a party without the drawbacks. I take my orders directly from the people of Kildare and can focus all my energy on ensuring that the interests of the county are always

represented in a national context, as opposed to taking a back seat to a party agenda.

Understaffing leaves KCC planning department high & dry

Catherine Murphy TD, (Ind) has again harshly criticized the failure of the Department of the Environment to provide Kildare County Council with adequate staffing and resources having recently learned that staff shortages are so bad in the planning Department that staff members have been requested for weeks at a time from the Unauthorised Development operation to Planning Applications.

"How are County Council officials expected to do their jobs if they're constantly being bounced around between the various different departments. The fact that this is happening shows just how overstretched resources are in Kildare and the Minister for the Environment simply must do something about it."

Murphy, who has recently learned that the management of Kildare County Council have moved staff from the Unauthorised Development section to the Planning Applications section due to the volume of time-dependent work in the latter, has stated huge concern that the need to redistribute staff numbers in such a way is leading unauthorized development files being neglected for long periods of time. On discovering this practice the North Kildare TD tabled parliamentary questions to the Minister for the Environment and will be pursuing the matter in the Dáil.

"It's just not good enough that staff ceilings and restrictive budgets are causing such problems to Kildare County Council. These staff shortage issues need to be addressed urgently and the only person who can facilitate that is the Minister himself, he allocates the budget, he decides on the staff ceilings, and he must step up to fix this urgent problem."

Public Meeting on Management Companies

Catherine Murphy, TD (Ind) and Joe Higgins, TD (SP) have called a public meeting in the Moran's Red Cow Inn on the Naas Road, at 11am this Saturday 24th March 2007, to raise the issue of Management Companies and Unfinished Housing estates. Deputies Murphy and Higgins will speak with residents groups and concerned parties at the public meeting on progress made to date on these issues, the way things stand at the moment and what needs to be done to ensure full resolution.

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"It's essential that the pressure is kept on Local Authorities, the Government and developers alike to ensure that we see an end to the double taxation that is, charging management fees to house owners; the unregulated operation of management companies in apartment / duplex developments; and the failure of developers to finish estates to standard and of Local Authorities to take them in charge in a timely fashion. People power is of huge importance on an issue such as this and public meetings are a vital way of mobilising that power." – Murphy

Murphy went on to highlight that while the National Consumer Agency has committed to rattling cages, they must tackle the consumer issue of under funding Local Authorities. "The people of Kildare, as the customers of Kildare County Council, paid out €35 million in motor tax last year but received only €27 million of that back from the Department of the Environment to fund essential services like estate maintenance and planning enforcement. From a consumer perspective, we're paying more money out to get a lesser service than our counterparts around the country and that's something the National Consumer Agency should look at in their efforts to rattle cages."

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Maynooth Harbour Action Area Plan

Cllr. John McGinley's motion "That a Project Team be appointed to progress the Maynooth Harbour Action Area Plan" was agreed unanimously at the Area Committee meeting of the Council on 16th March. In proposing the motion John stated:

"Maynooth being the only University town in Ireland should be special.

We should be looking at Oxford and Cambridge to see how University towns can grow properly.

The Harbour Site is at the heart of the town and needs to be developed to 5 Star standards.

If individual developers go their own way there will be a fragmented approach and that is what will happen unless the Council appoint a Project Management Team to drive the project. The Team to include: Director Leader, Finance, Planner and Architect should be contracted out.

I believe that is the best way forward. Get the developers to act in consort and come up with a Joint Venture proposal covering the Residential Area, the new Streets, the Civic Building, the Community Proposals for the Geraldine Hall/Harbour Field and Underground Parking at the Harbour Field. Then bring the JV proposal back to full Council for approval."

Repairs to Public Lights on Meadowbrook Link Road

Cllr. John McGinley got the following reply to his motion asking for the repair of the seven lights that are not working:

"There was accidental damage to E.S.B. cabling recently in the context of providing bollards as part of the Meadowbrook Link Scheme. In this regard, Albany Homes have given undertakings to the Council that the matter will be sorted out directly with the E.S.B. The Council's Road Construction Department are being kept appraised and will maintain a watching brief. The Senior Executive Engineer is, however, assured that the matter is in hand and should be rectified very shortly."

Planting of the Area Between Silken Vale and Bond Bridge

Cllr. John McGinley got the following reply to his motion calling for the planting of shrubs in the area now:

"Subject to a more detailed assessment, the planting of shrubs etc. in this area would cost in the region of €35,000. It is, of course, accepted that this would greatly enhance the amenity of the area and, indeed, would ensure a further level of betterment as a result of the Bond Bridge project. Accordingly, subject to managerial approval, I have requested the Road Construction team to proceed with this work, chargeable to the Bond Bridge project. The possibility of fast-tracking this planting is currently being examined by the Council's consultants. Again, the Area Committee will be kept fully informed."

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Footpath & Public Lighting on Moyglare Road from the Nursing Home to Moyglare Hall

Cllr. John McGinley got the following reply to his query on when the work would begin:

"I refer to my previous reports in this matter. I have requested all Area Engineers to furnish a list of final recommendations relating to the "Deficiency in Infrastructure" scheme prior to the 31.3.2007. Certainly, this project will be actively considered in this context. Should it be successful, it is anticipated that work would probably commence around the 1st May, 2007."

Palisade Fencing at Bond Bridge

Cllr. John McGinley got the following reply to his motion calling for the removal of the palisade fencing and replacing it with a wooden gate:

"It is proposed that the existing palisade fencing and gate be improved to include timber panelling. This will, in turn, greatly improve amenity aspects. The Council's consultants are currently dealing with associated design issues."

John asked for details of the timber panelling and if it would completely cover the palisade fencing.

Pedestrian Phase of Lights at Bank of Ireland, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following update at the Area Meeting on 16th March:

"Written reports have been requested from the Regional Road Safety Adviser as well as the Gardaí. These will be forwarded to the members when available. In the interim, I have requested the Council's consultants to proceed with the preliminary design relating to a revised traffic management lay-out at this junction, bearing in mind the wishes of the Committee that no trees should be removed. This will be circulated to the members in due course and I will arrange for the consultants as well as members of the Road Design team to be in attendance in order to go through the issues in more detail."

Northern Relief Road:

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following update at the March Area Meeting:

"The meetings administrator will arrange this meeting for a time suitable to both Area Committees as well as respective Director of Services. Hopefully, it will be possible to have provisional dates in advance of the forthcoming meeting of Leixlip Area Committee."

One Way System for Doctor's Lane

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following update at the March Area meeting:

"The amendments as suggested by the members at the recent meeting have been incorporated into the design drawings. The Area Engineer will now proceed to price the work with a view to having a contractor on site at an early stage."

John asked that Geoghegan's Lane be made either two way or one way from Main Street towards Doctor's Lane. The latter was agreed subject to the approval of the Area Engineer.

Maynooth to Docklands Rail Service will have to wait— capacity increase later in 2007 only major improvement in Maynooth Suburban Line

Deputy Emmet Stagg raised the broken promises in relation to the provision of rail services from Maynooth to The new Docklands Station, and the provision of train services from Maynooth every 15 minutes at Peak Hours, with the Minister for Transport in the Dail by way of Parliamentary Question.

In his response to Deputy Stagg the Minister stated that the fastest growth area on the Maynooth Suburban Line was from Clonsilla inwards and that the new service to the Docklands will be provided to cater for this increased demand which in turn will reduce pressure on the existing heavily loaded trains. In addition the Minister advised that later in 2007 capacity will be increased on existing Maynooth Suburban Services through the reassignment of diesel railcars currently being used on the Sligo service following the entry into service of the first of the 150 new Intercity railcars.

Commenting on the response Deputy Stagg stated that the Minister refused to acknowledge that the promises were broken because of limited fleet availability, which are his direct responsibility given the fact that he holds the purse-strings as far as Iarnrod Eireann are concerned. Whilst welcoming the

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doubling of trains from 4 railcars to 8 railcars later in 2007, as a result of the transfer of Intercity Railcars, the fact of the matter is that poor planning by the Minister and insufficient funding has resulted in No Train Services from Maynooth to Docklands, a shortage of 3 trains each morning from Maynooth during peak hours, and it will be late 2007 before increased capacity is provided.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he did not blame Iarnrod Eireann for the delays in the improvement of services. Their funding comes from the Government and they simply have not provided enough to deliver the service improvements promised when Transport 21 was launched in November 2005.

Stagg remains opposed to provision of Satellite village on Meath side of Maynooth

Deputy Emmet Stagg along with his colleague Cllr. John McGinley lodged a submission with Meath Co. Council opposing the inclusion of a Target of 500 houses for Maynooth Environs in the Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013.

In a report to Meath Co. Councillors on March 2nd the Meath Co. Manager responded to Deputy Stagg's submission along with others from Maynooth Community Council and Kildare Co. Council.

In his report the Co. Manager reserved Meath Co. Council's right to approach the Department of Environment in relation to the Preparation of a Joint Local Area Plan. However the Co. Manager stated that he was acutely aware of the differences in the juxtaposition of the environs of Maynooth relative to its Town Centre as compared to the proximity of the environs of Kilcock relative to its Town Centre. Finally the Co. Manager indicated that the Council had made provision in the overall Settlement Strategy to reserve 500 houses for Maynooth Environs in the event of the Joint Local Area Plan identifying a need for same.

Commenting on the Co. Managers Report, which was passed by Meath Co. Councillors on March 2nd, Deputy Stagg stated that Meath Co. Council had accepted that the Meath environs of Maynooth were somewhat removed from Maynooth Town Centre and he was pleased that the Co. Manager qualified the provision of 500 houses in their settlement strategy as being in the event of the identification of a need. However, regretfully, that Target remains in the County Plan passed on March 2nd.

The difficulty stated Deputy Stagg is that there is

nothing to prevent Meath Co. Council from zoning land on the Meath side if Kildare Co. Council does not entertain them in relation to the preparation of a Joint Local Area Plan. Kildare Co. Council can however refuse to provide services for any development on the Meath side, such as sewerage and water services.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that if a Joint Local Area is to be considered at some future date then there will have to be prior agreement reached on the types of development which might be considered acceptable on the Meath side. This would certainly not include the provision of housing which would distort the co-ordinated development of Maynooth Town but could include a Hotel, Tourist Facilities, Retirement Village and some employment generating businesses. It remained however Labour's Objective to convince Meath Co. Council of the non-necessity for development on the Meath side of the Border.

Children wait 4 Months for Hearing Test

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Health in relation to the Waiting Times for Hearing Tests for Children in Co. Kildare.

The Health Services Executive responded on behalf of Minister Harney to Deputy Stagg and indicated that there was a 4 month waiting time at both the Newbridge and Tallaght Health Centres. The Newbridge Health Centre is the only location for hearing tests in Kildare whilst Tallaght serves Celbridge and Leixlip.

Deputy Stagg reacted angrily to the disclosure of the excessive waiting times. He stated that we were now back to the position we were in, in November 2005 when the waiting time was 4 months. Last June the waiting list had been reduced to 3 to 4 weeks when additional clinics were scheduled. From the response by the HSE it is obvious that additional clinics will have to be arranged again to reduce the Waiting Time to 3 to 4 weeks.

Deputy Stagg stated that the delay in carrying out the hearing tests seriously affected the development of children and imposing such waiting times put parents under severe pressure to privately fund tests which is inexcusable given the wealth of our Nation at present.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he would contact the Minister and the HSE in connection with

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the scheduling of additional clinics to reduce the present unacceptable waiting times.

2006 Serious Crime Statistics show 12% increase in Kildare up 74% on 2000 figures

Deputy Emmet Stagg has criticised the Minister for Justice for his appalling record in preventing and tackling crime with confirmation that the Provisional Headline Crime Statistics for the Carlow/Kildare Area show a 12% increase in serious crime in 2006.

Nationally stated Deputy Stagg Serious Crime is up 1.4% but in the Carlow/Kildare Division it has risen by 12% with 5,425 Serious Crimes recorded in 2006. Since 2000 Serious Crime has risen by a startling 74%.

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

- Assaults up 26%
- Sexual Offences up 81%
- Arson up 20%
- Thefts up 19%

The Blame for this spiralling increase in Serious Crime in Kildare, stated Deputy Stagg, can be laid fairly and squarely on the shoulders of the Minister for Justice who presides over the worst manned Garda Division in the State – The Carlow/Kildare Division. We have 1 garda for every 558 people whilst the Clare Division has 1 garda for every 311 people and Donegal 1 for every 312 people.

If we are to tackle crime head on and remove Dublin Gangs from cherry picking in Kildare then we are going to have to increase Garda Manpower stated Deputy Stagg. We need to let the perpetrators of crime know that we are serious about protecting the rights of ordinary hard working families. Unfortunately the present Minister is not up to the job. Lets hope by the Summer he won't be in charge anymore.

New bus services for North Kildare a step nearer

Dublin Bus have previously advised Deputy Emmet Stagg that the provision of additional Bus Services to the North Kildare Towns of Celbridge, Kilcock, Maynooth and Leixlip would be dealt with once arrangements for a new service from Adamstown were agreed.

Dublin Bus applied for a licence for the Adamstown Route but this ran into difficulties under Section 25 of the Road Transport Act 1958 as they would have been competing with an existing operator.

Deputy Stagg has now been advised by Dublin Bus that they are submitting a revised licence application to serve Adamstown.

Deputy Stagg has welcomed the revised licence application and stated that he would pursue its sanctioning with the Minister for Transport. If the application is granted then Dublin Bus will be in a position to reorganise their fleet allocation with a consequent knock on effect of additional services to North Kildare.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that in 2000 Dublin Bus had sought Government Finance to provide an additional 15 Buses to service North Kildare and he expected the provision of same once the Adamstown Route issue is resolved, given the fact that Dublin Bus now have 100 additional buses.

Government abandon Maynooth Castle– No Screening from Manor Mills– No Phase 2 Restoration

With the State Coffers full and €5 Billion better off last December than they originally thought, Deputy Emmet Stagg is mystified at the total lack of interest shown by the Government in the 11th Century Maynooth Castle.

In 2001 stated Deputy Stagg the Government shelved plans for the Phase 2 Restoration of the Castle. This would have involved the provision of a roof on the Keep of the Castle and the provision of an Auditorium. The Auditorium would have been used for Concerts, Films and Theatre in what would have been no doubt a fantastic setting. The Government remain steadfast in their opposition to this project.

Following on from the opening of the Manor Mills Shopping Centre Deputy Stagg made a relatively simple request that additional Trees would be provided along the Northern Boundary to secure the setting of the Castle and lessen the impact which the Modern Buildings have on it, in other words to screen the Castle from the development. But no because of the underlying rich archaeological deposits in the area and the detrimental effect tree planting would have on them, it is not possible to provide the screening.

Deputy Stagg suggested that an Archaeological Dig should be organised, similar to the one undertaken when the stepped entrance to the visitors Centre was constructed, and that if anything interesting was found it could be displayed in the Castle Visitors Centre. The Minister has recently advised Deputy Stagg that there are no plans for any additional archaeological excavations at the Castle.

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So the bottom line is that this Government is not interested in developing the true potential of the Castle for the people of Maynooth and visitors to the area. Deputy Stagg vowed to give the Castle the necessary attention it deserves when this wasteful and arrogant Government are booted out by voters in the Summer.

O2 issue counter claims in relation to unauthorised Mast at Maynooth G.A.A. grounds

Deputy Emmet Stagg has expressed his disappointment at the news that Solicitors acting for O2 Communications have indicated to the Council Solicitors that they did not receive the official notification from Kildare Co. Council dated 4th January, 2007, stating that their 4th Retention Planning Application, for the Unauthorised Mast at Maynooth G.A.A. Grounds on the Moyglare Road, had been declared invalid.

This in turn stated Deputy Stagg means that they believe that they are not in breach of the Court Order served on them for Enforcement by Council Solicitors on January 29th. Legal Advice to the Council now is not to go back to Court to enforce the order as past cases indicate that the Judge will enquire if a planning application is currently before the Council, and if the answer is yes, as in this case, the Judge will say it is premature to decide on the matter whilst a planning application is as yet to be determined. O2 lodged their 5th retention planning application on 5th February last.

An angry and frustrated Deputy Stagg has now along with his colleague Cllr. John McGinley lodged an objection to the 5th Retention Planning Application calling on the Council to comprehensively refuse planning permission.

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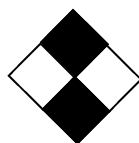


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Public Safety Association meeting against Anti-Social Behaviour

On Monday night 23rd April a public meeting was held in the Glenroyal Hotel called by concerned parents and residents in Maynooth, who are increasingly alarmed at the level and incidents of assaults, crime and anti social-behaviour in the town.

The excellent attendance of almost a 180 people confirmed the level of interest among the residents of the issues. In attendance on the night were representatives from the Students Union, The Maynooth Business Association, Gardai and Senior Citizens. The organizers of the event are to be thanked for their innovation in holding such a meeting which gave all the residents and bodies concerned, the opportunity to discuss, learn, and even come up with some ideas on how to deter, decrease, and deal with perpetrators of such acts.

Some of the decisions reached include a commitment by the gardai to show an increased Gardai presence . A commitment by students union in NUI to play a larger role in keeping the town clean, during and after rag week, and a commitment by the Business Association to engage in public consultation during there 2nd stage application for the implementation of community based CCTV.

The partnership entered into during this meeting with all the bodies concerned must be maintained in order to defeat the small minority, who if left unchecked ,can wreck such havoc and tragedy on individual families and residents.

The interaction of the initiate between the Business Association and the Public Safety Association is a testament to the positive contribution of individuals to the community.

Brid Feely
Chairperson

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

The April meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on 16th of April in the Glenroyal Maynooth.

As it became apparent at the last meeting of Maynooth Community Council, with only 10 people in attendance, a quorum could not be reached, it was realized that Maynooth Community Council was now in a bad way.

In May the Local elections of Maynooth Community Council will take place, with the AGM taking place at the first meeting in June. It is also apparent that these elections should have taken place last year, also the fact that Maynooth Community Council is a Ltd Company a number of directors should be in place and this will be rectified at the AGM. We urge you to put yourself forward for election. Maynooth has grown considerably over the past few years and with this push now on to make new residents aware of the Community Council and the work that we do, and our total commitment to the Community of Maynooth I am sure that we will encourage a lot of new interest in the Council.

We are aware that new estates have emerged over the past couple of years. We have Straffan Wood, Griffith Rath, and Moyglare Hall, with these estates alone the growth of Maynooth has expanded considerably, so it's vital that all residents in Maynooth should have a say in what goes on in their town.

Maynooth Community Council over the past years had been strong and forceful in pursuing issues that effect the town, one of the main issues being to gain Town Council Status for Maynooth, Arts Centre/ Community Centre and with development of the Harbour Field, which would include the provision of underground car parking for 600 cars. Also the possibility of a Running Track and Skate Board Park.

A more current issue being followed at the moment, is to keep a watchful eye on the development on the Main Street which could mean the widening of the Main Street, the removal of several of the Lime Trees that line the street?

Local Matter/ Safety issues etc. raised by Residents Association are supported and when necessary representations are sent to the appropriate bodies.

Bond Bridge. This was fully supported by the Residents and The Community Council over very many years; we now have a wonderful new bridge over the canal and railway, which one-day might form a part of the new ring road for Maynooth.

It is very important that all areas are represented on

the Council. Remember your Council is only as strong as it members. We again urge you to put yourself forward for election.

You will find Application Forms and other relevant information in the Newsletter; also extra Application Forms can be obtained in the Community Council Office:

Unit 5
Newtown Shopping Centre,
Beaufield,
Maynooth.

Telephone: 01-6285922/01-6285053

Just to draw your attention to the Election Schedule.

All nominations should include the signature of the nominee, signifying her/his acceptance of the nomination.

All nominations to arrive at the Community Council office by Thursday 17th May before 5.00 p.m.

Nomination Close	Thursday 17th May 2007
Voting Closes.	Thursday 31st May 2007
Vote Counted.	Saturday 2nd June 2007.
First Meeting.	Monday 18th June 2007.

Sub-committees and Affiliates; The Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Maynooth Community Council Festival, Tidy Towns, Arts Forum, Twinning Committee and Community Games. All of these committees provide a great service to the town of Maynooth. The Maynooth Newsletter which provides a wide range of secretarial services for the public.

Present Executive

Chairperson Brid Feely
Secretary Muireann Ni Bhrolchain
Vice Chairperson Tom Mc Mullen
Treasurer Willie Saults
PRO Marie Gleeson
Public Development Officer Paul Croghan

Your Community Council

Maynooth Community was established in 1984 by democratic elections, Non-Political Non-Denominational Elections as a voluntary body to represent the community and to respond to issues and needs of the town with relevant agencies areas community and voluntary groups.

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

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The Community Council Main Aims

To promote the well being of the community.
To secure the facilities which the council considers lacking in the community.
To assist the local authority in exercising its office in Maynooth.
To provide or help to provide employment in the Maynooth area.

What are we trying to achieve

Maynooth Community Council responded to the high levels of unemployment in the Community, giving people valuable training to assist them in seeking employment. Maynooth Community Council has sponsored FAS funded projects since 1985. In 2000 we established a Limited Company to run the project, and the directors are members of the Community Council

Support from FAS

The Newsletter project is very dependent on funding from FAS in addition to the costs of wages to us they pay for training and small weekly material grants. The cost of running the office well exceeds this funding, and the Community Council must fund the balance. This is mainly done by the office services: Saint Patrick's Day Parade the Festival. Flag Day and grants.

How it works

Vacancies are advertised as they arise and the project is currently approved for 15 plus a supervisor. The project is a rate for the job scheme, where participants are recruited for a maximum of three years, provided the relevant eligibility criteria are reached.

Our main aims in the project is to try and give people a varied work experience in a busy office together, in order to equip people to get jobs at the end of the project.

I hope this information is useful to you, and gives you a better understanding of what Maynooth Community Council is about.

Marie Gleeson
PRO

Children's Colouring Competition Winner



**Sinéad Crowley,
18 Moyglare Abbey,
Maynooth
Is the winner of the April Edition.**

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ELECTIONS 2007



Election Schedule

Nominations

The Nomination Form is included in this issue of the Newsletter.

Extra forms may be obtained from the Community Council Office, Unit 5, Newtown Shopping Centre, Beafield, Maynooth.

All nominations should include the signature of the nominee signifying her/his acceptance of the nomination.

All nominations to arrive at the Community Council Office by **Thursday 17th of May 2007 by 5.00 p.m.**

Any Resident over 18 is eligible to the election and to vote.

Voting

If elections are required, voting papers will be distributed to all households between **Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 24th of May 2007**. Votes will be collected the following week, if they are not collected they may be brought to the Community Council office. All votes must be returned by **Thursday 31st May 2007**. They will be counted on **Saturday 2nd of June 2007**.

Counting will be done by neutral volunteers under the supervision of outside scrutineers. For single area electoral areas, the single transferable vote method of counting will be used (as in by-election to the Dáil Éireann). For multiple-seat areas, each voter will have as many votes as there are available, with the candidates obtaining the most votes being elected, as appropriate.

The first meeting of the New Council will take place on **Monday 18th of June 2007**.

This will be an AGM including the election of new officers for the Council.

Notices will be sent to all councillors.

There will be an informal meeting beforehand- councillors will be notified in advance.

May Day Superstitions

*May was considered an
unlucky month to get married.*

*'Marry in May
and you'll rue the day'.*

*Never buy a broom in May or
wash blankets.*

*'Wash a blanket in May.
Wash a dear one away'.*

May Facts

Gemstone: Emerald

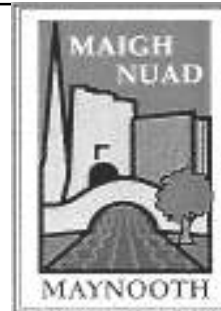
Flower: Lily of the Valley



MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTORS 2007

Community Council Electors

Elections for the new Community Council take place in May 2007. There are 79 seats to be filled with a nominee from the student's Union. Co-options may take place after the first meeting.



Election arrangements

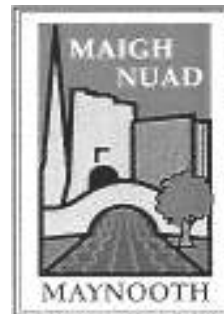
The number of Council places per electoral area is based on a rough ratio of 100 voters (from the Electoral Register) per Council member,

Electoral Areas

1. Town Centre (5 seats)
The area bounded by Bond Bridge, Mullen Bridge, Blacklion, Kildare Bridge (Dunboyne Road) and the Parish Church.
2. Railpark/Straffan Road including the Crescent (1 seat)
3. Castledawson (3 seats)
4. Lyreen Park/ Pebble Hill (2 seats)
5. Parson's Hall (1 seat)
6. Carton Square, Dillons Row/Nagle Court (1 seat)
7. Railpark Estate (2 seats)
8. Greenfield Estate (5 seats)
9. Carton Court (2 seats)
10. Kingsbry (5 seats)
11. Greenfield Lane/Greenfield Phase 1 (1 seat)
12. Greenfield Phase 2 (1 seat)
13. Greenfield Phase 3 – Private sites (1 seat)
14. Beaufield (3 seats)
15. Meadowbrook (4 seats)
16. Cluain Aoibhinn (2 seats)
17. College Green (2 seats)
18. Moyglare Road/Moyglare Meadows/Moyglare Village (4 seats)
19. Moyglare Abbey (4 seats)
20. Newtown/Woodlands/Ashley Court (2 seats)
21. Newtown Court (2 seats)
22. Parson Street/Parson Lodge/Court (1 seat)
23. Silken Vale (2 seats)
24. Castlebridge (1 seat)
25. Parklands (5 seats)
26. Rockfield (5 seats)
27. Griffin Rath (2 seats)
28. Straffan Wood (4 seats)
29. Moyglare Hall (2 seats)
30. Outlying Area A (1 seat)
Including Carton Demesne, Old Carton, Catherinestown, Kellystown, Blakestown.
31. Outlying Area B (1 seat)
Including Windgates (east side of Straffan Road), Toolestown, Corbally, Griffinrath, Moneycooley & Ballygoran
32. Outlying Area C (1 seat)
Including Rowanstown, Dowdstown, Taghadoe, Toolestown (west side of Straffan Road), Windgates (ditto), Newtownmacabe, Rooks, Smithstown, Johninstown, Graiguesallagh, Cowanstown, Kealstown, Craiguelin, Derrystown, Donaghstown.
33. Outlying Area D (1 seat)
Including Timard, Laraghbryan, East/West, The Maws, Ballycurragghan, Treadstown, Cormickstown, Crinstown, Laragh Demesne



MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS



**ELECTIONS FOR THE NEXT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD SHORTLY.**

- **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MAKING MAYNOOTH A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE?**
- **DO YOU WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FUTURE OF THIS TOWN?**

WE URGE YOU TO PUT YOURSELF FORWARD FOR ELECTION

NOMINATIONS CLOSE:	THURSDAY 17TH MAY 2007
VOTING CLOSES:	THURSDAY 31ST MAY 2007
VOTES COUNTED:	SATURDAY 2ND JUNE 2007
FIRST MEETING	MONDAY 18TH JUNE 2007

PLEASE CUT OUT AND COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND SEND IT TO :

**MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL, UNIT 5, NEWTOWN SHOPPING CENTRE,
BEAUFIELD, MAYNOOTH, BEFORE THURSDAY 17TH MAY 2007**

NAME OF CANDIDATE _____

ADDRESS _____

CONTACT NUMBER/EMAIL ADDRESS _____

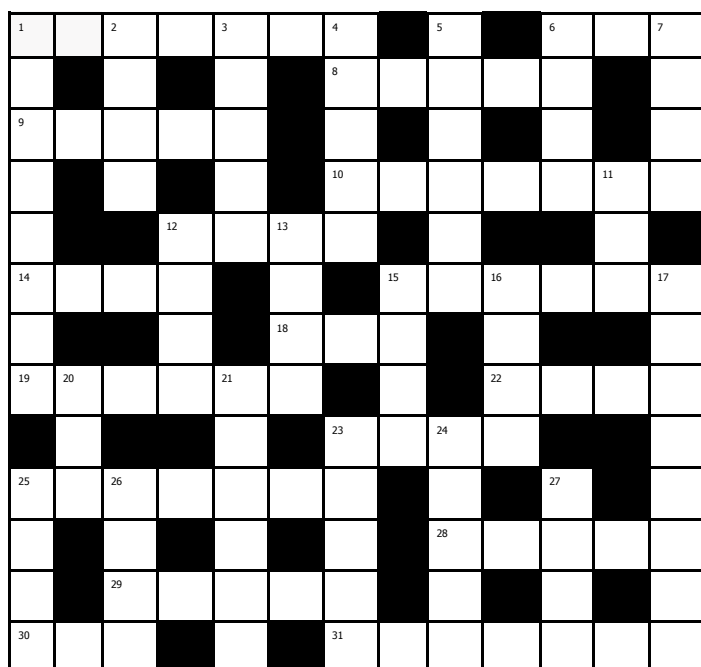
ELECTORAL AREA _____

I agree to act on the Council if elected

CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE _____

DATE: _____

Crossword No: 55



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Winner

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Celbridge Road
Maynooth

Entries before Monday 14th May 2007

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Across:

1. Chief port of Northern Ireland (7)
6. Tasselled felt cap (3)
8. Tedium (5)
9. Financial check (5)
10. Harsh (7)
12. Military force (4)
14. Smirk (4)
15. Obnoxious (6)
18. Nothing (3)
19. Actress, - - - Jackson (6)
22. South American country (4)
23. Straightforward (4)
25. Tory politician, - - - Portillo (7)
28. Where Jim Bowie was killed (5)
29. Governed (5)
30. Toss (3)
31. Madonna hit, - - - Yourself (7)

Down:

1. Strike -beaker (8)
2. Female (4)
3. Subsequently (5)
4. Woolly toy bear (5)
5. Release (6)
6. Clenched hand (4)
7. Light metal (4)
11. Promissory note (1.1.1)
12. Type of knitwear (4)
13. Hit song for Craig McLachlan (4)
15. Gymnast, - - - Korbut (4)
16. Simple game! (1-3)
17. Academic (8)
20. Hawaiian garland (3)
21. Lovingly (6)
23. Escape (5)
24. Imprint (5)
25. Ground grain (4)
26. Restrict (4)
27. Spouse (4)

Across:

6. Sarsaparilla, 8. Request, 9. Enter, 10. Chef, 12. Amazon, 14. Cobra, 15. Nation, 16. Opus, 19. Night, 21. Cholera, 22. Dissatisfied.

Down:

1. Frequent, 2. James, 3. Party, 4. Dilemma, 5. Flat, 6. Strychnine, 7. Grandstand, 11. Don, 12. Arm, 13. Zeppelin, 14. Contest, 17. Acute, 18. Boast, 20. Grim.

Doodle Box

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Castle Keep Art Group 9th Annual Art Exhibition

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Launch of Maynooth Miscellany CD

By now the Castle Keep Art Group's Annual exhibition had become one of the main social events in the Maynooth calendar. There were paintings, prints and drawings, wine and chat, and this year an added attraction was the launch of the *Maynooth Miscellany* CD show casing the arts in Maynooth

There was an unprecedented attendance at the opening of the exhibition on Friday 13th April, (which turned out to be lucky for the art group). With just over 100 works on display by 18 local artists, there was something to suit everyone both in terms of subject matter and price range as was evidenced by the large number of paintings purchased during the exhibition.

The exhibition was opened by Lucina Russell, County Arts for Kildare. Lucina recommended the show and was particularly impressed with the architectural studies in the exhibition. She also outlined various arts activities taking place in Kildare over the next few months.



*Back row L to R: Natalie Kelly, Pat Burke, Brian Tuohy, Gerry McCann,
Deaglán Ceallaigh & Regina Richardson.
Front row L to R: Trees Gevers, Susan Durack, Elizabeth O'Hare, Maureen
Redmond & Emma Tracey.*

The exhibition was made up of many local scenes such as Connolly's Folly, The Wonderful Barn, Bond Bridge, Taghadoo Round Tower, Carton Boathouse and Donadea Forest. Other works focused on Irish and European landscapes, seascapes, still life, equine, figurative and abstract studies, all carried out in a variety of media-oils, watercolours, pastels, pen and ink, charcoal and print.

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The launch of the CD **Maynooth Miscellany** produced by Terry Nealon, Chairman of the Maynooth Arts forum, was particularly apt at the event. The production of the CD serves to show case the arts in Maynooth (of which there is tremendous amount) and to bring to the fore the need for an arts centre in the town. The CD contains material from local arts group such as the Maynooth Writhers Group, Maynooth Local History Group, the castle Keep Art Group, local musicians, singers, poets, St Mary's Brass Band, the Nuadha Players and from the Music Department NUI Maynooth (to mention a few). Original musical compositions feature with a notable inclusion from a young local rock band, **Slumming Angels** whom I think we will hear more from the future, watch this space! The CD retails at €10 and is well worth purchasing not only for its content but also proceeds are going to the Maynooth Community Care Centre. The CD will be on sale in local outlets. Please buy and support.

We would like to express our thanks to the following people who helped to make the exhibition the success it was. As always thanks to Senan Griffin, Principal of the Post Primary School and the VEC for providing the venue. Thanks to Brian Farrell, Caroline Mc Carthy and Sheila Downey of the Post Primary School for the help in the organisation, setting up of the venue and looking after us so well. Our thanks to Lucina Russell, County Arts Officer for opening the exhibition.

A special thanks to all who attended the exhibition, the success has been central to the group's continuance and development.

For Enquiries about the art group please contact 6289349 (Susan) evenings

Susan Durack
Secretary
Castle Keep Art Group




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Features

Little Way Cancer Support Centre Clane

Why a Cancer Support Centre?

The Little Way Cancer Support Centre was set up in October 2003 to provide support for cancer patients, their families and friends. The diagnosis of cancer can mark the beginning of a long and frightening journey, not just for the person who has received the diagnosis, but also for their families and friends.

While medical concerns are addressed through the range of treatments available within the Health Services, many people feel that their emotional needs and those of their family and friends are not met.

This can leave people feeling anxious, isolated and helpless.

The Little Way Cancer Support Centre aims to meet this need by providing emotional support and practical help to people who have or have had cancer, their families and their friends.

What happens in the Centre?

- The centre operates on a drop-in basis.
- Those visiting the centre are met by trained volunteers who offer supportive listening and provide practical information.
- An extensive supply of relevant reading material is available.
- Opportunity is provided for visitors to meet others who have undergone treatment for cancer.
- Support groups are held for people sharing similar experiences.
- One-to-one counselling is available on an appointment basis.
- Complimentary therapies, relaxation and meditation are available.
- All services, classes, etc. are provided free of charge to people with cancer.

The centre aims to respond to the needs of its visitors. With this in mind, visitors are always invited to offer any suggestions regarding any additional services which they would like to see at the centre.

Who can use the service?

The service is available to people of all ages who have been affected by cancer. The centre can be accessed without a formal referral, just by phoning or dropping in.

Is there a cost?

All the services available within the centre are free of Charge.

Confidentiality

The Centre operates strict rules of confidentiality, which are observed by all volunteers and visitors. This ensures that the Little Way can offer a safe and caring environment for all who visit.

What are our opening hours?

Clane: College Road. Tel: 045-902996

Mon Counselling 6.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.
by appointment only

Tues Complimentary Therapies 10.30 a.m.- 4.00p.m.
by appointment only

Wed & Thurs from 10.30 a.m.-4.00 p.m.

Thurs Relaxation Classes 11.00 a.m.-12 noon.

Athy: 63 Leinster Street. Tel: 087-2983140

Mon 11.00 a.m.-4.00 p.m.

Wed 11.00 a.m.-4.00 p.m.

Are you taking part in the women's mini marathon?
If so would you consider running for this very worthy cause for free entry & race pack contact:

Norah McDermott.

045-902996

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Citizens information Centre Notes

Know your rights

Question

I often receive unsolicited post that is addressed to me but that advertises services or products in which I have no interest. Is there anything I can do to avoid receiving this junk mail?

Answer

The Data Protection Act 1988 contains a provision to ensure that people who do not wish to receive direct marketing literature have their privacy respected.

Under section 2(7) of the Data Protection Act, you have the right to have your details removed from a direct marketing database. You should write to the organisation keeping the database and ask for this to be done. The organisation must comply with your request and write back to you within 40 days confirming that your request has been complied with. If you continue to receive marketing material after you have objected, you can make a complaint to the Data Protection Commissioner, Canal House, Station Road, Portlington, Co Laois. Lo – Call 1890 252 231

If an organisation has not obtained your details directly from you, you are entitled to know what the source was so that you can contact them.

The Irish Direct Marketing Association (IDMA), the representative body for direct marketers in Ireland, operates a Mailing Preference Service. You can contact the IDMA to ask for your details to be removed from the marketing database of the main direct marketers in Ireland. The IDMA has also instituted a Code of practice setting out the data protection rules that IDMA members must adhere to.

The Irish Direct Marketing Association can be contacted at 93A Lagan Road, Dublin Industrial Estate, Glasnevin Dublin 11. Tel: (01) 830 4752.

Your details on the electoral register cannot be used for direct marketing unless you choose to make them available for this purpose. You can choose whether or not to do this when you register to vote. An edited version of the electoral register is published listing only those who opt to make their details available in this way. You can check to see if you are on the edited register at your local library or local authority office. Or online at www.checktheregister.ie

Question

I would like to try to reduce my fuel bills by switching my home heating to renewable energy sources. Are there any grants available to encourage homeowner's to reduce carbon dioxide emissions in this way?

Answer

The Greener Homes Scheme provides assistance to homeowners who intend to purchase a new renewable energy heating system for either new or existing homes.

The grants are available for a number of different technologies. Solar panels can be used for home heating or hot water. Heat pumps can transfer heat that is available in the ground air or water around your house. Stoves or boilers that burn wood chips or pellets are also eligible under the scheme.

It may be possible to obtain a second grant where a combination of two technologies makes sense in terms of reduced carbon dioxide emissions, capital costs, value and improved operation.

In order to qualify for the scheme you must obtain approval before starting work or purchasing equipment. The grant will be for a fixed amount towards the cost of purchase of the chosen system and subsequent installation. The amount of the grant will vary depending on the technology used. A list of registered products and installers is available to choose from.

The scheme is administered by Sustainable Energy Ireland. Glasnevin, Dublin 9.
Call Save; 1850 734 743, or online at www.sie.ie.

Question

Am I entitled to time off work for Easter?

Answer

Easter Monday is a public holiday so you are entitled to paid leave on that day unless your employer nominates one of the following alternatives an additional day's pay, an additional day of leave; or a paid day off within a month or on the nearest church holiday.

Good Friday is not a public holiday. While some schools and business close. You have no automatic entitlement to time off on that day.
There are 9 public holidays in Ireland each year:
New year's Day (1 January)

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Maynooth Citizens information Centre Notes (Cont'd)

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St Patrick's Day (17 March)

Easter Monday

First Monday in May, June and August

Last Monday in October

Christmas Day (25 December)

St. Stephen's Day (26 December)

Easter Monday is the only public holiday with a date that varies significantly from year to year. It falls between 23 March and 26 April each year. In 2007 it falls on 9 April.

Public holiday entitlements apply to staff even if they are not usually scheduled to work on the day of the public holiday. One exception to public holiday entitlement is where part-time staff have worked less than 40 hours in the five weeks before a holiday.

An explanatory booklet on holidays and public holidays is available from the Department of Enterprises, Trade and Employment (lo-call 1890 201 615).

Complaints in relation to holiday entitlements may be referred to the Rights Commissioner at the Labour Relations Commission. Tom Johnson House. Haddington Road, Dublin 4, Lo-call 1890 220 27.

Question

Can you please give me new rates of payment for Child Benefit ?

Answer

Child Benefit is paid monthly by the Department of Social and Family affairs for each qualified child normally living with you and being supported by you. If you are from a country in the European Economic Area (EEA) you may be entitled to Child Benefit even if your child is not living in Ireland. If you are not a EEA national then you must satisfy a habitual residency conditions to qualify for the benefits.

To qualify, a child must be dependent on you and must also be;

- Under age 16 or
- Aged 16,17, or 18 and attending full-time education or a FAS Yuthreach course or have a physical disability

The payment is generally made to the mother of the child. Where the parents are living apart, it is paid to the parent with whom the child lives the majority of

the time. If the child is not living with or being maintained by the parents, then it may be paid to the person who is caring for the child. From April 2007, the child Benefits are as follows:

Number of children Monthly Rate

1 Child	€160
2 Children	€320
3 Children	€515
4 Children	€710
5 Children	€905
6 Children	€1,100
7 Children	€1,295

The rate of Child Benefit for twins is 1.5 times the normal monthly rate for each child. For three or more children of multiple birth, the benefit paid is double the normal monthly rate for each child.

Application for Child Benefit is made on form CB1 for children under 16 years of age or from CB2 for a child aged 16 or over. Claim forms are available from your local Social Welfare Office, Post Office or form the Child Benefit Section, Social Welfare Services Office. St Oliver Plunkett Road, Letterkenny, Co Donegal. Lo-call 1890 400 400.

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.

Telephone: 01 6285 477
Lo-Call: 1890 777 121

Poetry Corner By Patrick Murray



Dublin City

A fond home for me is this city
Full of genuine people living in peace
As it is changing so rapidly is a pity
Although my cherish love will never cease
From O'Connell street to Parnell square
A friendly gathering often meet
As doves fly high in the air
With singing and dancing in the street

A unique place is my homeland
With interesting people to share
Hospitality is certainly grand
An enchanting spot beyond compare
I remember my walks through each street
With cinema houses, parks and clubs
Yes Dublin City is certainly a treat
Over this land you cant beat the Dubs

Children play in alley ways
Chanting special rhymes as clear
Reminds me of my school days
And a culture I hold so dear
Each area has its special touch
With accents as clear and profound
Atha Cliath I love so very much
As I treasure each sod of ground

May each generation live in pride
Of their city that reared them well
Each inhabitant has a soft spot inside
Who knows what the future can tell
By Anna Liffey a place so rare
On the east coast of Erin's green isle
Everyone has a memory to share
And they are never short of a smile.



Nature of Summer

Just look at the clear Summers day
Walking by the river all on my own
The birds feed their young without delay
By the seasons end they will be fully grown
I hear the corn, crake from so far away
A familiar tune a comfort for us to hear
What is any man in life to say
Of their precious creatures I hold so dear

I see the cattle feast on grass in peace
Then wandering by the river bank to drink
Natures of the countryside never to cease
My mind captured by Summer thoughts to think
The sun shines down on me without fail
As I lay on a tuft of grass on my own
By the riverside I walk on a familiar trail
Until I finally reach my Summer home

I see the butterflies flutter in the heat
Such multiple colour so beautifully serene
My Summer childhood was certainly a treat
But now a memory for me to dream
Awakening season is this for to recall
Of sunshine days so beautiful to the eye
I always look forward for my Summer to fall
Until Autumn gradually fades for it to die.

My Dog

My Dog is all I need
For company with all my pride
Each day I give it a feed
And makes me feel good inside
I cherish my pet with delight
As I wish never to be apart
My Jack Russell is a pretty sight
That cherish in my heart
I know people get tired of them
Just barking all night and day
But it has no master of any men
It is only me that has any say
I feed it on meat , bread and drink
As it looks healthy and strong too
If I only knew what my Dog does think
But still it is the best pal I know
My Dog will never answer back
Or do any devious offence
But true friendship we never lack
That is within my Dog to sence
I am just thinking of the times
We enjoyed while I was a boy
With such passion my heart unwinds
That I remember even till I die.

Features

Velosa Fashions

Velosa Fashions is a sophisticated boutique now open on the Main Street in Maynooth. The owners of Velosa Sandra, Loretta and Vera have all worked together in the fashion business.

The classy boutique offers a wide selection of Irish and international labels and sizes from 8-26.

They stock an extensive range of Day wear, evening wear and cater for all special events Weddings Confirmation, Communion and a Day at the races.

Their range includes:

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TRAFFIC SPORT ENDORA DERHY
MICHAEL H/PERSONAL CHOICE JENNO-O
EMOZIONI KELSEY ROSE TIA
FeeG BEN SHERMAN JORLI LERROS
TRAFFIC ZHENZI WATERCOLOURS

With their friendly and professional service, the team at Velosa are trained to identify your needs and satisfy them.

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Maynooth Tidy Town News

Maynooth Tidy Towns hold AGM

Our bi-annual AGM was held on the 4th April last and we are pleased to advise that our committee is strong and united in our drive to make Maynooth, Ireland's Tidiest Town. Positive progress was reported since our previous AGM and our affairs are in good order. Having held the chair for two years Sean Cushen retired from the officer board as did our Secretary, Ashling Kelleher. Both were acknowledged for their tireless work. We are pleased to say that both are staying with Maynooth Tidy Towns in other roles. The committee membership in total is sixteen people and the officers elected for the new term are as follows:

Hon President:	Mr Robert Reilly
Chairperson:	Mr Sean Lyons
Vice Chairperson:	Mr Mattie Callaghan
Secretary:	Ms Mary Jennings
Joint Secretary:	Ms Ashling Kelleher
PRO:	Mr Paul Croghan
Treasurer:	Ms Mary Farrell

Ms. Moira Baxter has been given the title of "Litter Liaison Officer" whereby Moira will be the sole representative advising of litter issues to Mr Noel Geoghegan, Litter Warden, Kildare County Council.

Maynooth Tidy Towns win in St. Patrick's Day Parade

For the third year running Maynooth Tidy Towns won one of the best float prizes in the Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade. We were awarded the "Best Environmental Float" this year. The committee decided to reduce our combined carbon footprint this year and arrange a float fronted by a wheelbarrow and wheelie bins rather than our usual van. Our main message was to highlight the threat to the two hundred and fifty year old trees in Maynooth's main street following approval by Kildare County Council for a large new commercial development in the town which proposes that the trees be removed to create an extra traffic lane.

Maynooth Primary Schools have all achieved Green Flags

Congratulations to Presentation Girls and Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich who have achieved their first Green Schools Flags within the past year. The Boys National School has recently achieved their second Green Schools Flag which brings them half way to achieving the total number of four flags available. Maynooth is awarded extra points in the National Tidy Towns Competition when our schools achieve Green Flags and we are

delighted with the commitment shown by the teachers and pupils alike and we will keep you posted on further progress.

Maynooth Tidy Towns – Work Plan for 2007 in full swing

Tidy Towns is more about enhancement rather than litter picking and for 2007 two of our major landscaping projects are planned for O'Neill Park and the river in Parsons Street. O'Neill Park/ Tesco complex is a prominent site in the town and we have started the work on enhancing that area. The river in Parsons Street was cleaned out a number of years ago, but has fallen into a neglected state again. In addition to these new projects we will be keeping our existing sites around the town. More details on these later.

Sunday Morning/mid week cleaning has recommenced

On the Sunday after Easter we started back on our Sunday Morning clean ups around the town centre. This is essentially a weekly litter picking in the town centre and includes areas such as the Straffan Road and the Moyglare Road. On Wednesday evenings we meet at 7.30pm at Supervalu and we take on a piece of work such as area cleanups or small enhancement projects. The committee would welcome your help on either Sundays or Wednesdays. On Sundays we have a rota system where people only come out on one Sunday in three. The more people that we have the easier it is for all. See separate notice.

Hanging Baskets should "be in bloom by June"

For the last number of years Maynooth Tidy Towns with the support of the business community and others have put in place the hanging baskets in the town centre and maintained them. Plans are being put in place again this year all being well. This is a major annual project for us with substantial costs involved. Last year we did not ask the local businesses for financial support but we are reviewing the situation at present to see how we can fund this project in 2007. We are grateful for financial support for all our projects but with this one we put all the funds raised back into the town so if anybody would like to sponsor this project we would be delighted to hear from you.

Next IBAL results due out in May 2007

The IBAL League is a litter competition sponsored by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government and the "Irish Business Against Litter"

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organisation. Maynooth has taken part in the league for the past three years and out of the fifty three towns judged by An Taisce in November 2006, Maynooth came in at number fifty two just ahead of Dublin City. Many people criticise the league which measures the environmental work of local authorities stating that it is too strict. What happens is that they measure litter at ten locations in the town centre and then rate each area. We outline below the detail of the Maynooth judging in November and at the end we show the table of towns judged in the league. Maynooth Tidy Towns fear that the bad reputation that a town gets in this league will damage business especially tourism in Maynooth. However, it is time to stop blaming the messenger and for Kildare County Council to suitably resource the town of our size with more staff to maintain it and to extend the areas cleaned. The existing staff is excellent but more people are needed to tackle the task.

Maynooth IBAL Results, Nov. 2006:

There has been a general deterioration in Maynooth. It has scored very poorly coming very much at the bottom of the anti-litter league. It was the only town / city with no excellent sites. There were three areas with a serious litter problem. What is particularly disappointing is that a couple of these sites had scored reasonably well during previous litter surveys e.g. Public Park and Railway Station – Outside. The Main Street was the third site with a serious litter problem – the overall appearance was dirty and much of the litter appears to be the result of drinking at the weekend. Maynooth North Campus and Maynooth College (Old) had scatterings of litter which took away from otherwise well maintained environments.

Kilcock Approach Road (R148): Moderately Littered.

Some light scatterings of food related litter prevented this busy stretch of road from getting a better litter classification. A more thorough approach to cleaning could make all the difference here.

St. Mary's Boys National School – Outside and Inside: Moderately Littered.

The overall impression here is of an area which is well kept and carefully maintained. With just a little extra effort by those using the area this could be a perfect site. The installation of litter awareness notices may help, particularly as the main litter was fast-food wrappings.

Maynooth North Campus – Inside: Moderately Littered.

The high standards attained during previous litter surveys have dropped slightly with scatterings of a wide variety of litter on the extensive grounds. This is disappointing as the area is well served by litter bins and capable of doing so much better.

Maynooth College – Old: Moderately Littered.

As with the above site the area is well served by litter bins (and some recycling bins). Just some small traces of fast-food wrappers, plastic bottles and cigarette butts took away from an otherwise very good site.

Main Street: Serious Litter Problem.

The overall appearance of this street was dirty. Not only were there heavy levels of litter but the bins and seating areas were in very poor condition. The footpath was neglected around the base of the trees and chewing gum / cigarettes were both very obvious along the path. It would seem that much of the litter is the result of drinking at the weekend – according to a porter at Maynooth College it is always the same after the weekend.

Public Park in Maynooth – Pound Park: Serious Litter Problem.

The picture here is again somewhat depressing. A big effort was evident during previous litter survey earlier in the year but the situation has deteriorated again. Clearly a more sustained and thorough effort is required on an on-going basis.

Maynooth Railway Station – Outside: Serious Litter Problem.

This was a very disappointing site. There was litter strewn along the roadside and the wall from the town and at the station entrance. The overall appearance was very poor and this is a shame as it has previously scored quite well during previous litter surveys.

Maynooth Railway Station – Inside: Moderately Littered.

Overall, the inside of the station has seen big improvements over the years. The area is well served by litter bins / cigarette butt disposal units. Just some light scatterings of fast food wrappers, plastic bags and plastic bottles took away from an otherwise well maintained environment.

Moyglare Road: Moderately Littered.

On the whole this is generally quite a good stretch of road, but there is a small, but persistent, presence of litter. There were three litter bins along the area surveyed and they were in need of some attention.

Maynooth Tidy Town News (Cont'd)

IBAL Round 11, 2006

Ranking	Town/City	Status
1	Fermoy	"Litter Free Status"
2	Dundalk	"Litter Free Status"
3	Greystones	"Litter Free Status"
4	Wexford	"Litter Free Status"
5	Youghal	"Litter Free Status"
6	Galway City	"Litter Free Status"
7	Bray	"Litter Free Status"
8	Killarney	"Litter Free Status"
9	Dungarvan	"Litter Free Status"
10	Carlow	"Litter Free Status"
11	Clonmel	"Litter Free Status"
12	Ennisorthy	"Litter Free Status"
13	Trim	"Litter Free Status"
14	Cavan	"Litter Free Status"
15	Ballina	"Litter Free Status"
16	Thurles	"Litter Free Status"
17	Monaghan	"Litter Free Status"
18	Mallow	"Litter Free Status"
19	Waterford City	"Litter Free Status"
20	Longford	"Litter Free Status"
21	Roscommon	"Litter Free Status"
22	Cork City	"Litter Free Status"
23	Kilkenny	"Litter Free Status"
24	Sligo	"Litter Free Status"
25	Athy	"Litter Free Status"
26	Nenagh	"Litter Free Status"
27	Tallaght	Moderately Littered
28	Drogheda	Moderately Littered
29	Shandon / Blackpool	Moderately Littered
30	Midleton	Moderately Littered
31	Portlaoise	Moderately Littered
32	Tullamore	Moderately Littered
33	Arklow	Moderately Littered
34	Limerick City	Moderately Littered
35	Finglas	Moderately Littered
36	Cobh	Moderately Littered
37	Newbridge	Moderately Littered
38	Swords	Moderately Littered
39	Letterkenny	Moderately Littered
40	Ennis	Moderately Littered
41	Tralee	Moderately Littered
42	Mullingar	Moderately Littered
43	Ballinasloe	Moderately Littered

44	Dun Laoghaire-	Moderately
45	Castlebar	Moderately
46	Athlone	Moderately
47	Leixlip	Serious Litter
48	Gorey	Serious Litter
49	Wicklow	Serious Litter
50	Navan	Litter Blackspot
51	Naas	Litter Blackspot
52	Maynooth	Litter Blackspot
53	Dublin City	Litter Blackspot

MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS

ARE YOU FREE ON SUNDAY

MORNING ?

**IF SO WHY NOT JOIN US IN HELPING TO
CLEAN UP OUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT**

**MEET SUNDAYS IN THE MAIN STREET
(AROUND 8.00 A.M.)**

OR

**WEDNESDAYS AT SUPERVALU CAR PARK
(AROUND 7.30 P.M.)**

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Horoscopes



ARIES—March 21—April 20

You are trying to do too much. You are not succeeding in your effort. You are starting to wonder whether it might be possible to be happy without having to keep putting yourself last. Sunday is your lucky day, number 1, colour brown.



TAURUS—April 21—May 21

You will find yourself going to some unusual places over the coming days, where you are likely to meet up with not just one but several important work contacts. Thursday is your lucky day, number 5, colour yellow.



GEMINI—May 22—June 22

You can't do anything right as far as someone close to you is concerned. Stop trying so hard nobody likes to be made feel inferior. Speak to them on their own level for a change. Tuesday is your lucky day, number 4, colour purple.



CANCER—June 23—July 23

You have a lot to look forward to. Your new found happiness may upset some people, but you are stronger and better than that. Enjoy your new found happiness while it lasts. Lucky day Saturday, number 4, colour white.



LEO—July 24—August 23

Things look good this week. Be careful not to overspend. A friend could be a lifesaver, so be grateful for their help. A family gathering is a great success. Lucky day Thursday, number 6, colour black.



Virgo—August 24—Sept 23

Keep your head when someone tries to provoke you at work. There could be a change in work duties. You are moving up the ladder of success and there is no stopping you. Lucky day is Sunday, number 7, colour silver.



LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23

Things could not be better as far as you are concerned. Make the most of what you have got and things will work out just as you planned. A small surprise is likely by the end of the week. Lucky day is Friday, number 7, colour gold.



SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22

Your powers of expression are at their best, and if you need to talk others around to your point of view, you will have no trouble doing so from the 28th onwards. Wednesday is your lucky day, number 6, colour green.



SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21

You have reached a time in your life where your domestic affairs turn over a new leaf and become less of a burden. Your responsibilities have been reduced and you should be thinking of enjoying yourself. Lucky day Tuesday, number 9, colour lilac.



CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20

Watch what you do on Wednesday and Sunday, when unseen obstacles could trip you up. Don't worry if a pet project is put on a back burner you can pick it up again later in the year. Your lucky day is Saturday, number 11, colour cerise.



AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19

Cash flow may slow down, and it could be wise to streamline your expenses. Don't worry as money owing to you for past efforts will soon be on its way. Lucky day Monday, number 25, colour violet.



PISCES—Feb 20—March 20

Make new agreements, sign contracts, or commit yourself after the 27th. Partners and colleagues will happily agree. At work, discussing issues will quickly solve any problems. Lucky day Wednesday, number 15, colour fawn.

Special Occasions

Local FÁS Senior Development Officer Retires



A presentation was made to Joe Carroll on behalf of the Local FÁS Supervisors and Sponsors to mark the occasion of his retirement from FÁS. The presentation was held at the North Kildare Club on Monday 2nd of April 2007.

A Special Birthday Wish



Mrs. Dinah Tobin & Her Grandchildren

Congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Dinah Tobin who celebrated her 101st birthday on the 4th of March 2007 from all her family and friends.

Gardening in May

Everything is picking up pace this month, seedlings are growing strongly and plants and shrubs are bursting into flower. Keep on top of your gardening jobs with our guide to essential tasks this month.

- Treat yourself to at least 1 great new plant before the best selection is gone
- Water regularly, if it doesn't rain
- Water newly planted plants even if rain is predicted

Flowers

- Deadhead spring blooming bulbs, but let the foliage grow until it yellows
- Deadhead and begin replacing pansies and primroses as the blossoms fade
- Give everything a good feeding, to get things growing
- Divide crowded perennials and share
- Make sure tall perennials are staked

Vegetable

- Keep the perennial vegetables and berries weeded
- Move rosemary plants outdoors, if they don't live there year round.

Houseplants

- Repot houseplants in new soil

Trees & Shrubs

- Check out the azaleas in bloom for future purchases.
- Plant or transplant trees and shrubs before the heat of summer.

Landscape

- Start digging that pond you've been talking about.
- Clean bird feeders
- Turn the compost.

General care

Water new plants

Water newly planted fruit trees, roses and shrubs regularly to help their root systems establish.

Weeding

Hoe borders once a week to prevent weed seedlings establishing. Use our guide to help you recognise the most common annual weeds.

Plants for pots

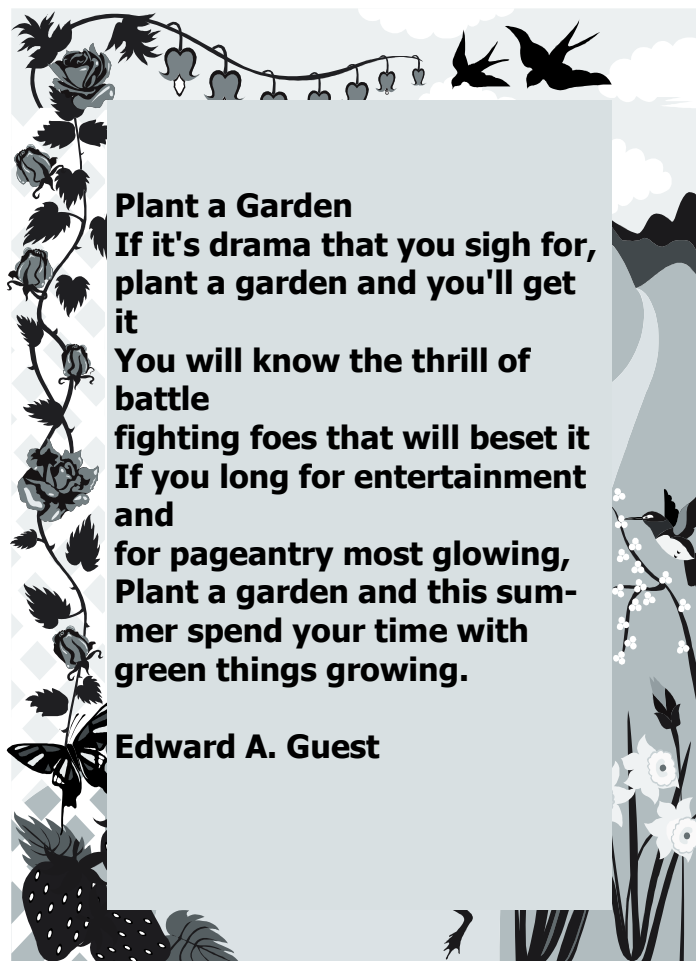
Buy young plants for pots and containers as well for bedding displays. Most need to be potted up into 7.5cm (3in) pots and grown on in warm, bright conditions ready for planting out at the end of May. Be sure to acclimatise plants to cooler outdoor conditions before planting out.

Frost protection

Don't be lulled into a false sense of security by warmer days. While the weather continues to be unpredictable, it pays to take precautions. Keep a sheet of fleece handy, ready to use on cold nights if a ground frost is forecast. Throw it over emerging potato foliage, or fruit trees and bushes in flower. Sacking or sheets of bubble polythene can be spread over cold frames and newspaper spread over young plants on greenhouse staging at night will add a little protection. Learn how to protect your plants with our guide to coping with cold weather.

Slugs and snails

Control slugs and snails by trapping them under tiles or grapefruit skins. Collect the slugs and dispose of them. Only use pellets sparingly. Alternatively discover which plants are less susceptible to slugs and snails.



Plant a Garden
If it's drama that you sigh for,
plant a garden and you'll get it
You will know the thrill of battle
fighting foes that will beset it
If you long for entertainment
and
for pageantry most glowing,
Plant a garden and this summer
spend your time with green things growing.

Edward A. Guest

Enjoy Those Green Things Growing



Clubs, Organisations and Societies

MAYNOOTH ICA NOTES

The guild passed a vote of sympathy to the family of Martin O'Hara, a former guild member.

Members from Maynooth Guild attended a fun night in Kiltel and enjoyed the night.

A total of €5,366 was collected on Daffodil Day and thanks were extended to all who helped in any way to raise this superb amount of money for the Cancer Society.

Competitions coming up are photography, set dancing, music and singing.

Crafts continue every Monday night and the latest craft was making spirella cards. The next craft is making teddy bears.

Badminton continues in the Parish Hall every Monday and Thursday morning.

Walking Sunday for Breast Cancer will take place on 22nd April at Punchestown.

Kildare Pitch and Putt competition takes place on 14th May in Coill Dubh, and walks take place on Sat 5th May with Kildare Sports Partnership. Kildare Federation week in An Grarian is the 2nd –7th July '07, and the weekend is the 5th –7th October. So as you can see the ICA caters for everyone, no matter what their taste is.

Federation table Quiz to be organised in June. Kildare Federation are hosting the National AGM in the Standhouse Hotel, Curragh on 19th May '07. Caoga Insurance, Pfizer's and ESB have given scholarships to Kildare Federation, and draws will be made to award them to guilds.

The Irish classes organised by Mary McNamara in the Guilds went great, and were well attended, with members coming from neighbouring guilds to take part. They were so popular that more are to be organised.

A coffee morning will take place on Friday 20th April in aid of Brainwave and Alzheimer's Associations, and a raffle will also be held. The monthly competition was won by Mary O' Gorman, with Margaret Houlihan in second place and third was Madeline Stynes.

Next Meeting will take place in ICA hall, The Harbour, on Thursday 3rd May, at 8p.m. and new members are always welcome.

Norah McDermott PRO.

MAYNOOTH TOWN U3A

The Annual General Meeting of Maynooth Town U3A is on 25th May 2007. The U3A is a club for retired persons. Prospective members may attend the A.G.M in Maynooth Town Library at 11 a.m. on 25th of May 2007.

Maynooth Town U3A was formed in April 2006. It is an initiative of Age Action Ireland. Members have a walking group, book club, theatre, cinema and dancing groups. We also go on outings and host lunches etc. Summer outings are planned.

Members meet every second Friday at 11 a.m. in the Town Library. Members went to Gilbert Library in Pearse St. Dublin on Saturday 14th of April last. The Family History Day provided them with guides to research their family history through the censuses of Ireland 1901 and through family history in the National Library of Ireland in Kildare Street.

The book club meets upstairs in Maynooth Library on the last Wednesday of each month from September.



Maynooth Summer Project

*We are looking for
volunteers to help
organise summer
project 2007.*

Please contact:

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Features

May Day Origins

Called Beltane by the Celts, Walpurgis by the Tuetons, and Floralia by the Romans, May festivals were a time of "wearing of the green." Throughout the Northern Hemisphere, the month of May is a time to celebrate renewal of life. May is named for Maia, grandmother, the Goddess of death and fertility. Maia scorns marriage, so it is a good idea to put weddings off until June. Although less stern goddesses now oversee May Festivities, wreaths and baskets of Hawthorn are still used in some May festivals in Maia's honour.

The May-pole is the most familiar feature of May festivities, but it has three distinct interpretations. In some cultures, the May-pole represented the world centre, or alternately, the hub of the Wheel of Heaven. In ancient times, the intricate dance of weaving cords around the pole was a magical attempt to direct Nature, which had become topsy-turvy over the course of time, back in order. Today the dance is performed by any who wish to participate in weaving the magic.

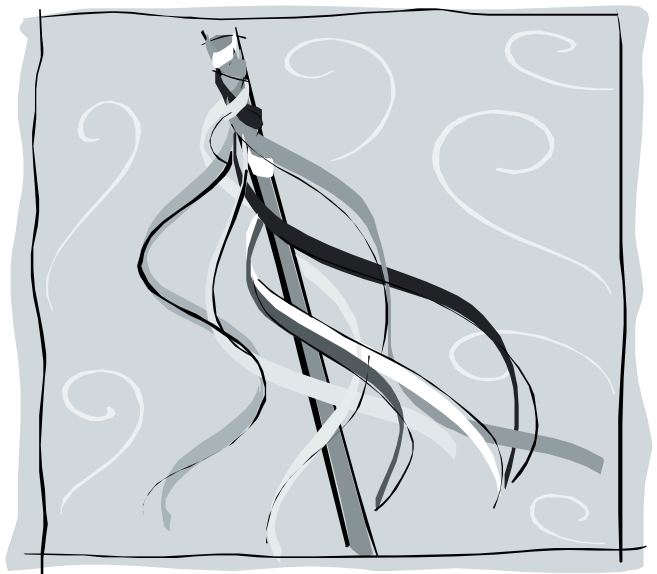
In other cultures, the May-pole was the Tree of Life, or a symbol of it. And this tree - to borrow a phrase from Billy Holiday—bore strange fruit. This is where the Saviour was sacrificed in order to cleanse the earth. Holy Communion, eating his flesh and drinking his blood was possibly restricted to the priest class, but symbolic May Wine was liberally imbibed by the whole community. Hundreds of years later, the Christian lunar festival of Easter would replace the ancient solar festival as the time of renewal and rebirth.

The third meaning of the May-pole most clearly remains today. It is the phallus, the male principle of fertilization. Female principles are represented by baskets and wreaths used in the dances around the pole. In the past times, the hand-fasting movements of the dances would give the young license to 'go into



the green ' together. In some regions, a merlin, or renegade friar, would preside over the mock marriages. Even today, unwed couples consummate the mock marriages performed around the May-pole. Merry-begats, as they were called in England, were usually not acknowledged by their fathers. These babies were said to have been fathered by god.

Celebrated for thousands of years ago throughout diverse cultures, Mayday could be the most ancient religious in the Northern Hemisphere. Ritual human sacrifice to a death/fertility goddess was certainly practiced until the 1st Century BCE. As nature became less fearsome, and more cultivated, the nature goddess became less powerful and bloodthirsty. Today, we still celebrate the remnants of an ancient religion, Nature turning on the Wheel of Heaven.



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Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location	
07/567	John Coakley	P	23/03/07	To erect a roofed feeding area and a manure slab	Old Carton Maynooth Co. Kildare	Agriculture
07/633	Larry Carroll	P	26/03/07	Demolition of old out house and construct	Old Carton Maynooth Co. Kildare	Extension
07/646	Thomas Farrell	P	27/03/07	Development consisting of a ground floor extension to the front and first floor extension to the side of existing house and provision of a velux window to the side of the roof	24 Parklands Court Maynooth Co. Kildare	Extension
07/659	Tony Kennedy	P	28/03/07	The development consist of change of use from office and light industry to office and light industry to use office use replace existing roller entrance door with glazed screen unit installed first floor for office use and all ancillary	Business Campus Moneycooly Maynooth Co. Kildare	Commercial Development
07/667	Glenkerrin Houses Ltd.	P	29/03/07	Modification to a previously approved planning permission re Ref 99/2073 & 01/1207 which include revised internal floor layouts service areas internal glazed atriums together with revised elevations to Block C, D, & E building uses shall etc.	Maynooth Business Campus Moneycooley Maynooth Co. Kildare	Other
07/705	Boylesports	P	29/03/07	Change of use from a video store to a Bookmakers, including the replacement of the existing signage and the provision of 2 new signs	Glenroyal Shopping Centre Maynooth Co. Kildare	Commercial Development
07/696	Gheel Autism Services	P	02/04/07	Alterations to single storey house	Laraghbryan West Maynooth	Extension
07/710	Larry Carroll	P	03/04/07	Development consisting of demolition of old out house and construct two storey extension to the left and rear of the dwelling house	Old Carton Maynooth Co. Kildare	Extension
07/727	Kemek Ltd.	P	04/04/07	1. Expansion of the ancillary offices at first floor level by introducing a full mezzanine floor to light industrial area comprising 150.5 sqm. To support ancillary offices, toilet accommodation, store room and boardroom. Etc.	Unit 11 Block H Maynooth Business Park Maynooth Co. Kildare	Commercial Development
07/777	Camilla & John Webb	P	12/04/07	For a first floor side extension with alterations to ground floor front window and front entrance porch.	18 Lyreen Pk Maynooth Co. Kildare	Extension
07/791	Raymond & Tracy Payne	Outline Permission	16/04/07	To demolish two houses and propose building a two storey higher density courtyard development at one and two bed units	Charmaine & Geraldine Silken Vale Maynooth	Other

Features



BLOG or WEB LOG

A blog (short for "web log") is a type of web page that serves as a publicly accessible personal journal (or log) for an individual. Typically updated daily, blogs often reflect the personality of the author. As there is no editing of blogs, anything goes, so beware!

BROWSE

To follow links in a page, to shop around in a page, exploring what's there, a bit like window shopping. The opposite of browsing a page is **searching** it. When you search a page, you find a search box, enter terms, and find all occurrences of the terms throughout the site. When you browse, you have to guess which words on the page pertain to your interests. Searching is usually more efficient, but sometimes you find things by browsing that you might not find because you might not think of the "right" term to search by.

BROWSERS

Browsers are software programs that enable you to view



WWW .documents. Microsoft Internet Explorer (called simply IE), Mozilla, Firefox,, and Opera are examples of browsers that enable you to view text and images and many other WWW features. They are software that must be installed on your computer. However Explorer comes already installed on all computers running Windows.

CACHE

In browsers, "cache" is used to identify a space where web pages you have visited are stored in your computer. A copy of documents you retrieve is stored in cache. When you use **GO**, **BACK**, or any other means to revisit a document, the browser first checks

to see if it is in cache and will retrieve it from there, because it is much faster than retrieving it from the server.

COOKIE

A message from a WEB SERVER computer, sent to and stored by your browser on your computer. When your computer consults the original server computer, the cookie is sent back to the server, allowing it to respond to you according to the cookie's contents. The main use for cookies is to provide customised Web Pages according to a profile of your interests



DOWNLOAD

The transfer of a file or information from one place to another. This generally means transferring information from the Internet to your own computer. However it is also used to describe transferring, (downloading) images from your camera to your computer or from your computer to your MP3 player.

LINK

Text or image that a user can click on, in order to access or connect to another document. Links are



thought of as the technology that connects two Web pages or Web sites. They are most commonly seen on your browser as underlined words, and when you move your mouse over the link it, (the mouse) changes into a hand.

Links are also referred to as hyperlinks, hypertext, and hot links.

LISTSERVERS

A discussion group method that permits you to subscribe, and receive and participate in discussions via e-mail. Blogs and RSS Feeds provide some of the ways LISTSERVERS communicate their content.

NEWSGROUP

A discussion group operated through the Internet. Not to be confused with LISTSERVERS which operate through e-mail.

PDF or .PDF or PDF file

Abbreviation for Portable Document Format, a File Format developed by Adobe Systems, that is used to let you view almost any kind of document with the formatting intact, so you see it exactly as it was created even, if you don't have the software that created it. Magic! Viewing a PDF file requires Acrobat



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Reader, which is built into most browsers and can be downloaded free from Adobe.

PODCAST

iPOD broad CAST) An audio broadcast that has been converted to an MP3 file or other audio file format for playback in a digital music player or computer. The "pod" in podcast was coined from "iPod," the predominant portable, digital music player, and although podcasts are mostly verbal, they may contain music.

Podcasting Anything and Everything

Podcasting is not just for on-going broadcasts, rather the term is used for recording anything and everything to be played back in a digital player. (MP3) "Sound seeing" is the audio recording of a person's experiences when travelling.



RSS

RSS is a family of Web Feed, (see below) formats used to publish frequently updated digital content, such as blogs, news feeds or podcasts..



SERVER, WEB SERVER

A computer connected to the Internet, so that it can provide documents via the World Wide Web. Also called HOST Computer. Web servers are the closest equivalent to what in the print world is called the "publisher" of a print document. An important difference is that most print publishers carefully edit the content, and quality of their publications, in an effort to market them and future publications. This convention is not required in the Web World, where anyone

can be a publisher; careful evaluation of Web pages is therefore mandatory. Also called a "Host."

WEBSITE

An information resource on the World Wide Web. Websites may provide information on any topic.

WEB FEED

A **Web Feed** is a data format used for serving users frequently updated content. Content distributors *syndicate* a Web Feed, thereby allowing users to *subscribe* to it. Making a collection of Web Feeds accessible in one spot is known as *Aggregation*.

Web feeds are operated by many news Web Sites, Weblogs, Schools, and Podcasters.

Happy browsing!

Jane MacNulty

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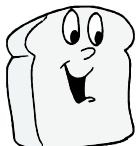
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Sundried Tomato Bread

Ingredients

200g Gluten free white flour
1 tsp Salt
3 tsp Gluten Free baking powder
284ml Buttermilk
3 eggs
1 tsp Tomato puree
2 tsp Olive oil
50g Sundried tomatoes in oil
25g Parmesan Cheese



Method

Heat the oven to 160c/gas 4. Mix the flour, salt and baking powder in a large bowl. In a separate bowl, whisk together the buttermilk, eggs, tomato puree, and oil. Fold the wet ingredients into the dry, then add the sundried tomatoes and half the parmesan.

Grease a 900g loaf tin and pour in the mixture. Sprinkle the remaining parmesan on top and bake for 50-minutes or until a skewer inserted into the middle comes out clean. Turn out onto a wire rack to cool.

Method

Put the onions in a frying pan and cook until soft. Add chopped carrot and celery, and cook until lightly browned. Mix in the mince, breaking it up with a spoon. Cook, stirring often, until the meat is browned. Add the thyme, tomatoes, stock, Worcestershire sauce and parsley, and season to taste. Cover tightly and simmer for 15 minutes. Preheat the oven to 200c/gas 6.

Sift the flour and baking powder and rub in the butter. Add the cheese and herbs, then the yogurt, and mix to a soft dough. Turn out onto a lightly floured board and knead lightly. Roll to about 1cm thick and cut out 9 rounds.

Tip the mince mixture into an ovenproof dish. Casually arrange the dough circles on top of the mince and brush with egg or milk. Bake for about 20-25 minutes until the topping is risen and golden brown and the filling is bubbling.

Remember to check all labels on packets and tins and look for the gluten free symbol.



Gluten Free Ice Cream

Ingredients

6 Egg Whites
1 Cup castor sugar
600ml (1 pint) cream
1 teaspoon instant coffee
2 teaspoons coffee liqueur or gluten free chocolate



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Method

Beat the egg whites until stiff. While still beating, gradually add the castor sugar.

In a second bowl, beat the cream until it thickens, but is still a little soft. Add instant coffee and coffee liqueur and gently fold into beaten egg whites.

Freeze: It does not have to be beaten again.

You can vary this recipe (instead of using coffee and coffee liqueur) by using 1 to 2 teaspoons of orange essence and 2 mandarins blended, or simply add vanilla essence

Beef Rounders

Ingredients

2 tbsp Olive Oil
1 Large Onion,
1 Medium Carrot,
2 Celery sticks,
500g Beef mince
A few sprigs of fresh thyme
400g Can of Tomatoes with juice
150ml Beef Stock
1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
Handful of chopped parsley



For the Topping

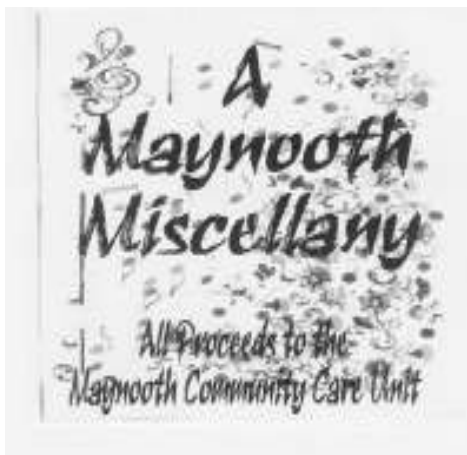
225g Gluten free flour
1/2 tsp Gluten free baking powder
50g Butter
50g Red cheese
1tsp fresh thyme leaves
1 tbsp chopped fresh parsley
150ml low fat natural yogurt.

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Launch of new CD—A Maynooth Miscellany

@ production to celebrate the wealth of Arts activity in the Maynooth area. I tried to capture as much as is possible for one CD. With continuous activities all year round in History, Writers and Poetry Groups, Painting, Irish dancing, Modern dance, Composers, Bands, Traditional Music, Children's drama, Award winning Drama and lots more, the interest in the Arts in this area is healthy and growing all the time.

The one problem that kills enthusiasm is: Maynooth has no performing space. The Aula Maxima and the Parish Hall are both in need of repair and to stage a production in either of these venues is a nightmare. A university town with no Theatre or Cinema makes no sense.



Pictured at the
Castle Keep Art
Exhibition:

Left to Right:

Kate Dempsey
Terry Nealon
Hilda Dunne

The CD "A Maynooth Miscellany" is on sale at the following shops: The Maynooth Bookshop, Main Street. The College Bookshop, Maynooth College K & B Music Store The Square Maynooth.

Thanks to all who gave so freely of their time, and talent and apologies to anyone I did not get to.

All Profits from this CD go to the Maynooth Community Care Unit.

For more information on the Arts In Maynooth.

Contact 01-6289705

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Golf Society

Maynooth Golf Society outing to Athy Golf Club on 31st March had an early start time of 9.00 but this did not deter a large attendance of 43 players.

The weather was kind to us yet again and the near perfect conditions for golf produced some very good scores for this challenging golf course.

Derek Murray with a score of 40 points was the eventual winner of this outing sponsored by David Mahony Plumbing followed by Liam Farrelly (2nd) and Joe Bibik (3rd) both with 38 points.

Prizes were presented that evening by our Captain Pat Conway in Caulfields to a large attendance.

Thanks to our Sponsors David Mahony and to all who attended and supported this outing.

The next venue is Moate Golf club on 21st April.

RESULT SHEET

1st Prize	Derek Murray	40 pts
2nd Prize	Liam Farrelly	38 pts B9
3rd Prize	Joe Bibik	38 pts
4th Prize	Martin Maguire	37 pts B9
5th Prize	Gary Moffit	36 pts
6th Prize	Barry Farrell	37 pts B6
7th Prize	David Mahony	35 pts B9
Front 9	Barry Desmond	19 pts
Back 9	Pat Conway	19 pts
Nearest The Pin	Kevin Loftus	
2's	Kevin Loftus, Niall Farrell	



*Kevin Loftus Sec., Derek Murray Winner Athy G.C.,
David Mahony Sponsor and Pat Conway, Captain.*

15 New Buses for Lucan and North Kildare still parked in the Garage

The 15 buses of the 100 buses purchased by Dublin Bus earmarked for the Lucan Road Corridor which includes, Leixlip, Celbridge, Maynooth & Kilcock were delivered to Dublin Bus last December, however they remain parked in the Garage rather than in use on the routes in question.

They were identified as needed in the Dublin Bus Network Review and were to be used in the most rapidly developing area's. Dublin Bus have confirmed to me today that they have applied for a license for Adamstown but have not even commenced consideration for North Kildare and will not do so until Summer at the earliest. The review will look at the area in its totality and consider for example ways of creating connections between Celbridge and Leixlip where none exists at present, it will consider locations such as Moyglare Road for a new service and increasing service on Easton Road where there is just one peak time bus service morning and evening.

A private operator (Morton's) was granted a license last October to operate a new service (every 20 mins) out of Celbridge, the service is now up and running, until the service is really established the Department of Transport wont allow Dublin Bus introduce any changes that might impact in any way with the private operator. The license was granted under the 1932 act and is very restrictive. The Department of Transport micro manage in that they are the ones that give the green light for any timetable changes even small ones.

The Lucan Road Corridor is the flashpoint in that the same impediments are not present in other parts of the network or where they are to a much lesser extent. Dublin Bus will be looking at the totality of the service in North Kildare during the Summer and for example there is no bus service between Celbridge and Leixlip but there is a lot of people employed in Intel & HP who live in Celbridge. Dublin Bus have been in consultation with Maynooth College and have jointly identified a turning facility which will be used when the 15 buses come into use, realistically this will be in the Autumn at the earliest.

"What is occurring is similar to what happened in the UK which has led to the Bus Wars in particular locations such as Manchester. What seems to have been forgotten in all of this is the commuter this is competition gone mad".

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Murphy & McGrath criticise stated Government position on Voter Equality

Independent TDs Catherine Murphy (Kildare North and Finian McGrath (Dublin North Central) have today harshly criticized the failure by Government to comment on the issue of voter equality highlighted by the two last weeks in their initiation of High Court Proceedings contesting the constitutionality of Dáil Constituencies established through the Electoral (Amendment) Act, 2005. McGrath and Murphy today issued a letter to the Minister for the Environment and the Attorney General, joint respondents to the High Court action lodged by solicitor Eddie McGarr on Thursday the 5th of April 2007, criticizing strongly the inaccuracy of the only comment made by either respondent which stated that a constituency redraw could only be initiated by the final censuses figures which would not be released until next week.

"The final censuses figures were published on the 29th of March 2007 but comments by a spokesperson of the Department of the Environment to RTE on Monday the 9th of April that these figures are not due for release until the end of April suggests that the Government is unaware of this. They're stalling and trying to sweep this issue under the carpet to usurp the power of the citizens of this country to elect a Government in an open and proportionate manner. It's a disgrace and we've written to them to convey our dismay at their cavalier attitude to the fundamental rights of citizens of this country."

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Murphy Cities "Great Concern" over affordable housing system

Catherine Murphy, TD (Ind) yesterday in the Dáil cited her "great concern" at the fact that only 25% of apartment dwellers surveyed in recent Dublin City Council Quality of Life Survey are happy to live in apartments in the future, while at the same time Kildare County Council continues, almost exclusively, to acquire 2 bedroom apartments for allocation under its Social and Affordable Schemes. In a later statement Murphy highlighted the problems faced by the lack of variation in housing size or type being made available by Kildare county council:

"While a two bed apartment is suitable for some social or affordable housing applicants it doesn't suit everyone, for example growing families and, particularly in the case of affordable homes that cannot be sold within 20 years of the purchase without incurring a financial claw back. In only offering homes of this size we're creating a whole new set of problems for the future. It's vital that the affordable housing scheme is changed so that those needing to trade up are allowed to do so without being subject to the claw back and it's also vital that the Government ensures that the Councils can afford to purchase, and in turn offer, homes of various different shapes and sizes to accommodate all applicants."

Murphy made the following statement in the Dáil on the 28th of March 2007

"The majority of social and affordable housing units acquired by Kildare County Council have been small, two-bedroom apartments. The result of a Dublin City Council quality of life survey indicate that only 25% of apartment dwellers in Dublin still expect to be living in a flat in the future, a cause of great concern. I call on the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to ensure the way in which Part V social and affordable housing is delivered is changed to track the number of units delivered but also the variety of housing types and sizes made available to applicants."



Emmet Stagg T.D.

Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Double Yellow Lines at Parklands/Castlebridge

Residents will be aware that Cllr. John McGinley allocated €9,000 from his Discretionary Grants for the painting of double yellow lines on both sides of this road in the interest of public safety. The Area Engineer stated at a public meeting that she expected to get the work done in February, weather permitting. When Cllr. John McGinley enquired as to why this did not happen he was advised by the engineer that *"a drawing was required in order for the painting to proceed"* and that the Roads Design Section of the Council had been asked to do the drawing.

Cllr. McGinley has pointed out that it is ridiculous that a drawing has to be provided for such basic work as painting yellow lines. The Area Engineer has advised John that there should not be much of a delay.

Making Beaufield a Cul de Sac

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee on 20th April:

"What steps have been taken to cul de sac Beaufield estate, Maynooth as agreed at the Area Committee meeting on 16 February 2007?"

Implementation of Flood Alleviation Measures:

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee on 20th April:

"Why has the Third Eye on the Lyreen Bridge, Mill Street, Maynooth, not been opened as called for in the Lyreen Flood Relief Scheme and as per Condition 7 of the Planning Permission Granted in An Bord Pleanála's Second Schedule for Manor Mills Development" .

Dangerous Wall at The Bandhall and at The Small Pound

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee on 20th April:

"That funding from the Development Contributions Scheme, or funding from levies from the old scheme, be used to rebuild the Council walls between The Band Hall and Pound Park and at the Small Pound, Maynooth, as requested by Maynooth Tidy Towns, Lyreen Residents' Association, Maynooth Community Council and as asked for in my motion to the Area Committee meeting on 18 November 2005"

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Extension of Yellow Box at "Joe Buckleys" on Main St., Maynooth.

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to extend the Yellow Box at this location, in the College direction, as it is too small to enable cars emerging from Buckley's Lane to turn right on Main Street.

No Entry Signs at Back Lane/Pound Lane

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to revamp the No Entry and Road Signs at Pound Lane/Back Lane as they are faded and motorists claim that they don't see them.

Removal of Bollards at the Bottom of Old Greenfield

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee on 20th April:

"That the bollards at the bottom of Old Greenfield, Maynooth be removed for the following reasons:

1. *They were put there as a temporary measure, to stop the rat run to the Straffan Road, until the Meadowbrook Link Road was opened.*
2. *There will be reduced traffic on the Straffan Road to Main Street as residents of Old Greenfield will be able to go via Bond Bridge and go to the M4 via the Meadowbrook Link Road.*
3. *It will help eliminate the anti-social activity at the bollards.*
4. *The residents of Old Greenfield want them removed as they then will:*
5. *Have two access roads to the Straffan Road. They will be able to go to the town via Bond Bridge without having to wait to get onto the Straffan Road."*

New Public Lighting at The Harbour & CCTV at The Playground

Following a campaign by Cllr. John McGinley ducting is at present being laid for new public lighting at The Harbour, Maynooth and for CCTV Cameras for the Children's Playground. The Council have provided €35,000 for this work, and Waterways Ireland are playing a very active role, and The Royal Canal Amenity Group are doing the Civil Works.

The new lighting will make this highly pedestrian area much safer and along with the CCTV cameras, anti social activity in the area should come to an end.

Less than 1% of pupils in Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth National Schools in classes of less than 20 Stagg tells Dáil

Labour Deputy Emmet Stagg speaking in the Dáil on a Labour Private Members Motion on Wednesday 21st March outlined some startling figures in relation to Class Sizes in our National Schools and roundly condemned the Government for their failure to reduce class sizes for under 9's to 20.

In his speech Deputy Stagg stated that we were now a rich country and could afford to provide the very best opportunities for our children and young people. The future well-being and prosperity of our nation was dictated by its investment in the education and cultural development of its youth.

Fianna Fail in Government had failed to live up to their promises on the reduction in class sizes for 10 years and why, declared Deputy Stagg, should the public believe them now.

Outlining some startling figures which were provided by the I.N.T.O. Deputy Stagg told the Dáil that:

- Some pupils are 6 before a place is provided for them in National Schools in Kildare North.
- In Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth, with 4,949 Pupils in our National Schools at present, only 35 pupils are in classes of less than 20. That's 0.7%. Yes less than 1%.
- In Kildare North there are 1,972 children in classes of 20 to 24 pupils, 6,408 in classes of 25 to 29 pupils and 3,854 children in classes of 30 or more pupils.
- The average class size in Kildare North at 27.1 pupils to each class is the highest in the country.

Deputy Stagg stated that the parents of these children as taxpayers, had given the Minister money to do her duty but that she had failed miserably to do so.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg commended Labour Deputy O'Sullivan's motion to the House and thanked the I.N.T.O. for its vigorous campaign and assistance in providing statistics.

Full text of Deputy Stagg's speech in the Dáil on Labour's motion on Class Sizes– Wednesday 21st March, 2007

Mr. Stagg: I would like to share time with Deputies Moynihan-Cronin, Gilmore and O'Shea. I thank the Labour Party education spokesperson,

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Deputy O'Sullivan, for tabling the motion enabling us to have this debate.

We are lucky to live in a rich country which has the resources to provide world-class services for its people but this did not become a rich country by chance. In the relatively short period from 1994 to 1997 Deputy Quinn, as Minister for Finance, laid the foundations for and developed the successful economy that gives the State riches beyond its dreams. As a result, we can afford to provide the very best opportunities for our children and young people. The future well-being and prosperity of a nation are dictated by its investment in the education and cultural development of its youth. The foundation of that investment in our future is the funding and resourcing of primary education for our children. The State recognises this fact, as is evident in free universal access to primary education for all children.

That was the case until this crowd of wasters got their hands on the resources provided by the taxpayer. The Progressive Democrats should not be blamed for this because Fianna Fáil pledged to reduce class sizes to 20 pupils for children under nine years of age. This pledge was made in 1997 and 2002 but on neither occasion was the promise kept. Not only did Fianna Fáil break its pledge to the children of this country but the Minister for Education and Science, Deputy Hanafin, also arrogantly announced shortly after her appointment that she had no intention of fulfilling her party's undertaking on class size reduction. Fianna Fáil now has the cheek and breathtaking arrogance to repeat this pledge again. Does it think people are total fools? Does the Minister believe they will swallow the lies for the third time running? I assure her they will not be fooled again. God help the poor, innocent Fianna Fáil candidates in north Kildare.

I want to inform the Minister of the effect of her broken promises and failure to keep her repeated pledges on the children of north Kildare who attend school in the largest classes in Ireland, far exceeding any elsewhere in Europe. Some reach six years of age by the time they get a place in such classes. In Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth combined there are only 35 children in classes of less than 20 pupils. This gives the lie to the Taoiseach's suggestion this morning that many children are in such classes. In those three towns there is a total of 4,900 pupils, of whom less than 1% are in classes of less than 20. In north Kildare there are 1,972 children in classes of 20 to 24 pupils, 6,408 in classes of 25 to 29 pupils and 3,854 in classes of 30 pupils and higher. The average class size in north Kildare is 27.1. Ten years after the

first Fianna Fáil commitment this is a shocking indictment of its failure.

Despite their best efforts, teachers cannot teach classes of 30 to 35 children. Our children suffer as a result. The effect of this on children, their life prospects and right to develop to their full potential is far reaching and most harmful to them. Such class sizes damage the foundation of education progress and makes it more difficult for children to develop to the second and third stages. The parents of these children, as taxpayers, have given the Minister money to do her duty but she has failed miserably to do so.

I commend Deputy O'Sullivan's motion to the House and thank the INTO for its vigorous campaign and assistance in providing statistics for my contribution.

Bus network review in Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge commences

Following enquiries from Deputy Emmet Stagg concerning the extension of Bus Services to the Newtown and Moyglare Areas of Maynooth Dublin Bus have advised that they have commenced a Network Review of all bus services in the Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge Areas.

Deputy Stagg had pointed out to Dublin Bus that with the opening of the Meadowbrook Link and the completion of the New Bond Bridge that Dublin Bus should examine the possibility of extending bus services to the 1,000 homes in the Newtown Area. He also indicated that there were 500 houses on the Moyglare Road and a further 400 under construction and that a service was required in that part of Maynooth which was isolated from the remainder of the town. The extension of Additional Bus Services to the Easton Area of Leixlip is also required.

Dublin Bus indicated to Deputy Stagg that initial studies will be completed in the coming months and that a draft plan would be submitted to the Department of Transport by the latter quarter of 2007 with implementation of changes to commence in January 2008.

Deputy Stagg has welcomed the commencement of the Review and that in tandem with the additional 15 buses which North Kildare expects to receive to increase capacity in the area we will also now have in place a local network to service the extended population areas of the Towns in North Kildare.

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Stagg welcomes refusal of permission for Mast at Maynooth G.A.A. grounds

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the decision by Kildare Co. Council to refuse planning permission to O2 Communications for the retention of their unauthorised mast at Maynooth G.A.A. Grounds on the Moyglare Road, Maynooth.

Having been served with an Enforcement Order in December, 2004, and having submitted 4 Invalid Planning Applications, at their 5th Attempt O2 put in a valid application which has now been refused planning permission by Kildare Co. Council stated Deputy Stagg.

The Council refused planning permission for the following reasons:

- Having regard to the provisions of the Maynooth Development Plan 2002 which states that Telecommunications Masts will not be permitted in the vicinity of schools or residential areas, the proposed development would contravene this policy and would therefore be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
- Having Regard to the location of the proposed development, close to existing buildings, residences and on lands zoned Open Space and Amenity in the Maynooth Development Plan 2002, it is considered that the proposal is contrary to the spirit, intentions and provisions of the 1996 Telecommunications Guidelines, the Kildare Co. Development Plan and the Maynooth Development Plan 2002. The proposed development would set an undesirable precedent for further similar development in the area and would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

Deputy Stagg stated that he was pleased that at last the Council were in a position to decide on this issue under the Planning Laws. O2 will certainly appeal this decision to An Bord Pleanala and Deputy Stagg vowed to continue the battle there against this unacceptable development.

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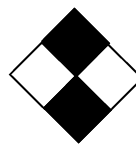
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Homemade Cleaning Products.

Furniture Polish

Mix in a sprayer bottle

1 Cup of Olive Oil
1/2 Cup of Lemon Juice

Shake well and apply a small amount to a flannel cleaning cloth. Spread evenly over furniture and use a fresh cloth to dry and polish.

Glass Cleaner.

Mix in a sprayer bottle

1 Cup Rubbing alcohol
1 Cup water
1 Tablespoon white vinegar

Homemade Toilet Cleaner

1/4 Cup Baking soda
1/4 Cup liquid detergent
1/4 Cup warm water

Mix together the baking soda, liquid detergent, and water in a bowl. Use a toilet brush to apply the cleaner inside the bowl. You can let the solution soak inside the bowl for as long as you like, or you can immediately swish it around with the brush before flushing. If badly soiled leave soaking overnight.



Oldest tip
for the
month of
May

Never cast
a clout till
May is out

Vinegar Cleaning Tips.

1. Paint brushes can be cleaned by simmering in vinegar and washed with hot soapy water.
2. Brighten you wash by adding 1/2 cup of vinegar to the rinse cycle.
3. To clean your microwave, boil 1/4 cup of vinegar and 1 cup water. Rub around all areas and leave for an hour before wiping clean.
4. You can make your own furniture cleaner by mixing 1 part vinegar to 3 parts lemon juice.
5. Clean dentures by soaking them overnight in white vinegar.

Furniture Protection Tips.

Protect furnishings from the sun and strong natural light as this will cause fibre degeneration and colour fade. Occasionally, dyes can fade from impurities within the atmosphere such as cigarette smoke, cooking fumes etc.

Rearrange the furniture and turn cushions occasionally to ensure even wear of the cushions, and fabrics.

Take care when wearing clothing that could cause dye transfer, such as jeans etc. Dye transfers on to light coloured furniture and can be difficult to remove.

Place your furniture a minimum of two feet away from a radiator or other heat source.

Avoid using or placing sharp objects on leather goods. Leather is very durable, but not accident or damage proof.

Clean leather with good quality upholstery leather cleaner, preferably once a month if the furniture is used Daily, but at least four times a year. Sponge gently until all the grime and stains are lifted, and wipe over the surface with clean, dry white towelling to absorb the soiling.

Quick Laundry Tips

Wash your delicate clothes in a pillow case instead of buying a special lingerie bag. Place the clothes in the pillowcase (an old, thin one works best), and tie a knot in the end. Run your washing machine on the delicate or the shortest wash cycle.

A piece of stale bread will remove fresh spots on leather and suede gloves. Just rub the spots with the bread.

Make sure you have not wet or damp articles in the laundry basket. The items next to the wet article will get mildew. If this happens rub the article with white vinegar and lemon juice. Saturate the stains. Sprinkle salt on the area and scrub in (use lots of salt). Place article in sun to dry. This may need a few treatments, but it eventually works. The mildew will eventually come out.



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PUBLIC SAFETY ASSOCIATION Meeting at the GLENROYAL HOTEL

April 23RD 2007

I was pleased to attend the Public meeting organised by Mr. Vic Murphy, of the newly formed Public Safety Association at the Glenroyal Hotel Monday 23rd April. This association as I understand it has been set up by citizens concerned for the safety of the people of Maynooth and I also understand that one of its members children has been the victim of a vicious unprovoked assault which resulted in serious injury to the child and the hospitalisation of the secondary school going student.

Maynooth is a progressive Town with a lot going for it. Its an attractive historical Town with many varied attractive Historical Buildings and Land Marks, such as Carton House, Carton estate itself, Carton Avenue, The Geraldine Castle, the tree lined Main St., and St. Patricks College. The University has some 6,000 students plus 1,000 staff. The population of Maynooth is approx. 13,000. Both Maynooth Town and the University are expanding and undergoing further development. These expansions bring many welcome benefits and rewards in the form of better social activities, services and increased business activity.

Unfortunately, along with this welcome increase in business and services, modern day anti-social behaviour has rapidly increased. Also damage to property, damage to business premises, shop fronts, drink and drug parties in amenity areas of the Town, which defaces and destroy those amenity areas and adversely affect residential areas and the residents peace of mind. Damage to Children's Play Ground and the play areas. Threatening of commuters using the Harbour area on their way from the Train Station. People who live close or adjacent to trouble spots are fearful to leave their homes after dark or are fearful on their way home after dark. People are being threatened, assaulted and some viciously attacked. A number of violent robberies have taken place during this period.

THIS BEHAVIOUR IS ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE. THIS BEHAVIOUR MUST STOP AND IT WILL STOP. The peace and stability of the Community is paramount. The protection of the people and their environment comes 1st. No bunch of hoodlums are going to wreck the lives of the people of Maynooth or take over sections of this town and create 'no go' areas.

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The Gardai in Maynooth are doing their best. Besides the large number of young adults from Maynooth and the University, a large number of young people are drawn into the Town, and the Gardai's handling of increased numbers of revellers, on certain nights of the week is to be commended. A lot of this anti-social behaviour and vicious attacks happen largely in the amenity areas, which are pedestrianised and inaccessible by the Gardai patrol car. Besides that, in order to apprehend offenders you need to get victims to make statements against attackers. Victims of assault are mostly under threat of reprisals if they report the incident, or give evidence against their attacker. In this regard there is only so much the Gardai can do, and effectively the Gardai's hands are tied without victim statements.

A new initiative was needed. Last year, members of the Business Association and a Member of the University staff began talking and looking at the escalation of robberies, violence and anti-social behaviour and damage to shop fronts, and flags during RYDER CUP week. Out of their discussions was born the idea of Community CCTV. It is this type of positive thinking and action that is required to help Gardai function in their duties, and this sort of initiative will bring the Community and Gardai closer and should result with positive benefits in return. The Gardai need this integration and co-operation with the CCTV Steering Committee and the Executives of the Public Safety Association, and the Community at large to tackle, and stamp out all forms of anti-social behaviour. MAKE NO MISTAKE, if the Steering Committee and The Public Safety Association liaise closely with the Gardai, THIS INITIATIVE WILL WORK.

Members of the Business Association began pursuing the Community CCTV idea in November 2006. The Minister for Justice has set up funding to the tune of 70% grant aid to finance the set up and implementation of Community CCTV schemes through POBAL. There are 2 stages of application, and the Maynooth Business Association have successfully had their 1st stage application in before the deadline date of end February 2006. If their stage one application is successful, things will start to happen quickly and the Business Association will hold Public meetings at which a large amount of information will be available to the Community. This will be well publicised and you will learn a lot more in due course, if and when, the application is approved. You can be assured this will be done properly. The Business Association are a professional lot.

I would like to congratulate the Maynooth Business Association Executive and in particular Ms. Brid Feely, who came to me before Christmas seeking my

assistance with the application. There are 3 mandatory conditions, and Brid Feely stated that my help and input was vital, and the application would not make the deadline date without my help and influence. I was only too delighted to assist, and I discussed the initiative and got written approval from the Chief Superintendent. I set up a meeting with Mr Des Page and members of the Maynooth Business Association Executive at which I also attended. Together we went through the procedures carefully and methodically, and at this stage, I would like to sincerely thank the Chief Superintendent and Mr Des Page for their positivity and support. At that meeting, and subsequently, I spoke with Mr Des Page about improved lighting for the Harbour Area, and mentioned to him the importance that any lighting which would be introduced would be compatible with the function of CCTV cameras. I also asked Mr Page to talk with Waterways Ireland on the possibility of laying extra cable, along with the lighting cable to facilitate the implementation of additional cameras, which may be introduced. The Children's Playground is another area that has been adversely affected by anti-social behaviour, and we already have in our application plans for a 360 degree vision camera in this area. I am wondering if enough thought went into deciding the suitability of the location of the playground for a number of reasons, but I won't go into that tonight. I will also be in touch with Waterways Ireland during the coming week, as I am concerned about adequate lighting for the Canal Walkway. That is the walkway between the Harbour Field and Bond Bridge. That walkway absolutely needs good lighting, not only to address anti-social behaviour, but also from a public safety point of view. The residents of Parson Lodge, the Apartments at Bond Bridge and residents of Parson Street are also directly affected by anti-social behaviour on the canal walkway I am referring to. These residents can rest assured, I will pursue this matter until I get a satisfactory result and peace is restored to their area.

I am delighted to be involved in this positive approach in dealing with anti-social behaviour and its fantastic to be helping people to help themselves deal with a dangerous and serious public nuisance that is anti-social behaviour. I am now working with and for the Business Association for their Stage 2 Application and we are well into the second stage of the application. I would like to thank the Business Association executive for their time and diligence. Its not easy to set time aside for this time consuming initiative when you are trying to run a business as well.

I have had discussions with Brid Feely about future expansion of the Community CCTV network of

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cameras. In the event additional cameras are required for additional areas and I am glad to be in a position to help, and be involved in their next stage of application, as well as possible expansion of the scheme. I will work with the Superintendent, the Local Authority and the Steering Committee and we will gauge how effective the scheme is working?

The perpetrators of violence and anti-social behaviour pick their areas and targets carefully. I AM COMMITTING MY HELP AND SUPPORT to the Business Association and the Gardai are also committed to following up and tackling areas or new areas that might evolve as anti-social behaviour 'black spots' in the future.

I want to recognise Brid Feely and her colleagues in the Business Association executive for their concerted action in putting forward CCTV as part of the solution to anti-social behaviour. We need more people to stand out in our Communities and make such positive social contributions to our society.

To all the other towns in North Kildare with anti-social behaviour problems, I say, I am here to help. I will be only too delighted to help just as I did the Maynooth Business Association. I would be only too happy to assist Naas, Leixlip, Celbridge and others in any help they may require in the event they consider Community CCTV to be the answer in dealing with the sort of anti-social behaviour that Maynooth is experiencing.

Hopefully Maynooth will be successful in its application and it will be interesting to follow developments in the future. I particularly look forward to communicating with the Superintendent after the CCTV system has been put in place and monitoring its effectiveness. I have no doubt in the potential of Community CCTV to be a very effective tool in helping the Gardai deal with violence, assault, robberies and anti-social behaviour.

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Editorial

Maynooth Newsletter Editorial June 2007

As I write the General Election of 2007 is just over and all the results are in. In Kildare and particularly with regard to Maynooth, we have two new T.D.'s Michael Fitzpatrick and Áine Brady of Fianna Fail who now join Emmet Stagg and Bernard Durkan, of Labour and Fine Gael respectively. Commiserations go to Catherine Murphy who lost out on this occasion.

In an age in which an increasing number of people have become cynical or disillusioned with politics and politicians, I think it should be remembered that politicians are people who work for the common good, who have a drive and a genuine interest in making sure that we will live in the best environment possible; socially, economically etc. etc.

While they may enjoy good salaries, they are public property and must be available and answerable to the general public. The public have spoken and their choices remain. Let us wish all the T.D.'s elected the very best of luck in the next five years.

May I take this opportunity to again appeal to the residents in Maynooth to play their part in making our community the very best we can, by submitting their names to the Community Council. We can all play our part on ground level to achieve what our T.D.'s must aim for on a county level.

Finally, may I also congratulate all the Political Parties and Independent candidates for removing their posters but most particularly the plastic ties off the poles—helping to ensure Maynooth is looking good and tidy.

Brid Feely
Editor

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

The May meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on the 14th May in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Maynooth Fairtrade Town Launch

Peter Connell said Maynooth has now reached the criteria needed and has now gained Fairtrade Status. He said that a group of people came together about three years ago and that this was the results of all their hard work. He said the meeting was well attended: he also noted that a big group of school children were present. Also in attendance were Catherine Murphy TD and Emmet Stagg TD. Peter then explained that 12 outlets in Maynooth now sell Fairtrade produce. He also stated that the Celtic Tiger hasn't taken people over and people want to buy these goods.

Rosemary Zenner gave a short talk on one area she visited in Bangladesh. She said that Bangladesh is more or less the same size as Ireland but with a huge population difference. Bangladesh has 140 million people while Ireland has only 4 million in comparison. The children from Gaelscoil gave a lovely performance depicting people working in Fairtrade industries. Peter Gaynor, Director of Fairtrade Ireland, also gave a short talk and congratulated Maynooth and all involved.

Peter Connell thanked all concerned with this project: the supermarkets for stocking the goods: places like the Glenroyal Hotel and NUI Maynooth: The Community Council for endorsing the project and the office for using the goods.

It was then brought to everyone's attention that Peter Connell was resigning from the Community Council. This news was received with some shock and Peter explained that he has now moved to Celbridge and that he will commence to annoy them over there. Many tributes were paid to Peter for his many years of service to Maynooth and the Community Council. He has served as Vice- Chairperson and was involved with the Newsletter for many years. A vote of thanks was extended to him by Secretary Muireann Ni Bhrolcháin.

Tidy Towns

Paul Croghan said they are now out every Wednesday night and that they will be looking at new projects for the town. The flower baskets will be done as soon as possible after the elections with the hope that all posters and ties will be removed as soon as possible. There was a good attendance at their AGM gaining them a lot of new members. The response from children is very good he said and it shows in schools getting their green flags. He also hoped business people will make an effort and keep their buildings in

good shape as this also contributes to the points. He also asked that people bring in their bins after collection.

Matt Callaghan had a few hard words to say He said that he never saw the town as dirty as it was in the early part of April.

They will be hoping to do a lot better in the I-BAL competition this year coming 52 out of 53 towns entered last year. He stressed that this is a community effort as well as Tidy Towns.

An Nuada Player

Terry Nealon regretted the fact that Maynooth does not have a theatre; they find it very difficult to do anything, and that The Arts is very much alive in Maynooth. They put on at least two productions every year and hope that the planed development of the Geraldine Hall will soon come together; also they have produced a CD, A Maynooth Miscellany of local music and poetry to highlight the fact.

Local Matters

Historical Group

Hilda Dunne talked about the Moyglare Gardens and the Mill Wheel and that they have a planed project to make people more aware of these local historical places and structures. Hilda also said that they had wanted to use the Castle grounds on occasions and had been refused by the O.P.W.

It seems impossible to gain access to the Castle grounds: efforts were made to have the grounds open for Community week said Paul Croghan but this had also proved difficult. It was suggested that we should write to the Castle Committee.

Low Flying Aircraft

This problem was raised again, while it was thought that there was a great improvement in this problem. However some areas Re – The Moyglare areas were now experiencing low and frequent aircraft traffic said Paul Croghan. A guide was issued before regarding this; if the number can be read from the ground then the plane is low.

Community Games

Matt Callaghan said that Community Games were taking part this year in Chess, Art, Athletics, and Swimming. Matt hoped that County and National medals would be won.

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Public Meeting on Vandalism

This was a very well presented meeting with very good attendance.

The question was raised Re. CCTV full coverage in the town by Tom Mc Mullin.

Brid Feely said that the Business Association are working on this.

Phone Mast at GAA

It was noted that Kildare County Council has refused planning permission for the retention of the mast at the GAA.

It was suggested that GAA might consider dropping the problem with the mast: also the fact that it's in the development plan that no mast should be within close proximity of schools and built- up areas. This would be seen as the right thing to do for the people of Maynooth.

The fact was also raised that phone masts have been around for some years now and that there were no known health issues but it was also pointed out that this is not proven. It was suggested that O2 should be written to re- stating that we, the people of Maynooth, are disappointed at the response to the local community.

Maynooth Community Council Elections

It is hoped that there will be a good response to the elections. Nominations will have closed by the 17th May and elections will be deemed necessary if nominations outnumber places available. The first meeting of the new Council will take place on the 18th June with the election of the new executive; it will also be an AGM.

Next Community Council meeting will take place on the 18th June in the Glenroyal Hotel at 8.30.p.m.

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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Notes

Know your rights

Question

I have checked the Register of Electors and I am not on it. Can I still register to vote in the next general election?

Answer

In order to vote in an election, you must be registered. A draft Electoral Register was compiled by each local authority and published on the 1st of November 2006. Corrections or additions could then be submitted before the 9th of December and these were included in the Register that came into force on the 15 February 2007. To be included in the Register you must be at least 18 years of age on that day. Also, you must have been ordinarily resident in the State on the 1st of September 2006.

If you are not on the published Register, you can still apply for inclusion in a supplement to the Register. Application forms for this are available from Garda stations, public libraries and local authority offices. You can view the Register at these locations and online at the website www.checktheregister.ie.

If you are already on the Register of Electors but have moved to another area, you can apply for inclusion in the supplement at your new address. Your name will be deleted from the original Register.

In order to be included in the supplement used at the next general election, your application must be received by your local authority at least 15 working days before polling day. You must be at least 18 years of age on polling day and you must be ordinarily resident at the address at which you wish to be registered.

To vote in a general election in Ireland you must be a citizen of Ireland or the UK. Citizens of other countries who are registered and vote in European and/or local elections.

Question

Who is entitled to claim a Bereavement Grant in the event of death?

Answer

The Bereavement Grant is a payment to assist with funeral or other expenses following a death. The grant of €850 is usually paid to the person responsible for these expenses.

Eligibility usually depends on the number of PRSI (Pay-Related Social Insurance) contributions that have been made over a certain period of time. You may also be eligible based on entitlement to certain social welfare payments.

The PRSI requirement can be met by the PRSI payment of either the deceased person or their spouse or partner. In the case of the death of a child under 18 years of age (or under 22 if in full-time education), the PRSI contributions of their parent or guardian are taken into account.

The grant is also payable on the death of:

- A Contributory pensioner, their spouse or partner, or someone for whom they received a qualified child allowance or qualified adult allowance.
- An orphan for whom a Guardian's Payment (Contributory) was being paid, or their guardian.
- The widow or widower of a deceased insured person.

From May 2007, the grant is payable on the death of a person aged between 16 and 22 who was receiving Disability Allowance.

To apply for the Bereavement Grant, contact your local Social Welfare Office or telephone Lo-call 1890-500-00.

Other grants available following a death include the Widowed Parent Grant, for widows or widowers with dependent children, and the Special Funeral Grant which may be claimed under the Occupational Injuries Benefit Scheme where death results from a work-related accident or disease.

Question

What rights do older people or people with disabilities have when they are dealing with their energy supplier?

Answer

Electricity and gas suppliers must follow the customer protection guidelines which have been produced by the Commission for Energy Regulation.

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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Notes (Cont'd)

These include the following protections and entitlements

- Older people cannot be disconnected by their energy supplier during the winter months, between November the 1st and March the 31st.
- People with a visual impairment must be provided with an alternative means of communication such as Braille bills, talking bills or phone bills.
- People who are hard of hearing must be provided with a minicom, text messaging or video service to receive their bills.
- People relying on life support equipment in their homes cannot be disconnected under any circumstances.
- A register of vulnerable customers must be maintained by all electricity and gas suppliers.
- A second person may be nominated to receive energy bills on behalf of a vulnerable person.
- Energy suppliers must facilitate payment options for residential customers experiencing genuine financial hardship and, where appropriate, engage with a financial/money advisor appointed by the customer.

Companies are required to have a fair and reasonable complaints procedure in place for customers who are not satisfied with the service they receive.

Question

What is the European Health Insurance Card?

Answer

If you are visiting certain European countries and you become ill or get injured, the European Health Insurance Card allows you to access public healthcare services. It replaces the E111 which had previously been required.

If you are going on a short stay to an EU country, an EEA country (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) or to Switzerland, it is advisable to have the card to cover you and your family for public healthcare. Cards issued from March 2007 are valid for four years and each person travelling will need a card. It is not required for a temporary visit to the UK if you can prove that you are ordinarily resident in Ireland.

You can apply for the card online at www.ehic.ie if you already have a medical card, GP visit card or a Drugs Payment scheme card. Otherwise you can

download an application form from this web site or get it from your Local Health Office. You will need to provide your name, address, date of birth and Personal Public Service Number (PPS No.).

You should apply for a card at least ten working days before travelling. If there is not enough time to get the card, contact your Local Health Office to get a Temporary Replacement Certificate instead for each person travelling.

If you have a card that has expired, you can apply online to renew your card. You will require your existing card number. If you have changed your address or your name, you will need to contact your Local Health Office. If you have concerns about getting a renewed card in time, you can get a Temporary Replacement Certificate.

You may also wish to consider taking out private travel insurance for some expenses that are not covered by the European Health Insurance Card. These may include the costs of repatriation home or the expenses of relatives who travel to you if you fall ill abroad.

Further Information is available from the Citizens Information Centre.

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**Cemetery Sunday
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At
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Useful Tips

Useful Beauty Tips

Natural wart remover:

Banana peel contains a substance that is highly effective at destroying warts. Place a small amount of peel against the wart and hold it in place with adhesive tape. Change the peel daily as needed and continue for 2 weeks or until the wart is gone.



Zap blemishes:

Tea's tannic acid absorbs oils that lead to blemishes. Saturate a tea bag in warm water and press on the affected area for about 5 minutes. Rinse, then dab on some cream to get the red out.

Keep your skin smooth:

Exfoliate in the shower at least twice a week. Exfoliate your legs before you shave them for a sleek smooth shave.

Mix 1/8 cup of olive oil and 1 heaped tablespoon of sea salt. Scrub all over in the shower and rinse off. Pat dry with a soft towel.

Mix one tablespoon of freshly squeezed lemon juice with four teaspoons of honey. Smooth on in the direction of your hair growth and leave on for 10-15 minutes. Rinse off thoroughly. Use this mask twice a week.

Protect your skin :

Photo-aging is responsible for as much as 80% of skin damage, wrinkling, sagging and discolouration or age spots. Use a safe sun screen and apply it before exposing your skin to the elements.

Hand Massage:

To stimulate circulation, rub your palm over the back of the hand and then repeat with the other hand.

This movement is very similar to washing your hands and it does not only stimulate circulation, it also warms the hands.

Moisturising:

Without moisture, the skin will not remain smooth and supple. The face is exposed to the drying effect of the weather, so moisturisers, which form a film over the skin, contain and augment the natural moisture.

- Using the tips of the fingers, dot moisturising cream lightly all over the face.
- Pat the cream gently around the eyes.
- Using upward strokes massage the cream around the chin, mouth, and throat.

Soft Hands:

Before you go to bed, lavish on the Vaseline and then pop on a pair of cotton gloves. Your hands will be incredibly soft by morning.

Natural Look :

The key to doing it is matching the colour of your foundation with the tones of your skin, as well as using shades that go well with the undertones of your skin.

A quick tip: when buying foundation, test the match of the product with your skin tone by applying it against your jaw line and leaving it on your face for a few minutes. Go ahead and see how it looks like in daylight, rather than in artificial light to see how well it goes with your skin. The perfect foundation for you blends well with the colour of your skin, so much that it is hardly noticeable.



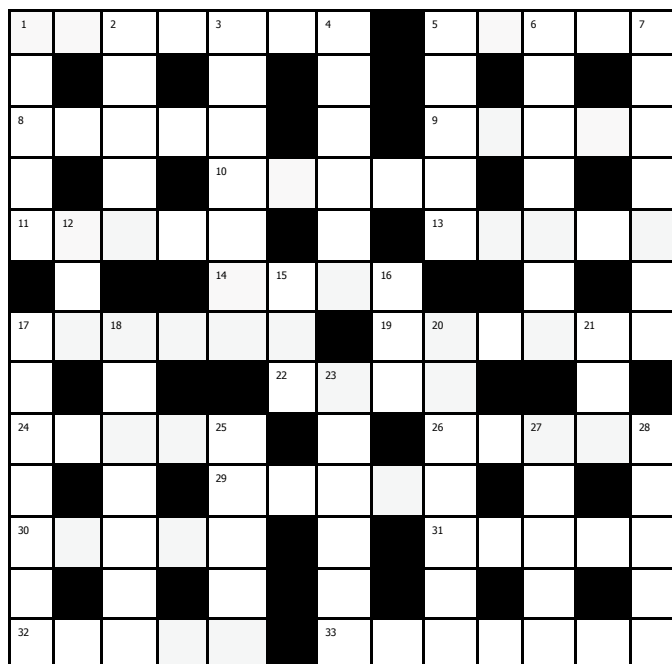
Easy Lip Tips

To make lips look fuller, line lips with a pencil and then blend the edges with a sponge applicator. Cover with gloss or petroleum jelly.



Remember: Keep out of the sun and use lots of skin protection at all times. Even in the Winter it is advisable to use cream to keep those rays away.

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Across:

1. Famous English Novelist (7)
5. The - - - Sea, Film (5)
8. Oversight (5)
9. Vegetable (5)
10. Flight missile (5)
11. Yell (5)
13. Male Honey-bee (5)
14. Thought (4)
17. Diminish (6)
19. Form of harpsichord (6)
22. Back of the neck (4)
24. Doubter (5)
26. Long hill (5)
29. Should (5)
30. Merger (5)
31. Astonish (5)
32. Sign (5)
33. Drinking vessel (7)

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5. Multitude (5)
6. Fabled-horned horse (7)
7. Merciful (7)
12. Gardening tool (3)
15. Lair (3)
16. Venomous snake (3)
17. New member (7)
18. Famous WW11 evacuation (7)
20. Refer (7)
21. Encourage (3)
23. Dignified (6)
25. Film — the Barbarian (5)
27. Roman moon-goddess (5)
28. Correct (5)

Across:

1. Belfast, 6. Fez, 8. Ennui, 9. Audit, 10. Drastic, 12. Army, 14. Leer, 15. Odious, 18. Nil, 19. Glenda, 22. Peru, 23. Easy, 25. Michael, 28. Alamo, 29. Ruled, 30. Lob, 31. Express.

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1. Blackleg, 2. Lady, 3. After, 4. Teddy, 5. Unhand, 6. Fist, 7. Zinc, 11. IOU, 12. Aran, 13. Mona, 15. Olga, 16. I -spy, 17. Studios, 20. Lei, 21. Dearly, 23. Elude, 24. Stamp, 25. Meal, 26. Curb, 27. Mate.

Clubs, Organisations And Societies

St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band

New members

The earliest written evidence of a band in Maynooth was in 1796 when it led a parade of distinguished guests including "His Excellency The Lord Leuutenant" through the streets of the town.

The new Maynooth Band made its debut at a concert in the Leinster Hall, Maynooth, in August 1931 and has continued to grow in strength since then. Notable landmarks along the way were attending the Eucharistic Congress in Dublin in 1932. The formation of a Boy's Band in 1955 was extended to include girls in 1959 and being the only band present at the Papal Mass in Dublin's Phoenix Park in 1979. The Band have played before many dignitaries, including Presidents De Valera, Childers, Ó Dálaigh, Hillery Robinson and also the King and Queen of Spain.

St Mary's Brass & Reed Band is inviting new members of all ages (from 4th class to adult). Whether you can play an instrument or would like to learn, we would be very interested to meet you.

We will be visiting the primary schools on Friday 1st June to introduce the instruments of the band to the students. We will follow this with an open evening in the bandroom on Monday 11th June from 8pm to 9pm. The Bandroom is located on Pound Lane – off the main street, down from Twist café.

Classes will commence in September. Application forms will be given out when we visit the schools and for any adults interested in joining forms will be available at the open evening on Monday 11th June. Remember, whether you are a beginner or an experienced player, you are very welcome to join the band. This is your opportunity to **play** your part in continuing the long established tradition in Maynooth – become a member of one of the oldest bands in Ireland.

If you cannot attend the open night and would like further information please contact:

Melanie Oliver (Secretary) on 087-9704910.

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*Gemstone: Pearl
Flower: Rose*

June marks the beginning of Summer in the northern hemisphere.

June is the sixth month of the year and takes its name from the Roman goddess Junno, the goddess of marriage.

For this reason, June has always been looked upon as the best month in which to marry:

*Married in the month of June
Life will be one long honeymoon.*

Features

Launch of the T3 Magazine

On Tuesday 15th May the Transition Year students of Maynooth Post Primary School came together to launch the third edition of their T3 Magazine. The magazine was edited by Jonathan O’Keeffe Ahern and Maria Lavelle, who must be given great credit for the huge amount of work they both endured, working from 9am to 9pm the previous Thursday without even taking a break to get the magazine published.

The magazine has proven to be very popular, having produced 300 copies for the second edition, all of which were completely sold out.



*Principal Mr. Senan Griffin
& Ms. Laurene Barry
with the three publications of the T3
Magazine.*



*L to R Jonathan O’Keeffe Ahern, Maria
Lavelle & Principal Senan Griffin.*



*L to R Katie Curran, Ruth O’Connor, Jessica McGrory
presented with their Poetry prizes.*

Along with the magazine launch there was also a presentation for three first year students who entered the poetry competition run by Ms. Laurene Barry. The awards came as a complete surprise to the three students as they were unaware that prizes were to be awarded. The students were delighted to receive a cheque each in recognition of their excellent poems. The prizes were divided as follows - in first place was Katie Curran, with Ruth O’Connor second followed by Jessica McGrory in third.

Clubs, Organisations And Societies

Maynooth I. C. A. News

Thanks to all who attended our cake sale for charity, which made €465.

Congratulations to our new President Margaret Houlihan and we wish her every success for the next three years.

Thanks was also extended to ongoing President Mary O' Gorman for her hard work over the past three years. Thanks was extended to all officers who have worked so well during the past year.

The Secretary, Treasurer, Crafts Promoter, Sports Officer, PRO, Tinire, International Officer and Grianán Teachta all gave reports on the years work.

The President thanked all her committee for keeping the show on the road. She also thanked Eilish O' Malley who conducts our Eucharistic Service each November.

Thanks were extended to our neighbouring Guilds for attending our Christmas Party and some classes.

The annual Competition winners were:

1st Mary O' Gorman
2nd Margaret Houlihan
3rd Madeleine Stynes

The Irish classes were a great success and will be repeated again in September. Kildare Week to an Grianán takes place from Monday 2nd to 6th July and the weekend will take place from 5th to 7th October and places are still available.

On Friday 22nd June there will be a Garden Party in An Grianán.

The Craft classes continue each Monday night and they will be opened up to neighbouring Guilds.

The Badminton Sessions take place each Tuesday and Thursday in Parish Hall at 10.30 am.

We are having a Hall Clean up day on Monday 11th June at 10 am. So all members are asked to turn up and give a hand. The key holder for the Hall is Madeline Stynes, phone no. 6284253.

Our Charities for next year are as follows:

Daffodil Day
Little Way Cancer Support Centre Clane
Multiple Sclerosis.

Our National Council Meeting is being hosted this year by Kildare Federation in the Standhouse Hotel on 19th May.

Raffle winners on the night were:

1st Bernadette Rafferty
2nd Mary Halton
3rd Maura Browne
4th Mary Dunne.

Next meeting will take place in the I.C.A. Hall , The Harbour on Thursday 7th June.

New members are always welcome.

Norah McDermott PRO.

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Features

Sign of the times at Maynooth Students' software entry in global contest has creative merit and commercial potential

Three NUI Maynooth students Dan Kelly (graduate) and Undergrads Eric McClean and Cathal Coffey won first prize in the Irish leg of the Imagine Cup (www.imaginecup.com). The competition was sponsored by Microsoft.

The competition has a different theme each year and has been in existence since 2003. The main aim of the competition was to design a software project that fits the theme and also has great creative merit and commercial potential.

It's the first time an Irish team will take part in the final in Seoul, South Korea. They will compete against 50 international teams for a prize of \$25,000 US Dollars with a chance to gain professional entrepreneurial skills and commercialise their product.

The Maynooth team's entry uses motion capture technology to teach sign language. A learner signer can watch a sign being demonstrated and then put on a colour-coded glove to practise before a webcam. A computer reads the learner's hand signs and gives the learner feedback.

Also to be congratulated was the third placed team, Team Sleepy Oranges, which developed a Chinese language learning package. The team members were Fergal Walsh (Celbridge), Cathal Browne (Roscommon), Lei Pan (Kildare), Shekman Tang (Blanchardstown).

About 200 students applied to enter the Irish Part of the competition



**L to R Eric McClean, Mark Clerkin, Dan Kelly, Cathal Coffey
and Tom Lysaght (team mentor seated))**

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Features

A Special Birthday Wish

Congratulations to Margaret Crosbie who celebrated her 90th birthday recently surrounded by her family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren in the Straffan Court Hotel.

She is the wife of the late Paddy Crosbie, who presented his own children's programme, which was on radio then first broadcast on TV for a number of years called **'The School Around The Corner'**, and is still being broadcast on TV in the north today.



**Grandchildren,
Gráinne Carberry & Neil Carberry**



**Grandchildren & Great-Grand Children Mo-
chudia Leanne, Tessa Crosbie,
Lauren & Cathal Sheehan (Twins),
Beishiwn O'Brien & Lurna Lawless & Nao-
ise Leanne**



**Sons & Daughters of Margaret Crosbie,
L to R Ronan Crosbie, Crea Sheehan, Noinin
O'Brien, Emer Farrell, Orla Keane, Niamh Carberry
& Dara Crosbie**



Pauline Farrell & Margaret Crosbie

Features

Grand National Winner arrives in Maynooth

On Monday 30th of April the students of Maynooth Boys National School were greeted by the sight of Silver Birch on the back of his great triumph at Aintree two weeks previously. The ten year old was bought from the Paul Nicholls stable in England for 20,000 Guineas.

Bought by local man Brian Walsh from Kilcock, the horse had a number of problems which were deemed to have finished his racing career. His young trainer Trim, man Gordon Elliot, rehabilitated the horse by hunting him on a regular basis and giving him plenty of time to recover from all the niggling injuries.



L to R Brian Walsh, Joe Elliot & Jordan



Grand National Winner Silver Birch



*Proud Trainer
Gordon Elliot*



*L to R Owner Brian Walsh, Joe Elliot
& teacher Patrick O'Connor with Silver Birch*

It was a terrific achievement to win the Aintree Grand National and reflects great credit on the winning connections. The horse looked magnificent when he was paraded at the Boys National School and it was a privilege to be there.

Features

The Late Josie Murphy 1910 - 2007

Josie Murphy, who passed away peacefully in his 97th year, will be sadly missed by his family and his large circle of friends in Maynooth, where he was a well known and popular member of our community. Born at number 8 Dillon's Row in 1910, Josie spent most of his long life living in the town. His knowledge and memories of the area were second to none; he could recall many an interesting story of Maynooth in the early 20th century.

He remembered working in Carton Estate as a schoolboy during his holidays for wages of 1s 3d per day with a staff of over one hundred men and women from the area working there. Another source of income was to open the gates of the avenue on Sunday mornings to allow horse drawn carriages through as the residents of Carton House attended church in Parsons Street.



He remembered the War of Independence and the Black and Tans being stationed at Lyreen House and their playing soccer in the harbour field. Also at that time the burning of the town hall in the square by a local unit of the I.R.A. to stop the Tans from taking it over. The iron seats at the top of the main street (Carton Avenue) were previously placed around the town hall where Maynooth people would sit on Sundays in their best dress, long skirts (ladies), bowler hats (gents) discussing the topics of the day.

He remembered the Eucharist Congress in 1932 and the hundreds of people walking through the village the previous evening on their way to the Phoenix Park. The shops were sold out of almost every item of grocery on that evening. One of the highlights of his lifetime in Maynooth was the visit of Pope John Paul 2nd to the college in 1979, arriving by helicopter to greet priests and students and the people of Maynooth, who for the previous six weeks each evening were out in force cleaning, weeding, painting and planting flowers to prepare for the visit.

He remembered Eamon DeValera visiting the town as president of Ireland and the big black car used to transport him; Also Princess Grace of Monaco who stayed in Carton House in the 1960's.

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Features

The Late Josie Murphy 1910 - 2007

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He worked in Boland's Mill in Grand Canal Street, Dublin where he cycled to work each day and home each evening, when, following his dinner, he would again set off on his bicycle to Clane or Kilcock or some other destination around the county to play a football match.

His love of the "Crom Abus", his local GAA club, never waned over the years and he could proudly show a photo of his father in the Maynooth team of the 1890's. He captained Maynooth to their only success in the Leinster Leader Cup senior football competition in 1935. He played football and hurling for the club and for many a year was seen following and supporting the team along with great gael's like the Late Jimmy Tracy, Jimmy (curley) McLoughlin, Phil Burke and Jim Nolan (who have also gone to their eternal reward) among others at pitches around the country.

He moved to number 13 Leinster Cottages in 1950 where he spent many years with his six children and wife Kathleen R.I.P. Sadly his wife Kathleen passed away in 1996. After paying 2s 6d per week up until the mid sixties, he along with other residents purchased their houses from Lord Brockett, Master of Carton House.

His last few years were happily spent in the care of the Maynooth Community Unit for older people where he boasted of having the best room in the house. He could see from his window St Patrick's College, the Castle, the harbour field and the canal and could hear the Angelus bells ringing out each day, which assured him he was still in his beloved town of Maynooth.



**Josie celebrating his 90th birthday
in the year 2000
with the Leinster Senior Cup
following a visit by Kildare captain Glen
Ryan to his home in Maynooth**

He passed away peacefully on 19th April and was laid to rest in Laraghbryan Cemetery where a large crowd attended his funeral following requiem Mass celebrated by Msgr. Alex Stenson P.P. A guard of honour was formed by past and present members of the Maynooth hurling and football clubs with his coffin adorned by the Maynooth and Kildare football jerseys

Ar Dheis Dé Go Raibh A Anam Dhílis.

Horoscopes



ARIES—March 21—April 20

Advertise your talents if you really want to succeed.

Be good and ready to grab opportunities when they come knocking at your door.

Sunday is your lucky day, number 12, colour black.



TAURUS—April 21—May 21

The moon at this time favours the ladies. Strong romantic overtones as the week unfolds.

The road to success is always under construction.

Monday is your lucky day, number 11, colour yellow.



GEMINI—May 22—June 22

You may be on to a good thing this week. Be careful. Your luck could be coming to an end.

An opportunity for a new beginning comes your way this week.

Lucky day is Tuesday, number 12, colour orange.



CANCER—June 23—July 23

You have all the time in the world -

There really is no need to panic

Lap up the attention, you deserve it; it's pay back time.

Wednesday is your lucky day, number 13, colour pink.



LEO—July 24—August 23

Keep secrets and be careful what you tell and to whom.

Plan ahead wisely. This is a great time to make major decisions.

If you have been building up to something you can now take it somewhere.

Thursday is your lucky day, number 14, colour green.



Virgo—August 24—Sept 23

Use good communication to make an impact now.

Look after yourself. You can't be expected to come up

with all the answers.

Friday is your Lucky Day, number 15, colour Navy Blue.



LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23

Button up and stay with it for the moment

It is important to keep your counsel,

Don't miss out on an important event.

Take your time and things will work out,

Saturday is your lucky day, number 16, colour gold.



SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22

You can take action. seize power, calm authority.

You've put up with far too much for far too long.

You are about to be decisive.

Sunday is your lucky day, number 17, colour silver.



SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21

This week you will be let of the hook. A complicated drama

Will resolve itself, at least for the time being.

Your lucky day is Monday, number 18, colour sky blue.



CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20

You mean the world to someone, do not underestimate the importance

of this key relationship. understanding might make all the difference.

Your lucky day is Saturday, number 19, colour purple.



AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19

Are you lucky or are you crazy? You are getting away with a risky move, You are not being wise or restrained yet, so far you are paying no great price.

Your lucky day is Tuesday, number 20, colour white.



PISCES—Feb 20—March 20

Sometimes you are just too sensitive.

You can easily identify with other people's fears and feelings you take on more than you should.

Tuesday is your lucky day, number 21, colour lemon.

TESCO
7-A-SIDE SOCCER TOURNAMENT 2007
For Joe Murphy Trophy
OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
16th JULY - 29th JULY 2007

Team Name: _____
(MUST BE HOUSING ESTATE NAME)

Contact Name _____
Address _____

Phone No: _____

PLAYERS NAMES: (Block Capitals)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

**On behalf of the above team I agree to abide by the rules of the
Competition and the Committee's decisions at all times.**

Signed: _____ Team Captain/Manager

**N.B. Completed Entry Form together with entry Fee of €50 must be lodged with
John McGinley not later than Thursday 1st July 2007
(Phone: 6285293 (H) - 087 9890645)**

Maynooth Community Festival



7-A-Side Soccer Tournament 16th - 29th July Rules



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

John McGinley (Phone 6285293) Secretary Organising Committee
Entries before 1st July 2007

First Holy Communion Photos May 2007



Ben Carroll & family



Dava McCormack & Family



Cathal Duff & Family



Karl Reilly, Liam Condon & families

First Holy Communion Photos May 2007



Niall O'Sullivan & Family



John Ward



David Bell & Family



Lorcan Daly & Family

First Holy Communion Photos May 2007



Mark McGibbon & Family



Fr. Paul & Msgr.. Stensen



Sebastien Mathias & Family

First Holy Communion Photos May 2007



Jack Travers & Family



Liam Byrne & Family

First Holy Communion Photos May 2007



Cian Geoghegan



Michael McBrearty & Family



Samuel Corrigan & Family



Andrew Lang & Cian Geoghegan

First Holy Communion Photos May 2007
(See July Newsletter for more First Communion Photos)



Ben Carroll & Family



Niall Flood & Family

Maynooth Tidy Towns News

Maynooth Tidy Towns enter National Competition 2007

The application to participate in the National Tidy Towns Competition 2007 has been returned to the Department for Environment, Heritage and Local Government as the closing date for entries was May 18th. The application is used by the committee to sell the best side of Maynooth and to identify and propose solutions to solve environmental and heritage issues in the town. The Tidy Towns judges will visit Maynooth on one occasion between 1st June and July 31st and appraise the town under the various categories in the competition and award us a score. Your support particularly for those eight weeks would be very much appreciated. The whole town benefits when the score is good.

Tidy Towns Clean ups in 2007

Maynooth Tidy Towns' committee programme for 2007 includes a number of Clean Ups around the town. The committee meet on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 at SuperValu and on Sunday mornings at Maynooth Garda Station. If you would like to get involved in any of the clean ups, please contact any members of the committee.

Hanging Baskets in 2007

The Hanging Baskets will be in place by the 9th June to provide the usual attractive floral displays that have been in place for the summer months for the past few years. However, the cost of undertaking this project is a severe burden particularly if we get a warm period when watering needs to be undertaken up to three times a week. Any financial support would be gratefully appreciated towards this work.

Residents' Association work is welcomed by Maynooth Tidy Towns

Maynooth's score in the National Tidy Towns Competitions has remained reasonably constant in terms of the points awarded for the condition of residential areas. This is due to the ongoing quality standard of maintenance supported by residents. We know that the funds for this work are coming directly from residents and congratulations to everyone for their support.

Gentle Reminder to our political folk

Now that voting is over the many colourful posters will be coming down from the polls. The practice has been to take much less care in removing them than when putting them up. In particular, the failure to remove the plastic ties is a common practice. Remember, the National Tidy Towns Judge will expect that these ties are removed and if some are found left behind, it will impact on the score that Maynooth achieves for tidiness. Therefore an appeal—please remove the ties and if you find other plastic ties on the polls, please remove them also.

Maynooth Tidy Towns

Annual Collection 2007

Will take place from Thursday 31st May to Sunday 3rd June

Collections will take place outside Tesco and in the Manor Mills Shopping Complex as well in Public Houses and outside St. Mary's Church

Collections will have formal identification. Please note that Maynooth Tidy Towns do not make door to door collections

Please Give Generously

Paul Croghan
Maynooth Tidy Towns

Useful Telephone Numbers

Name	Details	Telephone No.
A.C.R.A	National Association of Resident Associations Contact Michael Quoin, 3 Laurence Avenue, Maynooth	6285258
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Features

Profile: Kelley Dolan singer/song writer and music teacher in Maynooth.

I am sitting in Manor Mills with singer songwriter Kelley Dolan. She is telling me of her life as a professional musician in America and why she has decided to come and live in Ireland.

She learned to play piano from her Grandmother who played ragtime on an old upright piano with ivory keys. This was her home in Upstate New York. At 12 years of age she watched the Benny Goodman story on TV, and was bowled with the Goodman sound. This was her introduction to the "King of Swing". Next day it was down to the local library, collecting all the records and information on the clarinet virtuoso, Goodman. From this it was on to Peggy Lee, Billie Holiday and to Miles Davis—the best jazz had to offer. On hearing an album called "Mingus" dedicated to the brilliant bassist Charlie Mingus, she heard for the first time Joni Mitchell. She knew what she needed to do. Produce, write and perform her own music.

She studied music at the Peabody Conservatory of music in Baltimore where she earned her Masters Degree in music. Her Instruments are Voice, Clarinet, Piano, Saxophone, Bass Clarinet. She then took to the road as a professional musician. During the next fifteen years she worked with the St Louis Symphony, Florida

Philharmonic, Royal Ballet of London, the Bolshoi Ballet, Ben E King, Placido Domingo, and finding time to gig with Joni Mitchell, Moody Blues, including music for theatre

Mel Torme and a lot more and opera.

She produced a number of chart success. Her album B.E.A.M. grant which benefits is still selling well in the after its release. As a singer released 4 albums. The "Undress your Ego" with D'alessio will be on sale from Arizona in 2006. David is album in America and will be dates which will be

CDs of her own material with "Bedtime Story" won her a emerging artists. The record States and Europe four years and songwriter she has latest production "Songs to singer and writer David June. This was recorded in touring and promoting the in Ireland in September for announced.

With the extra heavy work stop and getting caught in was time for a change. As Pennsylvania says Cork and the trip to Ireland. Kelley to stay. She would like to see more venues for young musicians in Maynooth. An all purpose Arts Centre would be the answer.



load of playing 150 gigs non-Hurricane Katrina she knew it the family grave in Longford it was time to make loves it here and she intends

She is now teaching the following subjects in her studio at Manor Mills. Music Theory, Ear Training, Song writing, Arranging, Orchestration, Chamber Music Coaching, Jazz/Broadway/Rock/Folk ensemble coaching. Recording engineering, MIDI.

Contact Kelley at dolanmusicstudio@hotmail.com

Discography:

A Maynooth Miscellany (2 tracks) Maynooth Book Shop/ K & B Music Maynooth.

Bedtime Story www.cdbaby.com

At the Still Point of Turning World (9/11 memorial) Listen at www.kelleydolan.com

Let it Snow (Christmas) www.cdbaby.com

Beautiful Inventions (Acoustic Vocal/piano)

Terry Nealon

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Town F.C. Results 13/05/07

Team	League			Opposition	
Mens Seniors	LSL Sun Prem	Maynooth	3	Rathgar	0
Mens Seniors	Sat D2	Maynooth	0	Freewheelers	5
Under 17s	A	Maynooth	2	Casino St. Martins	4
Under 16s	A	Maynooth		No Game	
Under 16s	B	Maynooth		No Game	
Under 15s	Prem	Maynooth	4	Castleknock	2
Under 15s	B	Maynooth	2	Swords	1
Under 14s	Prem	Maynooth	1	Mullingar	6
Under 14s	D	Maynooth	2	Kinsealy	1
Under 13s	D	Maynooth	2	Malahide	0
Under 12s	A	Maynooth		No Game	
Under 11s	Prem	Maynooth		No Game	
Under 11s	B	Maynooth	2	Rush	4
Under 10s	A	Maynooth	1	Castleknock	1
Under 10s	A1	Maynooth		No Match	
Under 9s	A1	Maynooth	4	Rivervalley Rangers	2
Under 9s	C	Maynooth		No Match	
Under 9s	E	Maynooth	6	Castleknock	3
Under 8s	B1	Maynooth		No Match	
Under 8s	B	Maynooth	0	Darndale	3
Under 7s	B1	Maynooth		No Match	
Under 7s	B1	Maynooth		No Match	

Features

MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY GRADUATION CLASS OF 2007

On Tuesday 24th May the 6th year students of the Post Primary School came together to celebrate the end of their school year, and the beginning of a new stage of their lives. With the Leaving Certificate Exams just around the corner the students gathered to pay tribute to their fellow students and enjoy one of the last times they all could be together.

As proud parents looked on, the night got started with a welcome note from student John Sharkey followed by 'The World's Greatest' sung in great voice by the choir of students. Loudest cheers from the gathered parents and friends were reserved for the thrilling Irish dancing performance from students, which it has to be said would not have been out of place on the stage of Riverdance. Unbelievable!!!

Highlight of the night was the appearance of Kerry legend Micheal Ó Muireheartaigh who spoke of his youth and how these days it is a great time to be young. His wise words had all enthralled and the respect the man commands was there for all to see. On a night where all students received their graduation certificates, the most prestigious award, along with the various sports and academic awards, was the Ciarán Dockery Award for Student of the Year which went to Stephen O'Toole.



**L to R
Senan Griffin,
Stephen O'Toole with the
Ciarán Dockery Award for Student of the Year
and Micheál Ó Muireheartaigh.**

**L to R
Micheál Ó Muireheartaigh presenting
Thomas Buckley
with his award as a member of
the Irish Kick Boxing Team.**

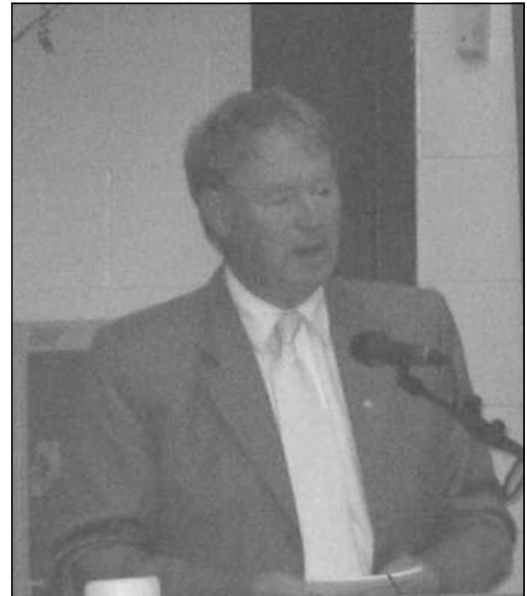


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GRADUATION CLASS OF 2007 MAYNOOTH POST PRIMARY



**L to R Aisling Dunne, Aoife O'Neill
and Emer Flynn**



Micheál Ó Muireheartaigh



L to R Daniel Cagney and Nicola O'Hurley



**L to R Robyn Baird receiving her graduation
certificate from Mr O'Donnell**

Recipes - Barbecue Time

Sirloin Kebabs

Ingredients

1/4 cup soy sauce
3 tablespoons light brown sugar
3 tablespoons distilled white vinegar
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
4 fluid ounces 7 up
2 pounds sirloin steak, cut into 1 1/2 inch cubes
2 green peppers, cut into 2 inch pieces
Skewers
1/2 pound fresh mushrooms, stems removed
Cherry tomatoes
A fresh pineapple, peeled, cored and cubed.

Method

In a medium bowl, mix soy sauce, light brown sugar, distilled white vinegar, garlic powder, seasoned salt, garlic pepper seasoning, and 7 up. Reserve about 1/2 cup of this marinade for basting. Place steak in a large resealable plastic bag. Cover with the remaining marinade, and seal. Refrigerate for 8 hours, or overnight.

Bring a saucepan of water to a boil. Add green peppers, and cook for 1 minute, just to blanch, drain, and set aside.

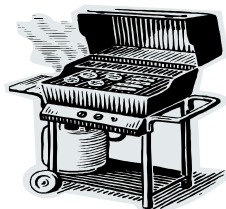
Preheat grill for high heat. Thread steak, green peppers, mushrooms, tomatoes, and pineapple onto skewers in an alternating fashion. Discard marinade and the bag. Lightly oil the grill grate. Cook kebabs on the prepared grill for 10 minutes. Baste frequently with reserved marinade during the last 5 minutes of cooking.

Marinades

Pineapple Marinade

Ingredients

1 cup crushed pineapple
1/3 cup soy sauce
1/3 cup honey
1/4 cup cider vinegar
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 teaspoon ginger powder



Preparation

Mix all ingredients together and use immediately or store in airtight containers for up to 7 days.

Orange and Onion Marinade

1/3 cup orange marmalade
3 green onions, finely chopped
1/4 cup white wine
1 teaspoon olive oil
1 teaspoon cider vinegar
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1/2 Teaspoon soya sauce.

Preparation

Place all ingredients in a medium saucepan. Allow to simmer on low heat until marmalade has thinned and all ingredients are combined. Allow to cool completely before using as a marinade.



Lemon and Rosemary Marinade

Ingredients

3 large lemons
1/2 cup of fresh rosemary (3 tablespoon dried)
1/4 cup of olive or salad oil
6 Cloves of garlic crushed.

Preparation.

Cut Lemon in half and squeeze out the juice into a bowl or a re-sealable plastic bag. Throw in the lemon halves and everything else. Mix together well. Great for chicken. Marinade for at least 4 hours.

A very quick marinade can be made up with Olive oil, vinegar, and mustard. Just leave meat marinating for an hour and you will be ready to cook.



Clubs, Organisations And Societies

Maynooth Golf Society

The Joe (Dodo) Murray Memorial Cup Sponsored by Derek Murray

Maynooth Golf Society outing to Moate Golf Club for the Joe (Dodo) Murray Memorial Cup on Saturday 21st April was played in near perfect conditions for this time of the year.

Forty three Members played this well conditioned course. A very close finish saw four players post the same score of 37 points. The eventual winner was Don O'Sullivan, closely followed by Mick Flynn and Prionnsias Breathnach and Gerry Kelly.

Derek Murray, who sponsored this outing presented the prizes in Brady's that evening to a large crowd. Prizes were presented that evening by our Captain Pat Conway in Caulfields to a large attendance.

Thanks to all who attended.

Our next outing is to Rathcore Golf Club on Sunday 20th May.

RESULT SHEET

1st Prize	Don O'Sullivan	37 pts B3
2nd Prize	Mick Flynn	37 pts B9
3rd Prize	Prionnsias Breathnach	37 pts B6
4th Prize	Gerry Kelly	37 pts
5th Prize	Sean Farrelly	35 pts
6th Prize	John Saults	34 pts B9
7th Prize	John Carroll	34 pts
Front 9	Martin Deveney	21 pts
Back 9	John Thompson	24 pts
Visitors	Jim Downey	41 pts
Nearest The Pin	Norman Kavanagh	
2's	Norman Kavanagh	



*L to R Norman Kavanagh, Treasurer, Derek Murray, Sponsor
Don O'Sullivan, 1st Prize Winner, and Pat Conway, Captain.*

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Golf Society (Cont'd)

The Eddie Kavanagh Memorial Cup Sponsored by Kevin & Bronagh Donovan

The Eddie Kavanagh Memorial Cup was played in Rathcore Golf Club on Sunday 20th May. Thirty five members competed for this annual trophy despite the competition of the first rounds of GAA when Kildare were defeated by Meath and Mayo defeated by Galway. This was a good turnout on the day and the weather conditions were near perfect. The winner was Gerry Reilly with a score of 38 points, followed by Joe Bibik in 2nd place and Tommy Campbell in 3rd.

Prizes were presented by Eddie's daughter Bronagh who sponsored the event that evening to a large attendance in Brady's B2.

Thanks to our sponsors Bronagh and Kevin and to all who attended, our next outing is to Baltinglass G.C. on Sunday 16th June.

Next Venue : Baltinglass G.C. on Saturday 16th June

RESULTS SHEET

1st Prize	Gerry Reilly	38 pts
2nd Prize	Joe Bibik	37 pts
3rd Prize	Tommy Campbell	36 pts
4th Prize	Mick Flynn	35 pts B6
5th Prize	Liam Farrelly	35 pts B9
6th Prize	Ken Donnelly	35 pts
7th Prize	Mick Fahy	33 pts
Front 9	Dermot Myles	17 pts
Back 9	Niall Byrne	20 pts
Visitors	Murt Fitzsimmons	
Nearest the Pin	Don O'Sullivan	
2's	Ken Donnelly, Niall Farrell, Pat Connolly	



**L to R George Reilly 1st Place, Pa Conway Captain
and Bronagh Donovan, Sponsor**

Poetry Corner By Patrick Murray

MOTHER

My mother is so good to me
Through strife she aids me so
Like fruit from the apple tree
She guides me as I grow
Love without fail she is
Trying to make ends meet
As I give her a gentle kiss
To remind her she is a treat

Cherish your mother I say
Treat her with love and care
As in life her hair turns grey
With so much love to share
Mother I say to you
Although I neglected you at times
You are the first one in my heart
It is of you my heart unwinds

Lady you brought me to this earth
As all my life springs from you
You are the reason of my birth
Reared with care so true
No one can take your place
As I am so aware
You are the best in the human race
Your love is a gentle prayer

THE YELLOW MOON

I search the sky over my yellow moon
Here at night I feel such gloom
But I know my woman is waiting
As my heart is now breaking
As my lover waits for me
By the yellow moon

The sky is black as the darkest night
My heart is going weary at the very sight
But soon I know she'll be feeling alright
As my lover waits for me
By the yellow moon

Children are playing in the green
The finest sight you've ever seen
How their happy faces just gleam
As my lover waits for me
By the yellow moon

I place my weary heart on this world of ours
Try to find a reason to live
But soon my troubles will be gone
As true as you are my loved one
As my lover waits for me
By the yellow moon

Summer Times

The sun shines on grasses of meadows green
Sit and stare at blue skies new and bright
Transforming golden rays of light you've ever seen
Until the black dismal clouds is of night
Walking through gaps with spirits high
A feeling of freedom in my heart
To watch by stream a maiden bathe blush and shy
A nature of beauty can never be torn apart

To inhale fresh air with easy breath
An evening of delight of golden days
To watch a March hare near of death
Jumping hills and hollows as it plays

O' time of Summer to await its return
To brighten up the gloom of winter past
While at night I smell the campfire burn
To lay my body down and rest at last

I stare at blue skies with scattered cloud
Warm and comforting sun on my back
To transform my thoughts and shout out loud
In frustration of hot days of love I lack

To watch a busy street of people passing by
Of car fumes along roads of melted tar
An escape to fields of freedom as a boy
Nature of delight I wonder far

Lazy days of laughter and of fun
To swim in lakes and rivers free and wild
O' you my Summer life has begun
A great feeling of comfort since a child

Top Garden Projects for June



Has the weather kept you from getting some of your spring gardening projects completed? Early June is not too late to get your summer gardening underway. Adding colour, pruning, controlling slugs, dividing perennials, planting vegetables and eliminating weeds head the list of things to do in June.

COLOUR SPOTS - are an ideal way to create instant colour in the garden. In recent years growers have introduced blooming size annual plants that they call 'Colour Spots'. These plants are generally grown in individual pots, in sizes of 4 inches or more and the plants are nicely branched and already in bloom. So when you select and plant them they provide instant colour. If you are like me, and haven't had a chance to get summer annuals planted due to the bad weather on weekends during May, the 'Colour Spots' are a way of catching-up by getting some early summer colour into the garden. Water the pots before removing the plants from the containers. Space the plants as recommended on the plant labels.



PRUNING - June is the month often set aside for shaping evergreens. In fact, this is the month the commercial tree growers shape their Christmas trees. So it is a good month for shearing, pinching or pruning Junipers, Cypress or Conifers. Also, this is the time to pinch back annuals, Fuchsias, Geraniums and any other plants that might be getting too leggy or misshapen.

SLUGS - the cool, wet spring has drawn the slugs out in full force, so it is important to take time to eliminate them. Do not use slug pellets – these are harmful to birds. Try filling a container with beer and the slugs will die happy when they dive in!

PERENNIALS - this is an ideal time to select and plant the spring, summer and autumn flowering varieties of perennials. It's also the time to divide the spring flowering perennials like, Primroses, Arabis, Aubrietia, Doronicum daisies, etc. In addition, June, July, August and September are the months for starting any of the perennials from seed. Sow the seeds directly into the garden.

VEGETABLE GARDENING - It is now late enough in the season to start any of the warm weather

vegetables, including Corn, Beans, Peppers, Egg Plant, Tomatoes, etc. If you haven't had a chance to sow some of these crops yet, it is not too late to get them started now. Be sure to get these crops started as soon as possible.

WEEDING - the cool, wet weather in May has also encouraged the germination of weed seeds, so they are a real problem in many gardens. It is critical that these weeds be pulled, cultivated or eliminated in some form before they have a chance to flower and go to seed again. Otherwise, you will be fighting newly germinated weed seed for the next several years.

FERTILIZING - some of the plants that have suffered freeze damage this past winter will probably benefit from a light feeding at this time. In fact, one of the best times to fertilize plants like Rhododendrons, Camellias and Azaleas is immediately after they have finished flowering. Use a 'Rhododendron' or 'Evergreen' type fertilizer to feed evergreens and a 'Rose' or 'Vegetable Garden' type food to feed Roses, perennials, vegetables and deciduous trees and shrubs.

LAWN CARE - late spring and early summer is the time to fertilize the lawn again. This is also an excellent time to eliminate lawn weeds. It's not too late to reseed or over-seed the lawn with new lawn seed. If temperatures range much above 65 degrees, it will be too late to apply moss killers. Thatching should also wait until fall. However, there is still plenty of time to perforate (aerate) the lawn, if it is needed.

ROSES - they have suffered enough damage from the severe winter. So be on the lookout for mildew, aphid, black-spot or other insect or disease problems and if they appear take steps to control them right away. Roses will need to be fertilized monthly this summer.

- Plant your hanging baskets and window boxes with trailing petunias, trailing geraniums, white bacopa, red verbenas, trailing fuchsias and mixed lobelia.
- Use a compost when planting up any containers. It contains a special swell gel and a high potash fertilizer to ensure high performance from your selection of plants.
- Plant fresh herbs into window boxes or herb planters now to have tasty basil, parsley, chives and thyme all summer.

Do not use slug pellets – these are harmful to birds. Try filling a container with beer and the slugs will die happy when they dive in!

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Top Garden Projects for June

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- Plant up spare containers with 6 strawberry plants to give you tasty fresh strawberries all summer. Look for the excellent variety called F1 Karen and plant her now.
- Plant some summer colour throughout the garden in shrub & rose borders with mixed verbenas, petunias, crystal palace lobelia and dwarf dahlias.
- Interested in growing some home grown fruit? Then plant a couple of dwarf coronet apple trees in large containers or amongst existing trees and shrubs. Coronet apple trees are reliable croppers with excellent eating varieties like James Grieve, Katy, Beauty of Bath, Elisions Orange and Discovery. Bred for taste and compact shape coronets are a winner.
- Feed, weed and moss kill your lawn, which kills unwanted broadleaved weeds and moss, greens your lawn without forcing growth.
- Sow new lawns now with green velvet dwarf lawn seed. Green velvet creates a rich green sward which is easy to maintain and requires less mowing.
- Treat your roses with a dressing of rose fertilizer once a month, and prevent pests and diseases by spraying with rose clear every two weeks.
- Protect all your young bedding and vegetable plants with a dressing of slug pellets or slug liquid. Remember slugs and snails relish all soft new growth and can devour your plants over night.
- Protect young dahlias, salvias, and new growth on existing trees and shrubs, from flea beetle damage. Apply a systemic insecticide now and in two weeks time.

National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin Sustainability Week 16th - 25th June

During 'Sustainability Week' at the National Botanic Gardens our efforts to promote environmental care, recycling and general sustainability will be showcased for visitors. If you would like to know more, please ask at the Education & Visitor Centre about the Gardens' recycling and conservation programmes.

During the week, please note that you may not be able to find any litter-bins in the Gardens - encouraging you to bring your rubbish home with you for recycling!

Sustainability in the Gardens Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th June Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th of June



Guided tours will outline the ways in which the National Botanic Gardens are contributing to sustainability, highlighting how visitors can be more sustainable in their own homes and gardens also, through recycling, developing sustainable gardening practices, environmental pest control and encouraging wildlife.

At 2.30 pm each day.

Late Evening Openings Wednesday 13th June & Thursday 28th June

Enjoy an evening stroll through the gardens.
6.30 pm to 9.00 pm

Guided tours through the Gardens exploring the native plants and exotic plants of seasonal interest. Tours commence at 7.00 pm.



Inside the Nest with the Blue Tits

Those of you with access to a broadband connection should visit <http://www.rte.ie/radio/mooneygoeswild/features/mooneycam/index.html> where you can see a pair of blue tits feeding their family—live. There are two hidden cameras—one inside the nest and one outside and it is fascinating to watch the goings-on in the nest. The eggs started to hatch on the morning of Friday May 11th. There are now 8 nestlings in the nest box. The tits began visiting Derek's box in early April 2007 and were soon bringing material for a nest. Bluetit

nests are built by the female. This year's one is particularly bulky and untidy, making it difficult for the camera to see deeply into the cup. But it is still worth a visit! Better get there soon too, as the fledglings will be leaving the nest one of these days!



Features

Intercultural Day Presentation Girls' School

A very successful and enjoyable Intercultural Day was held in the Presentation Girls School, Maynooth on Friday the 18th of May 2007.

The school was a blaze of colour and vibrancy as international children wore their national costume that day in addition to the Irish children wearing their county jerseys. The emphasis was on fostering integration and an inclusive environment in the school, contributing to intercultural understanding.

Many parents of international pupils were invited to speak to their daughter's class about their country of origin. Classes were treated to a wealth of information on the customs and lives of many nationalities and indeed some parents provided delicacies from their country which the children eagerly sampled.



**L to R Emma Collins,
Ina Hoxha,
Marionela Mocanu,
Laura Bonanomi,
Kate McCready
(Eircom)
& Niamh Condell
(Tegral)**



L to R Joy Joji , Agnes Healy, & Sharon Ojo



**L to R Kayleigh Gallagher, Megan Diamond,
Keelin McCarthy, Katie Geraghty
& Maireád Burke.**

The huge work completed by all classes was evident in the fantastic country projects on display in the hall for international parents to view during the day. In an atmosphere of fun and learning each class visited the hall to tackle a !Mighty Monster Quiz! Using the projects on display to locate the answers to the quiz questions. All the children gained many sights into the lives, traditions, beliefs and values of the children from other countries in the school. It was in words of one of the pupils !An absolutely brilliant day'!

Features

Intercultural Day (Cont'd) *Presentation Girls' School*



**L to R Orla Doyle, Mariya Malchenyuk,
Maria Cleary, Roisin O'Neill
& Catherine Jones**



**L to R Danielle Roze Kutischev,
Megan O'Brien & Anatole Roze
Kutischev**



Children enjoying Intercultural Day



**L to R Ailis McMillan, Maria Healy,
Alexandra Ronasau & Alanna Sweeney**



**L to R Mairead Burke, Eliz Abijo
& Karen O'Connor**

Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location	Development Type
07/821	Fergal Kelly	P	18/04/07	(1) Proposed extension of existing garage and (2) change of use from garage to self-contained flat/4th bedroom with (3) minor internal alterations and associated site works	No. 3 Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	EXTENSION
07/822	Padraig Travers	P	18/04/07	To build the following: 1. 120 cubicle cattle shed complete with slatted slurry tank and self feed area with canopy over (580 sqm. approx.) 2. To extend existing easy feed shed and slatted slurry tank (228 sqm. approx.) 3. To build calf shed etc.	Johninstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	AGRICULTURE
07/825	John O'Regan	P	19/04/07	Construction of (1) a 2nd storey extension to the front, side and rear of existing dwelling and (2) internal alterations to the first floor area, (3) the retention of amendments to a previous grant of permission (06/763) for a chimney stack etc.	22 Lureen Park Maynooth Co. Kildare.	EXTENSION
07/852	Joe Brian Padraic McHale	P	20/04/07	Closed Road Driving School Development will consist of the construction of an access road and an Internal network of roadways, one - way routes, junctions, roundabout, pedestrian crossings, turning areas, hill skid area, parking area etc.	Taghadoe Maynooth Co. Kildare	COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT
07/866	Sarah O' Flaherty	P	20/04/07	Development consisting of a two storey house, domestic garage, affluent treatment system, percolation area and all associated site works	Kilmacredock Upper Maynooth Co. Kildare	ONE OFF HOUSE
07/876	Eugene & Kathleen Bolton	P	23/04/07	Development consisting of extensions and renovations to existing dwelling incorporating removable of existing roof and construction of new dormer roof to existing dwelling, provision of dormer windows to front of dwelling, kitchen extension to rear etc.	Clonfert South Maynooth Co. Kildare	EXTENSION
07/900	Thomas Bradley	P	26/04/07	Development consisting of a ground floor extension to the side of the existing house to provide a study and entrance to porch and a ground floor extension to the other side of the house to provide and extended kitchen	84A Windhurst Newtown Maynooth Co. Kildare	EXTENSION
07/902	Gary Fleming	P	26/04/07	Development will consist of demolition of existing single storey extensions to side and rear of existing house consisting of sun room kitchen two bedrooms bathrooms games room and for the construction of a replacement single storey sun room etc	126 Rail Park Maynooth Co. Kildare	EXTENSION

File Number	Applicant Name	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location	Development Type
07/913	Peter Comerford	P	27/04/07	For erection of a new two-storey granny flat with separate entrance two bedrooms kitchen living room utility room and bathroom with associated site and drainage works to side of house	16 The Green Moyglare Abbey Maynooth	One off House
07/919	Conor & Sonya Brennan	P	30/04/07	(a) planning permission for retention of a single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling house and (b) planning permission to widen existing entrance	11 Parklands Lawn Railpark, Maynooth Co. Kildare	EXTENSION
07/921	Springwood Estates Ltd	P	30/04/07	Construction of 7 no. 3 storey duplex/apartment buildings (total 102 units) comprising of 2 no. 1 bedroom apartments, 3 no. 2 bedroom apartments, 47 no. 2 bedroom ground floor apartments, 3 no. 3 bedroom ground floor apartments and 47 no. 3 bed duplex e	Newtown Hall Newtown Townland Maynooth	HOUSING DEVELOPMENT
07/941	Emer McDermott	P	01/05/07	Change of use from residential to commercial offices	No. 2 The Square Maynooth Co. Kildare	COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT
07/948	Nancy Nevin	P	02/05/07	Development which will consist of changing the house type approved under planning permission 06/2027 to a dormer type house, and erection of entrance gates and the installation of an effluent treatment system, percolation area etc	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	ONE OFF HOUSE
07/950	Emmet Savage	P	03/05/07	Bungalow, garage for domestic use and Septech 200 effluent treatment plant	Laragh Maynooth Co. Kildare	ONE OFF HOUSE
07/974	Boylesports	P	04/05/07	Development consisting of change of use from a video store to a Bookmakers, including the replacement of existing signage and the provision of 2 new signs. This application also relates to the positioning of 3 no satellite dishes to roof etc.	Former Movie Master Shop Glenroyal Shopping Centre Maynooth Co. Kildare	COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT
07/1025	P O'Murchu	P	09/05/07	To demolish existing garage and erect extension to rear and side consisting of sunroom, bedroom and shower room and store	3 Woodlands Maynooth Co. Kildare	EXTENSION

File Number	Applicant Name	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location	Development Type
07/105`2	Michael Gallagher	P	11/05/07	For a single storey extension to the front and rear of the existing house and conversion of part of the first floor to a granny flat	32 Carton Court Maynooth Co. Kildare	OTHER
07/1057	M & M Kearney	P	14/05/07	For demolition of existing porch to front and garage to side permission for 2 storey dormer extensions to side single storey bay window to front single storey extension to rear and all associated site works	4 Ashleigh Grove Newtown Maynooth	EXTENSION
07/1078	Patrick Comerford	P	16/05/07	The demolition of a two storey south section of the house area 146.4 sqm to allow for the construction of a two storey double pitch extension to be constructed with the re-salvaged calpstone and brick detail with new slate roof and new hardwood etc	Ballycurragham Maynooth Co. Kildare	ONE OFF HOUSE
07/1098	John Tuthill	P	18/05/07	To build a roofed dungstead with access driveway and associated site development works at Oldcarton, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	Oldcarton Maynooth Co. Kildare	AGRICULTURE

**MAIN STREET,
MAYNOOTH,
CO. KILDARE**

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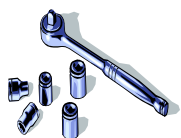
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MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES

Art Competition

A local Art Competition was held in the Boys' National School on Friday 20th April.

Results as follows:

MAYNOOTH EAST			MAYNOOTH WEST		
	BOYS	GIRLS		BOYS	GIRLS
U8	1st Brian Gallagher	1st Aine Feeney 2nd Alison Hastings 3rd Oliva Carton	U8	1st Cian Durcan	
U10	1st Callum McCabe 2nd Tomás Feeney 3rd Conor Dooley		U10	1st Ross Kavanagh 2nd Jack Dignam 3rd Oran Moloney	1st Auveen Davin 2nd Katie Geraghty
U12	1st Nial Simon 2nd Samuel Rabiú 3rd Ian Brogan	1st Sarah Curran 2nd Niamh Feeney 3rd Lauren Hastings	U12	1st Owen Byrne 2nd Viljar Orumaa 3rd Michael Flynn	1st Sophie Geoghan 2nd Aoife Davin 3rd Eleanor Geraghty Gemma Tracey
			U14	1st Adam Dignam	

Well done to all the boys and girls and good luck to those who participated in the County Finals in the Curragh on Saturday 21st April. Thanks to Jennie Feehan and Elaine McAulliffe for judging the masterpieces.

Congratulations to all who attended the Kildare county final in the Curragh on Saturday 21st April 2007. Well done to Niamh Feeney and Sarah Cullen who brought home medals.

Further reports on Swimming and Table Quiz results are on following pages.

Further dates for your diary

Swimming

County Finals

ATHY SWIMMING POOL

Saturday 2nd June

Athletics

Local Event:

Maynooth G.A.A. field

Friday 25th May at 6.00 p.m.

County Finals:

Newbridge Athletic Track

Friday 29th June & Saturday 30th June

Maynooth Community Games (Cont'd)

SWIMMING

The local event took place in the Maynooth College Pool on Sunday 29th April. Results as follows:

	MAYNOOTH EAST		MAYNOOTH WEST	
	BOYS	GIRLS	BOYS	GIRLS
U8 Freestyle				
1st	Conor Lynch	Alison Hastings		Saoirse O'Sullivan
2nd	Braden Millar	Nicola Ffrench		
3rd	Conor Murphy			
U10 Freestyle				
1st		Laura Millar	Jack Dignam	Kate O'Malley
2nd		Laoise Millar	Fiachra O'Sullivan	Katie Geraghty
3rd		Aoife Lynch	Blake Van Duy-venvoorde	
U10 Backstroke				
1st	Braden Millar	Laoise Millar	Jack Dignam	Kate O'Malley
2nd		Laura Millar	Fiachra O'Sullivan	Katie Geraghty
3rd		Aoife Lynch	Blake Van Duy-venvoorde	
U12 Freestyle				
1st	Jack Ffrench	Sian Millar	Oisin O'Sullivan	Aoife Davin
2nd	Eoin McCormack	Donna Ffrench	Luke O'Malley	
3rd	Darragh Murphy	Sarah Curran		
U12 Breaststroke				
1st	Eoin McCormack	Lauren Hastings	Oisin O'Sullivan	Aoife Davin
2nd	Jack Ffrench	Sian Millar	Luke O'Malley	
3rd	Joseph Millett	Donna Ffrench		
U12 Backstroke				
1st	Jack French	Sian Millar	Oisin O'Sullivan	Aoife Davin
2nd	Eoin McCormack	Donna Ffrench	Luke O'Malley	
3rd	Joseph Miller	Sarah Curran		
Joint 3rd	Darragh Murphy			
U14 Freestyle				
1st	Sean McKnight	Katie Curran		
U14 Breaststroke				
1st		Katie Curran		
U14 Backstroke				
1st		Katie Curran		

Congratulations to all the U 6's: Fiona Lynch, Caolfhionn Millar and Fergal O'Sullivan who had fun on the day and are budding Olympic swimmers.

Maynooth Community Games (Cont'd)

Table quiz—Bro Cyril Collins Trophy

A special thanks to Brian O'Malley and Colm Murphy for all their help with the Table Quiz, and good luck in the National Final.

Maynooth West—Quiz Champions

L to R Brian O' Malley,
Colm Murphy, Seóirse Murphy,
Adam Dignam,
Norah McDermott, Tom Oliver,
Conor Murphy
and Mick Donohue
(President of Kildare
Community Games).



Maynooth East—Bronze Medal Under 14 Winners



L to R Joshua Hurley, Cormac
Maguire, Damien Kelly, Aisling
Bonass, Sarah Jennings, Niamh
Feeney with Mick Donohue (President
of Kildare Community Games).



Emmet Stagg T.D.

Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Update on threat to Main Street Trees

You will recall from our last Labour News that Deputy Emmet Stagg and his colleague Cllr. John McGinley lodged an appeal with An Bord Pleanala in relation to the threat of removal of the 8 Trees on Main Street, Maynooth, from Hands old House (Beside Maynooth Jewellers) to the square which was a direct consequence of a condition imposed by Kildare Co. Council in their grant of planning permission for the re-development of the Tesco site.

Tesco have now responded to Deputy Stagg's Appeal and have indicated that it is not their intention to seek the removal of any of the trees and that the drawings submitted in relation to the widening of the junction of Main Street and Straffan Road were provided at the request of the Roads Design Section of the Council. The Drawing they submitted where no trees would be affected was their preferred option and that they would support amendments to Condition 33 which would include a statement requiring that no trees are to be removed.

Deputy Stagg has now indicated to An Bord Pleanala that he welcomes the submission from Tesco's. He also advised An Bord Pleanala that if Tesco were to get agreement on the Drawing, which does not involve the removal of any of the trees from Main Street, from Kildare Co. Council that he would withdraw his appeal once the other appellants agreed to withdraw theirs also.

Deputy Stagg remains critical of Kildare Co. Council for allowing this doubt over the Main Street Trees to have developed.

Affordable Houses in Maynooth

There are currently 766 households who have expressed an interest in purchasing an affordable dwelling in County Kildare.

183 have a first preference for Celbridge, 116 for Leixlip and 63 for Maynooth. The number for Maynooth is low probably because there were very few affordable houses available. Cllr. John McGinley has been advised by the Council that 46 affordable dwellings will be coming available over the next year at Moyglare Hall. John advises anyone who is interested to apply immediately as some of these will be coming available shortly.

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following progress report, on issues that he has been pursuing, at the Leixlip Area Committee meeting on 20th April:

Northern Relief Road from Moyglare to Blacklion:

"I have requested the meetings administrator to suggest that perhaps it might be convenient to attend the next meeting of the Dunsoughlin Area Committee which is scheduled to take place on Monday, 14th May next."

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Public lighting on the Meadowbrook Link Road:

"The matter continues to be pursued by the Road Construction team. They have been assured that this matter will be definitely rectified within the next fortnight or so."

Footpath and public lighting from the Nursing Home to Moyglare Hall:

"As previously outlined, this work will be carried out as part of the "Deficiency in Infrastructure Scheme." It is proposed that works will commence in early May, 2007."

Palisade fencing at Bond Bridge

"I have asked the Road Construction team to arrange to circulate design details, hopefully, in the course of the meeting."

Footpath between Tesco and Blacklion Estate:

"This work will be carried out, as requested."

Audible crossing signals at junction of Kilcock road/Moyglare Road/Mill Street, Maynooth.

"The Council is currently carrying out an audit of all such crossings in the county. The Senior Executive Engineer, Traffic Section, has been requested to examine this particular junction in the coming days."

Beaufield Estate, Maynooth:"

It is not proposed to cul-de-sac Beaufield Estate for reasons already outlined. Again it is a public road and, in such a capacity, it is important in terms of the current infrastructural network. In particular, it provides important access to housing estates, shops etc. Indeed, in recent times, substantial public funds were expended in relation to traffic calming and other maintenance works."

Needless to say Cllr. John McGinley rejected this report and asked for a positive outcome at the next meeting.

Residents will note that the wooden bollards, which were funded by Cllr. John McGinley from his Discretionary Grants, are being installed at the Beaufield Shopping Centre at present (10th May). Hopefully, they will prevent lorries and cars from parking on the green areas and of course there is a practically empty car park at The Newtown Inn.

Bollards at Old Greenfield, Maynooth

"I have also reported on this matter previously. The matter has been examined by the Road Design team, as requested. It is not proposed to remove the bollards. As already outlined, the road in question is too narrow to accommodate two-way traffic. The members will be aware of the considerable development along this route in recent times. There are, therefore, implications in terms of road safety generally and pedestrian safety in particular due to the narrowness of the road in question. In addition, the recent opening of the Meadowbrook Link Road has greatly eased traffic flow in the general area."

Cllr. John McGinley again rejected this report and asked for a positive outcome at the next meeting.

Blue Hoarding at Geohegan's Lane:

"Following an application for a Section 254 licence renewal for the hoarding at 8 Main Street, Maynooth, the applicant has been requested to submit further information within 2 weeks. Essentially, the applicant has also been advised that this hoarding must be removed within 1 month and he must also make the site safe."

Re-building of walls at Pound Park/The Band Hall and at the Small Pound:

At the Leixlip Area Committee Meeting of the Council on 20th April Council Officials agreed to Cllr. John McGinley's motion that Development Levies be used to re-build these dangerous walls.

Motions for the next Leixlip Area Committee Meeting:

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motions for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

1. "That a pedestrian crossing be provided from O'Neill Park to the TESCO side of the Dublin Road, Maynooth in order to facilitate residents who live on the northern side of this road O'Neill Park, Leinster Cottages, Dunboyne Road etc.)."
2. "That grass cutting by the Council be extended to include the grass on the public areas on both sides of the old Meadowbrook Road i.e. Meadowbrook and Beaufield sides"

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3. "That the unnecessary pedestrian walkway between Kingsbry and Greenfield Close, Maynooth, be examined to see how best it can be closed off"
4. "When is the "Band Stand" in Pound Park, Maynooth, going to be moved to NUI Maynooth?"

Public lighting Improvements Sought for Kingsbry Estate, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to carry out the following public lighting improvements in Kingsbry:

1. A new pole with double light fitting at the footpath on the green area behind house no.'s 236 & 237.
2. New extended lamp heads on poles no.'s 47 & 48
3. Replacement of broken head on pole outside house no. 225 (previously reported to ESB). This pole also needs to be moved about 1m from the driveway as trucks are regularly hitting it.
4. New pole and light required at the side of house no. 206

Bollards at the bottom of Kingsbry:

Cllr. John McGinley has asked that some of his Discretionary grants be used for the Erection of wooden bollards at the bottom of Kingsbry, between it and Meadowbrook, in order to prevent cars and trucks from driving onto the green (there were concrete bollards here before but they were broken down).

John has also allocated funds for the re-construction of the footpath outside house no. 116 Kingsbry.

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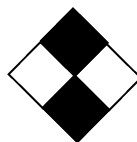
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Editorial

Maynooth Newsletter Editorial July 2007

The Community Council held our A.G.M. in June and essentially the same executive were returned. I would like to thank all those who attended on the night and showed their commitment to helping ensure we have the best Maynooth we can have to live in.

Of critical importance in the weeks and months ahead is the next Maynooth Development Plan which is being discussed and prepared for Draft form. Each Plan spans a timeframe of 5 years and so it is vital that the residents and organisations in the town meet and discuss what kind of Maynooth they want to develop in the foreseeable future.

Issues pertaining to policies on housing, retail, employment, community facilities, education, health, arts, traffic, parking, transport, amenities, environment, utilities and many many more will be drafted and eventually adopted by Kildare County Council.

Now is the time that we must think long and hard and let the Council and our Councillors know what we want and what we don't want. Such planning should not be piecemeal and neither should be superficial or "standard" - proper planning must include detailed and expert assessment of the vision we have for Maynooth longterm, planning must be strategically placed and selected and not short sighted or based on incorrect previous assessment in areas which have obviously failed in the past.

While there will be a period of time when the Draft Plan will be on public display for submissions from the public, now is the time to talk or write to the Council, the Councillors or other organisations and bodies in Maynooth and demand to be kept informed and be included in discussions in an open and transparent manner for the general good of both the residents and town of Maynooth.

**Brid Feely,
Chairperson**

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

The June meeting of Maynooth Community Council was held on the 18th June in the Glenroyal Hotel. The June meeting was also an AGM.

Chairperson Brid Feely welcomed new members Sean Andrews, Margaret Clinch, Brendan Neville, Tom Geoghengan and Seamus Thompson.

There are also a number of Estates that have not filled their quota on the Council and we would urge them to do so.

We would like to invite new Estates that have formed Residence Associations to send representatives to the Council.

We would also like to invite Clubs and other groups in Maynooth to send their representatives to the Council. This will ensure that all the people of Maynooth will have a say in what goes on in the town.

Chairpersons Report

The meeting was addressed by the Chairperson. She thanked all members for attending the meeting and for attending during the year. She thanked the existing Executive, Tom Mc Mullon, Muireanne Ni Bhrolchain, Willie Sauls, Marie Gleeson and Paul Croghan.

Brid Feely, Chairperson, reflected on the past year. She cited both the Ryder Cup and the Nissan Irish Open which would have benefited the town greatly.

The long awaited opening of Bond Bridge and the fact of the much improved flow of traffic in the town.

Action Area Plans for the Harbour and Carton were adopted and she said that these will bring much improved amenities for the town and will also have commercial and employment benefits.

We had two deputies attending the Council Area Meetings, the Tidy Towns and the Executive; this was to put forward our plans for the Theatre/Community Centre.

Brid said that this project will remain our most urgent issue for the future.

The Sub-Committees were all thanked for playing a very vital part in the Community. She thanked John Mc Ginley and Willie Sauls for an excellent Parade this year as always.

The Tidy Towns do excellent work and sometimes often thankless work for the town she said. The town benefits greatly from the work done by the Tidy Towns Committee, making sure the town looks so well. Brid congratulated the committee for their commitment to Maynooth.

The Festival Committee is working very hard to make this years Festival even better and bigger than ever. Brid thanked Andrew Mc Mullon and Marie Gleeson and the Festival Committee for all their hard work.

The Newsletter Committee do an excellent job in producing the monthly Newsletter and has improved the content and appearance greatly. The work done by the Community Council Office is first class in layout, content, and advertisements she said. The Editorial Board are now meeting on a monthly basis. A special word of thanks was extended to Peter Connell for his work done in ensuring that Maynooth has become the first designated Free Trade Town in Kildare.

Maynooth Business Association was commended upon for their contributions made to the town. They were thanked for their part in taking on the annual responsibility of the Christmas Lights; also their involvement and success in being approved for the 1st stage application for the Community Based CCTV system, which they are planning to get installed in areas that suffer particularly from anti- social behaviour.

Congratulations were extended to the successful elected T.D.s Emmet Stagg, Bernard Durkan, Aine Brady and Michael Fitzpatrick.

Secretaries Report

Muireann Ni Bhrolcháin ,Secretary, said that meetings were held every month except August. We also had new members co-opted during the year. We had several meetings with Kildare County Council on the Community Centre-Geraldine Hall.

We have been to the fore in our quest for Town Council Status.

Maynooth became the first Town in Kildare to gain Fair Trade Status.

The concerns of residents in Maynooth were raised. Safety issues on the Moyglare Road.

Speeding on the Rathcoffey Road.

Relocation of the Band Stand.

Banning HGV's from the Moyglare road.

Tesco extension and related traffic problems.

Muireann said that the Action Area Plans for the Harbour were discussed and what we would want to see put in place here; also concerns in relation to the law on public drinking.

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Muireann thanked all members that work on Sub-Committees.

She said the Festival went very well, and she thanked Andrew Mc Mullen for all his work.

She also congratulated the St Patrick's Day Parade Committee for one of the best Parades to take place for a number of years.

The Tidy Towns committee works very hard she said, but the IBAL report showed a very bad report on Maynooth. Tom Mc Mullen was Tidy Towns Person of the year.

She congratulated the committee on work well done.

The Twinning committee are still working on this she said, and trying to twin with a community in Africa.

Muireann then thanked the committee for all their help, the office staff for their help and cooperation during the year, and particularly Marie Gleeson in her capacity of supervisor in the office.

Treasurers Report

Willie Saults gave his report on the financial situation. He thanked all involved in the much needed fund-raising. The St Patrick Day Parade, Festival and Flag Day are our main source of raising funds. Willie said that he would like to be able to have more money available for the Festival.

Election of Officers

Chairperson:	Brid Feely
Vice- Chairperson:	Tom Mc Mullen
Secretary:	Muireann Ni Bhrolcháin
Treasurer:	Willie Saults
P.R.O.:	Marie Gleeson
P.D.O.:	Paul Croghan

As in keeping with proper practice the executive are now directors. Also Dominic Nylon and Paul Croghan were made directors: this will allow for a rotation system to be put in place.

Points Raised

Paul Croghan said the situation regarding Town Council Status will have to be addressed: this has been on the agenda for several years and we should again write to the relevant Minister. The IBAL results don't do Maynooth any favours

with a placing of 46 out of 50 towns entered. Kildare County Council will have to be asked to do something to improve things. Also raised was the increase in planes flying over Moyglare Village. Terry Nealon said the An Nuadha players had put the play "The Shaughraun" on. The show was a great success, with a fantastic effort put in by the players. The Arts is very much alive in Maynooth he said, and so it's a pity that there are no proper facilities for the Arts. While very grateful to the Hall Committee for facilitating them the hall is a dreadful conciliation. The question of who is involved in running the hall was raised and also that nothing seems to have been done to the hall in a long time.

John McGinley said it's very difficult to know what to do with the hall as it would cost €¾ million to demolish it, and the Hall is also in Church hands. Terry also raised the point that the Theatre is never mentioned when addressing the Geraldine Hall project, he felt very anxious about this but was reassured that the Theatre was very much to the fore here.

Maynooth Community Council

John Mc Ginley said we should be concentrating on the big issues now. The development plan should be reviewed and we should have a full meeting on this. Also a new pay parking scheme is to be presented to Kildare County Councillors. Serious consideration should be given to the plan. This can be viewed on the internet. Really, the people of Maynooth should have a big input into it. Plans are to be lodged next week for a new ring- road he said. He also said that there are a lot of issues coming up that will be affecting Maynooth and we should be discussing them.

John also suggested that matters arising should be sent to the Community Council so that they can be put on the agenda for the meeting so that motions for the next and all future meetings should be with the executive two weeks before meetings.

Sean Cushman said infrastructure should be in place before further development takes place in the town: drainage, etc. The new executive should be on top of this he said.

Sean said money will have to be spent if we are to improve the situation.

Tidy Towns IBAL Competition

It was suggested that maybe we should pull out of the IBAL Competition as a lot of other towns are doing. The image is doing a lot of damage to the town and more effort should be put into the Tidy Towns said John Mc Ginley. However, Paul Croghan

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pointed out that this is a reflection on Kildare County Council with no litter service and only two litter wardens for the county. IBAL was approved by the department of the environment; in the beginning we were placed 12th and now we are in 50th place; we have not improved. This is a league for County Councils and is not a Tidy Towns matter. Kildare County Council should be improving the black spots. Sean Cushman also remarked that some back roads are dreadful with dumping in ditches; some people are not paying bin charges and just dump their rubbish.

Irish Secondary School

Colm O'Cearúil said that Maynooth is in need of a new Irish Secondary School. He also said he would like to see it as a Community School. They are looking for land and are also looking at the development plan.

Festival

Andrew Mc Mullon said plans are going very well for the Festival. This year we will have an Inter- Estate Quiz and we hope that this will cause a lot of friendly rivalry between estates.

Soccer 7-a –side, talking place from 16th July with final on the 29th July with first 15 teams in. Children's Table Quiz.

Ceili in the square, 28th July. Rita Doyle and her Dancers, Trad Band – Push for Porter, Rock Band, .Pubs- Tug- of War.

Family Day 29th July. with Bouncy Castles, Sumo Wrestling, Giant Slides, B-B-Q, Face Painting, Fire Brigade Display, Fun Children's Race.

Cultural Night in the Castle 26th July with poetry readings, Irish Dancing, Story Telling, and lots more.

A Brochure with full programme and information will be delivered free of charge to 4000 homes in Maynooth so please come out and support your Festival and have fun.

The next community Council meeting will take place on the 10th of July in the Glenroyal Hotel at 8.30.

Marie Gleeson.
PRO

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*L to R Carmel, Dad Patrick
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Thank you from Suas

On Behalf of Suas, a volunteer programme working with neglected and street children in New Delhi and Calcutta. I wish to thank everyone who helped us raise much needed funds for this years volunteer programme. Between the many individual contributions and our bag pack at Tesco's, the amount raised was 2,065 Euro. I wish to extend a sincere thanks to everyone who helped us on the day, to Tesco's who allowed us to run this event and all those who made personal donations.

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Kidz @ Play

Fun at their Sports Day on Friday 15h June

Rain didn't stop fun on Kidz @ Play Playschool sports day!

The bad weather didn't dampen the spirits of the children and families of Kids @ Play Playschool. It was a great day for all involved as the sports day took place inside the Maynooth GAA clubhouse. All the children ran, jumped and hopped their way to medals and prizes and gave a musical treat of songs. The special feature was the parents' potato and spoon race. Play and music added to the fun with interactive activities for children and parents.

A special word of thanks to Martin Donnelly and all in the Maynooth GAA for the use of the clubhouse and to all the children and families for a great day of fun, and not forgetting pre-school teachers Evelyn, Josephine and Sarah.



Kids@Play Playschool gathered for their sports day

Clubs, Organisations And Societies

Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Notes (Know your rights)

Question

This summer I am travelling to a country where there is no Irish Embassy. Is there another source of assistance for Irish nationals in the event of an emergency?

Answer

If you are in a country where there is no embassy or consulate, you can contact the embassy of any other European Union (EU) country for assistance.

According to article 20 of the Treaty Establishing the European Community, you are, in that case, "entitled to protection by the diplomatic or consular authorities of any Member State, on the same conditions as the nationals of that State".

This means that the embassy will treat you the same as it would treat one of its own citizens. The embassy will also act as the channel of communication with the Irish authorities where this is required.

The embassy will help with the relief and repatriation of EU citizens who are in distress. It will offer assistance in situations such as accident, illness or death, and it will assist victims of violent crime. It will also help in cases of arrest or detention.

You will need to produce your passport as proof of your nationality. If your passport has been stolen, other proof of nationality may be acceptable.

The following countries are members of the European Union: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom.

Question

I understand that if I am providing full-time care to someone with a disability I can get a Respite Care Grant. How do I get it?

Answer

The Respite Care Grant is paid once a year to certain carers of people in need of full-time care and attention. It is paid automatically in early June by the Department of Social and Family Affairs to those who are getting Carer's Allowance or prescribed

Relative's Allowance. It is paid automatically by health Service Executive to those who are getting Domiciliary Care Allowance.

Other carers providing full-time care have to apply. If, however, you received the grant last year, you do not need to apply again as the Department writes to you to verify the details. To qualify you must be:

- Aged 16 or over and ordinarily resident in the State
- Caring for the person on a full-time basis
- Caring for the person for at least six months—this period must include the first Thursday in June
- Living with the person being cared for or, if not be contactable quickly by a direct system of communication, for example, by telephone or alarm

You do not qualify if you are working, studying or training more than 15 hours per week outside the home. If you are getting an unemployment payment or if you are signing on for unemployment credits. You also do not qualify if you are living in a hospital, Convalescent home or similar institution.

The person being cared for must have not so severe a disability as to require full-time care and attention and must not be receiving it from someone else. He/she must not normally live in a hospital, convalescent home or similar institution but may attend a non-residential training course or day care centre.

For 2007, the Respite Care Grant is € 1,500 for each person being cared for.

The application form (RCG1) is available from your Social Welfare Office or Citizens Information Centre. If you are caring for more than two people you will also require a Form RCG1(a) for each additional person.

Question

What tax reliefs can I claim to reduce the amount of income tax that I pay?

Answer

There is a range of tax reliefs available, depending on
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your personal circumstances. To reduce your tax, it is important that you are aware of and claim the reliefs to which you are entitled especially as your circumstances change.

There are two main types of income tax relief: tax allowance and tax credits. Tax allowances are deducted from your income to reduce the amount that is taken into account for tax. Your gross tax is calculated as a percentage of this amount.

Tax credits work differently. They are deducted from the amount of your gross tax (above) to reduce the final amount of tax that you have to pay.

Generally, all individuals are entitled to personal credits that can be claimed depending on marital status (including widowed and lone parent) and depending on age (in the case of over 65s).

Employment-related reliefs include a tax credit for Pay As You Earn (PAYE) workers and for trade union subscriptions.

For health, tax relief is available for medical expenses and for some dental expenses. Tax relief on private health insurance is already taken into account in the premium you pay. Relief is also available on nursing home fees or for employment a carer, or if one spouse provides care at home, and you can claim extra credits if you are maintaining a child or relative who is incapacitated.

In education, relief is available on tuition fees for approved third-level courses.

For housing tax relief is available on rent and on service charges paid. Relief on mortgage interest is already taken into account in your mortgage payments. If you rent out a room in your home you can claim relief on the income from it.

You can claim tax credits by contacting your regional Revenue Office. Most income tax reliefs can also be claimed on-line. See the Revenue Website at www.revenue.ie for details.

Question

I believe you can get assistance towards the cost of having a telephone. Can you please give details?

Answer

Assistance may be available under the Household Benefits Package that is administered by the Department of Social and Family Affairs.

There are three allowances available under the Household Benefits Package: Free Television Licence, Electricity/Gas Allowance and Telephone Allowance. The Telephone Allowance scheme provides a payment of € 24.70 per month towards phone costs. This can be used for your landline phone or, from 9th May 2007, for a mobile phone.

If you use the Telephone Allowance for your landline phone, it is paid as a credit on your phone bill.

If you use the Telephone Allowance for your mobile phone. It is paid to you on the first Tuesday of every month. You can choose to have your allowance paid into a post office or a financial institution such as a bank.

The Allowance does not cover the initial installation charge for the telephone or the cost of purchasing a mobile phone. Only one person in the household can qualify for the allowance.

Those aged 70 or over are eligible for the Household Benefits Package no matter what their means are or who lives with them. Also eligible are those:

- Aged between 66 and 69 and living alone or only with certain expected persons and getting a qualifying payment such as a State Pension, Widow(er)'s Pension, Invalidity Pension, Blind Pension or one Parent Family Payment.
- Aged between 66 and 69 and who satisfy a means test and are living alone or only with expected persons
- Aged under 66 and getting a qualifying payment such as an Invalidity Pension, Blind Pension or Disability Allowance, and living with certain expected persons.
- Of any age and getting a Carer's Allowance.
- Widowed and aged between 60 and 65, if the late spouse was receiving the allowance prior to his or her death and the couple were living together.

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.

Telephone: 01-6285477

Useful Tips

Useful Water Safety Tips

Ponds & Lakes,

Don't let your child swim without adult supervision - lakes or ponds may be shallow near the bank and then increase in depth sharply as the child moves further out into the water. Ponds and lakes may hide jagged rocks, broken glass, or general rubbish. Make sure your child wears foot protection, like aqua socks or water shoes, even while in the water. Watch out for weeds and grass that could entangle your child's leg or arm.

Most boating accidents, particularly among teenagers, are related to alcohol. When you and your family are boating, assign a designated driver who won't drink. Be sure your teen knows about the dangers of alcohol, on and off the water.

Swimming in the sea.

- ◆ Don't allow your child to swim in large waves or undertows, and tell him or her never to stand with his or her back to the water because a sudden wave can easily knock your child over.
- ◆ Teach your child that if he or she is caught in a rip current or undertow, he or she should swim parallel to the shore or should tread water and call for a lifeguard's help.
- ◆ The stings of jellyfish can be painful, so tell your child to avoid them in the water and to tell an adult right away if he or she is stung.

Infants & Water.

Drowning, although the biggest worry, isn't the only concern when babies are exposed to water. Infants are particularly susceptible to diseases that can be transmitted in water. After introducing an infant to a pool, dry the child's ears carefully with a towel or cotton ball to help prevent an ear infection that occurs as the result of trapped water in the ear canal. After a dip, it's a good idea to wash your baby with a mild soap and shampoo his or her hair to remove pool chemicals.

Water temperatures below 85 degrees Fahrenheit , (29 degrees Celsius) can cause babies to lose heat quickly,

putting them at risk of hypothermia (when body temperature falls below normal). Shivering infants or those whose lips are turning blue should be removed from the water immediately, dried, and kept in a towel.

Boating Safety

Whether you're the captain of a schooner or a passenger on a skiboat, following safety guidelines ensures your safety and that of other seafarers.

Be weather wise: Sudden wind shifts, lightning flashes and choppy water all can mean a storm is brewing. Bring a portable radio to check weather reports.

Bring extra gear you may need: A flashlight, extra batteries, matches, a map of where you are, flares, sun tan lotion, first aid kit, extra sunglasses. Put those that need to be protected in a watertight pouch or a container that floats.

Tell someone where you're going, who is with you, and how long you'll be away. Then check your boat, equipment, boat balance, engine, and fuel supply before leaving.

Water Skiing.

Wear an approved life jacket.

Have an extra person aboard to watch and assist the skier.

Be sure the boat and ski equipment are in good shape.

Watch the water ahead of you at all times.

Run parallel to shore and come in slowly when landing.

Use proper hand signals to signal boat operator.

Do not ski at night or in restricted areas.

Learn to swim. . It's never too late.

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Pobal Phádraig

Cé sinn: Is craobh de Chonradh na Gaeilge sinn a leanann bunreacht an Chonartha i leith cur chun cinn an teanga agus an cultúr Ghaelach i measc an phobal.

Imeachtaí: Tagann muid le chéile ar an chéad Máirt den mhí ar a hocht a chloig i Brady's Clock House sa Cearnóg i Maigh Nuad. Is é an 3ú Iúil dáta an chéad cruinniú eile agus ina dhiaidh sin 4ú Mean Fómhair

Stair: Tá craobh den Chonradh ag feidhmiú ar leas phobal Mhaigh Nuad ó tús na naochaidí. Bhí craobh i gColáiste Phádraig ó tús na hAthbheochana i 1893. Is ansin a scríobh Eoghan Ó Ghramhnaigh 'Simple Lessons in Irish' an chéad téacsleabhar Gaeilge coitianta. Bíonn muid ag comhoibriú le grúpaí eile phobal ar nós an Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, Baintreacht na Tuaithe agus Glór na nGael. Is as craobh Crom Abú mar a thugtar ar ag an am sin a d'éas choiste Bhunaithe Ghaelscoil Uí Fhiaich.

Oideachais: Táimid i bhfabhair structúr Pobalscoil seachas Pobal Choláiste don iar-bhunscoil nua lán-Ghaeilge atá beartaithe do Mhaigh Nuad. Creidimid gur structúr níos éifeachtaí í ar leas an phobal. I dtaca leis an Roinn Oideachais agus Eolaíochta is na pairthí leasmhara oideachais sa bhaile táimid sásta comhoibriú chun an sprioc seo a bhaint amach ar mhaithe phobal Mhaigh Nuad.

Aos-oideachais: Is oth linn nach bhfuil clár ranganna oíche ar fáil do mhuintir Mhaigh Nuad. Beimid in ann an scéal sin a chur ina cheart leis an Pobalscoil ach idir an dhá linn tá sé ar intinn againn clár ranganna oíche a chur ar fáil san Fómhair in ionaid difriúla.

Féile: Thugadh threoir don choiste ag an cruinniú deireanach dul i mbun cainteanna le coiste féile Mhaigh Nuad. Ag teacht as an comhoibriú sin tá áthas orainn a fhógairt go mbeidh 'Seo Beo Ráth Cairn' agus grúpaí eile nach iad ag ghlacadh páirt i Féile Mhaigh Nuad i mbliana.

Bígí ann le fonn
Colm Ó Cearúil
Cathaoirleach 086-1762212.

Pobal Phádraig

Who are we: We are a branch of Conradh na Gaeilge. We are governed by the constitution of An Conradh to promote the Irish language and culture in our community.

Events: We come together on the first Tuesday of the month at eight o'clock in Brady's Clock House in The Square, Maynooth. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tues. 3rd July and subsequently on the 4th September.

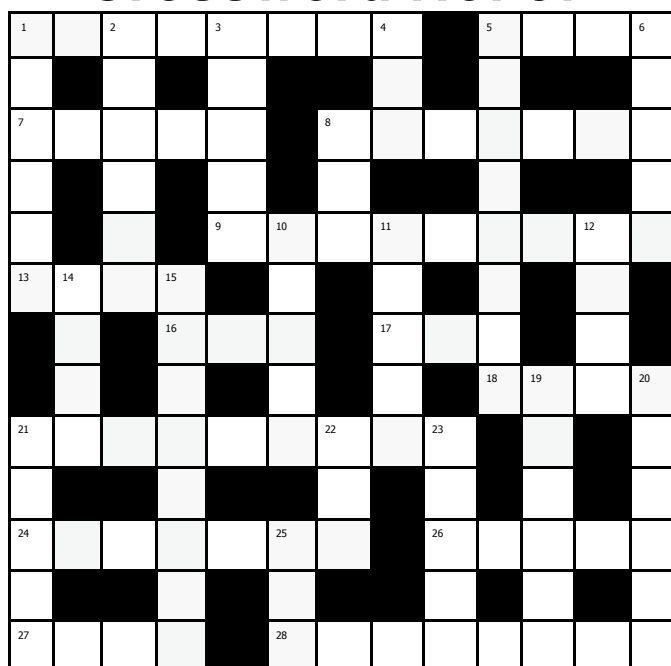
History: There was a branch of Conradh in St. Patrick's College in 1893 at the start of the revival period. This branch published the famous 'Simple Lessons in Irish' the first common Irish text book, which was written by Fr. Eoghan Ó Ghramhnaigh, Professor of Irish in St. Pat's. The inscription over his tomb at the back of the college reads, 'd'Ord Eoghan Ó Ghramhnaigh d'muscail misneach is meamna na nGael', an oration to E.Ó G. who inspired courage and higher thinking amongst the Irish people. His tomb and passage home from Phoenix, Arizona where he died from Tuberculosis at the age of 33 was paid for by his friends in Conradh na Gaeilge. Upon formation Kildare County Council adopted meamna agus misneach as their mission statement for the governance of Kildare. In the modern period a branch attempted to found a Gaelscoil for the town in the 1980's. This branch under the then Cathaoirleach Seán Ó Siócháin A.S. was refused permission by the Dept. of Education on the grounds that the school was too close to the existing Gaelscoil in Leixlip. These pioneers acceded and instead established the Gaelsoili in Kilcock. The current branch work in partnership with other community groups including the G.A.A., I.C.A., and Glór na nGael for the good of the town. It was from the Crom Abú branch as we were then known that the founding committee of Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich was formed.

Education: We are in favour of a Community School management structure for the new Irish medium post-primary school for Maynooth. We believe this model to be the most effective in terms of local community involvement and service. In partnership with The Department of Education and Science, local educational interests and community stakeholders we are working to achieve this resource for the long term good of the Maynooth community.

Adult Education: We deplore the fact that a comprehensive adult education programme in the form of night classes, for the working community has never been offered by the traditional education providers in this town. We hope to rectify this situation with the establishment of The Maynooth Community School (Pobalscoil Phádraig). Pobal Phádraig will provide some tuition, at least in conversational Irish in various centres for the coming autumn nights.

Community Festival: Our committee were directed by the membership to liaise with the Maynooth Festival Committee of Maynooth Community Council. We are happy to report that we have secured the inclusion of 'Seo Beo Ráth Cairn' and some other events of a Gaeilge nature in this year's festival.

Crossword No: 57



Entries before Monday 9th July 2007

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Across:

1. Jam (8)
5. Superlative (4)
7. Magnanimous (5)
8. Sir Harry____, Welsh Singer/comedian (7)
9. Former English county (9)
13. Harness together (4)
16. Large container (3)
17. Rowing blade (3)
18. Brink (4)
21. Four times Liberal Prime Minister (9)
24. Famous (7)
26. Theatre (5)
27. Pantomime character (4)
28. Sad (8)

Doodle Box

Special prize

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Give yourself the luxury of browsing and choosing the book(s) which take your fancy from the wide selection available in the store of our sponsor

The Maynooth Bookshop
68 Main Street, Maynooth

Winner

Tom Crowley
18 Moyglare Abbey
Maynooth

Down:

1. Larder (6)
2. Set out (6)
3. Foe (5)
4. Sheep (3)
5. Pamphlet (8)
6. Cliff Richard song,____for a Dream (5)
8. Form of address (3)
10. Group of eight (5)
11. Recognised (5)
12. Boxing arena (4)
14. Precious stone (4)
15. Testimony (8)
19. Proper (6)
20. Inflate (6)
21. Gluttony (5)
22. Choose (3)
23. Dodge (5)
25. Indicate agreement (3)

Solutions to Crossword No. 56

Across:

1. Dickens, 5. Cruel, 8. Error, 9. Onion, 10. Arrow, 11. Shout, 13. Drone, 14. Idea, 17. Reduce, 19. Spinet, 22. Nape, 24. Cynic, 26. Ridge, 29. Ought, 30. Union, 31. Amaze, 32. Token, 33. Tankard.

Down:

1. Dress, 2. Cargo, 3. Erratic, 4. Scarce, 5. Crowd, 6. Unicorn, 7. Lenient, 12. Hoe, 15. Den, 16. Asp, 17. Recruit, 18. Dunkirk, 20. Pertain, 21. Egg, 23. August, 25. Conan, 27. Diana, 28. Emend.

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Set up in 1996, Irish Business Against Litter is an alliance of companies sharing a belief that continued economic prosperity - notably in the areas of tourism, food and direct foreign investment - is contingent on a clean, litter-free environment.

As part of the IBAL Anti-Litter League, An Taisce monitors all towns of population 6,000 and over, independently in accordance with international grading standards.

MONDAY 18th JUNE

Shocking results for Kildare in the IBAL anti litter league

IBAL slams 'car littering' as a growing blot on Ireland's landscape

The first round result of the 2007 anti litter league survey by IBAL revealed that Kildare fared very badly on the litter front. Newbridge was one of only two areas classed as a "Litter Blackspot". Maynooth was classed as a "Seriously Littered" area in 46th position, a very poor rating out of 50 areas surveyed. Naas was in 39th position and was classed as a "Littered" area. Leixlip was a "Littered" area in 37th position and Athy ranked as 31st was a "Moderately Littered" area. In stark contrast to Kildare the survey revealed that overall litter levels nationwide had improved by 2% compared to this time last year.

Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) has called for the introduction of penalty points for incidences of 'car littering' in Ireland as they are defacing otherwise clean towns and cities. The latest IBAL litter survey shows a large number of areas let down by the state of their approach roads, ringroads and roundabouts where litter is caused by passing cars and trucks. IBAL has called on the Government to consider extending penalty points to this offence.

The survey of 50 towns and cities around Ireland, carried out by An Taisce, showed Newbridge and Navan as the only towns in the country to be brandished as 'litter blackspots', the latter for the third

survey in succession. Carlow, placed top in the league, was one of 18 areas deemed as "Litter Free".

For towns like Killarney, Athlone, Cork City, Limerick City and Nenagh, it was litter on approach roads that brought down their overall rankings in this round of the anti-litter league. "In many cases, the town councils and city councils are doing their bit in keeping the streets free of litter," remarked Dr Tom Cavanagh of IBAL. "However, they are being frustrated in their efforts for a clean environment by litter on approach roads. These are the responsibility of the county councils."

"The impression of a town is coloured hugely by what one encounters on approaching it. For this reason we need to find ways of targeting those who dump or litter from their vehicles. Issuing one penalty point per litter offence is one suggestion. Another is to build lay-bys on our motorways equipped with suitable litter bins to facilitate truck drivers who often have their meals on the go, resulting in an accumulation of litter. These facilities are seriously lacking."

The IBAL survey revealed litter levels have improved by 2% over the same time last year, which was itself, a spectacular improvement on the previous period. The average cleanliness rating is now 75 points, within sight of the 80-point mark, which is deemed 'clean to European norms.' "There is no doubt that our cleanliness levels are continuing to rise," continued Dr Cavanagh. "To sustain this progress, County Councils, whose remit it is to keep the areas outside the towns clean, will have to take litter seriously, not least on approach roads. IBAL will be monitoring these roads more and more in future surveys."

IBAL has warned that the peak summer season is a critical time for areas to show their best side to visitors. Fáilte Ireland reports that the majority of tourists to the green island find it less clean than they expected. Fáilte Ireland's Tourism Matters publication suggests that over a quarter of tourists to Ireland surveyed had experienced littering or dumping in the countryside. German holidaymakers are least likely to agree that Irish streets are cleaner than streets in their own country "This is simply not a basis to build future tourism on" added Mr Cavanagh

Dublin City has been omitted from the Litter League in 2007, but will be compared against other cities in a European League to be published later this year.

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IBAL continued

	Town/City	Rating
1	Carlow	<i>Clean to European norms</i>
2	Midleton	<i>Clean to European norms</i>
3	Fermoy	<i>Clean to European norms</i>
4	Trim	<i>Clean to European norms</i>
5	Wexford	<i>Clean to European norms</i>
6	Cavan	<i>Clean to European norms</i>
7	Dundalk	<i>Clean to European norms</i>
8	Arklow	<i>Clean to European norms</i>
9	Letterkenny	<i>Clean to European norms</i>
10	Enniscorthy	<i>Clean to European norms</i>
11	Galway	<i>Clean to European norms</i>
12	Greystones	<i>Clean to European norms</i>
13	Killarney	<i>Clean to European norms</i>
14	Monaghan	<i>Clean to European norms</i>
15	Thurles	<i>Clean to European norms</i>
16	Tralee	<i>Clean to European norms</i>
17	Waterford City	<i>Clean to European norms</i>
18	Youghal	<i>Clean to European norms</i>
19	Cork City	<i>Moderately littered</i>
20	Bray	<i>Moderately littered</i>
21	Clonmel	<i>Moderately littered</i>
22	Cobh	<i>Moderately littered</i>
23	Mallow	<i>Moderately littered</i>
24	Tullamore	<i>Moderately littered</i>
25	Drogheda	<i>Moderately littered</i>

So how did the judges see Maynooth?

AN TAISCE REPORT: Maynooth: 46th out of 50 towns / cities surveyed.

There was just one very good site in Maynooth (St. Mary's School – Inside) – the top ranking towns had eight. Over a number of years there has been little change in the poor litter situation at Maynooth – this time around was no different. Maynooth, along with almost all of the rest of the Kildare towns has consistently come very much towards the bottom of the league. Many of the moderately littered sites could easily be improved with a little extra care and attention e.g. Moyglare Approach Road, Moyglare Abbey and St. Mary's School – Outside. Maynooth Railway Station, Main Street, Public Park at back of Main Street and Maynooth College – Outside Moyglare Entrance all had a serious litter problem. Not only were they heavily littered but there was a general lack of maintenance.

In the next survey 40% of marks will be awarded for Approach Roads – this includes ring roads, slip roads and roundabouts.

	Town/City	Rating
26	Ballina	<i>Moderately littered</i>
27	Dungarvan	<i>Moderately littered</i>
28	Gorey	<i>Moderately littered</i>
29	Kilkenny	<i>Moderately littered</i>
30	Portlaoise	<i>Moderately littered</i>
31	Athy	<i>Moderately littered</i>
32	Ennis	<i>Moderately littered</i>
33	Wicklow	<i>Moderately littered</i>
34	Limerick City	<i>Littered</i>
35	Athlone	<i>Littered</i>
36	Dunlaoghaire	<i>Littered</i>
37	Leixlip	<i>Littered</i>
38	Longford	<i>Littered</i>
39	Naas	<i>Littered</i>
40	Nenagh	<i>Littered</i>
41	Roscommon	<i>Littered</i>
42	Tallaght	<i>Littered</i>
43	Ballinasloe	<i>Seriously littered</i>
44	Castlebar	<i>Seriously littered</i>
45	Sligo	<i>Seriously littered</i>
46	Maynooth	<i>Seriously littered</i>
47	Mullingar	<i>Seriously littered</i>
48	Swords	<i>Seriously littered</i>
49	Navan	<i>Litter Blackspot</i>
50	Newbridge	<i>Litter Blackspot</i>

Dublin Approach Road: Moderately Littered. (Between Carton House and Tesco). The verges on both sides of the road were somewhat neglected. A more thorough approach to maintenance would make all the difference here.

Moyglare Approach Road: Moderately Littered. (Secondary road leading from Dunshaugh). The low levels of litter along this approach into Maynooth could easily be addressed with a more thorough approach to cleaning.

Moyglare Abbey: Moderately Littered. With just a little extra effort this residential area could easily get a higher litter classification. Some light scatterings of food related litter took away from an otherwise very good site.

Maynooth College – Outside Moyglare Entrance: Serious Litter Problem. This was a very poor site – if not addressed the litter situation can only deteriorate even further. There was a wide variety of litter present and there were no litter bins in the area surveyed.

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Maynooth College – from Moyglare Entrance – Inside: Moderately Littered. As with the previous site there were no litter bins in the area surveyed. Scatterings of food related litter were very obvious and the grass / weeds were becoming overgrown.

St. Mary's School – Outside: Moderately Littered. (Moyglare Road). The flower beds added some bright colour to this site – it was generally quite good but let down by food related litter.

St Mary's School – Inside: Clean to European Norms. This was the best site within Maynooth and the high standards attained during previous litter surveys have been sustained again this time around. Not only was it clear of litter but it was also very well maintained.

Maynooth Railway Station: Serious Litter Problem. This was a disappointing site, creating a poor first impression of the town for those arriving by train. There appear to be insufficient bins for the high numbers of passengers using the station.

Public Park at back of Main Street: Serious Litter Problem. This could be a lovely amenity. There was a wide variety of litter present and it is a pity that there has been little improvement. A dirty bin and poorly maintained grass contributed to the overall appearance.

Main Street: Serious Litter Problem. Dirty and broken bins, accumulations of litter at the base of some trees and a filthy P&T box all contributed to the poor appearance of this street. A more thorough approach to cleaning and maintenance is required to address this situation – otherwise it can only deteriorate.

Marianville: Moderately Littered. Not much effort is required to bring this residential area up to a higher litter classification. The new development hasn't impacted on the litter situation.

Maynooth Tidy Towns

You want to help enhance our local environment?

Maynooth Tidy Towns would appreciate your support by giving one hour a week of your time to help us with our work.

When do we meet?

During the Summer period:

Tuesday evenings at SuperValu Carpark at 7.30 p.m.

Thursday evenings at SuperValu Carpark at 7.30 p.m.

Sunday mornings at 8 a.m. at Maynooth Garda Station

What do you get?

The chance to be involved in the most vibrant community group in Maynooth as well as meeting likeminded people with a common interest in making Maynooth a nice place to live.

How do I get involved?

Just ring or text 087 3153189

Paul Croghan

PRO, Maynooth Tidy Towns

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Members of Maynooth Tidy Towns in Action



Tina Murphy & Paul Dowling, from Lyreen Gardens fitting the flower Baskets with Aisling O'Leary, junior member of Tidy Towns.



Seah Cushman, Eilish Cushman & Gerry Lawlor

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Members of Maynooth Tidy Towns in Action



Sean Cushan planting new flower bed at O'Neill Park



Moira Baxton & Sean Lyons. Planting in front of Maynooth College

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Maynooth I. C. A. News

Our new President, Margaret Houlihan was welcomed and wished well for her next three years. The outgoing President, Mary O'Gorman was thanked for all her work for the Guild for the past three years. Mary has now taken over as Craft Promoter for the Kildare Federation.

Our Secretary is Rosemary Hanley, Treasurer is Mary Dunne, Grianán and Contest Secretary is Catherine O'Reilly, and Sports Officer is Madeline Stynes. Timire and International Officer is Mary McNamara, and P.R.O. is Norah McDermott, and Monthly Hostess is Mairead Scanlon. We still need an Arts, Produce and Craft Promoter.

Big questionnaire to be answered as we will be 100 years old in 3 years time. A National Committee has been set up to start work on Projects for our 100th Celebrations. I.C.A. members have been quoted special rates for hiring the bungalows at An Grianan. Our September Competition will be an "on the spot one".

Badminton will finish in the Parish Hall at the end of June and start again in September, as will crafts on Monday nights. The Badminton Girls are having lunch in the Courtyard mid-June and have invited all members.

We hope to start Irish Conversation Classes again in September, and will be inviting neighbouring Guilds to join us. We have also been invited to join other guilds at Elm Hall on Tuesdays at 7. p.m. to play Pitch & Putt.

There is a big clean up and paint job to be done on the I.C.A. hall mid-June. The hosting of our National Councils A.G.M. in the Standhouse Hotel by Kildare Federation was a great success, and thanks to all members who gave of their time over the 2 day event. We were invited to a Civic Reception in Kildare Council Headquarters in Devoy Barracks. We were met by Fionnuala Dukes, Kildare Mayor in the Chambers and the history of the building was explained to us. We feasted on beautiful refreshments. We extend our thanks to Fionnuala and Kildare County Council for a lovely evening.

An Grianán are holding a Garden Party on 29th June 2007 and it should be a great evening of fun and entertainment, including dinner.

The Federation Table Quiz will take place on Thursday 28th June in Sarsfield Club in Newbridge and starts at 8.p.m.

Kildare week in An Grianan takes place from 2nd to 6th June 2007 and almost 60 members have booked so far.

A walk is to be organised in Donadea Forest Park on 30th June in conjunction with Sports Partnership & Heart Foundation.

Congratulations to Mary O'Gorman who received Certificates in Candlewick Embroidery, Glass Etching and Gingham Embroidery.

Competition winners at the Guild Meeting were :

- 1st Mary Dunne
- 2nd Mary McNamara, Norah McDermott, Rosemary Hanley, & Madeline Stynes.
- 3rd Irene Matthews, Ann Broughan, Mary Deane, and Catherine O'Reilly.

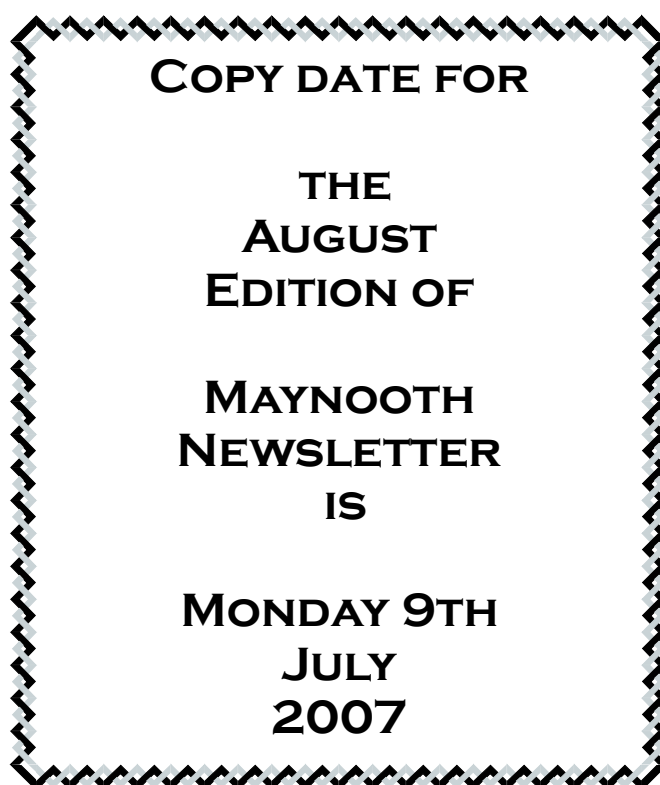
Raffle winners on the night were :

- 1st Mary O'Gorman
- 2nd Irene Matthews
- 3rd Veva Kearins.

I would like to wish all Members the best for Summer Holidays and enjoy them, and see you all 1st Thursday in September.

New members are always welcome.

Norah McDermott PRO.



MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY FESTIVAL 2007

Children's Art Competition and Exhibition

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Age Categories

4-6

7-10

11-13



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ALL WELCOME



Clubs, Organisations And Societies

Maynooth Golf Society

The Joe (Dodo) Murray Memorial Cup Sponsored by Derek Murray

Baltinglass Golf Club was the venue for our outing sponsored by Caulfield's Pub and Piano Bar on Saturday 16th June.

35 members competed on this very hilly and demanding course. The difficulty of the course and the weather conditions which were more like winter rather than summer may have been the reason for the low scoring. The winner was Gerry Mc Ternan with an unexpected winning score of 28 points (B9) followed in 2nd place by Tommy Campbell also with a score of 28 points. Next in the prizes were Norman Kavanagh (3rd B9) and our Captain Pat Conway (4th) both on 27 points.

Prizes were presented by our Captain Pat Conway that evening to a large gathering in Caulfield's. Pat thanked our sponsors Caulfield's for their generous sponsorship and for providing "goodie bags" for all who played on the day and finger food to all who attended the prize giving.

Thanks to all who attended.

Our next outing is to Grange Castle Golf Club on Thursday 28th June. Tee time 2.00 - 4.00 pm.

RESULT SHEET

1st Prize	Gerry Mc Ternan	28 pts B9
2nd Prize	Tommy Campbell	28 pts
3rd Prize	Norman Kavanagh	27 pts B9
4th Prize	Pat Conway	27 pts
5th Prize	John Saults	25 pts B9
6th Prize	Ken Donnelly	25 pts B6
7th Prize	Brendan Bean	25 pts
Front 9	Martin Deveney	13 pts
Back 9	Niall Byrne	15 pts
Visitors	Mark Keogh	27 pts
Nearest The Pin	Gerry McTernan	
2's	Martin Shields	



**L to R Pat Conway Captain, Gerry Mc Ternan Winner,
John Byrne P.R.O.**



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Horoscopes



ARIES—March 21—April 20

We can't re-write history; that's what they say. The statement though is only partially true. You may not be able to rewrite it, but you can remember things that have previously been forgotten.

Monday is your lucky day
Number 11 colour brown.



LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23

You can be very flexible when it comes to certain issues, but when your feelings are on the line you tend to tense up. Relax and take time by yourself.

Monday is your lucky day
Number 9 colour crimson.



TAURUS—April 21—May 21

They say tomorrow never comes; mostly that's true. You have worked very hard over the past few weeks. Your time has come at last and things will go your way from now on.

Thursday is your lucky day
Number 10 colour black.



SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22

Disrespectful behaviour could get you in trouble if you're not careful. Mind your manners over the next few days especially when dealing with people at work and at home.

Saturday is your lucky day
Number 5 colour orange.



GEMINI—May 22—June 22

From time to time you find it hard to take compliments. When praise comes your way you get nervous. Relax and enjoy any kind words that come your way. You deserve it.

Sunday is your lucky day
Number 8 colour white.



SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21

All the pieces of a puzzle may be in front of you, but you still have to put them together. Things will become a lot clearer once you solve this jig saw.

Friday is your lucky day
Number 3 colour silver.



CANCER—June 23—July 23

Your luck seems to be in over the next seven days but don't push it. There's no point taking unnecessary risks at this point in time.

Saturday is your lucky day
Number 13 colour gold.



CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20

Sometimes the planets bring us opportunities; sometimes they bring us challenges; sometimes they bring us choices; they don't say things must be like this for you. They say, what do you want?

Tuesday is your lucky day
Number 15 colour green.



LEO—July 24—August 23

The distance you keep between yourself and others you meet on a day to day basis should be maintained if you want to get closer to others.

Friday is your lucky day
Number 4 colour purple.



AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19

You come to a new day full of hope only to find that you must come out with your guns blazing. Who will be the first to go for peace and be the true winner?

Wednesday is your lucky day.
Number 19 colour lemon.



VIRGO—August 24—Sept 23

You seem to be stuck in a very unhealthy cycle at the moment. You can break free: with a little effort things will change for you.

Tuesday is your lucky day
Number 4 colour yellow.



PISCES—Feb 20—March 20

You seem to know something is going to happen before the event and you will get that feeling this week. As if by magic, your fingers and toes will be tingling.

Wednesday is your lucky day
Number 5 colour pink.

Useful Telephone Numbers

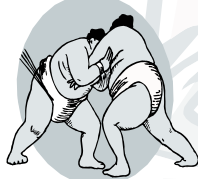
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MAYNOOTH FESTIVAL

THURSDAY 26th JULY TO SUNDAY 29th JULY



*7-A-Side Football
Inter Pub Tug-of-War
Table Quiz*

*Family Day Harbour Field
Bouncy Castle
Sumo Wrestling
Races*



*Fire Brigade Display
Children's Art Competition*



*An evening of light entertain-
ment with
St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band,
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Features

Green Flag Day in Presentation Girls' School

Tuesday the 13th of June was a special day for all involved with the Girls School in Maynooth as the Green Flag was presented to the school with a ceremony involving the schools children.

The Green Schools is a worldwide environmental education programme which is sponsored by Intel and highlights the brilliant work schools are doing for the environment. The teachers and pupils all wore green clothing to add to the occasion and some of the children wore cardboard hats and skirts made from refuse bags to highlight their recycling message.

The school has worked very hard for the award and after two years its achievement was recognised and the school accepted their Green Flag last February at the headquarters of An Taisce.



**L to R Ms. Miss C McGorry, Rachel O'Neill
and Mrs. B Boylan principal.**

The school started off by introducing a litter awareness programme. They also started recycling items such as batteries, stamps, mobile phones, paper, cardboard and compost to name a few and it grew from there. The pupils also have small gardens setup in their classrooms where they plant new flowers and plants and they then maintain and care for it each day.

The guest speaker on the day was Dick Warner, the environmentalist, writer and broadcaster. He was very impressed with the schools achievement and seen at first hand the hard work the children have put in. So far there are 14,500 schools in 37 countries around the world that have been awarded Green Flag status.

The Green Flag then has to be won again two years later which means the school must maintain the high standards it has now set for itself. The schools also spread the word about Green Schools so as to make people more aware of recycling and how better they can help the environment.

The school choir finished the ceremony by singing a few uplifting tunes.

Features

Green Flag Day in Presentation Girls' School (Cont'd)



Guest Speaker Dick Warner



**L to R Jess McCabe, Izzey McNamara
and Emma Collins**



Members of The School Choir

Features - Computers

Lessons

The Internet is vast, so looking for information can be like trying to find a needle in a haystack. Incorrect use means you could end up with page after page of irrelevant results – a factor that could reduce the appeal of the Internet. This would be a terrible shame as it is an invaluable resource. Search tools, when used correctly can help you find absolutely anything. Armed with the above information, you can improve your searching technique to pinpoint the information you want.

Getting the right result depends on many factors; not least the way in which you're using the search tool, and whether the tools in question are right for the job.

There are quite a few search engines but the most popular today is Google—www.google.ie. Google allows you to specify if you want to search the web or just search sites from Ireland.

Using filters

If you enter a particular phrase, such as "to be or not to be", thousands of irrelevant pages are likely to appear. More relevant pages can be obtained by enclosing the phrase in quotation marks. Entering "to be or not to be" (including the quotes) looks for that exact phrase. Try this technique when looking for song lyrics, people or products.

More powerful searches can be carried out using **operators**; keyboard symbols that add specific conditions to your query such as the **plus (+)** and **minus (-)** symbols are the simplest. If you enter the phrase "to be or not to be" but are looking only for results that also mention Shakespeare, you could try typing "to be or not to be" +Shakespeare. This works in reverse too. Entering "fruit-bananas" (without quotes) will only return results for fruit, which are not bananas. Many search tools also use an uppercase OR as an option, so you could enter "nuts OR bananas- fruit -food -tree" to get pages that

have nothing to do with food but contain the words nuts or bananas.

The **tilde operator** (the symbol ~ which is usually accessed by pressing the Shift key and #) can be used to broaden searches. Entering "~ auto insurance" into a search engine will find results for websites that contain the word **auto** and any of its synonyms such as **car**, **truck** etc. This feature could prove handy if you're trying to find insurance for more than one type of vehicle. Many search engines have a set of advanced operators that help you narrow your searches even further. You can force many search tools to look only through specific websites. In Google, this is done by using the operator "site". Entering "sport" site:www.ireland.com will search the Ireland.com website for pages that mention the phrase "sport".

"Date:" is another powerful operator, and gives results for pages that were updated during a specific time frame. Tap in "big brother" date: 2 and you'll only get results for the Big Brother TV shows that are relevant to the last two months. This is especially handy if you only want up to date information.

The **"related:"** operator lets you find out when websites have something in common. Type in "related:www.tesco.ie" (don't use the quotes) and you'll see a list of websites for manufacturers that offer similar products and services.

The final operator we'll talk about in this section is **"safesearch"**. If you're searching the web with a group of people that may include a child, you won't want to see unexpected and potentially offensive content. Typing in "safesearch:sex education" helps reduce the likelihood of finding adult-themed websites that could cause embarrassment.

Next month we will look at the other uses for Google—its not just a search engine!

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Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Community Games

The local athletics were held in Maynooth GAA on Friday 25th May.

Results as follows:

BOYS EAST Under 8 60m		BOYS WEST Under 8 60m	
Position	Name	Position	Name
1st	Marc McAuliffe	1st	Thomas Jones
2nd		2nd	Sean Ledwidge
Under 8 80m		Under 8 80m	
1st		1st	Thomas Jones
2nd		2nd	Sean Ledwidge
Under 10 100m		Under 10 100m	
1st	Callum McCabe	1st	Fiachra O'Sullivan
2nd		2nd	Mickey Cooke
3rd		3rd	Blake Van Duyvenvearde
Under 10 200m		Under 10 200m	
1st	Callum McCabe	1st	Fiachra O'Sullivan
2nd		2nd	Mickey Cooke
3rd		3rd	Blake Van Duyvenvearde
Under 12 100m		Under 12 100m	
1st	Jack O'Hagan	1st	Michael Jones
2nd	Pavel Dementyer	2nd	Oisín O'Sullivan
Under 12 600m		Under 12 600m	
1st	Jack O'Hagan	1st	Oisín O'Sullivan
2nd	Pavel Dementyer	2nd	Michael Jones
GIRLS EAST Under 8 60m		GIRLS WEST Under 8 60m	
Position	Name	Position	Name
1st	Olivia Carton	1st	Saoirse O'Sullivan
2nd	Zara Ryan	2nd	Aideen Horgan

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Community Games

Table of results continued.

Under 8 80m		Under 8 80m	
1st	Olivia Carton	1st	Aideen Horgan
2nd		2nd	Saoirse O'Sullivan
Under 10 100m		Under 10 100m	
1st	Sarah Fanthom	1st	Catherine Jones
2nd		2nd	Roisin O'Neill
3rd		3rd	Anne Ward
Under 10 200m		Under 10 200m	
1st	Sarah Fanthom	1st	Catherine Jones
2nd		2nd	Roisin O'Neill
3rd		3rd	Katie Geraghty Kate O'Malley Anne Ward
Under 12 100m		Under 12 100m	
1st	Ciara Hewson	1st	Emma Collins
2nd		2nd	Kelly Cooke
3rd		3rd	Eleanor Geraghty Laura Cooke
Under 12 600m		Under 12 600m	
1st	Ciara Hewson	1st	Emma Collins
2nd		2nd	Kelly Cooke
3rd		3rd	Eleanor Geraghty Laura Cooke

Swimming:

Well done to all the boys & girls who swam in the County Final in Athy on the 2nd on June and congratulations to all who brought home silverware.

Gold: Sean McKnight
Alison Hastings
Jack Ffrench
Lauren Hastings

Silver: Conor Lynch

Bronze: Eoin McCormack

Certificate: Joseph Millet
Aoife Lynch

Good luck to the gold winners who will represent Maynooth and Kildare in the National Finals on the 17th -19th of August at the National Aquatic Centre in Blanchardstown.

Clubs, Organisations And Societies

Maynooth Community Games (Cont'd)

Under 13 Walking Race			
BOY EAST		BOYS WEST	
1st	Pavel Dementyer	1st	Michael Jones
2nd		2nd	Sean Ledwidge
3rd		3rd	Oisín O'Sullivan
GIRLS EAST		GIRLS WEST	
1st	Ciara Hewson	1st	Catherine Jones
2nd		2nd	Kate Geraghty
3rd		3rd	Aideen Horran

Long Puck	
1st	Oisín O'Sullivan

Congratulations to all the Under 6s who participated on the day.

Well done to all the boys and girls good luck in the County Final in Newbridge on the weekend 29th/30th of June.

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Gardening Tips for July



Here are a few July gardening tasks and projects that you can do to help keep your garden looking it's best for the rest of this season.

Watering the garden

The primary rule of summer watering is to water thoroughly and deeply each time and to allow the soil dry out between waterings. Deep watering will allow the plant's roots to grow deeper, where they are less likely to dry out, as well as the added benefit of anchoring the plant into the ground better. Light, surface watering actually wastes water, because the water never actually reaches the root zone of the plant, and the moisture rapidly evaporates from the top inch of soil.

The best way to tell if your plants are receiving enough water is to take a trowel or shovel and dig down a few inches. The soil should be moist at least 3 or 4 inches deep to ensure that the water is reaching the root zone of the plants. Of course, if you planted drought resistant plants in your garden, you won't have to water as often, but the principal of deep watering still applies.

As the weather dries out, your container plants may need daily watering, especially if the pots are exposed to the drying sunlight. Push your finger into the soil in your container plantings at least once a day (*more often on hot, dry days*) to feel for moisture and be certain that plants are getting enough water. Apply water until it runs out the drainage holes.

Try to do your watering during the morning hours so that the leaves can dry off a bit before the hot sun hits them. Evening watering is sometimes acceptable if the temperatures are warm enough to insure that foliage dries before the temperature drops at night. (Wet foliage makes plants more susceptible to fungus and disease.

Perennials, annuals and bulbs.

Continue to dead head (remove dead flowers) your annuals to encourage continued blooming. If your annuals have died off, pull them out and add them to the compost pile. Replant that spot with hardy annuals or perennials, such as alyssum, calendula, candytuft, dianthus, baby's breath, nasturtium, pansy, petunia, phlox, snapdragons.

Get a second bloom from faded annuals by cutting them back by one half their height, then fertilize them with a liquid 5-10-10 fertilizer.

"Try to do your watering during the morning hours so that the leaves can dry off a bit before the hot sun hits them."

Roses will need to be fertilized each month through the summer. In colder areas, allow shrub roses to ripen by discontinuing feeding them at the end of the month.

Fertilize container gardens regularly with a liquid all purpose plant food.

Chrysanthemums should be lightly fertilized every two weeks. Discontinue pinching your mums in mid month so they will be able to develop flower buds for the autumn. To promote 'trophy size' flowers, allow only one or two main shoots to develop. Remove all side buds as they begin to develop.

To produce the largest Dahlia flowers (especially 'Dinner plate' Dahlias), the main stems should be kept free of side shoots, allowing only the main terminal bud to develop. Be sure to provide adequate support to prevent wind damage.

Bearded Iris may be divided and replanted when they have finished blooming. Discard all shrivelled and diseased parts

Sweet peas may tend to fizzle out with hot summer weather, but with heavy mulching to keep the roots cool and moist you can

prolong the flowering season by a few more weeks. A little mid-day shade will also help to maintain the quality of the flowers and prolong the blooming season.

Verbenas, Euonymus, Ivy, and climbing roses are some of

plants that will root fairly quickly by layering them into the warm soil. Fasten a section of the stem containing one or more "eyes" down onto cultivated soil with a horseshoe shaped piece of wire and cover it with additional soil. By summer's end, the stem should be rooted sufficiently to sever it from the parent plant and replant into another area of the garden..

Sow seeds of Hollyhocks, English daisies, Foxgloves, Violas, Canterbury bells, and Sweet William into the garden now for next year's bloom.

Geranium cuttings may be made in late July to start plants for indoor bloom during the winter months, and for setting into the garden next spring. You may need to provide supplemental lighting with fluorescent grow lights for really good winter blooms indoors.



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Gardening Tips for July (Cont'd)

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Shrubs and trees

Summer blooming shrubs should be pruned for shape after they have finished flowering. Remove any dead or diseased branches.

Fertilize flowering shrubs like Rhododendrons, Camellias and Azaleas immediately after they have finished flowering with a 'Rhododendron' or 'Evergreen' type fertilizer.

Dead head the developing seed pods from your Rhododendrons and Azaleas to improve next years bloom. Be careful not to damage next years buds which may be hidden just below the pod.

Fruits and veggies

Begin enjoying the harvest of your home-grown fruits, vegetables and herbs!

Fertilize June bearing strawberries after the harvest, and ever-bearing varieties half way through the season.



Plant out successions of salad crops for continued harvesting throughout the summer. Sow seeds for cool-season crops directly into the garden by mid-July.

Continue to protect your fruit from the birds with netting.

Lawn

Contrary to popular belief, a brown lawn isn't necessarily a dead lawn. Grasses go dormant in times of drought, but will quickly return to life with rain. If a lush green lawn is important to you, and you don't mind mowing, water it regularly, and deeply. If a water shortage is expected, or you hate tending to grass, you may choose to just let your lawn go dormant, and water it as seldom as once a month. Raise the cutting height of the mower. Taller grass cools the roots and helps to keep the moisture in the soil longer.

Avoid using fertilizers in hot, dry weather.

House Plants

House plants can be moved outside to a shady, protected spot.

Continue to watch for insect or disease damage and take the necessary steps to control the problem. Warmer and drier weather means it will be necessary to water and mist your house plants more often. Feed your house plants with half the recommended strength of a good soluble house plant fertilizer while they are actively growing.

July Herb Garden

Things to do:

Keep sowing seed outside - to maintain supplies.

Mulch moisture-loving herbs.

Thin seedlings that have been sown direct in the garden.

Dead-head where flowers have faded, unless seed is to be collected.

Harvest lemon balm, summer savoury, hyssop, tarragon, thyme, lavender, marjoram and most other herbs this month.

Hoe and remove weeds regularly as competition will be great this month.

Take softwood cuttings.

Cut flowers such as lavender and cornflower for drying.

Begin gathering seeds of caraway and angelica

Cut back lavenders after flowering to keep a good shape

Water regularly any plants that may be showing stress

Keep gathering petals of damask rose for drying

Flavour from the garden this month

July will offer flavour from just about all the herbs.

New shoots, leaves and flowers are perfect for the kitchen.



Odds and ends

Be alert to slug and snail damage. These creatures will be hiding during the heat of the day, but will come out of hiding in the cool morning and evening hours or after rain. Seek and destroy ALL slugs and their eggs!



Keep the weeds pulled, before they have a chance to flower and go to seed again.

Otherwise, you will be fighting newly germinated weed seed for the next several years.

Change the water in your bird bath regularly, and keep it filled.

Continue to watch for insect or disease damage throughout the garden, and take the necessary steps to control the problem.

Have a great month!!



Summer Recipes — Smoothies & Cool Drinks

Raspberry Lollipops

This recipe, which combines the delicate sweetness of raspberries with the creaminess of vanilla yogurt, is great for getting the best return on your basket of fruit. The ice pops take several hours to freeze, so prepare them in the morning if you're planning on an afternoon treat.

1 pint raspberries
1/2 cup sugar
1 1/4 cups water
1/2 cup cream (heavy or light)
1 tbsp. lemon juice
1 cup vanilla yogurt
8 5-oz. waxy paper cups
8 Ice pop sticks

Mix all the ingredients together, place in the cups and wedge the stick in the middle. Freeze for several hours.

Smoothies.

A smoothie is a delicious and healthy drink made up of fruit that's been blended with fruit juice, milk or yogurt. So not only do smoothies taste great – they're really good for you too. Packed with all the vitamins and nutrients you get from fresh fruit, they make the perfect drink, day or night. What's more, all you need to make them is some basic kitchen equipment and a little imagination.

Pineapple



Take half a fresh pineapple (or 1 small one), or 1 large tin of pineapple in juice. Add 1 ripe banana and some coconut milk or 1/4 teaspoon of coconut extract. Mix all together and blend until super sumo smooth. Garnish with pineapple wedge.

Strawberry



Get some strawberries, one ripe banana, and blend into a paste. Add the juice of one orange and some ice. Pour into glasses and serve with a straw and bits of strawberry to decorate if you're feeling fancy.

Banana

Take one large banana, one handful of strawberries or raspberries - they can be fresh, frozen or tinned. Add a large glass of apple juice.

Classic Banana



Take two large bananas, one stoned and peeled ripe peach, the seeds and pulp of a passion fruit and a teaspoon of honey. Mix them all together in the blender and serve with ice.

Try freezing the banana beforehand for an extra creamy experience.

Blueberry



Take 2 handfuls of blueberries, fresh, frozen, or tinned. Add 2 handfuls of blackcurrants, 5-6 ice cubes, and 1 tsp. of honey. Blend all together until smooth and serve immediately.

Grapefruit



Put a quarter of a large pineapple, or a small tin of pineapple chunks in a blender, add the juice of a pink grapefruit and blend. Take one passion fruit, scoop out the seeds and pour into a glass.

Classic Lemonade

- 6 lemons
- 6 cups cold water
- 1 Cup of sugar

Juice your lemons and you should get about 1 cup of juice. In a large jug, mix juice, water and sugar. Stir lemonade well and serve with ice.

Lime Cooler

3/4 cup fresh lime juice
2/3 cup honey
1 quart water
Lime wedges

In a large jug, stir together the lime juice, honey and water. Pour into tall, ice-filled glasses and garnish with lime wedges. Serves 5.

First Holy Communion Photos May 2007

*Éilís Ní Giolla Chomaill with her
Mum and brother Stephen*



*Paric Ó Maolalaí
With family*

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*Pierce Ó Féich
and
Braden Ó Muilleoir*



*Megan Nic an Breithínaigh
with her
Granny*

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***Rhys O Dúill
With his Parents
And his sister Ava***



***Daniel Di Mascio
With his Parents
And sister Aisling***

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Denis Mac Sabhna



*Róisín Ni Giollarnáth
With her Parents*

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With her Mum*



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With her Parents*

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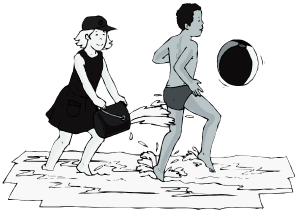
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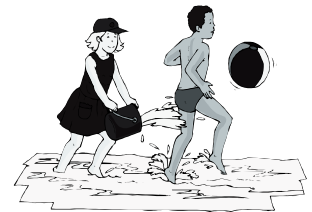
Poetry Corner By Patrick Murray



SEASIDE

I look across the horizon along the vast sea
Captured by peaceful elegance of the Summer sky
All life's tension in my mind soon flee
Running along the strand as a boy
I lay on the sand feeling adventurous with fun
Building sand castles so real in my mind
Through the rippling waters in haste I run
Until by chance some sea shells suddenly I find
The sun shines down along my coastal friend so fine
Just me and the sea that nature provide
Wonderland of summer delight being all mine
Watching the sea gulls & being aware of the tide

I walk along the pier with it's angry waters so wild
Away from the calm waters that I cherish with love
From pressure of life's routine, alone I hide
Admiring the beauty of the high cliffs above
The sea wind constantly blows everything its way
As I see a sailing ship flow merrily alone
Realising the ocean will be forever more to stay
A gratifying experience in myself forever grown
When I die my ashes will be scattered to the ocean
Where my soul will be forever with sea and earth

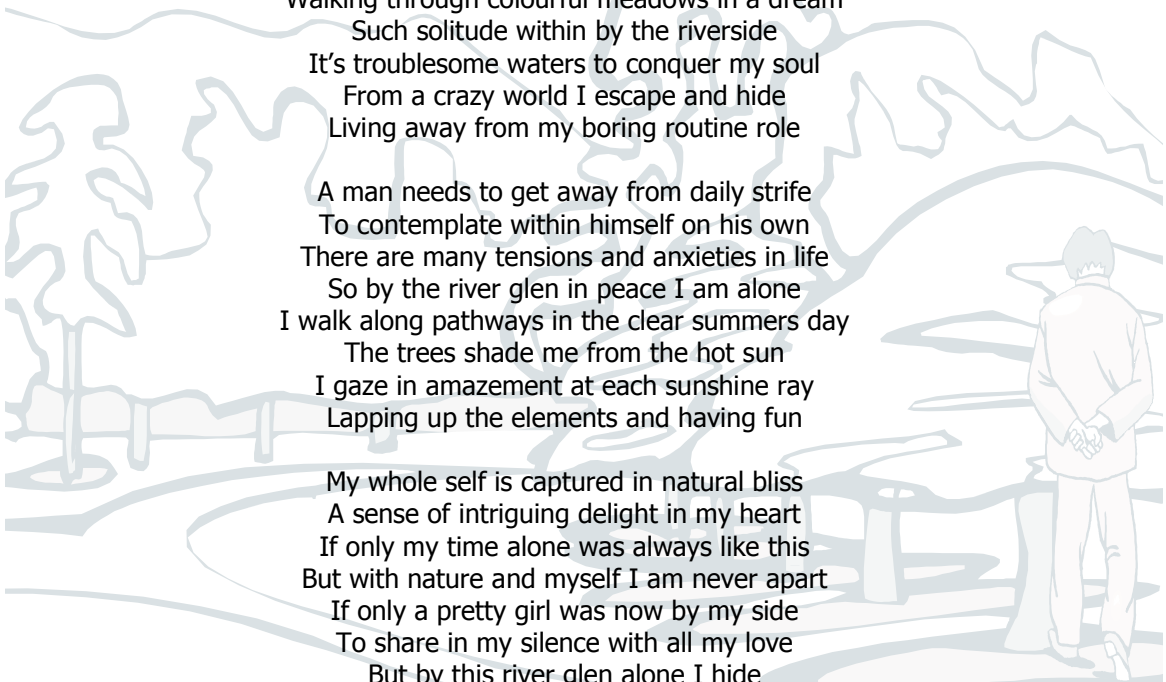


I WALK ALONE

My mind is at ease in the country air
Walking along fields so peaceful and serene
Just nature and myself alone to share
Walking through colourful meadows in a dream
Such solitude within by the riverside
It's troublesome waters to conquer my soul
From a crazy world I escape and hide
Living away from my boring routine role

A man needs to get away from daily strife
To contemplate within himself on his own
There are many tensions and anxieties in life
So by the river glen in peace I am alone
I walk along pathways in the clear summers day
The trees shade me from the hot sun
I gaze in amazement at each sunshine ray
Lapping up the elements and having fun

My whole self is captured in natural bliss
A sense of intriguing delight in my heart
If only my time alone was always like this
But with nature and myself I am never apart
If only a pretty girl was now by my side
To share in my silence with all my love
But by this river glen alone I hide
Feeling contented and as peaceful as a dove.




Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location	Development Type
07/1337	Emer McDermott	P	11/06/07	Change of use from residential to commercial offices	2 The Square Maynooth Co. Kildare	ONE OFF HOUSE
07/1362	Austin Brady	P	14/06/07	Alterations and two storey extension to rear of existing dwelling	1 Green field Drive Maynooth Co. Kildare	EXTENSION
07/1374	Fiona Kenny	P	15/06/07	(1) The filling of lands with inert materials to include soil, subsoil and excavated material (2) to provide a wheel wash facility (3) to provide a new site entrance onto the public road together with all associated site works	Clonfert South Td Maynooth Co. Kildare	LANDFILL
07/1252	Gertrude Naughton	P	06/06/07	Provision of new gate and entrance to my field	Laragh Road Roestown Maynooth	AGRICULTURE
07/1267	Niall & Yvonne Murphy	P	06/06/07	Conversion of existing attached garage with extension above consisting of two number bedrooms and ensuite. With sunroom, disabled toilet, kitchen and utility at ground level. New entrance porch to front of property with detached shed to rear	26 Parklands Place Maynooth Co. Kildare	EXTENSION
07/12`70	Tadhg Molloy	PERMISSION FOR RETENTION OF DEVELOPMENT	06/06/07	Alterations to granted planning permission register reference 06/65, namely minor window and door alteration to south, east and west elevations and internal alterations within dwelling to form a self contained granny flat unit in new rear extension	345 Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	ONE OFF HOUSE
07/1298	P O Murchu	P	08/06/07	Demolish existing garage and erect extension to rear and side of existing dwelling comprising sunroom, bedroom, shower room, ground level store and attic store	3 Woodlands Maynooth Co. Kildare	EXTENSION

Planning Permissions (continued)

File Number	Applicant Name	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location	Development Type
07/1303	Martin & Valerie McHugh	P	08/06/07	To erect dormer bungalow with part front elevation being 1 1/2 storey with 3 No loose boxes, tackroom and dungstead also to include a separate dormer style double garage with bio-disc system at Clonagh, Maynooth, Co Kildare	Clonagh Maynooth Co. Kildare	ONE OFF HOUSE
07/1336	Board of Management Gaelscoil Ui Fhiach	P	11/06/07	(a) The addition on one no, temporary single storey classroom extension and (b) associated alterations & site works to rear and side of existing school	Gaelscoil Ui Fhiach Celbridge Road Maynooth	SCHOOL




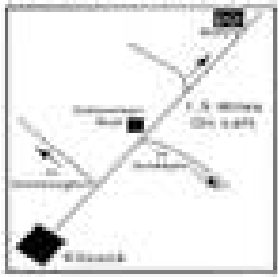
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Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Allocation of Discretionary Grants

Cllr. John McGinley has allocated his €40,000 Discretionary Grant for 2007 as follows:

1. 2 no. cast iron bollards at Traffic Lights, Green Lane, Leixlip	900
2. Double Yellow Lines at Parklands/Castlebridge	9,000
3. Barrier at the new car park at Cedar Park, Leixlip	2,500
4. Bollards at Back Lanes Maynooth	3,000
5. Anti-skid surface on footpath at entrance to Duncarrig estate, Leixlip	1,500
6. Traffic Calming Ramp at Moyglare Abbey, Maynooth	7,000
7. Wooden Bollards opposite Beaufield Shops, Maynooth	1,500
8. Wooden Bollards at the bottom of Kingsbry, Maynooth	1,000
9. Footpath at no. 115/116 Kingsbry	1,500
10. New Footpath at left hand side entrance to Kingsbry (No cost yet)	
11. Footpath reconstruction at no. 12 Cluain Aoibhinn (No cost yet)	
12. New footpath on Celbridge road opposite no. 1 Laurence Avenue (No cost yet)	

Blue Wooden Hoarding at Geoghegan's Lane/Doctors' Lane

Cllr. John McGinley and others have been asking for some time that this unsightly hoarding be removed from the public roadway. As a result the following licence for the hoarding was granted to the developer on the 25th May:

Schedule 1

1. Within two weeks from the date of this licence the existing hoarding shall be removed and a new hoarding shall be erected along the boundary line of the applicants property. The new hoarding shall be appropriately decorated and maintained at all times by the applicant. In addition the undertakings given by the applicant in the FI submission of 30th April 2007 shall be complied with in full.
2. Within three weeks from the date of this licence the applicant shall submit a colour photographic survey of the newly erected hoarding demonstrated in compliance with condition No 1 of this licence. In addition a copy of the receipt of the bond required from condition 13 of this licence shall be submitted to the Planning Authority.
3. The hoarding/scaffolding shall be removed in total, not later than ten months from the date of the licence, unless an extension of the licence is granted by the Council.
4. The hoarding/scaffolding or other obstructions on the ground shall be removed immediately on expiry of the licence.

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5. Safe passage to be provided for pedestrian traffic and wheelchair traffic.
6. The hoarding/scaffolding shall be erected and maintained in accordance with current standards/regulations. It shall comprise of roof and external handrail.
7. The applicant shall be responsible for all safety in the vicinity of the hoarding/scaffolding. Kildare County Council will not be responsible for this hoarding/scaffolding or any accidents arising from the erection of the hoarding/scaffolding. A copy of the applicant's insurance cover shall be submitted to the Planning Authority.
8. All supports shall be clad to prevent accidents to pedestrians.
9. Proper signage and lighting shall be erected to alert pedestrian/vehicular traffic to obstruction on the pavement/road.
10. Where applicable the public footpath shall be restored by the licensee and all damage made good to the satisfaction of Kildare County Council.
11. Footpath / road shall be kept clear of any debris.
12. The licensee must take all necessary precautions to prevent injury to members of the public or damage to property both public and private arising out of the execution of the works and the erection of the hoarding/scaffolding.
13. A cash bond of €10,000 shall be lodged, which is refundable if this area is restored to Kildare County Council's satisfaction.
14. The licence shall be reviewed on a three monthly basis with local Gardai.
15. The footpath shall be restored in full if damaged.
16. Within one week from the date of this licence the applicant shall pay to Kildare County Council the sum of €5,500 for licence fees outstanding.

Allocation of €250,000 to Alleviate Infrastructural Deficit

As a result of a proposal from Cllr. John McGinley €250,000 has been allocated to each Electoral Area, from Development Contributions, in order to alleviate infrastructural deficits. The funding has been allocated as follows in the Leixlip Electoral Area:

1. €120,000 to lay a new footpath and install public lighting on the Moyglare Road from the Nursing Home to Moyglare Hall.
 2. €40,000 to provide a new footpath from TESCO to the Blacklion Road
 3. €30,000 to upgrade the footpath from the Maynooth Photo Shop to Leinster Park.
- €60,000 to provide a footpath in Leixlip from Louisa Bridge along Accommodation Road.

Walkway Between Kingsbry and Greenfield Close:

Cllr. John McGinley got the following reply to his motion to have this walkway closed off:

"This matter has been examined by the area engineer as requested. In such instances, there should be full consensus regarding any proposed closure of a public right of way. In this particular case, the walkway in question is clearly of a public utility and is widely used by residents from these estates. There may also be practical difficulties in that there are quite a number of residential properties which abut this right of way. This would likely lead to further difficulties and increased costs relating to the scale of legal fees as well as civil and associated accommodation works. In any event, however, it is not recommended that this right of way be closed because of its public utility nature. The matter should also be referred to the housing department for comment. If there are issues relating to anti-social behaviour, such should be referred to the Gardaí in this first instance."

Pedestrian Crossing from O'Neill Park to TESCO

Cllr. John McGinley got the following response to his motion asking for the provision of a pedestrian crossing at this location:

"The road design team will undertake a survey of the location with a view to establishing the need, or otherwise, for either an un-signalised crossing (with a central median) or alternatively a signalised version. Given current constraints on staffing resources, it is,

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however, unlikely that this report will be available until the July area meeting."

Removal of The Bandstand from Pound Park

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following progress report on the removal of the Bandstand from Pound Park:

"The meetings Administrator reported that B. Swan has been in discussions with NUI in Maynooth and a location has been agreed. Mr. P. Minnock said that he would ask Brian about this."

Landscaping at the Bottom of Old Greenfield

As a result of Cllr. John McGinley's motion Council Officials have promised that there will be a report presented to the July Area Meeting on the proposed landscaping at the bottom of Old Greenfield.

Bollards at the Bottom of Old Greenfield

As it would now appear that a large number of residents want the bollards to remain in place, and given this level of support for retaining the bollards, Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council not to proceed with the Public Display for their removal.

Improved Signage for Meadowbrook Link Road

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to provide proper signage for the Meadowbrook Link Road at the ESSO station and at Woodlands. The signs would indicate "Town Centre/Rathcoffey" at ESSO and "M4 straight ahead" at Woodlands.

Traffic in the evening is backed up on the Straffan Road to the ESSO station, yet at the same time there is practically no traffic on Parson Street as motorists have yet to get used to this alternative route to Main Street.

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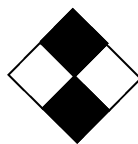
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Editorial

Maynooth Newsletter Editorial 2007

The festival is drawing to a close as this is written and a slight improvement in the weather at the weekend helped to make it a successful event: Congratulations to all involved.

The weather has been a constant topic of conversation over the supposed "summer" months and as we watch the huge floods in England the term "global warming" has been replaced by the much more appropriate "climate change". Maynooth has experienced such atrocious flooding in the recent past and it is a truism that if planners and developers are allowed to build on flood plains and to cover large areas in concrete, flooding will continue and indeed increase. Water must go somewhere and without suitable land to absorb the lashing rain, it will inevitably accumulate somewhere. If the new housing estate happens to be in the way then it may fall victim to this natural phenomenon. Can Ireland cope if we suffer such a disaster?

The early Irish believed that the king was the centre of the cosmos, the axis of their existence; their well being and the health of the land depended on their prince's truth. This was a basic tenet of their belief. If the weather was bad or the crops failed, resulting in famine and death, it was blamed on the king – it proved that he was no longer truthful or honest. Five years ago, the day of the general election the rain began and did not stop for six weeks. This year, another election year, the rain began on the day the Green Party decided to enter government. It has not stopped since. I think you can read between the lines!

But seriously, Maynooth is facing one of the most important decisions to be made for the next number of years – the composition of the latest Development Plan. It is essential that the public get involved in this decision making process – and it will be discussed at the next Community Council meeting. There are vacancies for a number of housing estates and we would urge people to get involved. It gives you an opportunity to contribute to this debate and to be part of the planning of the future of our town for the next number of years. The Community Council has also been involved in shaping the Action Area Plans for the town. It is crucial that Maynooth maintains its village atmosphere and that it is not allowed to grow in the unsustainable way that can be seen in similar villages all over Ireland particularly for the past ten years. So join the Community Council and have your say.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

The July meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on the 9th of July in the Glenroyal Hotel

New member Deirdre Cullen was co-opted to the Council.

Town Council Status

The long running saga of Town Council Status for Maynooth was raised again: we are now 15 years looking for this. We will have to keep working on it. Agreed that we write to the Minister also, Deirdre Cullen and Margaret Clinch will work on this and help to move it forward.

Pay Parking Proposal

Kildare County Council are proposing to put forward a package at the next meeting of K.C.C. There is a similar package working in Celbridge. The 4 area Councillors will decide if this proposal is adapted; if it is approved then the Proposal will go on display in September.

John McGinley showed examples of parking rates in Celbridge. One hour limit St. Patrick's Park €3. Other areas 1 hour limit up to €1. and a 2 hour limit up to €1 per 2 hours. Long Stay Parking area - €3—4 hour parking within certain time period. €5—All Day Parking and €50 —Monthly Parking Ticket.

Hugh Gallagher wondered who would be responsible for insurance while cars are parked and also that residence won't have to pay. A local bus service would be of great benefit here and better bicycle and moped parking should be looked at.

It was noted that a private bus operator has applied for a licence. Paul Croghan said that all parking places are gone by 7 am and also to be careful where parking is introduced as it could mean the end of any free places.

Margaret Clinch said that the White Water centre has created a lot of parking facilities in Newbridge and also reasonable priced parking was extended in Newbridge to accommodate parking.

There is not enough parking in Maynooth and there should be provision for customers parking. The town is suffering because of the lack of parking spaces said Paul Croghan and if places like Aldi etc could give a reasonable rate for parking this would bring cars out to these places and not in estates.

John McGinley said that people can't shop in Maynooth for the simple reason that they can't get into the town. The underground car parking planned for the Harbour Field is held up because funding for this is held up by Central Government. The worrying fact that a planning application has been lodged for the Harbour Field and Parsons Street area was raised by John McGinley and that nothing is happening with the Action Area Plans for the Geraldine Hall and Harbour Field. It was felt that this will have to be looked at.

It was proposed that Maynooth Community Council would object to the new development at the Harbour Field and Parsons Street area until such times that all this area is developed as one project. A letter is to be sent to the Co Manager asking that a Project Manager be appointed for the Harbour Area Action Plan.

Sub—Committees

Festival News

Andrew McMullon said plans were going very well and that a brochure with a full programme of events and information will be delivered to all houses in Maynooth.

This year we are having an Inter- Estate Table Quiz, Children's Table Quiz, An evening of light entrainment in the Castle Grounds, Family Day in the Harbour Field, Childrens Art Competition, Soccer Tournament on going from the 16th July, Entertainment in the Square, Family Walking Treasure Hunt, Inter-Pub Tug-of-War, Maynooth own Deal or no Deal, Bar Person of the year, Ladies and Gents mixed Threesome, Bradáin Players---"Pillow Talk" and all Pubs will be putting on entertainment and lots more.

Tidy Towns

Clean up days are Tuesdays and Thursdays, meeting at Supervalu at 7.30pm: Paul Croghan also commented that the hanging baskets are up and looking very well .

Next Community Council meeting will be on the 11th of September in the Glenroyal Hotel.

**Marie Gleeson
PRO**

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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Notes Know your rights

Question

I am earning the minimum wage in my job. I have heard that the minimum wage has changed but my employer says that my wages will not increase because the change was already made to my wages in January. Is this correct?

Answer

The minimum wage did increase on 1 January 2007 but there is another increase that applies from 1 July.

In January, the minimum wage for an experienced adult worker increased from €7.65 to €8.30 an hour.

From 1 July 2007 this rate increases again to €8.65 per hour.

The new minimum rate for employees under the age of 18 is €6.06 an hour.

After reaching the age of 18, you must be paid at least €6.92 an hour during the first year of employment and €7.79 an hour during the second year. You are then entitled to the minimum wage for an experienced adult worker.

There is a lower minimum age for employees who are in certain training or study courses that will improve their work performance. They are entitled to a percentage of the national minimum wage depending on how much of the training they have completed.

The minimum wage does not apply if you are employed by a close relative or if you are working in a statutory apprenticeship, for example as an apprentice plumber or electrician.

If your employer provides your food (board) or accommodation (lodgings), then this is taken into account as contributing towards the minimum payment. The amounts that are taken into account are the same as before 1 July:

- ♦ €54.13 a week for full board and lodgings, or €7.73 a day
- ♦ €32.14 a week for full board only, or €4.60 a day
- ♦ €21.85 a week for lodgings only, or €3.14 a day.

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Question

Will I lose my entitlement to Rent Supplement if I start working in a full-time job?

Answer

Rent Supplement is paid to people living in private residential accommodation who cannot provide for the cost of their accommodation from their own resources.

If you are on Rent Supplement and are in need of long-term housing you can apply to your local authority for the Rental Accommodation Scheme. Under this scheme the local authority arranges accommodation directly with a landlord.

Until recently a person in full-time employment (30 hours or more per week) was not eligible for Rent Supplement. From 5 June 2007, this rule has changed for those who are accepted as being in need of accommodation under the Rental Accommodation Scheme. If you are in this category and you were not in full-time employment for the previous 12 months, you may now start full-time work and continue to receive Rent Supplement if you meet the other eligibility criteria for payment. This also applies if you were receiving Back to Work Allowance or taking part in a Community Employment Scheme for 12 months before starting other full-time work.

If you are not eligible for the Rental Accommodation Scheme you will not be able to continue receiving Rent Supplement if you start full-time work. For this reason you should check first with your local authority to ensure that you are eligible for the Rental Accommodation Scheme.

Rent Supplement is a means-tested payment so an increase in your income may effect your eligibility.

From 5 June 2007, changes have been made to the way in which means are assessed for Rent Supplement. Depending on your circumstances, this

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may improve your eligibility for Rent Supplement or it could result in an increase in your Rent Supplement payment. The changes will not result in a reduction of your payment if you were in receipt of Rent Supplement when they were introduced.

Question

I have recently received interest on my savings account. MY bank has deducted tax on it but I think I am exempt from tax on deposit interest. Who is exempt from this tax and how can I avoid having it deducted?

Answer

If you deposit a sum of money with a financial institution, any interest you earn is usually liable to a tax called Deposit Interest Retention Tax (DIRT) at 20%. This tax is deducted by the financial Institution before the interest is paid to you.

You are exempt from this tax if your income is below a certain level and either you or your spouse is 65 years of age or over or permanently incapacitated so that you are unable to maintain yourself.

To be exempt, your annual income must not exceed the following amounts. If you are 65 years of age or over, the limit is €19,000 for an individual or €38,000 for a married couple. If you are under 65 years and permanently incapacitated, the limit is €5,210 for an individual or €10,420 for a married couple. If you have dependent children, these exemption limits are increased by €575 for each of the first two children and by €830 for each subsequent child.

Until recently, DIRT was deducted from all relevant interest payments and people who were exempt were required to apply for a refund. This was changed in the Finance Act 2007 so that those who are exempt can now apply to receive interest payments without having DIRT deducted.

To apply, complete appropriate Form and **return it to your Bank/Building Society/Credit Union/Post Office savings bank manager** who will arrange for future interest to be credited to your account without deduction of DIRT.

If your circumstances change and you no longer qualify to have your interest paid without deduction of DIRT, **you are obliged to notify the local manager** of your Bank/Building Society/Credit Union/Post office savings bank. If either you or your spouse is 65 years or over, you will need to complete form DE1. If you or your spouse is permanently

incapacitated, then complete form DE2. If you are exempt and would like to claim a refund for DIRT that has already been deducted, you can do this by completing Form 54D. You can obtain these application forms from Revenue by phoning Lo-call 1890 30 67 06.

Question

Are there any grants available to help me insulate my home and reduce my fuel bills?

Answer

If you find it difficult to keep your home warm and comfortable or to pay your fuel and electricity bills, you could benefit from the assistance available through the Warmer Homes Scheme which is part-funded by Sustainable Energy Ireland (SEI), Ireland's National Energy Authority. The scheme provides a draught-proofing and home insulation service and it is available in 16 locations around the country.

The help available includes improving the insulation of your attic to reduce the loss of heat through the roof. It also assists with draught-proofing of windows or doors to retain heat.

If your walls have a continuous cavity running within them, it may be possible to fill this with insulation. Cavity wall insulation may be available under the Warmer Homes Scheme but only in certain regions.

Assistance is also available for the fitting of low-energy light bulbs. Energy saving tips and advice are given to householders receiving work through the scheme.

Eligibility criteria for the Warmer Homes Scheme are determined locally and can vary according to where you live. In some parts of the country a small fee is charged for the work undertaken through the scheme. To find out if the service is available in your area contact:

Sustainable Energy Ireland, Glasnevin, Dublin 9. Tel: (01) 808 2048
Website: www.sei.ie

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre.

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Telephone: 01-6285477
Lo-Call: 1890-777-121

Fire Safety Tips

Safety Plan.

Make sure all family members know what to do in the event of a fire. Draw a floor plan with at least two ways of escaping every room. Make a drawing for each floor. Dimensions do not need to be correct. Make sure the plan shows important details: stairs, hallways and windows that can be used as fire escape routes.

Test windows and doors—do they open easy enough? Are they wide enough. Or tall enough?

Choose a safe meeting place outside the house.

Practice alerting other members. It is a good idea to keep a bell and flashlight in each bedroom.

Always sleep with the bedroom doors closed. This will keep deadly heat and smoke out of bedrooms, giving you additional time to escape.

Find a way for everyone to sound a family alarm. Yelling, pounding on walls, a whistle etc. are good examples. In a fire time is critical, don't waste time getting dressed, don't search for valuables, just get out. Roll out of bed, stay low. Practice evacuating the building blindfolded. In a real fire situation, the amount of smoke generated by a fire most likely will make it difficult to see.

Install smoke detectors.

Check smoke detectors once a month and change the batteries at least twice a year. Smoke detectors sense abnormal amounts of smoke or invisible combustion gases in the air. They can detect both smouldering and burning fires. At least one smoke detector should be installed on every level of a structure. Purchase smoke detectors labelled with safety standard marks and check each for a warranty which should cover a number of years.

Post emergency numbers near telephones.

Be aware that if a fire threatens your home, you should not place the call to emergency services from inside the home. It is better to get out and place the call to fire authorities from a safe location outside the home.

After a fire emergency.

Give first aid where appropriate. Seriously injured victims should be transported to professional medical

help immediately. Stay out of the damaged building. Return only when fire authorities say it is safe.

Make sure you have a safe fire escape method for all situations.

You may have installed a very expensive home security system. But if you cannot escape the burning structure you have a false level of confidence.

Smokers Need To Be Extra Careful.

Never smoke in bed or when you are sleepy. Carelessly discarded cigarettes are a leading cause of fire deaths in the Ireland.

Be Careful Cooking.

Keep cooking areas clear of combustibles and wear short or tight-fitting sleeves when you cook. Keep the handles of your pots turned inward so they do not over-hang the stove. If grease catches fire, carefully slide a lid over the pan and smother the flames, then turn off the stove.

Matches and Lighters are Dangerous.

In the hands of a child, matches and lighters can be deadly! Store them where kids can't reach them, preferably in a locked area. Teach children that matches and lighters are "tools" and should only be used by adults.

Use Electricity Safely.

If an appliance smokes or has an unusual smell, unplug it immediately and have it repaired. Replace frayed or cracked electrical cords and don't overload extension cords. They should not be run under rugs.

Shock.

You should always keep water and electrical appliances well apart. If you do not follow this rule there is a danger of getting an electric shock. This is particularly true in bathrooms. That is why only shaving sockets are allowed in bathrooms.

Remember.

Never dry or air clothes close to any fire. They could touch the heating elements or fall into flames.

Children's Recipes

Mouse in Jackets

Ingredients

4 potatoes
1 tbsp oil
30g/1oz butter
6 tbsp milk
grated cheese
salt and freshly ground black pepper
cherry tomatoes
chives
raisins
radishes
spring onions



Method

1. Preheat the oven to 200C/400F/Gas 6.
2. Wash the potatoes and pat them dry. Prick the skins with a fork and put the potatoes on a baking tray. Brush them all over with oil.
3. Bake the potatoes until they are soft. Medium-sized potatoes take about an hour.
4. Cool enough to handle? Then cut off the tops and carefully scoop out the soft potato centres. You can throw away the lids (or eat them).
5. Mash the soft centres with the butter, milk and cheese. Add a pinch of salt and pepper, then pop the mixture back into the potato jackets.
6. Sprinkle with cheese and cook your potatoes under the grill for a few minutes until they are golden.
7. Make a nose and whiskers with half a cherry tomato held in place with a cocktail stick and chives tucked behind.
8. Finish decorating with raisin eyes, radish ears and spring onion tails.

Gingerbread Men

- 250g/8oz Plain flour
- 75g/3oz Butter (at room temperature)
- 75g/3oz Brown Sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon Bicarbonate of Soda
- 2 oz/50g Golden Syrup
- 1 Egg Yolk
- 1/2 teaspoon Ground Cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon Ground ginger



Method :

Cream butter & sugar until fluffy.
Add bicarbonate of soda, egg yolk, and golden syrup, and stir.
Sift the flour and spices into the bowl and mix with a wooden spoon until well combined.

Shape into a ball and knead lightly until smooth.
Wrap and chill for 30 minutes before using.
Roll out the dough thinly and use a gingerbread cutter to cut into shapes.
Place on lightly greased baking sheets. Leave a space between each one.
Bake at 180°C/350°F/Gas 4 for 10-12 minutes until slightly risen and golden in colour. Transfer to a wire tray to cool.

Mini Pizzas

Ingredients :

- 225g/8oz Self Raising Flour
- 50g/2oz Margarine
- 150ml/1/4pt Milk



Topping

Chopped tomatoes, onion, peppers, & ham. Sliced mushrooms, grated cheese, stoned olives, mixed dried herbs & Tomato Puree.

Method :

Preheat oven to 200°C/400°F/Gas 6.
Lightly grease two flat baking trays.
Sieve the flour into a mixing bowl.
Rub in the margarine until mixture looks like fine breadcrumbs.
Add the milk and mix to a soft dough.
Roll out dough on a lightly floured board and divide into 4 equal pieces.
Press each piece of dough into a thin 15cms/6" round and transfer to the prepared trays.
Mix the tinned tomatoes and the puree together in a small bowl and spoon over each pizza round, spreading it out evenly to the edges.
Layer with topping (or one of your choice) and sprinkle with herbs.
Bake for 15/20 minutes until edges are golden brown.

Cats Eyes (Quick & easy to make Snack)

Bananas, crackers, peanut butter, raisins.

1. Slice the bananas at an angle so that they are long and oval.
2. Spread your crackers with peanut butter and place the banana slices on top.
3. Put a dab of peanut butter on the raisins and place in the centre of each banana.

Clubs, Organisations And Societies

Maynooth Town F.C. Season Review 2006/07

Off-field Activities:

Pitches

With the increased numbers of players and teams comes the increased pressure to cater for these numbers. This is most acutely felt when it comes to the allocation of pitches. Whilst unlike most other clubs, we are very fortunate to have our own private ground at Rathcoffey Road and the ongoing use of Dublin Road and Harbour Field, there have been occasions this year where games have had to be cancelled or rescheduled due to insufficient space to accommodate all the assigned matches. And this situation is likely to become even more acute as the town and the club grows even more, requiring us now to be actively considering the acquisition of further land to meet the club's future needs. Some alleviation was obtained when a second small pitch was created in Dublin Road to take some of the pressure off Rathcoffey and training was switched to the Harbour Field.

Weather

A further complicating factor this year was the unprecedented inclement weather experienced from November to February resulting in excess of 8 lost weekends of football and severe backlogs of fixtures at season end.

Training and other facilities

While the priority is to provide playing facilities, i.e. pitches, space for training and proper facilities are an essential prerequisite for any club nowadays. While we can only dream of having our own for now, we are fortunate to be in a position to be able to rent these facilities locally, although this is causing a severe financial drain on the club with families ultimately having to pay towards it. In the long term we should be aiming to install our own all-weather training pitch with floodlights, which could also serve as an income generator for the club.

Clubhouse Development

Significant progress has been achieved in the past 12 months to enable us to confidently predict tonight that next year's agm will be held in our own premises for the first time in our history.

While fundraising was the primary objective for the year to enable the project to proceed, those involved in the development group were also active behind the scenes in lining up developers and architects as well as exploring all other avenues of potential funding. We had high hopes that we would be successful in securing additional Sports Capital "Lotto" funding given that it was an election year, and we were very disappointed to learn that our application was declined and no further funding would be made available to us.

An Information night for parents and other interested parties was held here in February and was well attended. One positive result of that event was the volunteering of many people to assist in whatever way they could with our efforts.

Lohan & Donnelly, a firm of consulting engineers were appointed to conduct the tendering process for the clubhouse and to oversee the construction phase of the project. Tenders were issued to 7 builders and a winning bid was selected in early June. A letter of intent has been issued and the builder hopes to break ground within the next 4 weeks.

The biggest challenge facing us now is the financing burden the club now faces. While the overall cost is greater than we expected, we will have a fully finished clubhouse in the end. Nevertheless the club will have to meet repayments of approximately €2,500 per month for the next 15 years.

Fundraising

Car Draw

On the fundraising front the club had and availed of the opportunity to participate in a Monster Car draw being run by Rathcairn Parish Development, and we were able to sell almost 400 tickets raising close to €20,000 in the process. While the main draw encountered problems last December and had to be postponed, it has now resumed and all Maynooth ticket holders are being included in an extra 3 main prize draws to make up for this inconvenience. To date over 60 Maynooth ticket holders have won prizes, and with 5 main draws left, we hope to have many more yet and maybe even a big winner!

Maynooth Town Football Club (cont'd)

Bag-Packing

The Club was given the opportunity to fundraise by means of Bag packing in Boots Liffey Valley on Saturdays in the run up to Christmas. This was to be among the easiest and most lucrative means of fundraising ever undertaken by the club and helped us raise almost €8,000 over 6 weeks.

Pitch-side advertising

Pitch-side advertising has to date generated in excess of €20,000 in income, all from local businesses, but even greater potential exists from this source, particularly if we can find a way to interest national businesses with large advertising budgets.

Premiership trip

The club arrange a Club Trip to watch Everton play Arsenal in the premiership on March 18th last, courtesy of Barton's Transport and Celtic Horizon Tours, and both companies subsequently donated all the proceeds to the club-house development fund, amounting to €4,000. The trip itself was a great success, exceptional value, and all 100 members who went on it, young and old, thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Club weekly "Lotto"

The weekly Lotto Draw is still the main regular source of income for the club and with the introduction of the Auto-Lotto it is hoped to improve this vital source of weekly income.

Finance Committee:

Dinner Dance

As mentioned already the information night resulted in a number of parents coming forward willing to get involved in the club and offering their help. One group formed a fundraising committee and their first event was the recently held dinner dance which was a hugely successful night, raising over €7,000 by means of the auction & raffle.

Auto lotto drive

The Fundraising committee have also taken it upon themselves to drive the "auto lotto" among the teams with all members being encouraged to sign up. Using this method you too can be included in the chance to win the jackpot every week for just €8 per month and support the club at the same time.

Calendar:

The same group also plan to produce a Club Calendar later in the year which it is hoped will be on sale in the run up to Christmas and will make an ideal present for Grannies and Aunties everywhere!!!!
Again much appreciation is due to all those involved in this group.

Other events:

Apart from fundraising the club members were also involved in a range of other off the field activities: Over 100 players and their parents again took part in this year's Maynooth St Patrick's Day Parade
Colm Cahill, a club member currently serving with Goal in Sudan presented a number of old MTFC playing kits to village teams he works with.



Maynooth Town Football Club (cont'd)

Looking ahead:

Girl's Teams

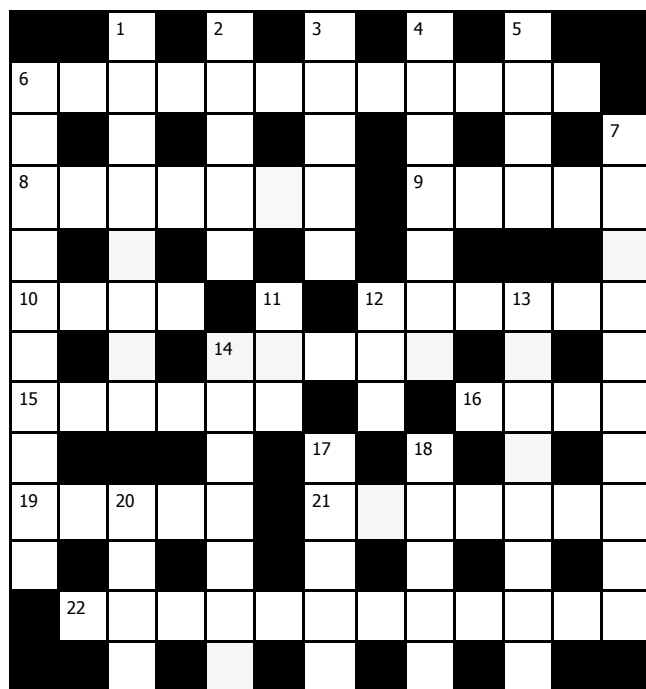
The club is delighted to announce that next season will also see a Maynooth Town all girls team, and hopefully it will not be too long before we see many others and also a ladies team again. I would like to thank Breege Conway for coming forward and offering to oversee this new team, and I commit the club to providing as much support as possible for this initiative.

Plans are already underway in preparation for next season which promises to be the most momentous in our history. It will see the realisation of the hopes and dreams of members past and present when the clubhouse is finally completed and delivered, to be used and enjoyed by generations of young footballers to come. In the meantime, a lot of hard work will be required to get us there, and now more than ever the club needs the support of everyone in the community. In particular we need more individuals to come forward and get involved, and share the burden being carried by just a few.

Maynooth Town F.C. would like to thank all our club and team sponsors, and hope all our members & supporters will continue to support them whenever possible and to acknowledge their generosity when the opportunity arises.

The club would like to thank all our Committee Members, both Fixtures Secretaries, the Team Managers, Players, Parents and everyone else involved with the club for their support over the last year, and wish all the teams the best of luck for next season.

Crossword No: 59



Entries before Monday 10th September 2007

Name _____

Address: _____

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Phone: _____

Across:

6. Part of a submarine (7,5)
8. Capital of Kenya (7)
9. Beach (5)
10. Nourish (4)
12. Jimi Hendrix hit, _ _ _ *Chile* (6)
14. Capital city near to Carthage (5)
15. Turning like a wheel (6)
16. Indonesian island (4)
19. To such time as (5)
21. Tombstone inscription (7)
22. Mimicked (12)

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2. Pop singer, _ _ _ Le Bon (5)
3. Once more (5)
4. Demis _ _ _ (7)
5. Brave man (4)
6. Cone-bearing (10)
7. Flattened (10)
11. Purchase (3)
12. Vitality (3)
13. Shimmering fabric (8)
14. Shopping cart (7)
17. Untidy (5)
18. Colossus (5)
20. Burial chamber (4)

Across:

1. Tussle, 4. Basic, 7. Far, 8. Albania, 9. Candied, 10. Adept, 13. Yo-yo, 14. Flaxen, 16. Ali, 17. Misery, 20. Emit, 23. Shine, 25. Atheist, 26. Avenged, 27. Ely, 28. Wield, 29. Depend.

Down:

1. Twanky, 2. Subway, 3. Lance, 4. Brunel, 5. Sphinx, 6. Cordon, 7. Fact, 11. Dove, 12. Play, 14. Fish, 15. Amen, 17. Meadow, 18. Scheme, 19. Raised, 21. Meagre, 22. Traded, 23. Stay, 24. Irene.

Maynooth Golf Society

Woodlands Golf Club Outing

RESULT SHEET

1st Prize	John Saults	36 pts
2nd Prize	Tim Mullane	32 pts B9
3rd Prize	Gerry Kelly	32 pts
4th Prize	Mick Fahy	31 pts B9
5th Prize	Kevin Loftus	31 pts B6
6th Prize	Liam Farrelly	31 pts
7th Prize	Tom Nolan	29 pts
Front 9	Norman Kavanagh	18 pts
Back 9	Eddie Connolly	14 pts
Visitors	Conor Saults	33 pts
Nearest The Pin	Brendan Leigh	
2's	Mick Fahy & Gerry Kelly	

R & R Golf Dungrange View, Maynooth Community Week,
Tuesday 24th July, 3 Person Scramble Results:

1st Place	Gerry McTernan Robert Moore Mary McTernan	65 nett.
2nd Place	Kevin Loftus Pauline Loftus Cian Smith	67 nett.
3rd Place	John Saults Louise Saults Tommy Campbell	72 nett. (B9)

Garden Projects For August

Well the hydrangeas have never looked as well! They obviously love loads of water! But what can one say about the weather and its affect on us gardeners that is printable in a family magazine? Perhaps not having to water the various hanging baskets, flower pots etc. is a bonus. Also looking at a nice green lawn instead of a brownish one from too much sun as in previous summers, is also a bonus. However when one cannot get out to cut this luscious green grass, and it is beginning to resemble a field, the purchase of one or two sheep has to be considered! What other benefits are there? The smell of neighbours' barbeques or mad that you weren't invited—well that is no longer a problem in the constant downpours! If you are an optimistic type you will be able to get garden furniture etc. at knock down prices so its not all doom and gloom and we will hopefully have some good weather to look forward to. In the meantime work on the garden has to go on otherwise things will get completely out of hand so the following tips will be useful, hopefully.

Bulbs in August:

Divide older bearded Iris rhizomes. Cut out the woody parts and plant the rest.

Plant fall crocuses now and crown imperials from now until October.

Add several inches of mulch to Asiatic Lilies. This will keep the roots cool, protect them from heat and deter weed growth.

Watch your gladiolus carefully those with heavy blooms may require staking.

Dig up your ranunculus and anemone to store for the winter if you haven't already done so. In warmer zones they can be left in the ground. Just apply a light mulch in fall.

In late August you can dig up overcrowded lily-of-the-valley bulbs that grew poorly. Gently separate each plant and replant individually.

Flowers:

Lay the finished flower stalks of Foxglove on the ground where you want new plants to grow or

sprinkle the seeds from the dried pods.

Continue to keep the soil around your Shasta daisies and ferns moist but not wet. Ferns may become dormant if they get too dry.

Continue to water container plants daily, as needed. Make sure you have provided adequate drainage. Feed every two weeks.

Continue to weed flower beds. Remove faded blooms.

Keep a close eye on your Nasturtium for aphids.

Pick Sweet Peas regularly to encourage more blooms.

Sow Alpine, Oriental and Iceland Poppies outdoors in a seedbed. Add compost or manure to Oriental Poppies.

Pick fresh flowers for indoors. This will also encourage more blooms on most perennials.

Remember to keep your strawflowers well watered. Try not to get the flowers wet when watering.

Vegetables:

Gather herbs for drying as they mature. Pinch the stems of basil regularly to prevent flowering. Harvest once a week.

Harvest sweet corn by pulling and twisting downwards.

Bend over the tops of your cooking onions to prepare for lifting them.

Harvest peas and broad beans before pods get tough.

Lift maincrop potatoes after the stems have died.

Harvest artichokes while the scales are still tight.

Harvest cucumbers as they mature.

General Yard and Garden Care:

Don't forget to moisten your compost regularly to prevent flies from breeding in it.



Garden Projects for August (cont'd)

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Hose between rows and plants regularly.

Water plants in the early morning to prevent mildew.

Water according to the weather. Pay close attention to raised beds and container plants.

Continue to watch for and get rid of weeds before they go to seed.

Lawns:

Now is the time to feed lawns with a slow-acting fertilizer.

Cut your lawn and trim the edge regularly.



Watch out for yellow patches, leaf curl or poor growth. Increase watering if you notice any of these signs.

Fruit & Berries:

Remove suckers and old canes from blackberries and raspberries as they appear. Harvest the berries when they fall off easily.

Continue to keep the grass short around your fruit trees. Grass deprives the trees of nitrogen.

Remove all but two runners on strawberry plants.

Water blueberries, gooseberries and currants often during hot weather.

Throw away any fruits you find that have been affected by scab (fungus).



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Maynooth Tidy Towns Project 2007



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Boys School



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A floral view outside St. Patrick's College

Horoscopes



ARIES—March 21—April 20

Don't make the classic mistake of thinking that if you talk really loudly someone will get the point. You're at the start of a busy period and you may not always do and say what needs to be said.

Sunday is your lucky day

Number 1, colour Black.



TAURUS—April 21—May 21

The new moon in your cash zone suggests that if you start spending less extravagantly on a day to day basis you will be able to start saving for something stupendous.

Think of all the amazing things that you could buy if you just set aside a little every week.

Monday is your lucky day

Number 24, colour Brown.



GEMINI—May 22—June 22

The new moon is in Gemini on Friday: make a wish when you wake up that day. If your wish is connected to romance your dream could come true: oh yes it could! Gemini keep an eye on that moon.

Friday is your lucky day

Number 12, colour Purple.



CANCER—June 23—July 23

Mercury starts to go backwards in your sign, which means many a crab will be suffering a bad case of claw-in-mouth. Don't sign anything you don't want set in stone.

Thursday is your lucky day

Number 15, colour Pearl Green.



LEO—July 24—August 23

Issues regarding love and money will top your agenda this week. Don't expect non-stop hearts and flowers though: it's more about what you want and admitting to yourself. If you are not satisfied cut your losses.

Tuesday is your lucky day

Number 43, colour Yellow.



VIRGO—August 24—Sept 23

Do you need to do some talking, or do some listening? You have the need to get your point across, but at what cost. Virgo you should stand back and look at the problems that you face now.

Wednesday is your lucky day

Number 5, colour Indigo.



LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23

The right place at the right time, that's where we all want to be. Ah, but is that where we all wish to be - new places and new faces are all very well but timing is very important. Do not miss any important meetings.

Saturday is your lucky day

Number 15, colour Pink.



SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22

You're spoiling for a fight where a matter of justice or principle is involved.

You see red. Choose Tuesday and Thursday as your weapon words.

Sunday is your lucky day

Number 10, colour Red.



SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21

You have reached a bold decision. You have made a commitment that you can hardly go back on. It is a little too late to start wondering if you are right or wrong as time will see the rest.

Friday is your lucky day

Number 21, colour White.



CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20

Someone who's not technologically minded may ask for your assistance but be wary they'll end up blaming you if things go wrong. This is not the time to use your hands on approach.

Sunday is your lucky day

Number 45, colour Indigo.



AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19

You find it hard to make friends so when one comes along you should not ignore them. It's a busy time of year but that's not a good enough excuse to put someone to one side.

Monday is your lucky day

Number 16, colour Blue.



PISCES—Feb 20—March 20

Those that see your behaviour as childish should look at their own actions. Point this out when they're talking you down. You'll win any argument with your mature words.

Thursday is your lucky day

Number 30, colour Tan.

Clubs, Organisations And Societies

Maynooth Band Bulletin

St. Mary's Band Maynooth has had a busy "Summer" Programme and have already played a recital in the Square, Maynooth on Saturday 16th June followed by their annual attendance at the Cemetery Sunday Mass in Laraghbryan on Sunday 17th.

Sunday 24th June took them to the Community Care Unit in Leinster Street Maynooth where their afternoon recital was greatly appreciated by patients and staff alike. A surprise of the visit was meeting with a Philippino nurse who had played a wind instrument in college before coming to Ireland who may indeed at some stage rehearse with the Band. Later in the same evening a group from the Band travelled to Dunboyne for their Cemetery Sunday Mass which they have attended for the past number of years.

The Band travelled to compete in the South of Ireland Band Championships in Clonakilty, Co. Cork on Saturday 6th July and had exceptional success for a small town band in winning third prize in the Intermediate Section which included bands from all over the country and secured an even greater victory by taking the award for best overall percussion section from 23 bands including one from Germany.

The Bands final engagement for July will be in Maynooth Castle on Thursday 26th July from 8 to 9 pm as part of Maynooth Community Week.

The Band are presently accepting applications for new music classes starting next September and in this regard a very successful Open Night was held in the Band Hall on Monday 11th June last when there was a large take up of places. There are still some vacancies at this point in time and all interested (including adults) should contact the Secretary Melanie Oliver at 087 9704910 for further details. It should also be mentioned that the Band extends a welcome to those already playing a musical instrument who may live in Maynooth or the surrounding areas. Rehearsals take place in the Band Hall (bottom of the lane beside the Hula Bou on the Main Street) every Monday night (except Bank Holidays) from 8 to 10 p.m. It's worth noting that current members live in areas which include Blanchardstown, Dunboyne, Kilcock, Allenwood and Mullingar while the clarinet section includes a player from southern Germany.

For further information please contact:

Melanie Oliver (Secretary) 087 9704910

NUZSTOP Main Street Maynooth.

Following the closure of Nuzstop after many years in Maynooth, Valerie would like to thank all her customers for their support over the years.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone well for the future.

Again Many Thanks

Children's Colouring Competition

Winner Of the June Edition



Taylor Corcoran,

***26 Meadowbrook Crescent,
Maynooth.***

Features

Flight of the Earls 1607 400th Anniversary

Bridget FitzGerald, an Earl's wife who was left behind at the Flight of the Earls in 1607

The most important historical commemoration this year is the four-hundred anniversary of the Flight of the Earls which occurred on 14 September 1607. There is an important county Kildare involvement in this event and the connection was centred in this very building, Maynooth Castle.

Ask anyone that has passed through the Irish educational system to name the two principal individuals involved in the Flight of the Earls and you would be informed O'Neill and O'Donnell. What occurred was a number of Irish Chieftains fled the country taking their families with them. Rory O'Donnell brought his 11 month old son and heir but he didn't get time to bring his pregnant wife Bridget. Bridget was a FitzGerald the daughter of the Earl of Kildare and at the time of the Flight she was here in this very Castle.



Bridget FitzGerald was born in 1589 in Maynooth. Her father was Henry FitzGerald the 12th Earl of Kildare. She was the granddaughter of Gerald the Wizard Earl who was the brother of the famous Silken Thomas. Bridget was actually named after St Bridget the patron saint of Kildare. In 1597 when she was 8 years old her father was killed fighting on the side of Queen Elizabeth in the Nine Years War. Four years later in 1601 when Bridget was 12 years old her Mother remarried and she was left in the care of her Grandmother Mapel Brown the Dowager Kildare. In 1605 Bridget then aged 16 married Rory O'Donnell. He was the Earl of Tyrconnell, head of the O'Donnells and brother of the famous Red Hugh O'Donnell.

In the Flight of the Earls episode there was a plot and there is evidence that some of the plotting occurred here in Maynooth. Rory O'Donnell on a visit to Maynooth Castle had discussions with Richard Nugent

his wife's cousin and informed him of plans to capture Dublin Castle and kill the Lord Deputy. He also informed Nugent that Hugh O'Neill, Maguire and some of the Old English Lords of the Pale were involved in the conspiracy. Details of the plot were subsequently leaked to the Lord Deputy. The Lord Deputy who had been endeavouring for some time to obtain evidence in order to imprison O'Donnell, now planned to have O'Donnell arrested as he passed through Dublin on his way to visit his wife at Maynooth. Plans were also afoot to arrest O'Neill. But the Earls were tipped off that Government were planning to arrest them and on 14 September 1607 the Flight of the Earls took place. Rory O'Donnell brought his 11 month son Hugh but was unable to bring Bridget his wife.

Two days after the flight on 16 September Fr. Eoghan Groome McGrath who was in the service of O'Donnell visited Bridget in Maynooth Castle. They had a secret meeting in a garden at Maynooth Castle known as the 'Moyglare Garden'. According to tradition, this garden was on the opposite side of the Lyreen River to here, where the 'Mill Centre' is today. Fr. McGrath passed on to Bridget a message and money from her husband. The money consisted of 81 pieces of gold. Bridget and her Grandmother then travelled to Howth and stayed with Christopher St Laurence. He was actually the man who had tipped off the authorities about the plot. It appears now he attempted to play both sides and assist Bridget on leaving the country in order to join her husband on the continent. However the attempts were unsuccessful. The Lord Deputy, Chichester, then investigated her role and demanded an explanation. At this point, Bridget wrote a letter to the Lord Deputy indicating that she was unaware of any plotting. Chichester in order to prevent her from leaving the country for the continent sent her to London where she met the King. An eye witness at Court gave the following account: *'she kissed his majesty's hand and a sweeter face you never saw. Indeed the king wondered, her husband, left so fair a face behind'*. Bridget's second child a girl was born in October 1607 and she named her after the King's mother Mary Stuart.

Ten months after the flight in July 1608, Rory O'Donnell died from a fever in Rome. Bridget was then a widow, aged only 19 years. Their son Hugh was cared for by his aunt Nuala O'Donnell at Louvain. Later attempts aimed at getting Hugh restored to his Earldom were unsuccessful. Hugh subsequently became an officer in the army of the Spanish Netherlands and died fighting with his regiment in Spain in 1642.

As for Bridget the King granted her an annual income of £300 and this eventually enabled her to find a suit-

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able husband. In 1617 at the age of 28 she married 25 year-old Nicholas Barnwall of Turvey near Donabate. She had nine children by her second husband that is a total of eleven children. The couple were not without difficulties in the subsequent years. They had to flee to Wales for two years after the 1641 Rebellion. Cromwell imprisoned Nicholas in 1654 and confiscated his lands. The lands, however, were restored in 1660. Nicholas died in 1663 and was buried in the Church in Lusk. Bridget FitzGerald died in 1682 in her 93rd year and was buried beside her second husband.

So in six weeks time on the anniversary of the Flight of the Earls let us not forget that there was a very important connection with Maynooth.

Seamus Cullen

FLIGHT OF THE EARLS

From the hills of Ulster the brave Earls have gone
The chieftains of the proud Red Hand.
The Gaels they mourn and shed their tears,
As their chiefs depart after three thousand years.

How sad the thoughts that autumn night,
As the ship sails out from Rathmullan shore.
The pain and sorrow, that would follow the flight,
When the Earls depart to return no more.

On board the ship sail ninety nine,
The nobility of the Ulster clans.
The anchors aweigh, the tide is high.
It's the Earls last night under an Irish sky

T. D. Sullivan a 19th Century Dublin Lord Mayor



Image by Seoirse O Dochartaigh

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First Holy Communion Photos May 2007



*Marianne and Christina
Ní Dhonabháin
With their Families*

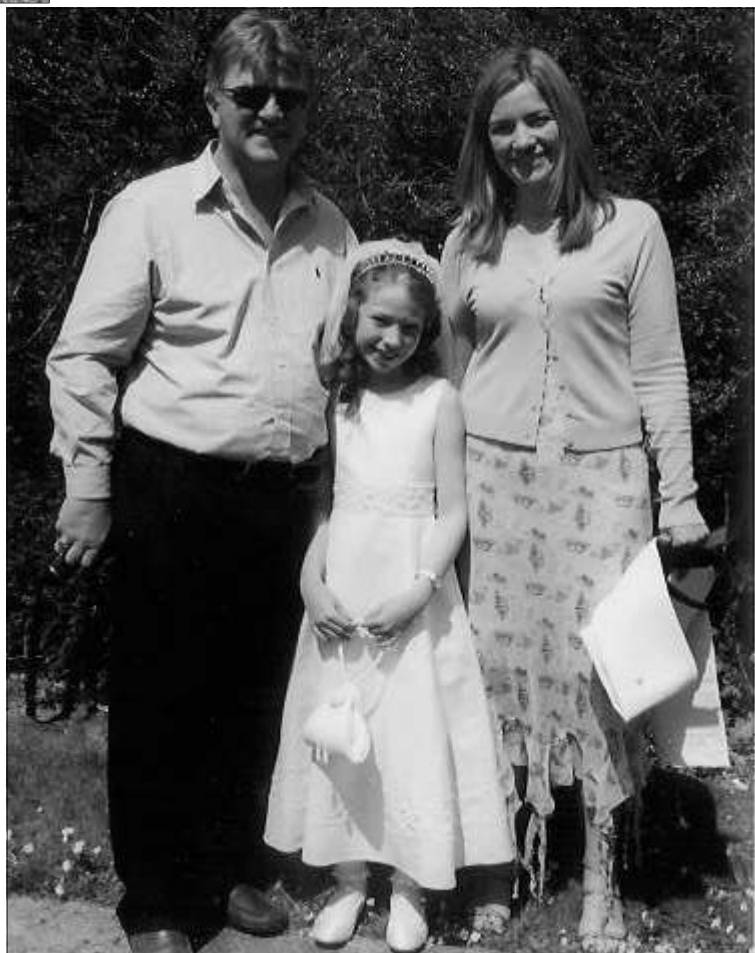


*Sophie Ní Dhaimhín
With her Parents
And sister Kelly*

First Holy Communion Photos May 2007



*Catherine Strobard O Muilleoir
And her Mum*



*Ailsing Ní Dheoráin
And Parents*

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***Megan Nic An Breithínnaigh
with her Dad***



***Megan Ní Ronáin
with her Mum***



***Aoife Ní h'Ocain,
her sisters Niamh
and Róisín,
Parents and
Godfather***

Maynooth Geraldine Festival 2007

A note of appreciation from the Chairperson and festival committee.

I wish to thank Marie Gleeson and the office staff for their hard work on the preparation of the festival.

I also wish to thank Hilda Dunne for her work on the evening of light entertainment in the castle, and Rita Doyle and her dancers and St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band.

I would like also to mention Kay and Fran for their help on the quiz nights, and the family treasure hunt.

Special thanks also to Willie Kiernan for keeping me plugged in with speakers for the week. Also Patricia Moynan, Ann Marie Coyne, Catherine Carton and Marleen Durkan.

All in all the festival was well attended in some events and in others it wasn't. This was due to the bad weather which we can do nothing about.

The festival inter estate table quiz had 14 tables altogether. A special thanks to Nora and Freda for their help on the score board.

The family day in the harbour was a great day, along with the football final and the fire brigade display. A special thanks to the fire brigade for their participation. This day proved to be one of the most successful events of the festival.

I would like to thank Mick Gleeson for his help with the children's races at the Family Day.

A mention also to the Music & Dance— Seo Beo Rath Cairn Le Cabhair O Fhoras Na Gaelige on a great performance on Saturday.

Apologises to anyone that hasn't been mentioned.

The next few pages have photographs and information on the festival.

Andrew McMullon.

The Festival Committee would like to thank the following businesses for sponsoring the raffle prizes during the Table Quiz. They would also like to thank Supermac's for supplying food and beverages to the Irish Dancers after their performance on The Square.

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Occasions

Paddy Power

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Maynooth Geraldine Festival 2007

Festival Launch in Brady's Lounge



*L to R Marie Gleeson,
Marlene Durkan and
Patricia Moynan*



Tom and Maura McMullon



L to R John Saults, Susan and Gerry Durack

*L to R
John McGinley,
Henry Baurness,
Peter Connell
And Dominic Nyland.*



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Children's Table Quiz



**L to R David Moynan, Joseph Carton,
Michael Carton & Alexander Romascu**



Eleanor and Katie Geraghty



*Baby Einstein
Michael Redmond
Dunphy*



*Eoin McCormack,
Owen Byrne,
Ronan Gorey
and Jack Ffrench*

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Children's Table Quiz (cont'd)

The winning team.



*1st Place:
L to R Niamh Feeney, Sarah Jennings
and Tomás Feeney*



*2nd Place:
L to R David Moynan, Michael Carton,
Joseph Carton and Alexandra Romascu with
Andrew McMullon.*



*3rd Place:
L to R Christina Ward, Suzy Ward,
Catherine Warren and Sean Ward*

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Maynooth Golf Society Festival Outing



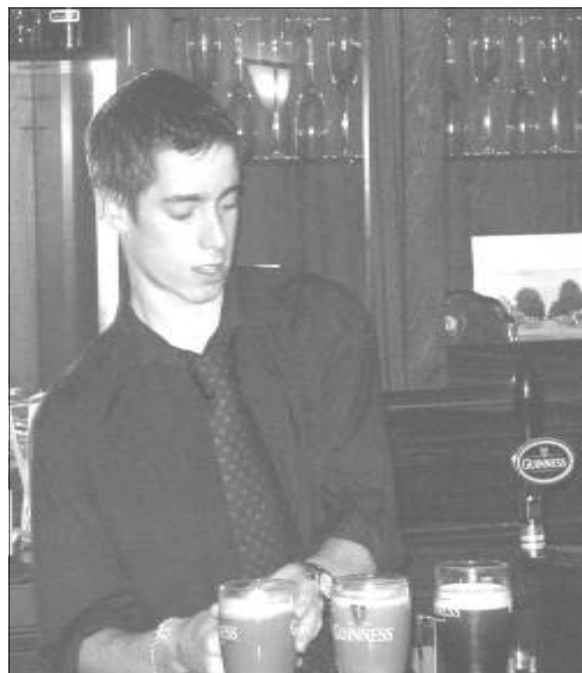
*L to R Pauline Loftus, Mary McTernan,
Kevin Loftus and Kevin Loftus Jnr.*



Pat Farrell



*L to R Kevin Loftus, John Sauls, Gerry
McTernan
and Norman Kavanagh*



Ciarán O'Fóirreibh Barman

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Entertainment On The Square



*Irish Dancing By Rita Doyle
Scoil Rince Uí Dhubhaill*

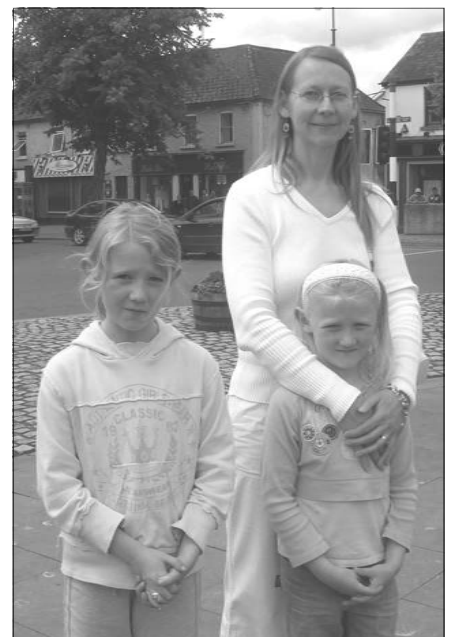
*Michelle
Moran
daughter
Leah
and
Lilly Murphy*



Spectators



*Olivia Carton
(Irish Dancer)*



Spectators



*Music By
Push For
Porter*

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Crayons, Paints, Pencils



Festival Week Children's Art Competition and Exhibition 2007

It was another great exhibition this year. Many thanks to all that entered. The age groups consisted of 4-6, 7-10 and 11-13 and there were a number of entries for each category that made the task of judging all the more challenging, as all works deserved a notable mention. There were pirates, punk rockers, aliens, boats, birds, horses, snakes, still life, landscapes and the Simpsons to mention a few. Our experienced art critic did manage after some deliberation to pick out 3 works in each age category:

4-6 age group:

1. Colm Tracey
2. Sam Gaubert
3. Michael O'Hora

7-10 age group:

1. Jennifer Carroll
2. Meadh Nelson
3. Scott O'Hearne

11-13 age group

1. Sarah Jennings
2. Glenn O'Hearne
3. Sarah Curran

Congratulations and thanks to everyone who entered. All the works made up a great exhibition.

I would like to express a special thanks to **Maynooth Office and School Supplies** (Maynooth Business Campus) for sponsoring the first prizes in each category and for making up the remaining art prize packs, which were generously sponsored by the **Maynooth Community Council**. The quality and thought that went into the prizes was superb.

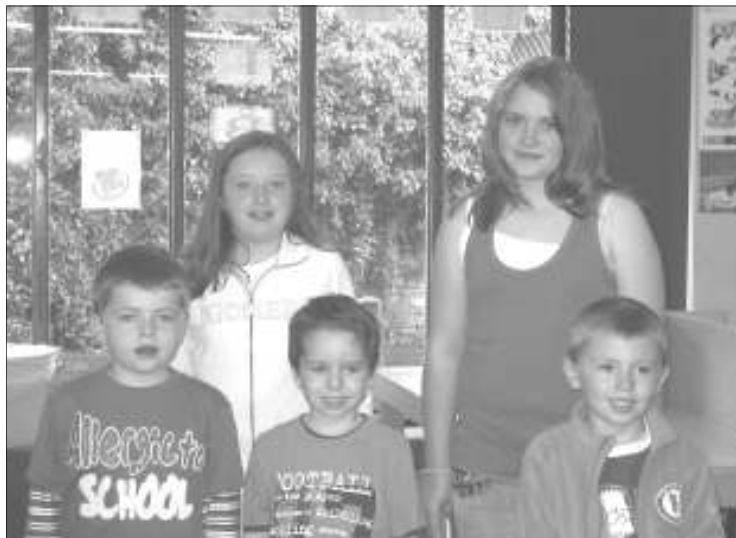
Our thanks to **Clodagh Kelly** for the careful consideration given in the judging process, for her comments on the paintings and drawings when awarding the prizes and for her encouragement to everyone who submitted work. The help and venue of **Maynooth Community Library** was very much appreciated. The event was organised by the **Castle Keep Art Group Maynooth**.

Susan Durack, Castle Keep Art Group.



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Children's Art Competition



*L to R Colm Tracey,
Meadhbh Nelson,
Michael O'Hora,
Sarah Curran
and Sam Gaubert.*

Some of the paintings from the young Artists in Maynooth



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An Evening In The Geraldine Castle

In the historic surroundings of the castle during Maynooth Geraldine Festival week, local groups got together and put on a wonderful evenings entertainment starting with Rita Doyle's School of Dancing who gave a superb display and drew loud applause from the on lookers.

Next was Maynooth's own St Mary's Brass and Reed Band making history as the first Brass and Reed Band playing within the castle itself and giving a great selection of tunes, the children enjoying the shrek bits.

Maynooth local history group had Sèamus Cullen telling the story of Bridget Fitzgerald born at the castle and wife of one of the Earls, Rory O'Donnell,. There were great readings from other members of said group including Fergus White, Declan O'Connor, and Rita Edwards.

Two Ladies from Maynooth U.3A group Joan and Ann had the audience in stitches and the musical offering from Terry and Trevor had many a foot tapping. Many thanks to all involved especially the O.P.W and castle staff.

P.S. The crows had a disturbed night as they were just tucking their heads under there wings when the music started so they added a background chorus of indignant squawks to show their annoyance.

Hilda Dunne



Maynooth Brass and Reed Band in full swing

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Irish Dancing By Rita Doyle Scoil Rince Ui Dhubhail.

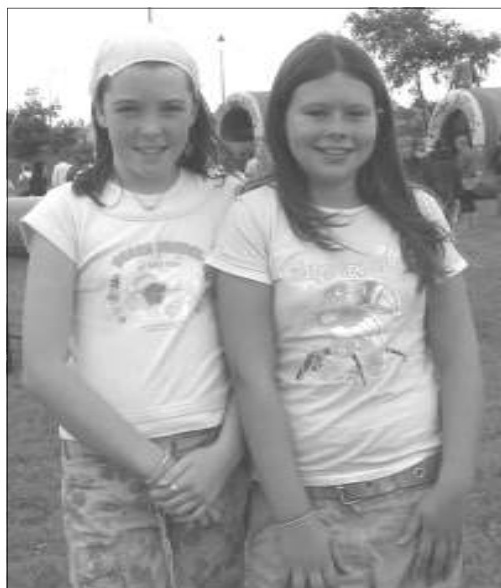
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Family Day



Liz Stole busy at work face painting

*Medal
winner &
friend*



*Naoime Blumlein
& Laura Lally*

*Pony Rides
from the
Maynooth
Equestrian
Centre*



*Catherine
Carton
busy cooking
feeding the
millions!!*

*2nd in the
Bonny Baby
competition
Mya Doyle
with her Dad*



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Inter-Estate Table -Quiz



L to R Joey McBride, Noel Kenny, Paul Daly and John Dredge 2nd prize



The overall winners of the Inter-Estate Table-Quiz was Team Kingsbury plus one: Patrick Moynan, Fergal Doyle, Tom McMullon and Stephen O'Mara.



Norah McDermott, Tracey Walsh, Shane O'Donoghue and David Fitzgerald

Andrew McMullon presenting Calum Warren with his trophy For 3rd place



L to R Niall Gilmartin, Annmarie Murphy, Bernie Murphy and Brian Keating

Patricia Moynan Marking the Score board



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The Joe Murphy Trophy Maynooth Community Festival Tesco 7-a-Side Soccer Tournament 2007

The very popular 7-a-side soccer tournament was held in the Harbour Field from the 16th to the 29th July. Despite the wintry weather there was an average attendance of 250 spectators each evening, with around 400 watching the Final and it was the highlight of the Community Festival.

The teams were divided into two groups of 4 teams and two groups of 3 teams, with the winners and runners-up going through to the quarter-final knockout stage.

Group 1		Group 2		Group 3		Group 4	
A	Old Greenfield	E	Newtown Pirates	J	The Old Town	N	Rockfield
B	Carton Avenue	F	Old Greenfield United	K	Greenfield Celtic	P	Carton Court Utd.
C	Beaufield Utd	G	Straffan Way	M	Rockfield Celtic	Q	Cluain Aoibhin
D	Kinsbry Galacticos	H	Silken Vale Reserves				

Group 1 was won by Carton Avenue and Kingsbry Galacticos were the runners-up. A very good Beaufield Utd. and Old Greenfield made their exit.

Group 2 was won by Silken Vale Reserves and Newtown Pirates were the runners-up. Straffan Way and Old Greenfield Utd. Exited.

Group 3 was won by Rockfield Celtic and Greenfield Celtic were the runners-up. The Old Town made their exit.

Group 4 was won by Rockfield and the runners-up were Cluain Aoibhinn. Carton Court Utd. Made their exit.

Quarter-Finals

Carton Avenue	1	-	2	Newtown Pirates
Silken Vale Reserves	0	-	1	Kingsbry Galacticos
Rockfield Celtic	2	-	0	Cluain Aoibhinn
Rockfield	0	-	1	Greenfield Celtic

Semi Finals

Newtown Pirates	1	-	2	Kingsbry
Rockfield Celtic	1		0	Greenfield Celtic

The Final

Kingsbry Galacticos, who were the winners last year, were the red hot favourites. It was a very close game with Kingsbry Galacticos winning by two goals to one against a very game Rockfield Celtic. Kingsbry went one up after 15 minutes through a great goal from Eanna McDermott. They went two up 30 seconds into the second half with another fantastic goal from Eanna McDermott. Rockfield fought back and scored from a penalty by Donal McDermott five minutes from the end. However, Kingsbry held on and ran out deserving winners as they were the best team in the Tournament.

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Thanks

I would like to thank the organising committee for giving so much of their time in preparing the pitch each evening. They had to be present for 4 hours on each of the 7 (wet) evenings and also attend the Final on Sunday the 29th July. Special thanks is due to Michael O'Reilly, Willie Saults, Andrew McMullon, Michael Dempsey, John Doogan, John Saults, Lenny Murphy, Pat Moynan and Christina Saults.

Also, many thanks to our Referee, Bill Gannon, who handled all of the matches very professionally.

Finally, on behalf of the organising committee I would like to thank all of the teams for taking part, TESCO for their sponsorship and the Murphy family for the beautiful trophy.

John McGinley
Organiser



The winners of the Tesco 7-A-Side Kingsbury Galactics been presented with the Joe Murphy Memorial Trophy

Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location	Development Type
07/1362	Austin Brady	P	14/06/07	Alterations & two storey extension to rear of existing dwelling	1 Greenfield Drive Maynooth	EXTENSION
07/1374	Fiona Kenny	P	15/06/07	(1) The filling of lands with inert materials to include soil, subsoil & excavated material (2) to provide a wheel wash facility (3) to provide a new site entrance onto the public road together with all associated site works	Clonfert South Td Maynooth	LANDFILL
07/1408	The Governer & Co of the Bank of Ireland	P	20/06/07	(1) The relocation of the existing night safe, ATM & Data hatch (2) the relocation of the existing front entrance doors (3) the removal of 3 No. windows & replacement with 2 No. Windows (4) the provision of a new Portuguese Limestone shopfront etc.	Main St. Maynooth	COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT
07/1419	Merr Development Ltd	P	21/06/07	Overall linear length of approx 1400m & width of 17.8 m containing two traffic lanes with grass margins footpaths cycle tracks & junctions including internal roundabouts etc	Railpark Maynooth	OTHER
07/1420	David O' Leary	P	21/06/07	The development will consist of permission for the sub division of existing site for the construction of dormer bungalow secondary effluent treatment system & all associated site works	Johninstown Maynooth	ONE OFF HOUSE
07/1421	Michael & Kathleen O'Leary	P	21/06/07	Development will consist of permission for the decommissioning of existing septic tank & the installation of replacement system & all associated site works	Johninstown Maynooth	OTHER
07/1428	P & G Dormer	P	21/06/07	(a) Demolition of houses no. 12,13,14, erection of 2 storey extensions to side of houses no. 11 & 15 Parson St, (b) erection of 3 no. blocks of varying height up to 5 storeys consisting of 7 no. retail units, 1 no. crèche & 3 no. restaurants	Parsons St. Maynooth	COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT
07/1448	Margaret Flood	P	22/06/07	Development consisting of the erection of a cubicle house & an overground slurry store with all associated site works	Cormickstown Maynooth	AGRICULTURE
07/1456	Emer Mc Dermott	P	22/06/07	For change of use from residential to commercial office for premises	2 The Square Maynooth	COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT
07/1454	Martin Heslin	P	25/06/07	Permission for construction of a 625m livestock shed	Smithstown Maynooth	AGRICULTURE
07/1457	Martin & Ann Tarpey	P	25/06/07	Development will consist of lean to of roof to a garage & single storey extension to rear	2 College Green Maynooth	EXTENSION

Planning Permissions (Continued)

File Number	Applicant Name	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location	Development Type
07/1550	Anne Forster	PERMISSION FOR RETENTION OF DEVELOPMENT	04/07/07	Conversion of attic space with roof lights to rear (2) retention of domestic garage (3) permission for dormer windows to front (4) permission for conservatory expansion	Barberstown Upper Maynooth	EXTENSION
07/1564	Dermot D'Arcy	P	05/07/07	Construction of a two storey house, detached garage, bison treatment system & all ancillary site works	Windgate Maynooth	ONE OFF HOUSE
07/1565	Kemek Ltd.	P	05/07/07	The expansion of the ancillary offices at first floor level by introducing a full mezzanine floor to the light industrial area comprising 150.5sq.m. to support ancillary offices, toilet accommodation, store room & board room etc..	Unit 11 Block H Maynooth Business Park Maynooth	COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT
91/441	Boldnote Developments Ltd	EXTENSION OF DURATION	05/07/07	Alterations to Carton House & Demense, change Carton House from residential to Hotel, golf courses & clubhouse (as per Notice) E.I.S. submitted	Carton Demense Carton Maynooth	UNCATEGORISED
07/1594	Martin & Valerie McHugh	P	10/07/07	Erection of a dormer bungalow with 3 no. loose boxes, tack room & Dungstead also to include a separate dormer style double garage with Bio-disc system	Clonagh Maynooth	ONE OFF HOUSE
07/1616	Mr Pdraig Quinn	P	11/07/07	To build a dormer type dwelling serviced on site wastewater treatment system to current 'EPA' guidelines, domestic garage, shared recessed entrance & all associated siteworks	Laragh Maynooth	ONE OFF HOUSE
07/1643	David O'Leary	P	13/07/07	Sub division of existing site for the construction of dormer bungalow secondary effluent treatment system and all associated site works	Johninstown Maynooth	ONE OFF HOUSE
07/1644	Pat Comerford	P	13/07/07	Works to existing detached building comprising of 2 no. existing 1 bedroom apartments. Change of building from 1 and a half to 2 storey and new internal layout to 2 no. 1 bedroom apartments.	3+4 Buckley Court Back Lane Maynooth	EXTENSION
07/1645	Michael & Kathleen O'Leary	P	13/07/07	Decommissioning of existing septic tank and installation of replacement secondary effluent treatment system and all associated site works	Johninstown Maynooth	OTHER
07/1657	Margaret Flood	P	13/07/07	Development will consist of the erection of a cubicle house and an over ground slurry store with all associated site works.	Cormickstown Maynooth	AGRICULTURE

Planning Permissions (continued)

File Number	Applicant Name	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location	Development Type
07/1711	P & G Dormer	P	19/07/07	For a) demolition of houses no.12,13 & 14, erection of 2 storey extensions to side of houses no.11 & 15 Parson St, b) erection of 3 no. blocks of varying heights up to 5 storeys consisting of 7 no. retail units, 1 no. crèche and 3 no. restaurants etc.	Parsons Street Maynooth	HOUSING DEVELOPMENT
07/1772	Mary & Dave Murphy	P	23/07/07	Ground floor extension to south west elevation including roof lights to the north west and south east and all associated site works	38 Leinster Wood South Carton Demense Maynooth	EXTENSION
07/1778	Pauline & Brendan O'Toole	P	24/07/07	Conversion of, and extension to, existing detached single storey garden shed to 'family flat' incorporating living room, kitchen, bedroom and bathroom and all associated site and drainage works	104 Railpark Maynooth	EXTENSION
07/1779	Martin Ryan	P	24/07/07	Sub-division of existing property with new dormer style house to rear of existing house with new vehicle access.	Kum-By-Ya Maynooth Road Celbridge	EXTENSION

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Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Maynooth Harbour Action Area Plan

This plan was adopted by Kildare County Council in February 2006. As very little progress was made, and there was a danger that individual landowners would apply for planning permission, Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Full Council:

"That a Project Team be appointed to progress the Maynooth Harbour Action Area Plan

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

"The area in question is at the heart of Maynooth, bordered by Maynooth College, The Geraldine Castle, The Royal Canal and the amenity of the Harbour Field.

There are some 14 acres designated for residential development, 5 acres for amenity/community use and 1.5 acres for a Better Government Civic Building on the Council owned land.

Maynooth being the only University town in Ireland should be special.

We should be looking at Oxford and Cambridge to see how University towns can grow properly.

As the Harbour Site is at the heart of the town it needs to be developed to 5 Star standards.

If individual developers go their own way there will be a fragmented approach and that is what will happen unless the Council appoint a Project Management Team to drive the project. The Team would include Director Leader, Finance, Planner and Architect and they should be contracted in as happens elsewhere for such major projects.

I believe that is the best and only way forward. Get the developers to act in consort and come up with a Joint Venture proposal covering the Residential Area, the new Streets, the Civic Building, the Geraldine Hall, the Harbour Field and Underground parking. All underground parking is specified for the residential and civic building areas and we have also specified such parking underneath the Harbour Field primarily for the train commuters.

The Project Management Team would then bring the Joint Venture proposals back to full Council for approval."

The Council unanimously agreed to Cllr. McGinley's motion at its meeting on 26th March.

Unfortunately, Council officials have still not acted on the motion and Cllr. John McGinley's worst fears have come to pass as a Planning Application has been submitted for a section of the area. Planning Application 07/1428 calls for:

- (a) demolition of houses numbered 12, 13 & 14, erection of 2 storey extensions to side of houses numbered 11 & 15 Parson St,*
- (b) erection of 3 no. blocks of varying height up to 5 storeys consisting of 7 no. retail units, 1 no. creche and 3 no. restaurants*

The closing date for Objections is 26th July and Cllr. John McGinley and his colleague Deputy Emmet Stagg will make their views known on the inappropriate building heights proposed and any other negative aspects of the proposal as it affects the Built Environment of the Historic Core of Maynooth.

Additional Litter Bins Needed in Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

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"That funding be provided for the installation and emptying of additional litterbins in Maynooth."

John had earlier asked the Area Engineer to provide the bins and he got the following reply:

"The Area Engineer has confirmed that there is no funding currently available for the installation, maintenance or emptying of additional bins."

Parsons Hall being Taken in Charge

The Council agreed at its meeting on June 25th to put on Public Display their intention to take Parsons Hall in charge. Also, as Moyglare Meadows is at an advanced stage in the Taking in Charge process it is anticipated that it will be ready to go on public display in the next few weeks.

Allocation of Discretionary Grants

Cllr. John McGinley has allocated a further €7,000 for a traffic calming ramp at 4/6 The Paddocks, Moyglare Abbey and has asked the Council to use the remainder of his Discretionary Grants for footpath repairs in Oaklawn West, Leixlip.

F.F. Promises on Gaelcholaiste for North Kildare broken in 6 weeks - A record—Stagg

Deputy Emmet Stagg has criticised F.F. for building up the hopes of both parents and pupils of Gaelscoils in Kilcock, Maynooth and Leixlip that an All Irish Second Level School was still on the Agenda for North Kildare during the General Election Campaign.

Deputy Stagg questioned the Minister for Education on this matter in the Dáil on 26th June and the Minister responded as follows – "County Kildare VEC recently applied for the establishment of a separate all-Irish post primary school in Maynooth. The Department has given careful consideration to the application and has decided that the application should not be granted. In arriving at this conclusion, account was taken of the fact that Colaiste Cois Life in Lucan was established to serve the needs of the West Dublin and North Kildare area".

On May 14th last, prior to the General Election, F.F. then candidate Aine Brady stated she contacted the Minister immediately following the rejection of the proposal and that she was delighted that the Minister had now heeded her call and agreed to review the case for a Gaelcholaiste for the north of Kildare.

The Review stated Deputy Stagg was nothing short of a Political Ploy by FF to keep the issue alive and then

give the bad news to Parents and Pupils after the Election. This is the type of shenanigans which gives Politics a bad name but is to be expected from FF.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he intended to keep the issue on the Agenda for the next 5 years and eventually embarrass FF into action in supporting the Irish Language in North Kildare.

Stagg welcomes rejection of restaurant/wine bar in residential area

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the decision by Kildare Co. Council to refuse planning permission for a Restaurant and Wine Bar at 1 Pound Lane, Maynooth.

Last November Deputy Stagg and his colleague Cllr. John McGinley objected to the proposal given the adverse effect it would have had on residential amenity in this old residential area of Maynooth.

The Council in refusing Planning Permission stated *'The proposed site is located within the Historic Core of the Town in a defined Architectural Conservation Area. Objective 3.11.2 of the Maynooth Development Plan 2002 states that it is the policy of the Council to protect and enhance the character of the area. Having regard to this objective, it is deemed that the proposed development if permitted, would adversely affect the architectural conservation area by reason of its inappropriate design and scale, would set an undesirable precedent and would therefore be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.'*

Deputy Stagg indicated that the refusal could have been stronger given the affect the proposal would have had on the amenities of residents in the area but should an appeal be lodged he will, along with Cllr. John McGinley, reiterate their serious concerns about the proposal.

Dublin Bus agree to additional bus stops at Griffin Rath

Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have welcomed the agreement by Dublin Bus to provide additional inbound and outbound bus stops near Griffin Rath Estate on the Celbridge Road in Maynooth.

The issue was raised with Deputy Stagg during the recent General Election and Dublin Bus recently advised Deputy Stagg that they had obtained statutory orders for the additional bus stops and once a hard stand is constructed for the Dublin Bound side the orders will be processed. Dublin Bus are at present in discussions with Kildare Co. Council in this matter.

Deputy Stagg stated that the provision of the additional Bus Stops will encourage residents to avail

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of Public Transport and save them a considerable walk to Railpark to avail of the service as they have to do at present in this great Summer weather we are having.

THREAT TO MAYNOOTH MAIN STREET TREES LIFTED

On foot of assurances from Kildare Co. Council Director of Services Joe Boland that Traffic Related works associated with the Redevelopment of the Tesco Supermarket on the Dublin Road, Maynooth, will not involve interference with or the removal of any of the Trees on Main Street, Maynooth, Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley have withdrawn their appeal to An Bord Pleanála in relation to the Planning Permission Granted for the redevelopment of Tesco's.

All parties who appealed the decision have withdrawn their appeals and Deputy Emmet Stagg is delighted with the result which he has described as a Great Day for the people of Maynooth.

Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley had appealed the decision last January because a condition imposed by the Council left open the option of removing the 8 trees from the Square to Hand's old House to create an additional traffic lane on Main Street. Deputy Stagg had described the proposal at the time as an act of State Vandalism against the Community of Maynooth.

Deputy Stagg indicated that there appeared to be certain people within the Council who had an Agenda against the Trees and the assurances now received from the Director of Services has put them in their place.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that this was one of his and Cllr. McGinley's most successful outcomes in terms of Planning with the unique beauty of the Trees and their environment in the Heart of Maynooth now secured for future generations.

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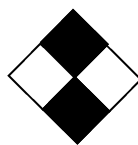
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*Sally goes across the strand
With cockle shells in her hand
With love so good and face so grand
She is the mermaid of the sea
Laughing and loving only me
Sally please don't let me down
You know I will always be around
So remember me in your thought
Of the sea and life you brought
Sea busy rippling bye
If Sally dies so must I.*

Music

*Voices I hear on the radio
Music fills your ear
It also helps my ego
Vanishes away my fear
Melodious tunes to listen to
Rembrant or the Rolling Stones
Fills my heart with love right through
Relaxes my weary bones
I listen to each word sung
With a message to put across
Music is where my heart belongs
I'm never at a loss.*



Pub Drinking

*Whenever you have a thirst
Go straight to the pub
A beer simply comes first
After a feed of grub
To drink a pint of stout
Or a small one is ok
You get rid of your drought
With company for the day
Drinking is an expensive past-time
A pleasure it is indeed
Everything is going fine
Until you're full of greed
You're as drunk as a skunk
Wobbling through the bar
You go home to your bunk
Driving deadly in your car
Drinking is a pleasure
In moderation to be done
You enjoy your leisure
Also have a bit of fun
A pub is a meeting place
For chatting and song
Maybe a lady to embrace
Until the drink is gone
Why do people drink
Is it just the trend
A few pints to sink
Then a hangover to mend
People drink for company
Or just to meet a friend
Your world is free
With lots of money to spend
There are many types to drink
To choose at your ease
Your full to the brink
You do what you please
Alcohol makes you feel good
It is only for a while.*



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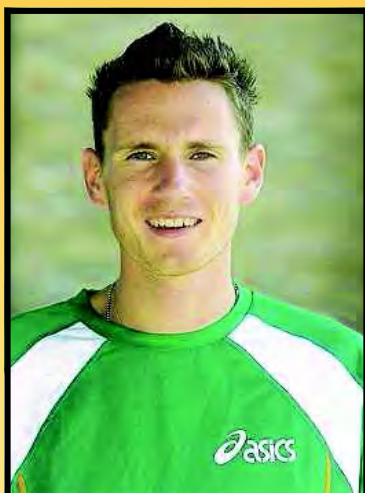
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Editorial

Maynooth Newsletter Editorial 2007

The summer is over !!!!! That's if you feel like it ever started in the first place – very little sun, mostly overcast, and don't forget the 50 plus days of constant rain. However, at least we had the longer days, children were off school and there were a few other bonuses as well.

Now we face back into the winter, the short days, dark days, rain, cold etc etc. Schools are back and what has changed in Maynooth in the meantime ?

There is no doubt that the works just carried out on Doctors Lane in Maynooth, wherein a new one way system is now in operation is the major change that has occurred. While that is not a problem in itself, there is a drastic issue which has resulted and the question must be asked, WHY ?

There has now been a reduction in the number of car parking spaces available to the residents, shoppers, businesses in the town. While there used to be approximately 30 car park spaces available in the Doctors Lane area, this number has now been reduced to about 5 car park spaces. This is absolutely disgraceful, and in fact, it is amazing.

The residents of Maynooth deserve that provision be made for their parking needs – it is a basic requirement surely that residents, commuters, shoppers, visitors and businesses in any modern town need in order to function both socially, economically – in fact in every possible way.

We demand the provision of proper town centre car parking – an increase, not a decrease – urgently, before the town, businesses, residents etc all suffer from the decline that would and could naturally occur in the short term future. We ask our Councillors and County Council to address this issue URGENTLY !!!!!!!!!!!

**Brid Feely,
Editor.**

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Question

I am starting college in the autumn. How can I get a student grant and how much is it?

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 2007/2008 the application should be with the local authority by 31 August 2007.

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 members states, with certain exceptions.

The family limits (for the period 1 Jan—31 December 2006 are as follows:

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%) only
Less than 4	€38,675	€41,085	€43,500	€45,920	€48,335
4-7	€42,490	€45,150	€47,805	€50,465	€53,120
8 or more	€46,140	€49,025	€51,905	€54,785	€57,665

The limits can be increased by a further €4,685 where there are two children attending full-time third-level education, and a further €4,685 for each additional child.

The maintenance grant rates are as follows:

	Non-adjacent rate	Adjacent rate
Full maintenance	€3,420	€1,370
Part maintenance (75%)	€2,565	€1,030
Part maintenance (50%)	€1,710	€685
Part Maintenance (25%)	€855	€345

The adjacent rates is paid if you normally reside 24 km or less from your college. Mature students will receive the non-adjacent rate in all cases.

There are special rates of maintenance grants for disadvantaged students: €6,690 for the non-adjacent rate and €2,680 for the adjacent rate. The income limit for these grants is €18,055. You must be receiving an eligible social welfare or other payment.

Question

Is there any support available to help with the cost of uniforms for students going back to school in September?

Answer

The Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance is a payment for parents or guardians to assist with the cost of children's school uniforms and footwear at the beginning of the school year. You may also claim for a child aged 18-22 in full-time education for whom a payment is included in your social welfare payment.

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Families claiming a social welfare payment (including Family Income Supplement) or a Health Executive payment

	Couple	Lone Parent
1 Child	€470.80	€331.30
2 Children	€492.80	€353.30
3 Children	€514.80	€375.30
4 Children	€536.80	€397.30
Each additional child	€22.00	€22.00

Those taking part in a Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme (VTOS) or getting a Back to Education Allowance are eligible. The allowance is also available to people on employment schemes such as Community Employment, Back to Work Allowance, and Revenue Job Assist who retain their secondary benefits, (that is, gross weekly household income is less than €317.43). If they do not they do not meet this condition they can apply under the normal income limits given above.

The allowance paid is €180 for each child aged 2-11 years and €285 for each child aged 12-22 years before 1 October.

The scheme is administered by the Health Service Executive as part of the Supplementary Welfare Allowance Scheme. Families should apply to the Community Welfare Officer at their local Health Centre before the end of September.

Question

I have been receiving Illness Benefit but I am now considering returning to work. Will I be able to return to Illness Benefit if I start work but find that I am not able to continue?

Answer

Illness Benefit (formerly called Disability Benefit) is a payment for people who are unable to work because they are ill. In general, you need to have paid a certain number of Pay Related Social Insurance (PRSI) contributions in order to qualify.

Until recently, people receiving Illness Benefit who returned to work and became ill again could find that they then qualified only for a reduced rate of payment.

This was changed in the Social Welfare Act 2007 which provides that, where you have been getting Illness Benefit for at least two years, then return to work for less than 26 weeks and become ill again, you will not get a lower rate of benefit than you were previously receiving.

If you were receiving Illness Benefit for at least five years, but you return to work and discover within 13 weeks that you are not fit to work, you may return to Illness Benefit without having to satisfy any further conditions.

To qualify for Illness Benefit, you must have at least 52 PRSI contributions paid since starting work. In addition, you also need to meet one of the following requirements:

- Have at least 39 weeks PRSI contributions paid or credited in the tax year before last (which is 2005 for claims this year). At least 13 of these must be paid contributions but there are rules which may allow other years to be taken into account to meet this requirement.
- Have 26 contributions paid in the tax year before last as well as 26 paid in the year before that. The application form for Illness Benefit is available from your GP.

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Question

I have just returned from my holidays but my luggage has either been delayed or lost by the airline. Am I entitled to any compensation?

Answer

You can make a claim for compensation for luggage that is either delayed, lost or damaged by an airline.

It is important to report the loss, damage or delay at the airport and complete a Property Irregularity Report (PIR). This will include information regarding the details of your flight, your baggage, your name address, etc. You will be given a copy of the PIR and the airline will retain the other copy.

You will also need to write a letter of complaint to the airline within specific time limits. For damaged bags and items that are missing from baggage, the time limit is seven days. For delayed baggage, the time limit is 21 days from the time that a bag has been delivered.

Luggage is considered lost if it has not arrived within 21 days or if the airline admits the loss.

For checked luggage, claims are limited to a maximum of 1,000 SDRs (approximately €1,100). The value of an SDR is based on a number of international currencies and is available at www.imf.org.

If baggage is lost or delayed during a holiday, remember to keep receipts for any items you have to purchase as a result.

If you have holiday insurance, you should check to see if it covers lost, damaged or delayed baggage and advise your insurance company of the loss or damage as soon as you can.

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Clubs, Organisations And Societies

Maynooth Town F.C. Season Review 2006/07 (cont'd from last month)

Off-field Activities:

Pitches

With the increased numbers of players and teams comes the increased pressure to cater for these numbers. This is most acutely felt when it comes to the allocation of pitches. Whilst unlike most other clubs, we are very fortunate to have our own private ground at Rathcoffey Road and the ongoing use of Dublin Road and Harbour Field, there have been occasions this year where games have had to be cancelled or rescheduled due to insufficient space to accommodate all the assigned matches. And this situation is likely to become even more acute as the town and the club grows even more, requiring us now to be actively considering the acquisition of further land to meet the club's future needs. Some alleviation was obtained when a second small pitch was created in Dublin Road to take some of the pressure off Rathcoffey and training was switched to the Harbour Field.

Weather

A further complicating factor this year was the unprecedented inclement weather experienced from November to February resulting in excess of 8 lost weekends of football and severe backlogs of fixtures at season end.

Training and other facilities

While the priority is to provide playing facilities, i.e. pitches, space for training and proper facilities are an essential prerequisite for any club nowadays. While we can only dream of having our own for now, we are fortunate to be in a position to be able to rent these facilities locally, although this is causing a severe financial drain on the club with families ultimately having to pay towards it. In the long term we should be aiming to install our own all-weather training pitch with floodlights, which could also serve as an income generator for the club.

Clubhouse Development

Significant progress has been achieved in the past 12 months to enable us to confidently predict tonight that next year's agm will be held in our own premises for the first time in our history.

While fundraising was the primary objective for the year to enable the project to proceed, those involved in the development group were also active behind the scenes in lining up developers and architects as well as exploring all other avenues of potential funding. We had high hopes that we would be successful in securing additional Sports Capital "Lotto" funding given that it was an election year, and we were very disappointed to learn that our application was declined and no further funding would be made available to us.

An Information night for parents and other interested parties was held here in February and was well attended. One positive result of that event was the volunteering of many people to assist in whatever way they could with our efforts.

Lohan & Donnelly, a firm of consulting engineers were appointed to conduct the tendering process for the clubhouse and to oversee the construction phase of the project. Tenders were issued to 7 builders and a winning bid was selected in early June. A letter of intent has been issued and the builder hopes to break ground within the next 4 weeks.

The biggest challenge facing us now is the financing burden the club now faces. While the overall cost is greater than we expected, we will have a fully finished clubhouse in the end. Nevertheless the club will have to meet repayments of approximately €2,500 per month for the next 15 years.

Fundraising

Car Draw

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Maynooth Town Football Club (cont'd)

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On the fundraising front the club had and availed of the opportunity to participate in a Monster Car draw being run by Rathcairn Parish Development, and we were able to sell almost 400 tickets raising close to €20,000 in the process. While the main draw encountered problems last December and had to be postponed, it has now resumed and all Maynooth ticket holders are being included in an extra 3 main prize draws to make up for this inconvenience. To date over 60 Maynooth ticket holders have won prizes, and with 5 main draws left, we hope to have many more yet and maybe even a big winner!

Bag-Packing

The Club was given the opportunity to fundraise by means of Bag packing in Boots Liffey Valley on Saturdays in the run up to Christmas. This was to be among the easiest and most lucrative means of fundraising ever undertaken by the club and helped us raise almost €8,000 over 6 weeks.

Pitch-side advertising

Pitch-side advertising has to date generated in excess of €20,000 in income, all from local businesses, but even greater potential exists from this source, particularly if we can find a way to interest national businesses with large advertising budgets.

Premiership trip

The Club arranged a Club Trip to watch Everton play Arsenal in the premiership on March 18th last, courtesy of Barton's Transport and Celtic Horizon Tours, and both companies subsequently donated all the proceeds to the clubhouse development fund, amounting to €4,000. The trip itself was a great success, exceptional value, and all 100 members who went on it, young and old, thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Club weekly "Lotto"

The weekly Lotto Draw is still the main regular source of income for the club and with the introduction of the Auto-Lotto it is hoped to improve this vital source of weekly income.

Finance Committee:

Dinner Dance

As mentioned already the information night resulted in a number of parents coming forward willing to get involved in the club and offering their help. One group formed a fundraising committee and their first event was the recently held dinner dance which was a hugely successful night, raising over €7,000 by means of the auction & raffle.

Auto lotto drive

The Fundraising committee have also taken it upon themselves to drive the "auto lotto" among the teams with all members being encouraged to sign up. Using this method you too can be included in the chance to win the jackpot every week for just €8 per month and support the club at the same time.

Calendar:

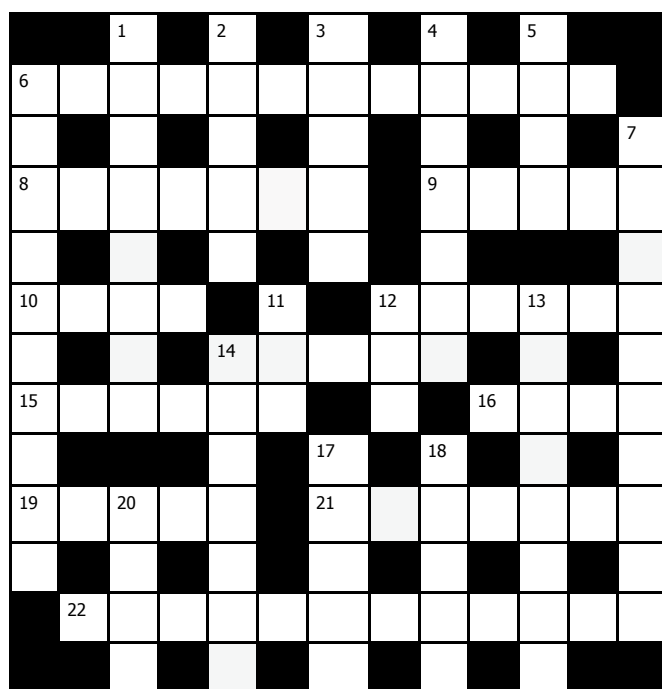
The same group also plan to produce a Club Calendar later in the year which it is hoped will be on sale in the run up to Christmas and will make an ideal present for Grannies and Aunties everywhere!!!!
Again much appreciation is due to all those involved in this group.

Other events:

Apart from fundraising the club members were also involved in a range of other off the field activities:

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Crossword No: 59



Entries before Monday 10th September 2007

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Across:

6. Part of a submarine (7,5)
8. Capital of Kenya (7)
9. Beach (5)
10. Nourish (4)
12. Jimi Hendrix hit, _ _ _ Chile (6)
14. Capital city near to Carthage (5)
15. Turning like a wheel (6)
16. Indonesian island (4)
19. To such time as (5)
21. Tombstone inscription (7)
22. Mimicked (12)

Doodle Box

Special prize

BOOK VOUCHER

Give yourself the luxury of browsing and choosing the book(s) which take your fancy from the wide selection available in the store of our sponsor

***The Maynooth Bookshop
 68 Main Street, Maynooth***

Winner

**Elaine Houlihan
 Cowanstown
 Maynooth**

Down:

1. Episode (8)
2. Pop singer, _ _ _ Le Bon(5)
3. Once more (5)
4. Demis _ _ _ (7)
5. Brave man (4)
6. Cone-bearing (10)
7. Flattened (10)
11. Purchase (3)
12. Vitality (3)
13. Shimmering fabric (8)
14. Shopping cart (7)
17. Untidy (5)
18. Colossus (5)
20. Burial chamber (4)

Solutions to crossword no: 58

Across:

1. Tussle, 4. Basic, 7. Far, 8. Albania, 9. Candied, 10. Adept, 13. Yo-yo, 14. Flaxen, 16. Ali, 17. Misery, 20. Emit, 23. Shine, 25. Atheist, 26. Avenged, 27. Ely, 28. Wield, 29. Depend.

Down:

1. Twanky, 2. Subway, 3. Lance, 4. Brunel, 5. Sphinx, 6. Cordon, 7. Fact, 11. Dove, 12. Play, 14. Fish, 15. Amen, 17. Meadow, 18. Scheme, 19. Raised, 21. Meagre, 22. Traded, 23. Stay, 24. Irene.

Maynooth Town Football Club (cont'd)

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- ◆ Over 100 players and their parents again took part in this year's Maynooth St Patrick's Day Parade.
- ◆ Colm Cahill, a club member currently serving with Goal in Sudan presented a number of old MTFC playing kits to village teams he works with.



- ◆ A workday was arranged last October and manage to install a new drainage trench and extra fencing, carry out pitch repairs, trim the hedges and clean the grounds of litter.
- ◆ The club was heavily involved in the organisation and running of the seven a-side soccer tournament in conjunction with the Maynooth Summer Festival.
- ◆ A medal ceremony was recently arranged for the presentation of end of season awards to players in Brady's.

Looking ahead:

Girls' Teams

The club is delighted to announce that next season will also see a Maynooth Town all girls team, and hopefully it will not be too long before we see many others and also a ladies team again. I would like to thank Breege Conway for coming forward and offering to oversee this new team, and I commit the club to providing as much support as possible for this initiative.

Plans are already underway in preparation for next season which promises to be the most momentous in our history. It will see the realisation of the hopes and dreams of members past and present when the clubhouse is finally completed and delivered, to be used and enjoyed by generations of young footballers to come. In the meantime, a lot of hard work will be required to get us there, and now more than ever the club needs the support of everyone in the community. In particular we need more individuals to come forward and get involved, and share the burden being carried by just a few.

Maynooth Town F.C. would like to thank all our club and team sponsors, and hope all our members & supporters will continue to support them whenever possible and to acknowledge their generosity when the opportunity arises.

The club would like to thank all our Committee Members, both Fixtures Secretaries, the Team Managers, Players, Parents and everyone else involved with the club for their support over the last year, and wish all the teams the best of luck for next season.

Maynooth Golf Society

Woodlands Golf Club Outing

The outing to Woodlands Golf Club took place on Friday the 27th July 2007.

The Woodlands course was in very good condition, even with the exceptional rain over the previous few weeks. A combination of factors - the start of the builders holidays; a members wedding; threatened rain on the day - kept attendances down.

The weather held up well but for a few drops but the course played tough and the scores told the tale.

John Saults was the overall winner with 36 points and his son Conor won the visitors prize with a score of 32 points.

The presentation took place in Caulfields that evening.

Result Sheet

1st Prize	John Saults	36 pts
2nd Prize	Tim Mullane	32 pts B9
3rd Prize	Gerry Kelly	32 pts
4th Prize	Mick Fahy	31 pts B9
5th Prize	Kevin Loftus	31 pts B6
6th Prize	Liam Farrelly	31 pts
7th Prize	Tom Nolan	29 pts
Front 9	Norman Kavanagh	18 pts
Back 9	Eddie Connolly	14 pts
Visitors	Conor Saults	33 pts
Twos Club	Mick Fahy & Gerry Kelly	
Nearest The Pin	Brendan Leigh	

R & R Golf Club

The R & R Golf Club in Dunboyne was the venue for the 3 Person Scramble during the Maynooth Festival Week. It was sponsored by Brady's Clock House.

The Dunboyne course was demanding but in good condition after all the heavy rain of the past few weeks.

Both the men's and women's Maynooth Golf Societies combined with community visitors to make the outing and 24 entered the tournament.

In first place, Gerry & Mary McTernan along with young Robert Moore took first place with 65 net points.

The presentation took place in Brady's that evening.

Result Sheet

1st Prize	Gerry McTernan	
	Robert Moore	65 nett
	Mary McTernan	
2nd Prize	Kevin Loftus	
	Pauline Loftus	67 nett
	Cian Smith	
3rd Prize	John Saults	
	Louise Saults	72 nett (B9)
	Tommy Campbell	



*L to R
Captain Pa Conway
and
Winner John Saults*

Horoscopes



ARIES—March 21—April 20

There's no reason to think that friend's have forgotten you. However you could be surprised at how they are thinking of you. A weekend meeting with some old friends looks likely.

Monday is your lucky day.

Number 5, colour Black.



LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23

There is a chance that a small wind fall this weekend and a chance meeting with an old friend could bring a surprise by next week.

Good luck all round Libra.

Monday is your lucky day.

Number 17, colour Navy Blue.



TAURUS—April 21—May 21

Mars in Taurus is at odds with Neptune. The Planets are at war with one another this week, so you will need to make your own judgement on things.

Wednesday is your lucky day.

Number 7, colour White.



SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22

You lose your cool with friends and family this weekend and feelings run high all round. Take time to cool off.

A shopping trip proves successful.

Tuesday is your lucky day.

Number 9, colour Orange.



GEMINI—May 22—June 22

You're a leader this week Gemini, when others will look to you for loyalty. Someone from the past is waiting in the wings to give you your reward. Well done you.

Thursday is your lucky day.

Number 12, colour Gold.



SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21

Of course you should make hay while the sun shines, but do you need a combine harvester and a thousand acres of farmland?

You need to sort out where you are going now, make some plans.

Sunday is your lucky day.

Number 1, colour Gold.



CANCER—June 23—July 23

You feel you can do no wrong, and for most of this week that's true. On Monday things take a turn for the worst but by Friday things will be back on track. The sun is out for the weekend as far as you are concerned.

Sunday is your lucky day.

Number 15, colour Yellow.



CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20

Renewed confidence and restored vision are all yours, embrace the future and the good things winging your way. Count your lucky stars you have come a long way.

Saturday is your lucky day.

Number 9, colour Grey.



LEO—July 24—August 23

Think things through before you make any drastic decisions. Being patient is your best attribute so use it well as you will be tested all week. Life will treat you well this week so enjoy all that comes your way.

Friday is your lucky day.

Number 8, colour Green.



AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19

Stick to what you know and love. You can make great strides, so put your best foot forward, there is a small window of opportunity coming up.

Good luck.

Monday is your lucky day.

Number 4, colour Green.



VIRGO—August 24—Sept 23

You would like to have some time to yourself this week and then meet with family and friends. You will feel differently by next weekend and you will feel more like yourself. Take things slowly.

Saturday is your lucky day.

Number 6, colour Green.



PISCES—Feb 20—March 20

There is no need to feel intimidated by what's happening, everything is in hand so relax and be yourself. You are formidable when you get into gear. Don't over commit.

Wednesday is your lucky day.

Number 13, colour Pink.

Features

Lizzie's Fortune

Lizzie ran into the kitchen with the basket of eggs. Her mother sent her out to the chicken coop to collect the eggs. It was seven o'clock on a September morning. Her little brother Michael was sitting at the kitchen table eating his breakfast before going to school. He was in his last year of primary school. Lizzie couldn't wait to leave school. She had gone to school until she was sixteen and then she had enough of it. There was nothing for her in school that she could have out of it. She was left a whole year now. Michael picked up his school bag and went off to school.

Lizzie set down the basket of eggs on the table. Her mother, who everyone called Pat, was making a fruit cake today so she needed the eggs. Lizzie went out to the wash house to wash the linen and some of her father's shirts. She spent the morning there washing the clothes. In six months she would be eighteen. It was nearly time that she went out and got a man for herself. She wondered whether her dad had a dowry for her. If she had a dowry she would get a good man for herself. She would love and have his kids for him. Her dad had said nothing yet about getting married and settling down. He had a dowry for her but he hadn't told her or her mother. But now she was of an age to get married. She was out putting the linen on the clothes line, and just then her father came whistling down the yard. He would be wanting his morning tea. She rushed indoors and put on the kettle. In five minutes he was eating his bread and jam and drinking his tea.

"There is a dance on in the village hall on Friday night. You can go if you like with that miss prissy you call your friend". Maggie and Lizzie had been friends since school and had been mates ever since and they had remained friends. So after tea she walked down the lane to Maggie. Maggie was there and asked her in. She started to fuss about her friend. "Would you like some tea and some Madeira cake?" "Thanks, I would like that. My father said I could go to the dance on Friday night and I could bring you along". Maggie's father was busy cleaning his fishing rod. Maggie turned to her father and asked him if she could go along too. Her father said, "you can go with Lizzie if you want too". She said "I would love to come with you. I would have an excuse to put on my new dress". "That's that then, we are going to the dance on Friday night".

So on Friday night they went along to the dance. Joe her father was anxious to see his daughter married off to someone of his own class who would keep his daughter to what she was used to. She needed someone with a few bob in his pocket. He would give his daughter a dowry to get her started off. Pat would be lonely for a bit not having her little girl around the place, but she would want Lizzie happy and settled. Lizzie got ready and left the house at eight o'clock that evening. She walked down the road to Maggie's house. Maggie was ready and waiting. By the time they got there the hall was starting to fill up. They got danced by some of the local lads. Then Lizzie noticed someone watching her. He came over to her and asked her to dance. They danced a few sets. It turned out he was the Squire's son from the neighbouring parish. He was with his friend. He fancied a change and he and his friend had come along to the dance tonight.

He asked Lizzie if he could walk her home after the dance. "I am with a friend" she said. "Well maybe my friend will walk her home too". So after the dance ended Derek walked Lizzie home. She thanked him for a lovely evening. He asked her would she meet him next Friday night at the same place they had met tonight. "I will have to ask my father". Ok, she thought, I will wait till Friday night. The next morning at her breakfast table Pat asked her all about the dance last night. "I had a lovely time. I met the Squire's son from the neighbouring parish. He walked me home. He would like to meet me next Friday night". So they met next Friday night. Within two years when Lizzie was just turning nineteen, Derek and Lizzie were married in the local church. Lizzie had brought her dowry and had brought it to her new husband's farm. Derek said he loved Lizzie and that she was the only person that mattered to him in his life. "You are my rock" he said to her on their honeymoon night. They kissed each other that night. Joe and Pat were very happy for their little girl. She had done well for herself, and she would always be known as the Squire's Wife for a long time to come. Michael would inherit the farm so Pat and Joe would be very happy too. They say money can't buy love but if you love someone that's what matters.

Enda Clavin

Features

AIB Junior Saver Competition



L to R Jean Morrison (AIB), Aisling Redmond (Winner), Teresa Redmond (Aisling's mother), And Michelle Walsh (AIB)

The winner of AIB Maynooth's Junior Saver competition which was run for the month of June is:
Aisling Redmond, Age 9.

Aisling opened her Junior Saver account which is for children between the ages of 0 - 13 years, and was entered into the draw for a bike. Having read through many excellent tie breakers Aisling beat all her competitors.

It is a great account for younger customers. €5 is lodged into every new account. It changes with lifestages, when the child reaches thirteen it converts to a second level student account and continues according to their needs, which means in affect it is an account for life - from cradle to grave!

Michelle is the first and second level Student Officer in the branch and would be happy to talk with any young saver and their parents who would like to open their accounts, or call into the branch where any of the staff would be happy to assist you.

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Maynooth Man in World Championships

Local athlete David Campbell from Laraghbryan competed in the 800m at the World Championships in Osaka Japan during the last week in August.

David was an outstanding juvenile athlete with Maynooth AC until the club ceased a few years ago, whereupon he joined St Cocas AC Kilcock. As a juvenile, he was an outstanding all-rounder: as well as his track athletics he was also a National Champion at Long Jump and High Jump.



*L to R David McCarthy, David Campbell,
Tommy Chamney,
and Michael Heery President of A.A.I. Athletic Ireland*

He has been making steady progress over the past few years and in spite of set-backs through illness and injuries never lost confidence in his own ability to succeed. Now coached by Nicky Bideou, he has made brilliant progress over the last 18 months culminating in winning the double over 800m and 1500m at this year's National Track and field Championships in July. He not only became the first to do so since Eamonn Coghlan in 1981 but in each case, beat the defending champions into second place.

David is already within 4 hundredths of a second of the qualifying time for the 800m in next year's Olympic Games and the quality of opposition he will face in Osaka will no doubt help him to achieve that time. Maynooth can look forward to having one of our own in action at the greatest showpiece in the world in China next year.

Features

Weights and Measures

For a recipe to work well, it's important to measure the ingredients accurately. Here are a few tips to help you.

- When you measure a liquid, look at the mark measuring cup at eye level, not from the above.
- If you're using a spoon to measure, make sure that the ingredients are level with the edge of the spoon and not heaped up.
- If you are measuring something like herbs, a liquid or salt in a spoon don't hold the spoon over the mixture you are cooking, just in case some spills out of the spoon and into the mixture.
- If you don't have a tablespoon you can use a teaspoon instead . Three teaspoons is the same as one table-spoon.

Measuring liquids and solids.

These conversions are equivalent measurements which, are easy to use when you are cooking. They are not exact conversions.

LIQUIDS			SOLIDS	
Spoons	cups	Fluid ounces	Grammes	Ounces/pounds
3 teaspoons	1/8 cup		25g	1oz
1 tablespoon	15ml	1/2 floz	50g	2oz
2 tablespoons	25ml	1 floz	75g	3oz
4 tablespoons	50ml	2 floz	125g	4oz
8 tablespoons	75ml	4 floz	150g	5oz
1/4 pint	150ml	5floz	175g	6oz
1/2 pint	300ml	10floz	225g	8oz
3/4 pint	450ml	15floz	350g	12oz
1 pint	600ml	20floz	400g	14oz
1 3/4 pints	1 litre	35floz	450g	16oz (1lb)

OVEN TEMPERATURES

Electric ovens		Gas ovens	Electric Ovens		Gas ovens
Celsius	Fahrenheit	Mark	Celsius	Fahrenheit	Mark
110°C	225°F	1/4	190°C	375°F	5
130°C	250°F	1/2	200°C	400°F	6
140°C	275°F	1	220°C	425°F	7
150°C	300°F	2	230°C	450°F	8
170°C	325°F	3	240°C	475°F	9
180°C	350°F	4			

Features



All about September



September is the ninth month of the year in the Gregorian Calendar and one of four Gregorian months with 30 days.

September begins in western astrology with the sun in the sign of Virgo and ends in the sign of Libra.

Astronomically speaking, the sun actually begins in the constellation of Leo and ends in the constellation of Virgo.

In Latin, *septem* means "seven" and *septimus* means "seventh"; September was in fact the seventh month of the Roman calendar until 153 BC.

- It is the start of the academic year in some countries.
- On the first Sunday of September, the regata storica parade is staged in Venice, as prelude to the rowing contests known as regattas.
- Labour Day is observed on the first Monday in September in the United States.
- In Japan, Respect for the Aged Day is a national holiday celebrated on the third Monday of September. Autumnal Equinox Day is also a national holiday.
- The equinox named the autumnal equinox in the northern hemisphere and the vernal or spring equinox in the southern hemisphere occurs on dates varying from 21 September to 24 September (in UTC). In the pagan wheel of the year the spring equinox is the time of Ostara and the autumn equinox is that of Mabon.

September 1st is celebrated as the beginning of Eritrea's 30 year armed struggle for independence from Ethiopia which began in 1961 and ended in 1991.

September Events

September 10 - The FIFA Women's World Cup 2007 begins with holders Germany against Argentina in Shanghai.

September 11 - Partial solar eclipse.

September 11 - The sixth anniversary of 9/11

September 16 - Parliamentary elections in Greece

September 22 - October 7 - The Oktoberfest in Munich, Germany will be held.

Other names for September

- In Croatian, September is called Rujan, meaning red month (leaves turn red before falling).
- In Czech, September is called září, meaning glow or shine.
- In Polish, September is called wrzesień, the month when calluna flowers emerge.

Some Trivia

- September begins on the same day of the week as December every year.
- September's flower is the aster or morning glory.
- September's birthstone is the sapphire.
- In 1752, the British Empire adopted the Gregorian calendar. In the British Empire that year, September 2 was immediately followed by September 14.
- September in the Northern Hemisphere is the seasonal equivalent to March in the Southern Hemisphere and vice versa.
- World War II started on September 1, 1939 with Adolf Hitler's invasion of Poland. It ended on September 2, 1945 with Japan's formal surrender.
- Caligula (Roman Emperor 37-41) attempted to rename September Germanicus after his father.



Regata Storica Parade, Venice

Poetry Corner

THE GIRL I MARRY

The girl I marry shall be so sweet
With a heart of gold and a precious smile
She will dress in gear so stylish and neat
We will walk life's romance for many a mile
We both will be happy like two birds in song
Live in a quiet house by the mountain side
It is of each other together we will belong
With a love that's true with no secrets to hide
I will work for a wage to pay all the bills
Go home after work where she will be waiting for me
We will both enjoy all our bed time trills
O' what a wonderful world it is going to be
But I am alone in my miserable empty life
My nights are lonely by myself all the time
Maybe some day I will find myself a wife
All I have is myself and this bottle of wine
Now I have my dream that may come true
It all depends on my special lover to be
For a lasting love I never ever knew
What way is this world going to be for me
I will climb every mountain to find my dream
I will pray for love to come my way
All my future world remains to be seen
For a man needs a partner to pass his day
To seek life's fortune with a dream in my mind
Always enthusiastic of my wish to come true
It is of lasting love I wish to find
Give of my dreams where are you, where are you

Patrick Murray

I HAVE EYES TO SEE

I have eyes to see
I have a nose to smell
I have a mind
In which my thoughts do dwell
But most of all
I have a heart
In which my love
Will never part
I have a face like each creature of
The human race
As each one of us is unique
And no person is ever bleak
For we are all equal in Gods eyes
That our true Gods love never denies
We all live in a dream world
In a wishing well of desire
No one is destined to eternal hell fire
Each one of us has a soul
That never dies
So we all be wise
And love each other
As much as we can
Where ultimate happiness
Is destined to all man

Patrick Murray

OUR HUT

No more have we, the fields to roam,
No more the bus to see;
For we have lost our mountain home
The hut has ceased to be.

The years roll by in Taylor's Grange,
As they did in times of yore;
But to me it seems so very strange
The hut is now no more.

The green hills meet the grassy vales,
The sun still gives his rays;
To the buds their heavenly growth entails
But the hut has since decayed.

The birds and sheep in Spring are gay,
To us they are endeared;
The babbling brook still wends its way,
But the hut has disappeared.

Our joys and cares then were blended,
But we know that nothing lasts
For the world ambles on as it was intended
Though the hut is of the past.

Hardship to us has now been sent,
But our faith we still retain;
And if ever wealth to us is lent'
The hut may be again.

Donal Murphy

Celebrating Leaving Certificate Results 2007



*L to R Aoife O'Neill, Ben Carley
and Amy Brown*



Oisín McWeeney & Eimear Flynn



*Aifric Butler-Rees
& Arek Ní Mhurchu*



Michelle Roche & Aoife Kelly

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Recipes

Pan Cooked Chicken Dishes

Cooking on the hob is one of the easiest ways to make a delicious chicken meal — and it is more versatile than you think. Explore the many different ways you can take a pan, a chicken and a few extra ingredients and turn them into a real feast.

Thai Red Chicken Curry

Ingredients

400ml canned coconut milk
3 tablespoons red Thai curry paste
4 chicken breasts
4 tablespoons fish sauce or soy sauce
2 tablespoons caster sugar
225g canned bamboo shoots in brine
1 medium-sized aubergine
Juice of 1 lime
Fresh basil leaves
1 tablespoon of grated fresh coconut



Method

Pour 200ml of the canned coconut milk into a large saucepan. Stir in the red Thai curry paste and bring the mixture to the boil. Boil rapidly for 4 minutes or until the sauce is reduced by half.

Using a sharp knife, cut the chicken breasts into 2.5cm pieces. Add to the coconut sauce in the pan and bring back to the boil. Reduce the heat to low and simmer the chicken for 5 minutes, stirring now and again.

Stir in the fish sauce or soy sauce and the sugar and bring back to the boil. Drain the bamboo shoots and cut into matchsticks. Cut the aubergine into small chunks. Add to the pan with the bamboo shoots. Bring up to the boil again, lower the heat and simmer for about 5 minutes.

Stir in the remaining canned coconut milk, lime juice and 2 tablespoons shredded basil leaves. Spoon the curry into a serving dish and serve sprinkled with more basil leaves and the grated fresh coconut.

Sweet and Sour Chicken Stir-Fry

Ingredients

4 chicken breasts, skinned and boned
2 garlic cloves
1cm fresh ginger
1 bunch spring onions
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
225g canned water chestnuts
2 carrots
3 tablespoons soy sauce
1 tablespoons sherry
2 tablespoons tomato purée
2 tablespoons rice wine vinegar
Pinch of sugar

Method

Using a sharp knife, cut the chicken breasts into thick strips, 4cm long.

Finely chop or crush the garlic cloves. Peel the ginger and cut into pieces the size of matchsticks. Trim the spring onions and thickly slice on the diagonal.

Heat the oil in a wok over high heat until almost smoking. Add the ginger and garlic and stir-fry for 1 minute. Add the chicken and stir-fry for a further 5 minutes, until browned. Add the spring onions and stir-fry for 1 minute.

Drain the water chestnuts and cut in half. Peel and cut carrots into matchsticks. Add to the wok with the spring onions and stir-fry for 1 minute.

Mix the rest of the ingredients together. Add to wok and stir-fry for 30 seconds. Garnish with shredded spring onions if liked.



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Recipes

Pan Cooked Chicken Dishes (cont'd)

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Viennese Deep-Fried Chicken

Ingredients

1.5kg chicken
Salt
100g plain flour
150g dried breadcrumbs
2 eggs
3 tablespoons milk
Vegetable oil for deep fat frying



Method

Cut the chicken into 12 pieces and then rub all over with salt. Put the flour and the breadcrumbs into two separate shallow bowls. Break the eggs into another shallow bowl and beat with the milk.

Dip the chicken pieces in the flour and shake off any excess. Next dip in the egg, then roll in the breadcrumbs, patting on the crumbs to make a firm coating.

Heat the oil for deep-fat frying to 190°C. Deep-fry the chicken in 3 batches, for about 15 minutes each batch, turning once. The breast portions will need slightly less time — about 12 minutes. As they are fried, put the cooked chicken pieces on a plate lined with kitchen paper towels and keep warm in a low oven.

Cut the lemon into wedges. Tear the parsley into small sprigs. Garnish the chicken with the lemon wedges and parsley. Alternatively, you can deep-fry the parsley sprigs for a few seconds in the hot oil to make it nice and crisp.

Moroccan Chicken with Honey

Ingredients

1.5kg chicken
2 oranges
1 lemon
3 tablespoons runny honey
1 onion
1 garlic clove
3 tablespoons olive oil
300mls hot chicken stock
1/2 teaspoon turmeric
1/2 teaspoon saffron powder
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
Salt and black pepper

Method

Cut the chicken into 8 pieces and put into a large shallow bowl. Squeeze the juice of one of the oranges and the lemon into a small bowl and stir in the honey.

Pour the fruit juice and honey over the chicken pieces and toss to coat all over. Cover the bowl and leave at room temperature for 1 hour, turning the pieces now and again.

Peel and finely chop the onion and garlic. Remove the chicken from the marinade and reserve. Heat the oil in a large pan, add the onion and garlic and fry for 10 minutes over low heat. Add the chicken and fry for 10 minutes over moderately high heat.

Add the chicken stock and 2 tablespoons of the reserved marinade. Add the turmeric, saffron, ginger, salt and pepper. Bring to the boil, reduce the heat to the low, cover and simmer for 45 minutes.

Peel and segment the other orange, leaving behind all the white pith and membranes. Transfer the chicken to a serving bowl and garnish with the orange.



Health & Fitness Tips

Healthy Habits

- ◆ Just like brushing your teeth, healthy habits should be cultivated on a daily basis. The following is a guide to daily tasks: Activity should be a daily occurrence. Walk, run or jump for a minimum total of 20 minutes a day.
- ◆ Protect your skin. Sun block should be applied on face, neck, arms and hands even in the dead of winter. It protects against climatic toxins too. Moisturize skin daily.
- ◆ Eat fruits, vegetables, grains, low-fat dairy products and small amounts of protein. Avoid sweets and other processed foods.
- ◆ Meditate or spend a minimum of five minutes daily in quiet time.
- ◆ Find your spiritual self. Discover what inspires you, raises your level of consciousness, motivates you, and satisfies your soul.
- ◆ Exercise your brain. Read, study, solve problems, and learn new skills. As does the body, the brain atrophies with lack of use.
- ◆ Hug somebody.

Water is Essential

Water is essential to life. If we go without food we can survive for long periods but if we deprive ourselves of water we will surely die in a matter of days.

The simple facts are that we need water to :

- carry waste products out of the body
- to keep the skin structure supple
- to carry nutrients to the various organs
- to regulate temperature controls

When we perspire we lose fluid (water) through the skin via the pores. If we lose too much we suffer.

Most people walk around in a dehydrated condition. They complain of having headaches, being tired, not able to concentrate.

In extreme circumstances, lack of sufficient water can cause heat exhaustion.

When we need water, perhaps during a hot day or after exercise, our body triggers our mind into wanting to drink, to slake our thirst. During an absorbing activity where our concentration is focused on performing well, the demands of the body for fluids can easily be ignored or not recognized.

It is important that you drink water before exercise, preferably about 2 hours before starting and at least half to one pint depending upon the level of exertion you expect to make.

Daily Exercise

Getting just a half hour of physical activity into each day offers substantial benefits to your health.

Walk 10 Minutes a Day.

Increase Your Fitness Level. Old thinking was to work out in a sweat-filled gym for hours a day. No pain, no gain. New studies show that even short bouts of activity can increase your fitness level, especially if you're new at working out.

Park and Walk.

Whenever you have an errand, park your car as far away as you can handle and walk to the store. At the shopping centre, park at the farthest end and walk the length of the shopping centre. Use every opportunity to walk. At the end of the day, it all adds up to better fitness.

Tummy Crunch in Bed.

Before you even get out of bed in the morning, do 10 stomach crunches while lying flat on your mattress. Increase daily by one until you get up to 100. Think you'll never get there? Try it. You may eventually have to set your clock to wake up 15 minutes earlier, a small price to pay for a flatter stomach.

Tips of the week

Take your E supplements even if you think you don't need them. They have proved to be very beneficial for your overall health. Recent research has shown that it can help to prevent cancer and surprisingly arthritis

Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location	Development Type
07/1800	Anne Forester	Permission for Retention of Development	26/07/07	(1) retention of conversion of attic space with roof lights to the rear (2) retention of domestic garage (3) permission for dormer windows to the front (4) permission for conservatory extension	Barberstown Upper Maynooth Co. Kildare	Extension
07/1817	Rev. Patrick Monahan	Outline Permission	27/07/07	Outline permission to construct two, two storey houses (Semi-detached) and connect same to public mains i.e. water supply, foul sewer and surface water.	290A Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	One off House
07/1830	Graham Loane	P	27/07/07	Construction of a two storey detached house and driveway with connection to water mains, foul and surface water	106 Moyglare Village Maynooth Co. Kildare	One off House
07/1833	Dermot D'Arcy	P	27/07/07	Constructing a two storey house, detached garage, bison treatment system and all ancillary site works	Wyndgates Maynooth Co. Kildare	One off House
07/1881	Board of Management St. Mary's Boys National School	P	01/08/07	The provision of (a) a 162sq.m single storey free standing prefabricated building to provide 2 no. new classrooms to the side of the existing two storey school building (b) 36sq.m single storey free standing prefabricated building to provide 2 etc.	St. Mary's National School Moyglare Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	School
07/1883	Pat Nevin	P	01/08/07	A ground floor and first floor extension including an attached garage, dormer windows to the front, internal alterations and retention of outbuildings	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	Extension
07/1884	Padraig Nevin	P	01/08/07	Permission for a new two storey dormer house with basement, a new vehicular entrance, an effluent treatment unit and associated site works	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	One off House
07/1900	Padraig Quinn	P	03/08/07	Building of a dormer type dwelling serviced with on site wastewater treatment system to current EPA guidelines, domestic shed, shared recessed entrance and al associated site works	Laragh Demense Maynooth Co. Kildare	One off House
07/1910	Martin & Ann Tarpey	P	03/08/07	Permission for lean to roof to garage and single storey extension to rear	2 College Green Maynooth Co. Kildare	Extension
07/1923	David & Ann Mahoney	P	03/08/07	Demolition of existing bungalow and shed, construction of a dormer bungalow, garage and boiler house and provide for revised site entrance and connection to existing public services	Elm Lodge Moyglare Road Maynooth Co. Kildare	One off House
07/1969	Andrew Healy	P	15/08/07	Demolition of existing dwelling and boundary walls and construction of proposed 2 and 3 storey residential development over basement car parking (30 no.) to comprise of 22 units (5 no. 1 bed duplex, 4 no. 1 bed apartments, 6 no. 2 bed duplexes, etc.)	282 Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	Housing Development

Planning Permissions (Continued)

File Number	Applicant Name	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location	Development Type
07/1991	Robert Kearney	P	17/08/07	Permission for dormer type bungalow and connection to existing group water scheme with a bio-cycle waste water treatment plant.	Smithstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	One Off Housing
07/2004	Mary & Dave Murphy	P	20/08/07	Permission for development consisting of 27 sq. m. ground floor extension to south-west elevation including roof-lights to the north-west and south-east and all associated site works. This proposed development is in the vicinity of Carton House	38 Leinster Wood South Carton Demesne, Maynooth Co. Kildare	Extension
07/2017	Joe Brian & Padraic McHale	P	20/08/07	Development of a closed road driving school. The development will consist of the construction of an access road and an internal network of roadways, one-way routes, junctions, roundabout, pedestrian crossings, turning areas, hill, skid area, etc.	Taghadoo Maynooth Co. Kildare	Commercial Development
07/2023	Don Mclean	P	21/08/07	Development consisting of a single storey extension to the rear and also for the retention of a single storey to the side	Clonfert South Maynooth Co. Kildare	Extension
07/2044	P & G Dormer	P	23/08/07	Demolition of house no's 12, 13 & 14, erection of two storey extensions to side of houses no. 11 & 15 Parson Street, (b) erection of 3 no. blocks varying in heights up to 5 stories consisting of 7 no. retail units, 1 crèche and 3 restaurants, 98 units etc..	Parson Street Maynooth Co. Kildare	Housing Development

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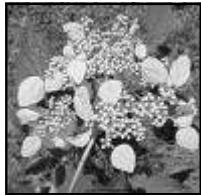
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Gardening Tips for September

Flower garden

Love autumn in the garden! There are fantastic colours to be seen on the hydrangeas and these flowers can be picked to make a lovely arrangement with some nerine lilies. The sedums also come into their own and provide a rich colour to the flowerbeds. One of the best plants to choose is Sedum 'Brilliant' which produces masses of flat, bright pink upright stems with succulent, glaucous leaves. Grow sedums in full sun in a well-drained soil and divide every few years to improve flowering. Other plants which are also good at this time of year include ornamental grasses, heleniums, perennial asters and Michaelmas daisies.



Lace cap hydrangeas

Plan for spring

I know it can be depressing to think about spring when we are still awaiting our summer but hopefully our gardens next year will benefit from all the moisture they are receiving at present! So let's get going:

Plant up patio pots or borders with *Erysimum*, more commonly known as wallflowers, for a cheery spring show. Although they can be grown on their own, try planting tall-growing tulip bulbs in a contrasting colour first and planting the wallflowers over the top. The tulips will then grow up through them to provide an extra layer of height and colour.

Deadheading

Deadhead roses as the blooms fade, cutting off the flowers just above the uppermost leaf on the stem. Trim back lavender bushes after flowering to remove the old blooms and shoot tips, taking care not to cut back too heavily into any old wood. Removing faded flowers from perennials and annual plants will also ensure a continued display of blooms.

Attend to bedding

Give bedding displays, hanging baskets and pots a little attention to ensure their display lasts well into autumn. Pick over plants twice a week to remove any faded blooms, keep watering daily and control pests when you find them. Any tender plants you want to save for next year can also be potted this month, so they are established and ready to bring under cover when the weather turns cooler.

Support perennials

Put plant supports around tall, late-flowering perennials to prevent them from being damaged by autumn winds.

Greenfly checks

Look out for greenfly on winter-flowering pansies and other plants. Treat with a suitable insecticide.

Deadhead roses

Give roses a final deadheading when the blooms have faded and shorten tall stems slightly to reduce wind rock. However, leave those that have developed hips for some extra autumn colour.

Hardwood stem cuttings

Take stem cuttings of roses in early September by pushing cut stems straight into the soil in a nursery area of the garden, where they can be left to root and develop for about a year. Most types of rose can be propagated from cuttings, especially the rambling types. Just take a length of stem, removing the soft tip above a leaf joint, and cut below a joint at the base, removing all but the top three leaves. Then push the 30cm (12in) cutting into the soil to about half its length.

Lilies

Buy lily bulbs as soon as you find them for sale and plant them straight away. Propagate Asiatic lilies, such as *Lilium* 'Angela North', *L.* 'Ariadne' and *L.* 'Enchantment' by picking the small bulbils from their leaf joints and growing them on. Plant them in trays of compost and leave them to develop into new plants.

Gladioli

Enjoy gladioli spikes in the garden or cut them for displays in the house. Spray plants with a suitable insecticide if thrips start to be a nuisance. When flowering is over, the corms can be lifted, cleaned, labelled and stored carefully for planting out again next spring.

Dahlias

Give large dahlias an extra feed during August to promote strong, healthy growth. Regularly tie them to their supports to prevent the stems from breaking in the wind, deadhead garden displays and cut blooms to enjoy in the house.

Cuttings

Finish taking cuttings of fuchsia, heliotrope, verbena, coleus, argyranthemum and other tender plants, which can be over-wintered on frost-free windowsills.

Bulbs

Look out for indoor bulbs such as lachenalia and veltheimia, for autumn planting and daffodils that are prepared for early flowering at Christmas, such as *Narcissus* 'Fortune', *N.* 'Cragford', *N.* 'Golden Harvest'. Start watering dormant cyclamen pot plants which have been left to die down for a rest. Freesia corms can also be planted in pots now for early, fragrant blooms next spring.

Here's hoping for an Indian Summer!

Features - Computers

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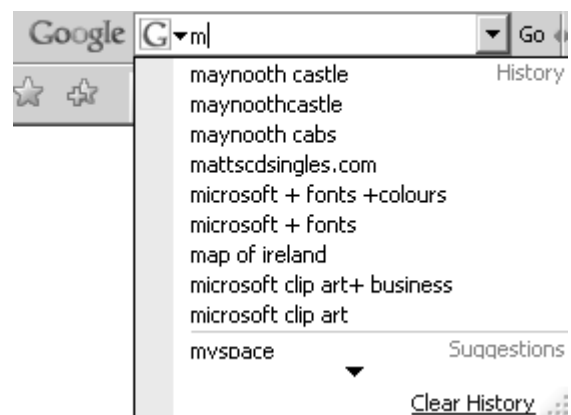


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Enhanced Search Box

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Features

Successful Golf Classic in aid of Fr. John Nevin Pakistan Fund

On 2nd July a Golf Classic in aid of the Fr. John Nevin Pakistan Fund for Children took place at Knockanally Golf Club. The event was an outstanding success with thirty teams competing for prizes and almost sixty businesses lending their support through sponsorship.

The total amount raised was €22,760 and these funds will greatly assist Fr. John in providing additional space and facilities at the schools in his parish in Rawalpindi, Pakistan.

Golf prizes were presented at a highly enjoyable function in Brady's Clockhouse that evening. Congratulations to the overall winners Liam Reilly and his team.

The Fund Committee wish to sincerely thank all those who entered teams, sponsored tees and holes. Thanks also to Seán Donovan, Londis for providing the BBQ at the 9th, Peter Coakley, Boys National School for his excellent signage and Declan Kennedy, Brady's for the gorgeous food at the prize-giving.

A special word of gratitude to Paddy O'Brien, Knockanally, Richie Mulligan, Tommy Fay, Peter Nevin, Dom Nugent, Mary Nelson, Breda Nevin, Joe Buckley and Willie Holmes for their great help in organising the day.

It is expected that Fr. John Nevin will be home in Maynooth for the month of September and with this in mind the Committee are planning to hold an event at which Fr. John can meet all those who are so generously supporting his work through the Pakistan Scholarship Fund for Children and in other ways.

Details of this event will be announced soon.

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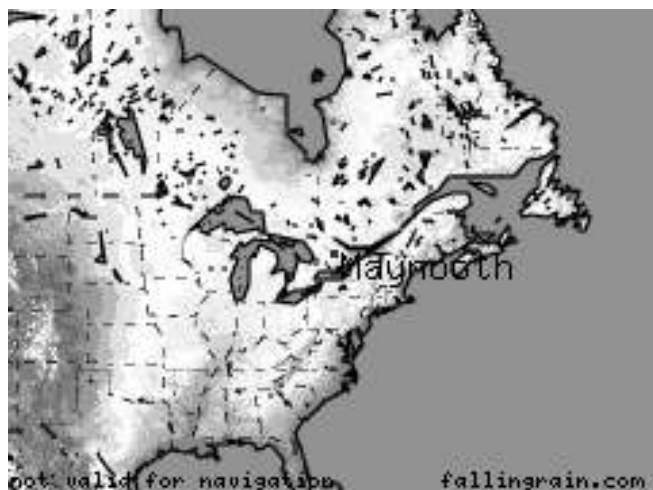


A Visitor From Maynooth Ontario in Canada

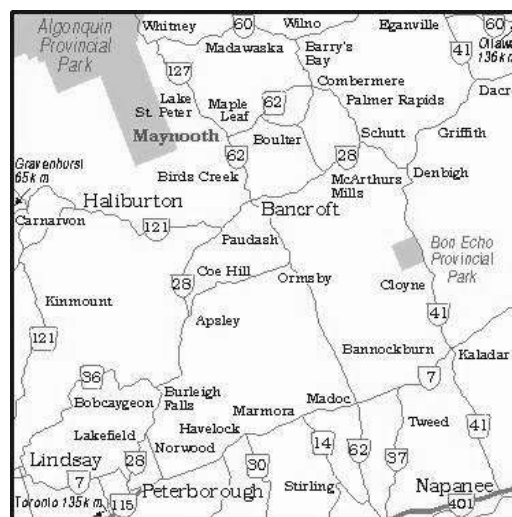


On Wednesday 22nd of August two groups came together with one thing in common, they both come from and live in a town called Maynooth, one in County Kildare, Ireland, and the other in Ontario, Canada.

Deputy Mayor of Maynooth in Canada Marie Maschke was our special visitor on Wednesday as she paid a visit to NUI Maynooth. Marie Gleeson, Maynooth Community Council, and Dr. John Sweeney, Senior Lecturer in Climatology, greeted Marie Maschke and showed her around the college. They gave her an insight into its history and filled her in on what was happening in the campus today. She then paid a visit to Professor John Hughes, President of NUI, Maynooth who presented her with a framed painting of Maynooth, with which she was very pleased.



*Maps
showing
Maynooth
Ontario*



*Marie Maschke being presented with a painting of
Maynooth by Professor John Hughes
President of NUI Maynooth*

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A Visitor From Maynooth Ontario in Canada

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Accompanied by John Sweeney and Marie Gleeson , Marie then paid a visit to Intel, Leixlip and was met by Bob Reilly who, along with Matt Callaghan, gave the Deputy Mayor a tour of the plant.

Its not known exactly how Canada came to have a town called Maynooth but its thought that there was a definite Irish influence on its naming. Its was home to a lot of Irish as they arrived from Ireland due to the famine, and as records show was originally called Doyle's Corner and was then renamed Maynooth. Its thought that it could have been named after our town by a priest who attended the college but there is no firm evidence to back this up.

Maynooth in Canada has a population of 5,000 people and is situated in the east of the country. It is a rural town with plenty of great fishing spots and is away from the hustle and bustle of city life. Marie's mother was from Ennis in Co. Clare and she has been here in Ireland on a few occasions.

She got in touch with the Community Council to present the town with the Canadian flag and the Maple Leaf and there are hopes the two towns could strengthen their links together and possibly twin with each other.



L to R Ann (Marie's daughter), Marie Gleeson, Marie Maschke and John Sweeney



L to R Marie Gleeson, Marie Maschke and John Sweeney



Emmet Stagg T.D.

Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Maynooth Harbour Action Area Plan

The Planning Application by P. & G. Dormer of 54 Marrowbone Lane, Dublin 2 for

- (a) *demolition of houses numbered 12,13 & 14,erection of 2 storey extensions to side of houses numbered 11 & 15 Parson St,*
- (b) *erection of 3 no. blocks of varying height up to 5 storeys consisting of 7 no.retail units,1 no.creche and 3 no. restaurants*

was declared invalid by the Council on 12th July as it did not include elevation drawings. Unfortunately, the applicant re-submitted the Planning Application on 19th July (File No. 07/1711) and the closing date for objections is 23rd August. In Cllr. McGinley's view this should also have been declared invalid as it is identical to the other application.

The Council has belatedly acted on Cllr. McGinley's proposal "*That a Project Team be appointed to progress the Maynooth Harbour Action Area Plan.*" Senior Council Management will be meeting the different landowners/ developers, who have an interest in the area, on 16/17 August in an effort to get them to agree to implement the proposals in the Action Plan as one large project. Hopefully the applicant will voluntarily withdraw the Planning Application as a result.

If it is not withdrawn Cllr. John McGinley and his colleague Deputy Emmet Stagg will make their views known on the inappropriate building heights proposed and any other negative aspects of the proposal as it affects the Built Environment of the Historic Core of Maynooth.

Additional Litter Bins Needed in Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley got the following extraordinary reply to his motion on the provision of additional litter bins for Maynooth:

"In order to empty any additional bins, a new collection lorry with a driver and general operative would be required. This would cost in the region of €150,000 per annum and no additional funding of this nature is available. Existing arrangements are very much at capacity."

Needless to say Cllr. McGinley rejected this response. He stated that with the opening of the Meadowbrook Link Road the Council now had a circular route for bin collection i.e. Council Yard--Parson Street--Bond Bridge--Meadowbrook Ling Road--Straffan Road--Main Street--Council Yard, so it should take less time and be less costly to empty the bins. The Director of Services gave an undertaking to examine the existing service with a view to improving it.

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Party Political

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Proposed Ring Road from the Old Dublin Road at Blacklion to the Celbridge Road:

The following update was given to Councillors at the July Area Meeting of the Council:

"This is an objective of the Local Area Plan and has been included in the 2007-2009 capital programme although funding has not as yet been specifically identified. In addition, a number of pre-planning meetings have taken place with the developers (MERR DEVELOPMENTS LTD.) and a planning application has been lodged (Ref: 07/1419) seeking approval for the construction of this road. The area committee will be kept informed regarding developments."

Improvement Works on Doctors Lane, Maynooth

Residents will be aware that Doctors Lane will be closed for August to enable the much needed safety measures to be implemented. As a result Doctors Lane will be made one way from east to west and traffic calming ramps and footpaths will also be installed.

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

"That the Green Time for traffic turning right from the Straffan Road onto Main Street be increased to take account of Doctors Lane being made One Way."

Location of new Fire Station for Maynooth

Councillors were given the following update on the transfer of the Fire Station from its present unsatisfactory location at The Harbour:

"The Chief Fire Officer is still in negotiation with a landowner regarding a site for the new Maynooth Station. Considerable progress has been made in this regard. The Area Committee will be kept informed."

Pay Parking in Maynooth

Councillors were given the following update by the Director of Services at the July Area Meeting of the Council:

"I am to confirm that the Road Design team will be actively examining the parking arrangements in Maynooth over the summer period and, hopefully, a preliminary report can be available for either the September or October meeting. The staff concerned would be more than pleased to meet with the members on site and perhaps the Cathaoirleach might liaise with me in this regard. As in the case of other

towns, the Council will at least meet (or indeed exceed) the standards laid down in the guidelines which currently required a ratio of one disabled space per twenty five spaces."

Beaufield Estate Signage:

Cllr. John McGinley got the following reply to his request for improved signage at either end of Beaufield housing estate:

"This matter has been examined in detail by the Senior Executive Engineer (Traffic Section) and it is proposed to erect the signs, as suggested"

The aim of the new signage would be to encourage the Rathcoffey Road motorists to use Bond Bridge to get to and from the M4. Unfortunately motorists have become used to driving through the Beaufield estate whereas going by Bond Bridge is safer and faster.

Repairs Needed to Railpark Road from the bottom of Parklands to the end

As a result of the heavy rain over the past two months this road is now in a terrible state. Cllr. John McGinley has asked for remedial work to be carried out as a matter of urgency.

Stagg lodges observations against appeal on Restaurant/Wine bar at 1 Pound Lane, Maynooth

Deputy Emmet Stagg has lodged Observations with An Bord Pleanála, along with his colleague Cllr. John McGinley, against the Appeal lodged by developers proposing to provide a Restaurant/Wine Bar at 1 Pound Lane, Maynooth.

Kildare Co. Council stated Deputy Stagg refused planning permission for the proposal on 3rd July last on the basis that the proposed development would adversely affect the architectural conservation area of Maynooth by reason of inappropriate design and scale.

At the time Deputy Stagg had stated that the rejection by the Council could have been stronger and in his observations with Cllr. John McGinley he has reiterated the following points:

- The proposal would have an adverse effect on residential amenity by introducing a commercial enterprise to one of the last residential enclaves off Main Street, Maynooth.
- The proposal would cause an odour and noise

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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.

Deputy Stagg also pointed out to An Bord Pleanala that a similar proposal for a restaurant on Main Street, Maynooth, was turned down in April 2005 by An Bord Pleanala, because of the negative impact it would have on nearby residents, and he indicated that this proposal should be viewed similarly. In their observations, Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley questioned aspects of the appeal such as the claim that it was not possible to rent the premises on a long term basis, the contention that the Pound beside the site was a jungle and the fact that if the house needs repairs then that is up to the owner and nobody else.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley expressed the hope that An Bord Pleanala would comprehensively reject planning permission and protect this old residential enclave of Maynooth.

Progress on relocation of Maynooth Ambulance Base to Maynooth Business Campus

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been advised by the HSE that the Contract for the purchase of a Unit at the Maynooth Business Campus for a New Ambulance Base has been signed.

Deputy Stagg stated that work will now proceed on fitting out the New Unit and the HSE are confident that the New Ambulance Base will be in use within the next 4 months.

Deputy Stagg stated the new site is excellent given its location near to the M4, the direct access it affords to all parts of Maynooth and its nearness to Celbridge and Straffan which are served from Maynooth.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that the area would now have the most Modern Standard of an Ambulance Station with better facilities for Paramedics working with the Ambulance Service.

Stagg's campaign for additional speech and language Therapists succeeds

Following the highlighting by Deputy Emmet Stagg of the Scandalous Waiting Times for assessment of Children for Speech and Language Therapy, where children are being left waiting on average 20 months for an assessment, the HSE have now advised Deputy Stagg that 3 Additional Speech and Language Therapists have been recruited to the service in Kildare and will commence work in September.

A previous recruitment drive failed to secure additional therapists and Deputy Stagg has warmly welcomed the success now achieved which will increase the number of therapists in the service in Kildare by 43%.

Government policy stated Deputy Stagg was responsible for the creation of the 20 month waiting list when staff ceilings were imposed in 2003 which meant that all vacant posts were frozen and no recruitment was allowed. The pressure from parents and others has now embarrassed the Government into a U turn and Deputy Stagg stated that he was particularly pleased with the outcome to the campaign.

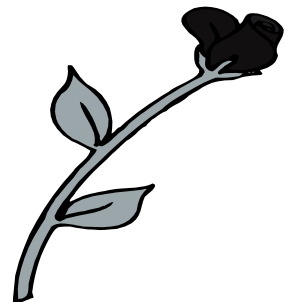
In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that the appointment of the additional Speech and Language Therapists would have a positive impact on reducing waiting times for this vital service for children.

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Children's Colouring Competition

Winner Of the July Edition



Emma McCullagh

Old Greenfield, Maynooth.

Poetry Corner



September Girl
Artist : Carl Friedrich Bauerle

September

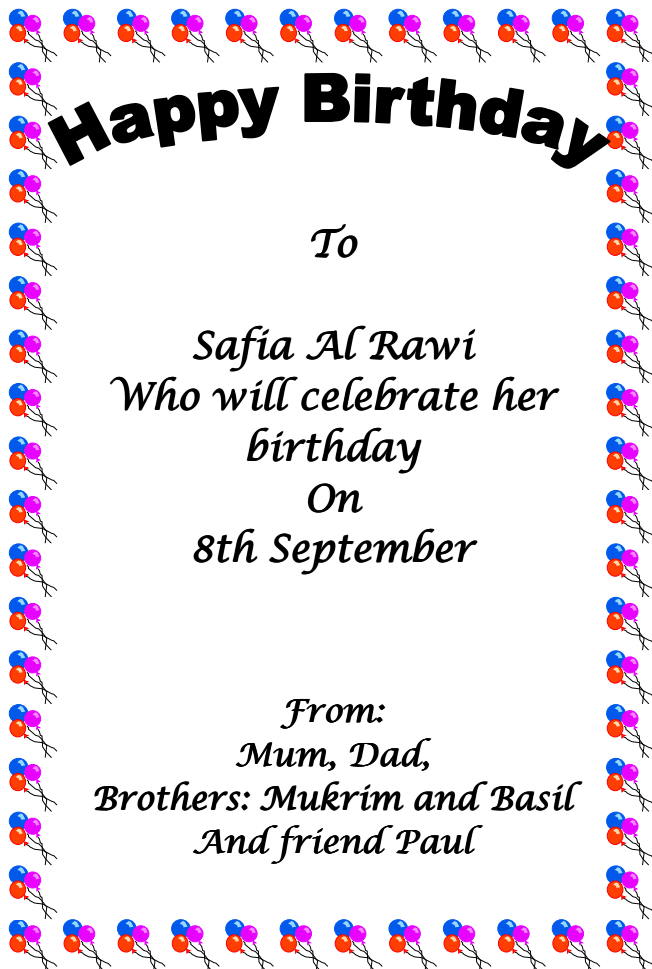
The morrow was a bright September
morn

The earth was beautiful as if newborn
There was nameless splendour every-
where

That wild exhilaration in the air
Which makes the passers in the city
street

Congratulate each other as they meet

By: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



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Josie Murphy

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Thanks to all who attended his removal and funeral mass, those who sent mass cards and letters of sympathy, his neighbours who were so good to him in his later years and the carers who looked after him in his home.

A special thanks to Dr. Cowhey and Dr. O'Rourke and all the staff at Maynooth Community Respite Care Centre, to Monsignor Alex Stenson P.P. and Fr. Paul Coyle for their kind words and help and the members of Maynooth GAA Club who formed the guards of honour on both funeral occasions and to all who helped in any way.

The holy sacrifice of the mass will be offered for your intentions.

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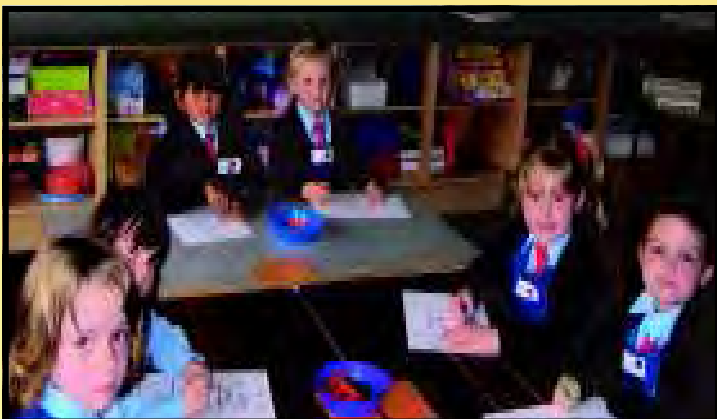


*Mgr. Stenson's Farewell Party.
Noel Clarke, Mgr. Stenson, &
Tom Corcoran*



Happy Hallowe'en

To All Our Readers



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Editorial

Maynooth Newsletter Editorial 2007

Just a short editorial this month to outline an issue that may be of interest.

At a recent Community Council meeting it was decided to write to the newly appointed Minister for the Environment, Mr. John Gormley, T.D. outlining the case for Town Council status in Maynooth.

We have since received a reply from the Minister detailing how part of the recent programme for government, agreed between the Green Party and Fianna Fail, included a review of the Town Councils and this will take the form of a White Paper on the issue to be completed within the first six months of the government term, which is basically by the end of December or so.

The Minister has asked for our response by the end of September and so the Community Council will be forwarding our submission very shortly.

This submission will take the form of information previously forwarded showing why we qualify and of-course how Maynooth would benefit.

This is easy to quantify when you look at Leixlip or Newbridge and how they have benefited from this status over the years particularly in terms of funding.

**Brid Feely,
Editor.**



Happy Hallowe'en



To all



Our readers

And advertisers

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

The September meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place in the Glenroyal Hotel on the 10th of September.

There was one new co- option to the Council, Helena Kirkpatrick representing the U3A Group in Maynooth. Helena gave a brief outline of what the group does. They were set up in 2006 and meet every Friday and its going very well. It mainly consists of retired people and they have 39 members now. They have a €20 member's fee and also had received a grant from the Kildare Sports Partnership. Interests pursued include Walking, Book Club, Dancing, Theatre etc. The club is open to all and more men would be welcome.

Festival

Willie Sauls thanked all involved with the Festival, also those that gave their time collecting on our Flag Days; he also thanked the office staff. The money that is raised at these events provides much needed funds to help support the FAS project [Supervisor and 15 workers] St Patrick's Day Parade, Festival, Maynooth Newsletter. Sub- Committees include Maynooth Arts Forum, Tidy Towns and Secretarial Services.

Town Council Status for Maynooth

It was noted that a letter was received from Minister John Gormely which showed some interest on this issue this was seen as very welcoming as Maynooth Community Council has being pursuing this for 15 years now.

Paul Croghan indicated that he has had discussions with Mr John Hughes, President of NUIM, and he wants to support this. He also said that Maynooth has already agreed town boundaries and is the only town that has done so.

Tidy Towns

Tidy Towns results this year are up by 26 points, 261 out of possible 400.

Paul Croghan said that the committee are pleased with the results this year. He thanked all involved for their total commitment during the year. It was featured on Nationwide that other towns exploited all there areas and this is what we will have to do in 2008. You could see how Straffan did so well benefiting from the Ryder Cup. They have a new programme for 2008 which will include putting in new flower beds etc. They feel that more could be done with open spaces. This is all very time consuming for the small committee. We are playing catch –up all the time and with no resources only what comes from

funding, Town Council Status would be of great benefit here. Tidy Towns are celebrating their 50th anniversary in 2008.

Traffic Control

Hugh Gallagher raised the point of the very dangerous traffic lights situation at the square, referring to the point, if traffic wants to cross the road to enter Kelly's Lane they have to dart across the Main Street to do so. We should get agreement on what we want for traffic control on Main Street.

Important issues facing Maynooth

With so many issues facing Maynooth now, for instance Parking, Infrastructure, The Development Plan, it's essential that we get full political support for our needs in Maynooth. It was proposed that at least three major points be highlighted but it was felt that this would indeed be out-numbered when all the issues were raised.

A motion by Paul Croghan was proposed and passed that a request be made that Maynooth Community Council would meet our four T.D's and area Councillors to bring to their attention what we want for the town.

We have come to a crucial point in planning for our town and it's very important that we get it right

It was suggested by Hugh Gallagher that all Community Councillors' put their options to the Executive before the next meeting.

Community Irish School in Maynooth

Colm Ó 'Cearúil said that they are still pursuing their plans for a Community Irish School in Maynooth and are assured of local parents interest and Community groups.

Next Community Council meeting will be on the 8th October

PRO Marie Gleeson.

Clubs, Organisations And Societies

Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Notes Know your rights

Question

I have heard that there are some changes to the Carer's Allowance. What are they?

Answer

Carer's Allowance is a means –tested Social Welfare payment for carers of people in need of full-time care and attention. The person being cared for must have so severe a disability as to require continuous supervision and frequent assistance throughout the day in connection with their normal personal needs and must require this care for at least 12 months. A carer normally lives with the person being cared for but this is not essential to qualify for the allowance.

Up to now, if you had an entitlement to a Carer's Allowance and to another social welfare payment, you could only get one or the other. From September 2007, this will change so that you may be able to get a social welfare payment and also get a half-rate Carer's Allowance, subject to a means-test. If your spouse is receiving a social welfare payment and you are entitled to Carer's Allowance, you may claim a Qualified Adult Increase on the Social Welfare payment and also get the half-rate Carer's Allowance payment.

The maximum weekly rates of the Carer's Allowance were increased from January 2007 as follows:

	Caring for one	Caring for two or more	Child dependant
Aged under 66	€200.00	€300.00	€22.00
Aged 66 or over	€218.00	€327.00	€22.00

An extra allowance of €10 per week is payable to carers aged 80 or over.

A carer receiving Carer's Allowance can work up to 15 hours per week, providing they get approval from the department. The weekly income disregarded in the means test for the allowance is €320 for a single person and €640 for a couple.

Application forms for Carer's Allowance are available from your local Social Welfare Office, Post Office and Lo-call leaflet Line: 1890 202 325

Question

What compensation am I entitled to if I am denied boarding a flight?

Answer

Intending passengers can sometimes be denied boarding on a flight even though they have valid tickets, have met the requirements to confirm the flight, and have arrived at check-in on time. This can happen when airlines sell more tickets for a scheduled flight than there are seats available, because they expect that some passengers will not show up.

In this situation you are entitled to compensation under European law. The airline must give you:

- ♦ a choice of either a refund of your ticket, (with a free flight back to your initial point of departure when relevant or
- ♦ alternative transport to your final destination

And

- ♦ depending on the length of the delay) refreshments, meals, hotel accommodation, transport between the airport and hotel, two free telephone calls, telex/fax-messages, or e-mails.

And compensation totalling

- ♦ €250 for flights of 1,500km or less, if delayed by over two hours
- ♦ €400 for longer flights within the EU and other flights between 1,500 and 3,500 km, if arrival at your destination is delayed by over three hours
- ♦ €600 for flights over 3,500 km outside the EU, if delayed by over four hours

The compensation may be reduced by 50% if the alternative transport offered allows you to arrive at your destination within the above limits.

If you have not confirmed your reservation or arrived at check-in time as required by the airline, it could refuse to allow you to board the aircraft without compensating you, on the basis that you have not honoured your part of the contract with the airline. For this reason it is important to check the terms and conditions when purchasing a flight. The airline is not obliged to compensate you if you are travelling free of charge, or on a special fare not available to the public.

If you have a complaint about denied boarding and compensation for overbooked flights, first contact your airline. If you believe your passenger rights under EU

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legislation have been breached, you should contact the Commission for Aviation Regulation ,telephone (01) 661 1700, website<www.aviationregi.ee>

Question

Can you tell me what free treatment I am entitled to under the Dental Benefit scheme?

Answer

Under the Dental Benefit Scheme, operated by the Department of Social and Family Affairs basic preventative dental treatment including examination , scaling and polishing is free.

Dental Benefit is available to those who are insured and satisfy certain Pay Related Social Insurance (PRSI) contribution conditions. You are also eligible if you are the dependent spouse of an insured person, or a dependent widow(er) whose spouse was qualified at time of death .If you satisfy the PRSI conditions when you reach age 60 you will remain qualified for life. Child dependents are not covered.

Under the scheme you are entitled to a complete oral examination , the cleaning and polishing of your teeth and the treatment of some gum conditions for free. In general you are only entitled to free examination once every twelve months.

For other dental treatments there are two sets of charges – one for those whose annual income is under €60,000 and the other whose income is higher. For those whose income is above €60,000 the Department pays a contribution and the patient pays the balance, (apart from the free treatment mentioned previously).

Those whose income is below €60,000 per annum have to pay one of the following, depending on the treatment: a set charge; the balance after the Department's contribution, or the dentist's fee less 15% and less the Department's contribution. For instance, if you have a tooth extracted under local anaesthetic, you have to pay €13.65. A simple amalgam filling is charged at the dentist's normal private fee less 15%, and also less the Department contribution of €31.10. Dentists are obliged to display their charges for fillings.

You can get Dental Benefit for dental treatment in another EU member state. Contact the Department before you travel for an application form and details of how much the Department will pay.

Tax relief can be claimed on unreimbursed non-routine dental treatments.

Question

My landlord has told me I must leave my rented accommodation. Under what circumstances is he entitled to do this?

Answer

A Landlord can ask you to leave accommodation without giving a reason during the first six months of a tenancy, though they must give 28 days notice. If your tenancy has lasted for between six months and four years, your landlord can only end it in certain circumstances. These include if the tenant doesn't meet the obligations of the immediate family member or if the landlord intends to set, refurbish, or change the business use of the property for example, by turning it into offices.

You are entitled to a period of notice depending on how long you have had the tenancy. If the length is six to twelve months you are entitled to five weeks notice. For tenancy of one to two years, the entitlement is six weeks; for two to three years, it is eight weeks; three to four years; twelve weeks; and for a tenancy of more than four years you are entitled to sixteen weeks notice.

The exception are where tenants do not keep their obligations (in which case it is 28 days) or where there is serious anti-social behaviour (7 days).

The landlord must give you assigned written notice of termination including the date of termination and, for tenancies over six months, the reason.

The Private Residential Tenancies Board (PRTB) operates a national tenancy registration system. It is a requirement on all landlords to register details of their tenancies with the PRTB within one month of their commencement .

If landlord evicts you for a specific reason such as an intention to sell a property and subsequently does not carry out the intention , you can report him/her to the PRTB. Canal house, Canal road, Dublin 6. Telephone (01)888 2960 website www.prtb.ie

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.

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Poetry Corner by Patrick Murray

Young Boy

*I see a child in play
Enjoying life without a care
Everyday is a happy day
With youthful joy to share
I look at this playful boy
Cycling his bike along his way
With not a glimmer of a sigh
With a fantasy life to stay*

*He visualises everything he meets
With joy deep in his heart
His fellow pals he fondly greets
That he would never be apart
The sky is of a radiant blue
With the sun shining down
With nature he forever grew
As he plays there and around*

*He finally meets an open field
While he runs with all his might
When his fast breath is healed
He explores a woodland with delight
I wish I was a boy again
To enjoy innocence of life
But like many other men
My life is full of strife.*



Coursing

*To begin such a revolting day
A practice totally without cause
When the farmer had his play
Two greyhounds ready to strike
As the hare fled to its doom
An action I so much dislike
Fills my spirit with gloom
The hare ran at its might
The dogs attacked to kill
Then at both dogs delight
The hare trembled and still
One dog at its head
The other at his legs
There in agony this creature fled
Don't kill my heart it begs
But the ritual went on and on
The hare screaming in agony
Confused my youthful mind had gone
This coursing did not have to be
Man must kill to survive
Or is this necessarily so
A creature once alert and alive
To tranquillity onward it go
Coursing is such a cruel affair
It does not make sense to me
A creature such as this hare
Should live don't you agree*

First Day at Gaelscoil Uí Fhíaich, Maynooth



**L to R Daniel Póirtéir, Caitlín Ní Laoghaire, Aoife Ní Mheiscil
& Nathon Ó Daomhín,**



**L to R Marie Niermeyer, Heather Ní Shuilleabháin, Jack Ó Doherty
& Molly Ní Nhualláin**



**L to R Matthew Lowein, Ryan Ó Móráin, Sinéad Ní Chatháin, Jack Mac an
Bhreithiún, Catriona Ní Fhallúin & Ty Mc Greavy**

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Ellen Nic Uaid, Ryan Ó Laoi**



**L to R Sarah Ní Ruairc, Thomas Ó Ciaragáin de Búrca, Darraigh Mac Gabhann
& Callum de Bhál**



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Áine Caffrey, Enya Byrne**



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Sarah-Rose Merrick, Orla Rogers, Éimear Howard, Ciara Ní Fhlaitheartaigh & Daragh Byrne**

Gaelscoil Uí Fhíaich Fund-Raising Night

Scoil Uí Fhiach are holding a Fund-raising night on Sat the 6th October at the Newbridge Greyhound track from 7 p.m. -10 p.m. The race night is being held to raise much needed funds for the Gaelscoil Uí Fhíaich permanent building fund which the school and pupils so desperately need. Please support the school on what should be a great night.

All Welcome.

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L to R Cormac McEvoy with his dog 'Beer Goggles', some of the 1st and 5th class pupils and Daithí O' Donoghue with 'Arrive in Style'.



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Autumn Recipes

Steamed Pudding.

Ingredients

- 50g Butter
- 350g Plain Flour
- 3 tsp Baking Powder
- 140g Shredded Suet
- 85g Castor Sugar
- 115g Currants
- Finely grated zest of 2 lemons
- 75ml Milk
- 25ml Cream



Method

1. Soften half the butter and use to grease a 1.4 litre pudding basin.
2. Combine the flour, baking powder, suet, sugar and currants in a large bowl, mixing well.
3. Melt the remaining butter and stir into the flour mixture.
4. Stir in the lemon juice and zest.
5. Combine the milk and cream in a small jug. Slowly stir enough into the mixture to bring it to a dropping consistency.
6. Pour the mixture into the pudding basin. Cover with a double layer of greaseproof paper (make a pleat in the middle to allow for expansion), tied in place with string.
7. Place the basin in a steamer basket set over boiling water. Cover and steam for about 1 - 1 1/2 hours until cooked. Check the water level now and again to make sure it doesn't burn dry.
8. Serve with custard.

Bread and Butter Pudding

Ingredients

- 8 -10 Slices White Bread (crusts removed)
- Butter
- 450ml / 3/4 pint Milk
- 2 Eggs
- 50g / 2oz Caster Sugar
- 50g / 2oz Sultanas
- Ground Nutmeg

Method

1. Butter each slice of bread and cut into fingers or triangles.
2. Grease or butter a shallow ovenproof dish. Arrange a layer of the bread, buttered side down on the base of the dish.
3. Sprinkle some of the sultanas on the bread and dust with a little ground nutmeg.
4. Cover with another layer of bread, sultanas and nutmeg.
5. Finish with a layer of bread, buttered side up.
6. Beat eggs, milk and sugar together and gently pour over the bread layers.
7. Allow to stand for about 10 to 15 minutes, then transfer to a pre-heated oven 180°C/ 350°F/ Gas 4 for about 30 minutes until risen and "set".
8. Serve immediately with cream or custard.

Autumn Pudding



Ingredients

- 675g / 1 1/2 lbs Autumn Fruits (cooking apples, blackberries, blueberries etc.)
- 175g / 6oz Self Raising Flour
- Pinch of Cinnamon
- 125g / 4oz Margarine (at room temperature)
- 125g / 4oz Light Brown Sugar
- 2 Eggs
- 4 tablespoons Cold Water
- Sugar to sweeten fruit

Method

1. Preheat oven to 190°C/375°F/Gas 5. Lightly grease an ovenproof pie dish.
2. Peel, core and slice apples. Mix the fruit used and place in the prepared pie dish; sweeten with sugar.
3. Put the remaining ingredients into a large mixing bowl and using the "all in one" method, beat all ingredients together until smooth.

Spread over the fruit and bake until nicely risen and golden brown, about 40 minutes. Serve hot with custard, cream or ice cream.

First Day at Presentation Girls' Primary School



L to R Moira O'Neill, Aoife Moran, Lilli Mathias, Lucy Travers, Anna Loftus and Genevieve McDonnell



L to R Karen Ashe, Henrich Mogabin, Sinead Cunningham and Aoife Williams



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First Day at Presentation Girls' Primary School



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Monsignor Stenson's Farewell Party



pproximately 300 people - parishioners, friends, guests and well-wishers - congregated in the Glenroyal Hotel on Friday night last to wish *au revoir* to Msgr. Alex Stenson. Msgr. Alex, having completed nine years as Parish Priest of Maynooth & Ladychapel, has recently moved to the Parish of Killester in North Dublin. He has been succeeded in Maynooth by Fr. Liam Rigney, P.P.

"Fr Alex", as he has become known affectionately to his flock, was in splendid form on the night, having been 'brought back' to his old Parish to formally mark the occasion of his departure.

The evening got off to a fine start in the spacious Connacht Ballroom of the Glenroyal with an ensemble of classical musicians who serenaded the assembled guests as they enjoyed an assortment of delicious canapé gastric delights!

Amongst the large attendance were members of the Monsignors family - sisters Ann & Maureen plus his brother Ciaran and sister-in-law, Angela. Others in attendance included Fr. Liam Rigney, P.P., Fr. Paul Coyle, C.C., Maynooth, The Rt. Rev. Msgr.. Dermot Farrell, formerly president of St. Patrick's Pontifical University & recently appointed P.P. of Dunboyne, Rev. Dr. Hugh Connolly, newly appointed President of St. Patrick's College, the Rev Janice Aiten, Church of Ireland Rector & the Rev. Keith McCrory, Presbyterian Minister. The Faculty of the Pontifical University & the various religious order houses were all represented. The four schools of the parish were all represented by their respective Principals, Teachers & Students.

Following refreshments, glowing tributes were paid to Fr. Alex by delegates representing such organisations as the Pastoral Council, the Finance Committee, the Parishioners of St. Mary's & Ladychapel respectively & the Fund-raising Committee; Fr. Vincent, representing the order of St. Paul, gave a passionate address in homage to his brother Priest & friend.

The Master of Ceremonies for the evening was local parishioner, Mr. Des Walsh.



**L to R Noel Clarke, Monsignor Stenson
and Tom Corcoran**

In a powerful & broad-ranging tribute to the Monsignor, the Chairman of the Fund-raising Committee, Mr. Pat O'Brien, speaking in Irish, English & Latin, wished Fr. Alex well in his new post as P.P. of Killester. He said that Fr. Alex was bequeathing to Maynooth many happy & treasured memories of his very special & dedicated ministry to his people in the Parish. He thanked him for his many personal gifts - his kindness, warmth, friendship, humility, wisdom, wit, his most cogent & inspiring homilies and, above all, his much cherished spiritual guidance "You touched all of our lives in various ways - through good times & bad times - in sickness & in health: ... we were truly blessed by your presence amongst us during those special years" He also reminded Mon. Stenson that there will always be a big CEAD MILE FAILTE for him in his beloved Maynooth.

Mr. O'Brien reminded his audience that Msgr. Stenson was "a man of many parts" ... Priest, University Lecturer, Canon Lawyer and, *inter alia*, a Classical Scholar. But despite his renowned intellectual & academic acumen &

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Monsignor Stenson's Farewell Party (Cont'd)

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erudition, Mr O'Brien continued, Msgr. Stenson was essentially a shy & very modest individual with the common touch. He had the capacity to make everyone he came in contact with feel completely at ease; there was no pretentiousness – no airs or graces and he was not a man for standing on ceremony. He was a man of the people.

Socially, ...” he was an entertainer, par excellence.....he had a wit and a turn of phrase which were second to noneand he was a story-teller & yarn-spinner of the first order.” He was also, continued the speaker, a master of the 3-card trick & could make a pack of playing cards dance as well as make a card disappear up his sleeve!! These, continued Mr O'Brien, were but a few of the beloved Monsignor's multitude of talents. He was also a most accomplished & very competitive low-handicap golfer in addition to being a committed reader. Will there be room for all those books in Killester?, he wondered! Two other passions of his were an affinity for fine wine – of which he was, and is, an acknowledged connoisseur - especially Italian Red ...and, paradoxically, a great fondness for Country & Western Music and, in particular, an occasional rendition of Glen Campbell's RHINESTONE COWBOY!!

On completion of the speeches & many tributes, the Monsignor was presented with a cheque for a substantial sum on behalf of his beloved parishioners, by his friend & Curate, Fr. Paul Coyle, who said that he would resist the temptation to sing The Rhinestone Cowboy!! Fr. Paul spoke warmly and affectionately, in a most eloquent fashion, about his friend and colleague.

This was followed by the presentation of a magnificent and beautiful, framed photographic portrait - an impressive collage, incorporating key features of both St. Mary's & Ladychapel churches, the exterior of the Parochial House and a panoramic shot of his beloved 18th green @ Carton House Golf Club with a spectacular backdrop of the River, the Boat-House and a stunning view of the magnificent Club House in the background. An assortment of other gifts were presented to Monsignor Alex on behalf of Parishioners and other well-wishers, by the Boys & Girls of the four Schools in the Parish. The pupils also formed a guard of honour for the Monsignor.

The huge turn-out filled the large ballroom to capacity, with standing room only by the end of the evening- a fitting tribute to the esteem in which Fr. Alex was held by his people.

Guests included a large number of clergy, Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland and Presbyterian – a tribute to his total commitment to ecumenism – public representatives, Members of the Legal and Medical professions, the Teaching Profession, Academia and the Media.

An excellent evening of celebration & entertainment was enjoyed by all and the sadness of the parting of a much loved Pastor was diluted by the rich legacy which he left us in terms of practical accomplishment in the form of two beautifully renovated & re-furbished Churches, costing approximately 1.4 million Euro –and **NO DEBT!**

He will always retain a very special place in our collective hearts

Go mbeidh togha na sláinte agus fad soal aige agus suaimhnes meanma.
Guimis gach rá agus sear ar ina churam nua.



L to R Ita Loughnane and Carmel Buckley



L to R Ann Gallagher and Claire O' Rourke

Feature

The Royal Canal Amenity Group

The Royal Canal Amenity Group during Heritage week in August 2007. The group took part in a guided walk from Dukes Harbour (Maynooth) to the 14th Lock at Jackson's Bridge on Saturday 25th August 2007.

Folk singer Danny McCarthy gave his rendition of the theme song from Brendan Behan's Drama ("The Quare Fellow") "Along the Banks of the Royal Canal".

Other contributors were Dr. Christopher O'Rourke, Declan & Bernadette O'Connor and Matt Kennedy.



Danny McCarthy



Group photograph at The Harbour (Maynooth)

Gardening Tips for October

Autumn

Autumn is the mellow season, all the hectic flowering and reproductive activity of the summer is over.

Seed-heads and berries look their best; and the changing colour of leaves signals the beginning of the end of the growing season. For the gardener, this is the time to start putting the garden to bed.

Planting Spring Bulbs

Pick a pot that is the right size and will complement your chosen bulbs.

- If you are using a clay pot with a large drainage hole in the base, cover it with a piece of broken pot.
- Mix up your compost. Use general-purpose compost and improve drainage by adding a good handful of horticultural grit.
- Fill the container with compost and plant bulbs, making a hole three times the size of the bulb.
- Although different varieties can be planted together, bulbs have more impact when the same variety is planted either singly or packed closely together for a bumper show.
- Water well and cover with a piece of chicken wire to prevent squirrels, mice and voles from digging them out.

Vegetables.

Vegetables-you can plant over wintering onions during September and October. Plant in well drained soil which has had an application of organic fertiliser prior to planting. Take advantage of dry spells with good ground conditions for planting. Check every few days until growth commences and re-plant any sets that are disturbed by birds etc. Avoid planting where onions grew in the previous season to prevent carry-over of disease from one season to another.

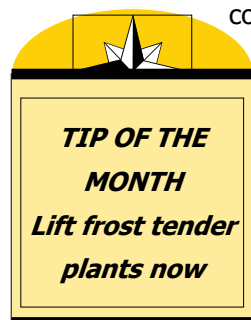
Spring cabbage can be planted out into its final quarters in late September and October. Protect against rabbits and pigeons.

Lettuce for early spring maturity may be sown in October and November under protection. Use a variety such as "Arctic King" for best results.

Bedding.

Bedding to provide Spring colour can be planted now. Brighten up your beds and borders with the fiery colours of Wallflowers and with that powerful, heady fragrance that is a true nostalgic reminder that Summer can't be far away! Always ensure soil is well limed for Wallflowers as they are members of the cabbage family.

Plant up containers with winter interest foliage plants. The following plants will give interest all winter: Heucheras with their bronze, copper and silver foliage Ivy's, Variegated Thymes, Sedums, Ornamental Cabbage and Kales. Don't forget also the invaluable winter flowering Heathers which are ideal in containers, long flowering resilient to the vagaries of the weather, great foliage interest. You can buy superb Irish grown Heathers this Autumn in anything up to a 3 litre pot and these really are stunning and will give instant and continuing colour. Look out for stunning varieties such as Estrella, Kramers Red, White Perfection, Mary Helen and Eva Gold. You can't miss them in the garden centres this Autumn in their colourful burgundy coloured hexagonal pots. These are not to be missed this Autumn.



Seeding the Lawn.

- ♦ October is a great time to lime, seed and fertilize your lawn. You can seed a new lawn in early October or reseed an established lawn this month to make it thicker and healthier.
- If you need to, you can lime, fertilize and seed your lawn all in the same day. Otherwise, seed and fertilize the same day and then lime later in the fall.
- If needed, Autumn is a great time to aerate the lawn. If you decide to do this it should be done prior to seeding.
- If you do plan to aerate, thoroughly soak the soil a day or two before you start your project or perform your project a day or two after a good rain.
- Now is also a good time to control weeds growing in the lawn, however you cannot weed kill and seed the same day. If you choose to kill weeds in the lawn first, you must wait three weeks to seed your lawn. Or, if you seed first, you will need to wait until the new seed has germinated and been mowed at least twice before applying a weed killer.

Features

COLLECTION FOR MSGR. ALEX STENSON, P.P.

On behalf of the Fund-raising Committee, I wish to thank most sincerely all those who contributed to the recent collection for Monsignor Stenson on his departure from the Parishes of Maynooth & Ladychapel.

Also, to everyone who turned up on Friday night, Sept 14th, in the Glenroyal Hotel to give him such a magnificent send-off. It was a truly fabulous occasion with over 300 well-wishers.

I also wish to express the sincere gratitude of the Fund-raising Committee to all the people from the various Parish groups who gave so generously of their time to help with the collections outside the two Churches over the last number of weekends.

A special word of thanks and appreciation must be accorded to Martina Kennedy, Parish Office secretary, for all her unstinting help.

Also, sincere words of thanks to Mr. Peter Coakley Principal of B. N. S. and Rev. Fr. Paul Coyle C.C. for facilitating our committee meetings in the Primary School. Finally, thanks to Dominic Nugent, school caretaker, for all his help in the preparations in the staff room for our weekly meetings.

**Pat O' Brien,
Chairman, Fund-raising Committee.**

Your help is deeply appreciated.

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Maynooth Business Association

Reply to John McGinley's Press Release re Parking in Maynooth

Cllr John McGinley in his most recent and predictably hysterical Press Release in relation to my comments on the parking situation in Maynooth and the Harbour Field and Pound Park, has rather dishonestly and deliberately chosen to create a political football out of the real and urgent issue of extremely poor parking facilities in Maynooth, in order to deflect attention from the obvious lack of parking provision in the town and indeed the obvious lack of proper planning in this regard for which he must bear his share of responsibility in his role as County Councillor for a long number of years actually living in Maynooth.

Cllr McGinley typically engages in a rant using emotive words such as "outrage", "an attack on the people of Maynooth", and "over his dead body". This pattern repeats the terms used most frequently by John McGinley to describe various issues such as planning applications in the area under terms such as "frightening", "horrific", "alarming" and "terrifying".

It would serve the people of Maynooth far better and our town would prosper and progress in a more cohesive fashion if Mr. McGinley would turn his attention to the core issues and tell us firstly that he acknowledges the abject failure to provide proper parking in Maynooth and therefore the failure of proper planning, and secondly what he proposes to do to rectify the situation.

I note that Cllr McGinley is not "outraged" by the lack of town centre car parking.

In his Press Release, Cllr McGinley refers to the comments made by me and misquotes that I "wanted to turn the Harbour Field and Pound Park into car parks". If one actually reads the original article in the Liffey Champion that is not what I said. I suggested that the possibility of using these areas should be considered, in other words it was something to be discussed and considered with proper consultation with the people of Maynooth and this was specifically in the context of a Public Meeting which the Business Association are planning. It is obvious that Cllr McGinley has chosen deliberately to ignore this, as it could not have escaped the attention of anyone reading the article.

Cllr McGinley decided to compound his attempt at ignoring the real issue of parking by resorting to the old tactic of raising the cloud of "Fianna Fail involvement". This is purely a smokescreen. Indeed he reached apocalyptic proportions imagining nightmare scenarios with houses and apartments being built on the Harbour Field, rezoning of Public Parks etc etc No doubt he can also imagine a Skyscraper in the middle of the Field !!!!

It is patently obvious as the nose on your face, that the article in which I was quoted was an interview between a professional journalist and members of the Maynooth Business community, specifically relating to the urgent need to address the pathetic lack of parking provision in the town and the detrimental impact to Maynooth of same. Therefore I was speaking as a member of the Business community, not as a member of Fianna Fail. That is quite clear.

Cllr McGinley has deliberately decided in tactical fashion to ignore the real and urgent damage being done to the economic well being of the town and the hardship being administered to its citizens by repeated failure to plan or provide adequately.

As a business woman in the town and a resident since 1966, I would ask John McGinley what are his ideas and locations for the proper and adequate provision of car parking in Maynooth, both in the immediate future and in the longer term which should be encompassed into the new Development Plan for Maynooth which will be drafted shortly? I would urge Mr. McGinley to address this issue specifically rather than indulge in political fob-offs, scape-goating and smear attempts.

**Brid Feely,
Maynooth Business Association**

Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location	Development Type
07/2061	Andrew Healy	P	24/08/07	Demolition of existing dwelling and boundary walls, construction of 2 and 3 storey residential development over basement car parking (30 no.) to comprise of 22 units with enclosed communal open space etc.	282 Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	HOUSING DEVELOPMENT
07/2083	Jackie Cousins & Godfrey O'Dowd	P	29/08/07	Extend opening hours from 8.45 am to 4.30 pm as a revision to condition no. 6 of planning permission ref no. 05/2558 for the existing Montessori/ Playschool centre which is part of the two storey extension to side of the house	41 The Steeples Moyglare Abbey Maynooth Co. Kildare	COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT
07/2086	Padraig Nevin	P	29/08/07	New two storey dormer house with basement, a new vehicular entrance, an effluent treatment unit and associated site works	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	ONE OFF HOUSE
07/2092	Brenda Kelly	P	30/08/07	Change of use from a grocery shop/news agency to a tattoo studio	Sun View Main Street Maynooth Co. Kildare	COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT
07/2100	Dermot Coakley	P	30/08/07	Constructing a two storey house, detached garage, Aquamax treatment system and all ancillary site works	Old Carton Maynooth Co. Kildare	ONE OFF HOUSE
07/2130	Rory Moynihan	P	04/09/07	Construct a dormer bungalow style residence, garage, associated site works with Biocycle wastewater treatment system	Clonagh Maynooth Co. Kildare	ONE OFF HOUSE
07/2158	Robert Kearney	P	07/09/07	Construction of a dormer style dwelling, connection to an existing group water scheme, a Biocycle wastewater treatment plant and construction of an entrance onto the public road.	Smithstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	ONE OFF HOUSE
07/2225	Howley Civil Engineering Ltd.	P	19/09/07	Raising the levels of 7.2 hectares of low lying agricultural land (land reclamation) by approximately one meter, by placing on site of surplus construction materials i.e. inert soil and stone and alterations to existing entrance etc.	Taghadoe Maynooth Co. Kildare	QUARRY/LANDFILL /LAND RELAIMATION
07/2240	S & G Collins	P	20/09/07	Two storey house detached single storey domestic garage, 5 no. stableblock with tackroom, dungstead and effluent holding tank sand ménage, secondary effluent treatment system and all associated site works.	Ballycurraghan Maynooth Co. Kildare	ONE OFF HOUSE

Maynooth Tidy Towns

In October each year we have to hand the result of Maynooth's performance in the National Tidy Towns Competition and as usual we release the judge's report to the Maynooth Newsletter. As usual we make little comment on the report as *you* could say that it speaks for itself. Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee is pleased with the result this year as it is up 26 points on the 2006 result. The biggest increase was 10 points for Landscaping, up six for Litter, 4 for Roads, Streets and Back Areas, 3 for Residential Areas 2 for Wildlife and 1 the Built Environment.

Paul Croghan, PRO, Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee

TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION 2007 & ADJUDICATION REPORT		
Centre: Maynooth	Ref: 377	
County: Kildare	Mark: 261	
Category: F	Date(s): 18/06/2007	
	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	44
The Built Environment	50	33
Landscaping	50	40
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	25
Litter Control	50	30
Waste Minimisation	20	7
Tidiness	30	16
Residential Areas	40	28
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	30
General Impression	10	8
TOTAL MARK	400	261

Overall Development Approach:

Maynooth is welcome to the 2007 National Tidy Towns Competition; thank you for your submission with its many additional enclosures, which were helpful during the adjudication process. In the opinion of this adjudicator, landscaping is your greatest strength in the competition and the many stands of mature and specimen trees were very much admired. Your heritage buildings are of great value also and of course your location on the Royal Canal ensures fine recreational amenity potential for the community. We note your partnership approach with statutory bodies and other agencies together with schools and business interests, well done. We wish you every success in the implementation of your plan.

The Built Environment:

Heritage buildings, schools and churches were beautifully presented during adjudication and have a well-cared for appearance. St. Mary's Boys National School was particularly admired in respect of its landscaping, both the Garda station and the Fire Station are neatly presented, and business premises enjoy a good level of maintenance particularly in the centre; the AIB premises on the main street, which has retained some of its traditional features, looks really well. The Leinster Arms premises is a fine old stone building and could be considered for an award, however its signage and the positioning of posters in its windows and doors detracts from an otherwise fine presentation. The Tattoo premises uses solid shutters which are unattractive

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and have a detrimental effect on the streetscape; encourage businesses to feature the open lattice type shutter together with internal lighting outside business hours to enhance the streetscape, it's also good for business as it encourages window shopping. Your tree lined main street has a most gracious appearance.

Landscaping:

The landscaped verges on the Kilcock approach road looked wonderful and was rivalled only by the entrance to the university with its beautiful landscaping also. Stands of mature trees are a characteristic feature of Maynooth it seems and are complemented by mature shrubberies which were in full bloom at the time of adjudication, those that come to mind immediately include at the Aldi and Lidl premises. Of course the roundabout at Tesco was admired also and the roadside perimeter of Tesco cannot be forgotten either. The stretch of hedgerow along the Moyglare Road to St John of God's Services no doubt provide wildlife habitats to many species. The hard landscaped civic space at the junction with the Straffan Road has excellent visual amenity value and has been considered for a landscape award.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Both the Royal Canal and the River Slade offer wonderful recreational amenity opportunities to the community in addition to being important for wildlife habitats. Well done on the creation of a wild flower and nature reserve at Joan Slade River with the installation of bird boxes along college walls. We look forward to the proposed report from the ecologist to identify areas that threaten wildlife. The small and large Pound Parks offer amenity potential also together with the woodlands of St. Patrick's College and the area that makes up the Carton Demesne. We wish you every success in projects planned under this heading.

Litter Control:

Maynooth appeared to be litter free at the time of adjudication, which is no small achievement given your large population and number of visitors, well done. We note from your application your twice weekly litter collections. The students of primary and post-primary schools are to be congratulated for their involvement in the litter-free aspect of Maynooth and congratulations to those schools that have achieved Green Flag status, congratulations also on the appointment of a Tidy Towns liaison officer. We wish you every success in acquiring additional recycling facilities and some new litter bins.

Waste Minimisation:

Projects undertaken for this year have been noted and no doubt all of these will bring about a reduction in the volume of waste produced by the community; of particular note is your proactive approach with business interests in the town, well done. Congratulations to the schoolchildren and residents associations for their segregation of waste as part of your cleanup campaign during National Spring Clean. Recycling centres were neatly presented.

Tidiness:

Well done on your weed management plan, it is good to note that you use environmentally friendly weed killer; sporadic outbursts of weeds were noted along kerbs at intervals. Your awareness of superfluous signage and unused poles is noted. Your work on removing graffiti is a most valuable initiative and we appreciate the difficulties involved. Well done on the reduction in problems caused by through traffic with the reopening of Bond Bridge and the introduction of the new one-way system. A number of buildings appear to be vacant of which you are no doubt aware. Do try to keep outsized advertisement hoardings out of your lovely town.

Residential Areas:

Roadside boundary walls and stretches of hedgerow at the Moyglare Road were admired together with the nicely painted terrace of houses on entering from the Parson Road. A charming row of single-storey dwellings along Carton Avenue looked splendid with their colourful hanging baskets. Well done on your liaison with residents associations on a number of issues and the assistance given; no doubt your Best Estate Competition plays an important role in a good presentation under this heading.

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Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Road and footpath surfaces are to a mixed standard throughout the town. The road and footpath and cycle path surface along the road to the N4 is really good while the road to Duke's Harbour is quite bumpy. The main street of the town features good footpath and road surfaces also and car parking is orderly. Your stone bridges and boundary walls add great character to your historic town. It was good to note the wire scape free aspect of your main street complemented by attractive lamp standards and coordinated with seating and litter bins. We wish you every success with your proposed Sli na Slainte route and your plans to install large bilingual name stones.

General Impression:

The most important first impression of Maynooth is its landscaping most especially its stands of mature trees; your heritage buildings play an important role endowing, great character to the town. There are no serious problems in presentation of which you are not aware of are actively working on and we look forward to your achievements over the coming years.

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Kingsbry Residents Association Who did this?

On Wednesday 12th of September there was more vandalism done in Kingsbry to the trees along the side of the road that leads down towards Meadowbrook. This is a scene that keeps repeating itself over and over again and everyone is fed up with this totally unnecessary destruction. It seems that this type of vandalism begins again around this time of year after a lull during the summer.

There were in total 6 trees broken on Wednesday night but as is the case in these situations the culprit, or culprits, were not seen breaking them and have so far not been caught. Patricia Moynan, a Kingsbry resident, explained to the newsletter that this a regular occurrence and that in the space of the last 18 months there have been 41 trees broken with only 23 trees left since the residents planted 64 a year and a half ago.

Kingsbry Residents Association have worked hard to keep their estate in excellent condition and this behaviour is unacceptable.



Some of the vandalism left behind.



Patricia Moynan
Kingsbry resident.



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Maynooth I. C A. News

We resumed our meetings in September. Everyone was warmly welcomed by President Margaret Houlihan, who in turn was wished well for her three years in office. The Guild got "Thank You" letters from Brainwave Association and Alzheimer's Association for our kind donations. The Intel Volunteers Group will paint the inside of the Guild's Hall. Badminton has started back on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, and crafts every Monday night. Forthcoming demonstrations on "Lancôme" products, and also on "Energy" wipes will take place in October and November. These will be open nights for all to attend, so watch out for posters. We will have our usual Ecumenical Service at our November meeting. The I.C.A. have a trip organised to Prague in October, and the Council meeting will take place on 13th October in Buncrana, Donegal.

A craft day in the Federation has been organised by Mary McMahon for Saturday 17th November from 10 am - 4 pm in Sarsfield G.A.A. Centre, Newbridge. Crafts organised are Stitched Cards, Blackwork, Gingham Embroidery, Beading, Ribbon Embroidery and mixed Christmas Crafts.

Thanks was extended to Rosemary Hanley, Mary Dunne, Vera Kearins and Mary O'Gorman for taking part in the Federation Quiz. Next Federation Meeting will be held in Monasterevin on 19th October, and on 22nd October in Rathangan.

Kildare week - end in An Grianón will take place 5th October. The Guild Competition for October is, "A Bunch of Wild Autumn Growth".

Irish Classes will resume at a later date, and an International Night will also be organised. The Guild will once again, do "The Shoe Box" appeal this year.

There is no further news on our Hall or the development of the Harbour Area. It was stated that Castle-town House is now open to visitors, so it's possible we will make a visit there. The raffle was won by Betty Farrell, with 2nd prize going to Betty Moore, and 3rd going to Máiread Scanlon.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 4th October at 8 p.m. New members are always welcome to our hall in The Harbour, as there is something for everyone in the I.C.A.

Norah McDermott PRO.

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Family Games for Hallowe'en



BLACK CAT TREASURE HUNT

What you need:

Black paper cats or little black cat stuffed animals
Silver or gold ink
Clues

How to Play:

1. Before the party, think up a series of clues that will lead the players from one place to the next.
2. Then you can either use silver or gold ink to print the clues on black construction paper cats. Or you can write the clues on plain white tags and tie them to black cat stuffed animals that double as party gifts (be sure to use as many toys as there are guests).
3. Hide the clues in the appropriate spots.
4. To play, give the guests a clue that leads to the first cat, which will lead to the next one, and so on to the ultimate treasure: a stash of Hallowe'en candy to divvy up and take home.



PIN THE WART ON THE WITCH'S NOSE GAME

What you need:

Home made or store-bought picture of a witch
Rubber cement
Blindfolds
Labels/stickers

How to play

1. Hang the witch at kids' eye level on the wall.
2. Wad up rubber cement into gumball-size warts (one for each player). If necessary, use a glue stick to make them stickier right before the game.
3. Blindfolded, kids take turns trying to stick a wart on the witch's nose. You can use labels or stickers to keep track of whose wart is whose.



WITCH'S STEW GAME.

What you need:

Straws
Construction paper
Bowl

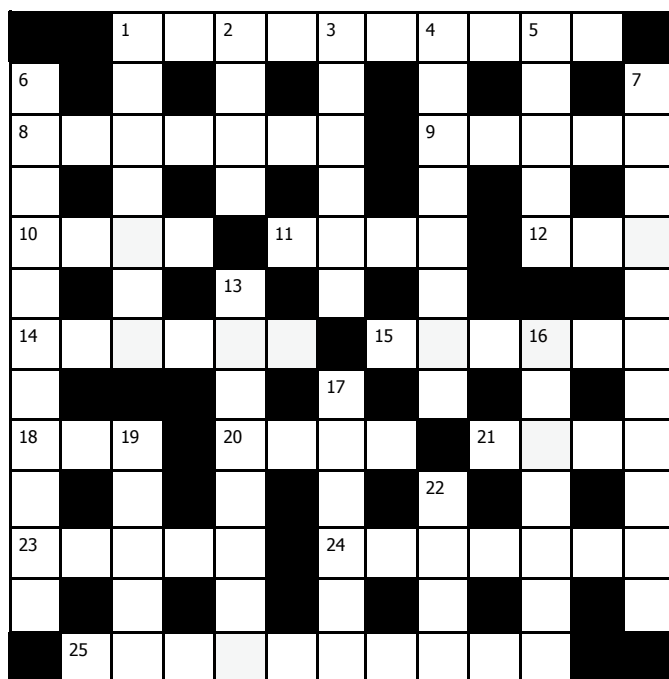
How to play

1. Before the party, ask your kids to help cut ten Hallowe'en shapes, such as ghosts, bats and pumpkins from construction paper. Each shape should be about the size of a 2 Euro coin. Place the shapes in a pile beside a small bowl.
2. Using the straw as a vacuum, each contestant tries to pick up a shape and place it in the bowl to create the witch's stew. Time the players to see who can get all ten in the bowl the fastest.

Tip: Cut out several sets of shapes and let the players race head to head.



Crossword No: 60



Entries before Monday 8th October 2007

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Across:

1. Awkward (10)
8. Book division (7)
9. Tory MP, - - - Lilley (5)
10. Leer (4)
11. Third son of Adam (4)
12. Deciduous tree (3)
14. 17th century dance (6)
15. Penitentiary (6)
18. Pair (3)
20. Raised platform (4)
21. Direction (4)
23. Taunt (5)
24. Wind from the desert (7)
25. Reference book (10)

Down:

1. Star of the silent screen (7)
2. Parasitic insect (4)
3. Warranted (6)
4. Blue gemstone (8)
5. Bishop's hat (5)
6. Provide with lodgings (11)
7. Omen (11)
13. Tie (4- 4)
16. Vague (7)
17. Debacle (6)
19. Giraffe-like mammal (5)
22. Operatic melody (4)

Solutions to crossword no: 59

Across:

6. Conning tower, 8. Nairobi, 9. Shore, 10. Feed, 12. Voodoo, 14. Tunis, 15. Rotary, 16. Bali, 19. Until, 21. Epitaph, 22. Impersonated.

Down:

1. Incident, 2. Simon, 3. Again, 4. Roussos, 5. Hero, 6. Coniferous, 7. Demolished, 11. Buy, 12. Vim, 13. Diamante, 14. Trolley, 17. Messy, 18. Giant, 20. Tomb.

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Horoscopes



ARIES—March 21—April 20

The choices that you make are all about taste. What you like in some of your friends may not go down well. Trust your judgment: it is spot on. Keep your eyes and ears open. Sunday is your lucky day number 2, colour green.



LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23

You're up for some adventure this week. If you can't book a last-minute break, try a night out with some friends. You could try your luck in the casino? Saturday is your lucky day number 4, colour pink.



TAURUS—April 21—May 21

Someone who likes you may make their feelings known to you this week. A meal in a nice restaurant may impress you but they will have to do more than this to win your heart. Monday is your lucky day number 5, colour orange.



SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22

Prepare for a new perspective and fresh start. You perhaps need to modify your plans and perceptions. You will gain greatly from a review. Sunday is your lucky day number 12, colour brown.



GEMINI—May 22—June 22

Things are going very fast for you at the moment. Like it or not, small worries and questions are still in the front on your mind. Put them to the back of your mind and get on with what you have to do. Tuesday is your lucky day number 16, colour black.



SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21

Save up your special requests for Monday when mercury will give you the words and tenacity you need to make a point. Communication holds the key. Friday is your lucky day number 6, colour white.



CANCER—June 23—July 23

Things may be a little crazy at the present time but they will be made clearer next week when a black cat crosses your path. Your luck is in your own hands. Wednesday's your lucky day number 4, colour grey.



CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20

If you feel restless or out of sorts, blame it on the heavens. Mars continues to bring challenges your way. Never mind, things will take a turn for the better sooner than you expect. Tuesday is your lucky day number 3, colour navy blue.



LEO—July 24—August 23

Pay attention as your vision may be a tad muddy. Don't assume you know what's what: be vigilant. Don't pull the wool over your own eyes! Your lucky day is Monday number 7, colour orange.



AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19

Venus is about to introduce a few worries on the relationship front. Tap into new things and places: you will be surprised at the result and may even be attracting the attentions of someone influential. Thursday is your lucky day number 9, colour copper.



VIRGO—August 24—Sept 23

There may be a power struggle at work this week: deal with it diplomatically and someone in authority will be impressed. All thoughts of work will vanish at the weekend. Friday is your lucky day number 11, colour green.



PISCES—Feb 20—March 20

Sadly, you cannot run your own show. At the moment, someone else has too much to say. Take time out and reassess your needs and goals and you should be alright. Monday is your lucky day number 8, colour black.

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Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Cllr. John McGinley Will Not Allow Fianna Fail to Turn the Amenities of The Harbour Field and Pound Park, Maynooth in to Car Parks

The recent statement from Fianna Fail's Maynooth representative, Brid Feely (Liffey Champion dated 1st September) that she wanted to turn The Harbour Field and Pound Park into car parks has been described by Cllr. John McGinley as an outrage and an attack on the people of Maynooth.

Cllr. McGinley stated that converting these two public parks into car parks would happen over his dead body. Their arrogance knows no bounds. Fianna Fail are not just happy with re-zoning every agricultural green space, they now want to rezone our public parks.

Cllr. McGinley stated that the Harbour Field was transferred by Mr. David Nall Cain, a Director of Carton Properties Limited, to Kildare County Council on the basis that it would be preserved for recreation and amenity use. It is incredible that Fianna Fail would even suggest ignoring a legally binding document. No doubt if they had their way they would also build houses and apartments on The Harbour Field.

The Maynooth Harbour Action Area Plan was agreed by the people of Maynooth in a public consultation process and approved by Kildare County Council in February 2006. Following on this, Maynooth Community Council agreed in March 2007 on landscaping of The Harbour Field to include a playing pitch, running track, scouts hall, all weather mini sports facilities and a teenagers' recreation area.

Fianna Fail now want to abandon all of these much needed community facilities and concrete over The Harbour Field. They also want to turn the small Pound Park beside Leinster Cottages into another car park. A very angry Cllr. McGinley stated he would resist these outrageous proposals for as long as he is alive.

Maynooth Harbour Action Area Plan

The second Planning Application by P. & G. Dormer, 07/1711, was declared invalid on 15 August 2007. Unfortunately, he resubmitted it on 23 August. The File Number is 07/2044 and the closing date for objections is 27 September.

In line with Cllr. John McGinley's proposal Council Officials have met all of the interested parties, with a view to agreeing to having the Harbour Action Area Plan implemented as one project and by one major developer. John believes that it is essential that this sensitive area is developed to 5 * standards, and this will not happen if individual developers go their own way. The Council have only have one shot at it, and if they get it wrong the people of Maynooth will have to live with it for the next 100 years. Hopefully the landowners and developers will recognise this and agree with the Council's proposals.

Party Political

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Re-building of the Stone Walls at Pound Park and at the Small Pound

Despite the fact that Cllr. John McGinley's motion, to re-build the two walls, was agreed at the Leixlip Area Committee on 20 April, no progress appears to have been made. As a result John has submitted the following motion for the next Area Meeting:

"When are the walls going to be re-built at Pound Park and at the Small Pound, Maynooth, as agreed at the Area Meeting on 20th April 2007?"

Doctors Lane and New Footpaths

A very fine job has been carried out on Doctor's Lane, and on the new footpath from top of Main Street to Leinster Park. Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council for a yellow box at the junction of Main Street/ Doctor's Lane to make it easier for cars from Convent Lane to access Doctor's Lane.

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Maynooth Newsletter Editorial 2007

Next month we, the Community Council, meet at our regular meeting in the Glenroyal Hotel. As is usual, the meeting is confined to the representatives nominated by and chosen from the residents associations, to discuss various issues which impact upon the lives of Maynooth residents.

At the November meeting there is a difference, however, in one very important and significant respect—our Public representatives—both T.D.'s and County Councillors— will attend and engage in discussions with the community representatives to discuss those same issues and perhaps get a good flavour of what we are happy about and unhappy about with regard to how Maynooth is developing.

We will provide a full account of the meeting in the next issue of the Newsletter but, in my view, this is an exciting development for the area—all the parties interested in making Maynooth a better place to live and work in—engaging in valuable dialogue and interaction.

Brid Feely,
Editor.

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

The October meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on the 8th of October 2007 in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Maynooth Development Plan:

The Development Plan was fully discussed at the meeting. It is now time that the people of Maynooth know exactly what they want in place from the Maynooth Development Plan. This Plan is huge for Maynooth and we must be aware of what is involved. John McGinley said that it is time to take a serious look at this, as this will effect and change the whole of the town. John O'Connor suggested that we should get a five year development plan from Kildare County Council on sewage upgrade for Maynooth and see what plans are there.

As this is viewed with great urgency Brid Feely, Chairperson said that the Executive will meet on a twice monthly basis, also a sub- committee was formed and will study the plans for Maynooth and report back to the Executive.

The matter of Maynooth Community Council's view on recent remarks regarding parking in the Harbour Field was raised. Brid Feely said that the policy of the Community Council remains that there would be no parking allowed.

Three Submissions have been received (1) Rockfield Estate Re-traffic, (2) Lyreen Estate Re-Traffic and Development Plans for Harbour Field and Parsons Street.

A meeting is being arranged for Maynooth Community Council to meet with our four TD's and our four local councillors. This will be the November meeting.

A traffic sub-committee was also formed and this shows the urgency with which this is viewed.

Festival:

Andrew McMullon said the committee were thinking about bringing the Festival forward next year possibly to June. It was suggested that the Main Street could be closed off and the Festival held over two days, but this would come at a cost. Andrew said while some events didn't go well some were very successful and the Castle night was one of them.

The fact remains that the Festival needs more people to come on board if it is to continue. The very successful 7 a-side that takes place during the Festival is also depending on support from several people otherwise this event would not take place either. The business people of the town were thanked and

always prove excellent when approached for funding. A Festival Sub-Committee was set up

Sub-Committees Reports

Tidy Towns:

The Tidy Towns will be having their Annual Awards night on the 10th of October in the Glenroyal Hotel. Paul Croghan said they hoped for a good turn out, he also promised some surprises on the night.

Matt Callaghan said that the state of the town on the morning of the 6th of October was dreadful; he also said that there are not enough bins on the Main Street.

The town is in a dreadful way with litter said John O'Connor and mostly between Maximus and Supermacs, it was decided that a letter will be sent to the County Manager Re-Maynooth Litter problems.

A lot of the problem stems from the fact that the litter laws are not enforced, there are only two Litter Wardens for North Kildare it was stated.

While it was commented on that most businesses clean up outside their premises some do not, Brid Feely said that most business people do a good job cleaning up the area around their shops.

Maynooth Community Games:

Matt Callaghan said Maynooth had some success at Community Games this year in both Draughts and Swimming at National level.

Local Matters:

An invitation was extended to all groups to send a representative to the Community Council, while most Councillors represent residents associations it was felt that it's in every ones interest to be represented on the Council.

The next Community Council meeting will be held on the 12th of November

Pro Marie Gleeson

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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Notes Know your rights

Question

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

Answer

Yes, you can claim relief for eligible courses. Tax relief for third-level tuition fees is available for approved undergraduate and postgraduate courses (full-time and part-time) that are:

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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 two years duration.

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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 legal guardian. Application forms (IT 31) are available from the Revenue Commissioners website at www.revenue.ie or telephone Lo-call 1890 306 706.

Question

In what circumstances can the family of a recently deceased person continue to receive his/her social welfare payment?

Answer

Payment of a social welfare payment following a death may be made to the spouse/partner or the parent of the deceased under certain conditions.

If your spouse or partner dies while getting a social welfare payment, the same rate of payment continues for six weeks after the death, provided that he or she had been getting a qualified adult increase for you or you are getting a social welfare payment in your own right.

If your spouse or partner dies and you were getting a qualified adult increase for him/her with your payment, you continue to receive the increase for six weeks after the death.

If a child dies the person getting a qualified child increase with his/her payment can continue to receive the increase for six weeks. In case of the One-Parent Family Payment, the full payment can be received for six weeks after the death. Child Benefit payments cease after the month of the death.

Carer's Allowance and Carer's Benefit continue to be paid for six weeks following the death of the person being cared for.

To apply for the six-week payment, as soon as possible after the death write to the section of the Department of Social and Family Affairs that issues the social welfare payment. You should enclose the death certificate (if available) or a death notice from a newspaper and, if applicable, the payment book.

The payment may be made without formal application where the deceased was getting a State Pension (Transition or Contributory) or was an adult or child dependant of a person getting this pension.

Question

What are my rights and obligations if I rent out a room in my house?

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Answer

If you rent a room or rooms in your home to private tenants, you may avail of the Rent a Room Scheme for tax relief. This means that you can earn up to €7,620 in rent without paying income tax on the amount. If you are receiving Mortgage Interest Relief, it will not be affected by this income. Availing of the scheme will not affect any entitlement you may have to exemption from Capital Gains Tax if you sell your home.

The legislation covering tenancy agreements does not include renting out a room in your home. This means that you do not have to register as a landlord with the Private Residential Tenancies Board and the regulations on minimum physical standards don't apply. Tenants living in your home are renting under a licensee agreement rather than a tenancy agreement, and are only entitled to 'reasonable notice' if you choose to end the agreement. They can however refer disputes about notice and deposits to the Small Claims Court.

It is advisable to agree a set of ground rules in advance, and for both parties to keep a signed copy. These could include:

- The period of the tenancy
- The minimum periods of notice if either party chooses to terminate the agreement
- The amount of rent and when it can be reviewed
- How the rent will be paid and how often
- Agreement on visitors and friends staying over

To claim tax relief under the Rent a Room Scheme, complete a tax return form (Form 12) at the end of the tax year indicating that you have received income under the scheme. Tenants living in your home can claim a tax credit on rent paid by completing the form, Rent1. These forms are available from the Revenue Commissioners website at www.revenue.ie or by calling Lo-call 1890 306 706.

Question

I have recently changed job and my new employer has asked for my P45. What can I do if I haven't received one from my previous employer?

Answer

An employer is required by law to give you a P45 at the time the employment ends. A P45 is a statement of your pay and tax deducted.

It is important to give a P45 to your new employer because otherwise you will have to pay tax at a higher rate known as emergency tax. Even if you are not starting a new job it is important document because you will need it to claim tax refund or claim social welfare benefits.

If you have asked your previous employer for a P45 but have not received it, you should contact your local tax office. Revenue will then get in touch with the employer and obtain your P45 for you. Revenue will send you a new tax credit certificate so that you do not have to pay emergency tax.

The employer you are working for at the end of the tax year must give you a P60. This is a statement of your pay and tax and social insurance payments deducted during the year. If you do not receive a P60 or a P45 it is possible that you have not been registered for PRSI (Pay Related Social Insurance) by your employer or that you are registered but your employer has not paid the correct PRSI contributions which are due. If your employer will not give you a P60 at the end of the year you should contact your local tax office.

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Maybe a favourite hobby that you enjoy
Or a pleasure some moment with memories
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So enjoy the life as you please
Enjoy simple aspects to appreciate
Or a passion that is in your desire
Try to stay in a happy state
With moments that you never tire
This world is of many an emotion
In a world of anxiety and fear
Try to give happiness your devotion
With a loving heart close and near
Live life the best you can
With concern for others in mind
Be a wholesome and sincere man
But it is good to leave your troubles behind
Life can haunt your dreams so much
And at times never goes your way
Develop personality and hopes as such
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November in the Garden

Vegetables and Fruits

- Sort apples in storage and remove spoiled fruit. Remove fallen fruit from around trees to reduce insects and disease next year.
- Protect trunks of fruit trees from rabbit damage with tree wraps.
- Take a soil test and make needed adjustments this fall.
- Till garden soil and add organic matter.

Flowers

- Clean up the rose bed to help reduce disease next season.
- Cut back tall rose canes to 24 inches to prevent winter breakage.
- Remove frost-killed annuals.
- Till annual flower beds and add organic matter to improve soil.
- Continue to plant spring flowering bulbs.
- Depending on preference, leave or cut back perennial stalks to 4 to 6 inches.
- Apply a winter mulch to perennials and roses after several hard freezes.



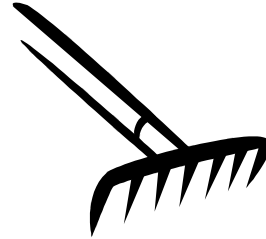
Lawns

- Rake fallen leaves from the lawn to prevent winter suffocation.
- Fertilize cool season lawns, bluegrass and tall fescue with a quick release high nitrogen fertilizer to promote root development and early spring green up.
- If needed, water turf so its starts winter with ample moisture.
- Continue to mow into the fall at 2 to 3 inches.

Trees and Shrubs

- Plant new trees and shrubs.
- Water newly planted trees and shrubs.

- Rake leaves and place in compost pile.
- Check mulch layers and replenish.
- Prune dead or hazardous limbs.
- Don't prune spring flowering trees and shrubs until after bloom.



Miscellaneous

- Clean and oil garden tools, sprayers, and other equipment.
- Drain garden hoses and sprinklers and store indoors for increased life.
- If you decide to leave them outside, unscrew them from the faucets.
- If fuel is to remain in power equipment, add fuel stabilizer. Otherwise, drain gas from power equipment for winter storage. Make any needed repairs.
- Protect ornamental and fruit trees and young plants from rabbit damage by wrapping or enclosing in wire screen.
- Start a compost pile with fall leaves.
- Turn compost pile to hasten breakdown.
- Start planning for next year
- Make sure your friends and family know you really would prefer a good gardening book, or a hand tool, to another pair of socks this Christmas!



Features

A Winter's Tale

It was the middle of the week, and it was dark outside and frost lay on the ground. Mary huddles by the fire. Her mother was busy getting the supper. Mary's brother was at the kitchen table doing his homework. Just then it started to rain outside. Bidy, Mary's mother said "go out and call your daddy in out of this cold night. Supper will be ready in half an hour". Mary put on her coat and went outside. Her father would be in the cow byre finishing the milking of the cows. Mary said to her daddy "supper will be ready in half and hour. Mammy told me to come out and fetch you in out of this cold night".

Joseph loved his two children. They were the light of his life. Christmas would be coming soon and he would get them a present from Santa. He was thinking of getting Mary a little pony for Christmas. He would ask his neighbour about that little pony he had in his pasture for Mary. Darren would like a chess set. So that's what he would buy his little kids for Christmas.

Right now he had something to show Mary. "Come with me for a minute. Your mother won't miss us for a few more minutes". Joseph brought Mary to his little shed at the back of his yard. There was a cow with a newly born calf in the shed. "Look at what god sent us today little Missy". "It's beautiful dad". "She came today". Mary went over to the new calf and began to stroke her. It was a white calf, a little Heifer. "Isn't she a beauty missy". She had a lovely white coat all over. "She came to me today when the two of you were at school. Does Mammy know. Let's go and tell them now". So they closed the shed door and went into the house for their supper.

"Mammy Daddy has a surprise for you". "What sort of surprise"? Darren began to clear his books so that Bidy could set the table. Darren was too grown up for surprises from his father. "Well let's all sit down and have this food that god gave us and that he will be good to us during the Winter. Then after supper we will all go out and look at the surprise". They ate their meal then they put on their coats and scarves and went outside.

The night was very dark and cold. The ground was freezing over so they had to be careful walking to the shed. It was a night not to be out. Joseph opened the shed door and lit the lantern and hung it on a hook in the shed. Bidy, Mary and Darren followed their dad into the shed. They looked at the new born calf and they were excited. "She's lovely" said Bidy. "What should we do with a lovely calf as this one"? "Well, said Joseph I am going to keep her". They stroked the calf and because it was very cold they left the cow and calf and closed the shed and turned off the lantern and went back inside to the house. Bidy made hot chocolate for everybody and they all sat by the fireside to drink it. Mary was beginning to get tired and began to yawn and Bidy thought that it was time for bed for the two kids.

Darren had school in the morning. He would be up early because he had to walk to school but he was a sturdy lad and Bidy and Joseph trusted him. Mary and Darren went to bed. Then Bidy came downstairs to the fire after wishing her kids goodnight. Joseph began to tell Bidy "I think we are going to have a bad Winter this year. There is frost on the ground and it is only November. I will have to bring the livestock indoors". "Why don't you ask young Bill Brown down the road to help you with the Winter chores. I'm sure he will be glad of the money for Christmas". Do you know something Bidy you are a very clever girl I will ask young Bill Brown to help me. They finished their hot chocolate and then they went to bed. Bidy had the electric blanket already plugged in and it was lovely and warm when they were getting into bed. That night everybody slept in their beds and the frost lay on the ground. Everybody would have to do something to keep warm.

Enda Clavin



Clubs, Organisations And Societies

Maynooth Golf Society

The John Tiernan Memorial Cup At Carrick-on-Shannon

On Saturday 15th September under mixed weather conditions (sunny, warm, chilly, windy and calm) 28 players and visitors showed to play for the John Tiernan Memorial Cup.

The Carrick-on Shannon course was hilly with lots of water, but in great condition with the greens superb. The presentation took place in Caulfields on Sunday with Mrs. Rita Tiernan, her daughter Danielle and son Mitchel.

The overall winner Martin Shields, came in with 39 points on a very good, but tough golf course.

Thanks to all who attended.

Our next outing is a trip to Portugal.

RESULT SHEET

1st Prize	Martin Shields	39 pts
2nd Prize	Barry Desmond	35 pts
3rd Prize	Martin Deveney	34 B9
4th Prize	Niall Byrne	34 pts
5th Prize	Kevin Loftus	33 pts
6th Prize	Brendan Bean	32 pts
7th Prize	John Byrne	31 pts
Front 9	Tim Mullane	19 pts
Back 9	Martin Maguire	14 pts B6
Nearest The Pin	Tim O' Hare	
Two's Club	John Byrne & Kevin Loftus	



**L to R Pa Conway (Captain), Martin Shields (Winner),
Mrs. Rita Tiernan & Kevin Loftus (Secretary)**

Maynooth Golf Society

The Shay Moore Cup Athlone Golf Club Sponsored by The Moore Family

On a sunny afternoon on 25th August "The Moore Family" showed up in strength for "The Shay Moore Cup".

Terry and Sean Moore played with The Maynooth Golf Society for Shay Moore Cup. Robert, Joe and Maura Moore played as visitors and Margaret and Brian cheered on father, son, husband, dad, uncle and aunt.

Overall 18 played on the day, on a sunny Athlone course under ideal conditions.

The presentation took place at Athlone Golf Course and most players and visitors enjoyed an excellent meal.

Both the Shay Moore Cup winners Dermot Myles and winning visitor Dominick Nyland gave a brief speech.

Thanks to all who attended.

RESULT SHEET

1st Prize	Dermot Myles	31 pts
2nd Prize	Tim Mullane	29 pts B9
3rd Prize	Terry Moore	29 pts
4th Prize	Joey Edwards	27 pts B9
5th Prize	Niall Byrne	27 pts
6th Prize	Martin Deveney	25 pts B9
7th Prize	Sean Farrelly	25 pts
Front 9	Norman Kavanagh	13 pts
Back 9	Tom Flatley	14 pts
Visitors	Domnick Nyland	(17) 37 pts
	Robert Moore	(20) 32 pts
	Joe Moore	(15) 30 pts B9
	Maura Moore	(22) 30 pts
Nearest The Pin	John Saults	
2's	Tom Flatley	



**L to R
Terry
Moore
and
Dermot
Myles**

**L to R
Domnick
Nyland
and
Pa Conway
(Captain)**



**L to R Sean Moore,
Maura Moore
and Terry Moore**

Clubs, Organisations And Societies

Maynooth U3A

University of the Third Age is an International Organisation whose members may have retired from their chosen "Life's Work" but have not retired from working on Life.

Maynooth Branch of U3A was initiated in April 2006 by Maeve Maloney. Lively discussion of future and past events make for very enjoyable meetings. Most often our meetings are followed by further airing of news and views over refreshments at neighbouring venues.

At present we are accommodated for our meetings on alternate Fridays at 11.00 a.m. by the Maynooth Community Library, however we look forward to the building of the New Community Centre.

Our activities so far have ranged from Theatre going to Art Gallery visits: from walking leader training to pitch and putt training: from book club to bowling. We enjoyed responding to invitations to Tea-Dances and At-Homes from neighbouring U3As, Senior Citizens, and Age Action Ireland. Irish Heart Foundation Walk-day was marked with a 3km walk in Carton Estate.

Great satisfaction and enjoyment was expressed at taking part in training for Senior Citizens helpline and teaching English.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday 9th November at 11.00 a.m. or any alternative Friday.

For further information telephone:
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**L to R Maeve Moloney, Ann Mc Garry,
Rosaleen Higgins, Elah Kellaheer
and Nola Campbell**

November Recipes

Oxford Lunch

Ingredients

- 350g/12oz Cream Flour
- 225g/8oz Margarine
- 25g/1oz Ground Almonds
- 1/2 teaspoon Baking Powder
- 675g/11/2lb Sultanas
- 225g/8oz Caster Sugar
- 5 Eggs (beaten)
- Juice and Rind of 1 Orange
- 125g/4oz Halved Cherries
- 125g/4oz Mixed Peel

Method

1. Cream margarine and sugar together. Gradually add the eggs, beating well after each addition.
2. Fold in the ground almonds, orange rind and juice.
3. Sieve in the flour and baking powder. Fold into the mixture.
4. Stir in the prepared fruit. Place the mixture in a lined 9" round cake tin.
5. Bake in a preheated oven at 300°F, 150°C, Gas 2 for 3 hours approx. Check at intervals after 2 hours.
6. Cool in tin.

Scones

Ingredients

- 225g/8oz Self Raising Flour
- Pinch of Salt
- 25g/1oz Caster Sugar (optional)
- 25g/1oz Margarine
- 150ml/1/4 pint Milk

Method

1. Sieve flour, salt and sugar, if used, into a bowl.
2. Rub in the margarine, using the tips of the fingers.
3. Add the milk and mix to make a soft dough.
4. Turn onto a lightly floured board and knead, if necessary, to remove any cracks.

5. Roll out lightly to 2 1/2 cm/1" in thickness and cut into scones with a 5cm/2" cutter dipped in flour.
6. Place the scones on a floured pre-heated baking sheet.
7. Bake in the pre-heated oven at 220°C/425°F/Gas 7 for 10 – 12 minutes until well risen and nicely browned.
8. Cool on a wire tray.

You can use this recipe to make the following :

• Fruit Scones

Mix in 50g/2oz sultanas or raisins to the dry ingredients before adding the milk.

• Savoury Scones

Mix in 50g/2oz grated cheddar cheese to the dry ingredients before adding the milk.

• High Fibre Scones

Omit the sugar and replace 25g/1oz of Self Raising Flour with 25g/1oz Wheat Bran. Mix the bran to the dry ingredients before adding the milk; you may also have to add a little extra milk to get a nice soft dough.

Tip for November.

Cook up, casseroles, stews, beef steak & kidney pies etc. and freeze. They will come in very handy when you come home from your Christmas Shopping and you will have a prepared meal, just to heat up and serve.

Quick Pavlova

Ingredients

- 3 large Egg Whites
- 1 tablespoon Cornflour
- 1 teaspoon White Vinegar
- 1 teaspoon Vanilla Essence
- 4 tablespoons Boiling Water
- 350g/12oz Sugar

To decorate

300ml/1/2 pint Cream

Method

Put all the ingredients into a bowl and beat until thick. Shape meringue into a ring on baking parchment. Bake in preheated oven at 120°C/250°F/Gas Mark 1/2 for 1 hour. Reduce heat to 110°C/225°F/Gas Mark 1/4 for a further 30 minutes. Allow to cool. Place on serving dish and fill with whipped cream and fruit of your choice.

Children's Colouring Competition

Winner Of the September Edition



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Post Primary Welcoming Ceremony 2007

The families of the new first year Post Primary Pupils gathered in the schools hall for a welcoming ceremony and service on Thursday 27th September as principal Senan Griffin outlined his hopes for the pupils during and beyond their time at the school. He emphasised the need for respecting your parents and fellow pupils and to make sure that all students can look back in many years and say to themselves that they gave it their best shot.



**Principal Senan Griffin
addresses pupils and parents**



**Parish Priest Fr. Liam Rigney
welcomes the new students**

The service began with the choir singing "Let it be" followed by two students from each class sharing an insight into the varied subjects available to them. Fr. Liam Rigney and Rev. Janice Aiton also offered prayers. Father Liam who is our new parish priest following Fr. Stenson's departure took to the stage and began to talk about what it was like for him to come into his new parish, meeting people for the first time and getting used to new surroundings. Of course his journey is very similar to what the new pupils will be going through and his message on the night was that any nerves about starting in the new school will ease and they will be able to enjoy their school years. "There are no strangers in Maynooth, they are only friends who have not yet met" was something which was said to Fr. Liam when he first met his new parishioners and he hopes this will be the case with the students. This was the priest's first ever welcoming ceremony that he was invited to and he was thoroughly impressed with the lengths the school was going to to make everyone feel welcome. The choir then finished the ceremony with a great rendition of "You've got a friend in me". Also on the night there were awards for the best Leaving and Junior Cert Results of 2007. Best Leaving Certs were Siobhan Albrecht, Patrick Longworth and Aoife Kelly. Best Junior Certs were Chloe McLoughlin and Jennifer Moore.



**L to R Chloe McLoughlin, Jennifer Moore
And Johnny Nevin (Deputy Principal)**



**L to R Siobhan Albrecht, Aoife Kelly,
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Adult-size socks	Felt
Styrofoam balls	Yarn
3/8-inch dowels	Pipe Cleaners
Paper or plastic cups	Craft Glue
Googly eyes	Cotton balls or batting

Time needed: Under 1 Hour

single socks? Turn them into animal puppets (they're easier to make than they look).

RABBIT: Push the dowel into the ball at a slight angle. Next, cut two ears out of white felt and two inner ears out of pink felt. Bend a pipe cleaner in half, sandwich it between the felt pieces, and glue them together with the pipe cleaner ends protruding an inch. Then pull a white sock over the ball and glue on googly eyes and a pink pom-pom nose with cotton balls on each side. Cut slits in the sock on the "head" and push the ears into the ball. Finally, stuff the "neck" with batting, poke a hole in the cup and slide it, upside down, onto the dowel.

DRAGON: Start by pulling a green sock over the ball and stick, leaving 4 inches at the toe. Then cut flames out of felt, sandwich a popsicle stick between them and glue them together with the stick jutting out an inch. Next, poke a hole in the sock tip and push the stick into the ball. Cut two jagged spines out of green felt, glue the straight edges down the puppet's back, then glue the spines together. Glue on eyes, a cone-shaped felt horn and two felt nostrils. Finally, stuff the neck with batting and slip the cup on the stick.



Pipe Cleaner Dolls.

CRAFT MATERIALS:

3/4-inch round wooden beads (with a 5mm centre hole)	Pipe Cleaners
Smaller wooden beads	Embroidry Thread
Felt scraps	Markers

Time needed: Under 1 Hour

HAIRSTYLING: Cut the embroidery floss into 20 pieces that measure twice the desired length. Fold a 6-inch pipe cleaner in half over the midpoint of the collective strands. Feed both ends of the pipe cleaner through the centre of the large bead. Slide the bead up the pipe cleaner until the fold is hidden in the bead centre. Then separate each strand of embroidery floss to fashion a thick shock of hair. For curls, dampen the strands with a few drops of water, wind them around a pencil and let them dry.

BODY BUILDING: For arms, place a 5-inch length of pipe cleaner crosswise just below the bead head. Twist each end once around the doll's trunk (the portion of the first pipe cleaner protruding from the bead). Next, bend up the trunk about 3/4 inch from the bottom to form a hook. To form legs, fold a 5-inch pipe cleaner in half and hang it on the hook. Secure the legs by twisting the 3/4-inch trunk ends around them.

PANTS: Begin by folding a 6- by 1 1/2-inch piece of felt in half, so that the shorter edges meet. Starting from the fold, make a 2-inch cut up the middle, stopping 1 inch from the open end. Make a 1/4-inch waist hole 1/2 inch from one top edge. For foot openings, make a small slit through the felt fold at the bottom of each pant leg. Slip both legs through the waist opening from the front. Then, push the pipe cleaner tips through the foot openings and match up the short felt edges behind the doll.

SKIRT AND SHIRT: Cut a 4-inch hourglass shape out of felt. Make a waist hole in the centre to slide the doll's feet through. For a shirt, use a 2-inch felt square. Cut two small armholes 1/2 inch apart and 1/4 inch from the upper edge. Wrap the shirt around the doll's chest and over the top of its pants or skirt. Wind a 3-inch pipe cleaner belt around the doll's waist to secure the clothes. To keep the pants side seams closed, twist a 2-inch piece of pipe cleaner around each one.

For hands and feet, slip a smaller bead onto the end of each limb. Bend the pipe cleaner tips to keep the beads in place.

Horoscopes



ARIES—March 21—April 20

Those close to you finally let you be yourself, and you no longer feel at a loss in relationships. Now is the right time to look towards work. Sunday is your lucky day
number 9, colour yellow



LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23

Your luck is in this week as a string of events will have you jumping for joy, making plans now is your number one thought. Keep your eye on small details. Monday is your lucky day
number 4, colour brown



TAURUS—April 21—May 21

This is the week to show off your sensitive side when it comes to relationships. Be patient and let someone see the real you. Thursday is your lucky day
number 3, colour orange



SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22

Saturn in Virgo will make changes for you this week, everything will happen at once you may even come first with a lotto or bingo, good luck. Monday is your lucky day
number 5, colour red



GEMINI—May 22—June 22

Taking time to yourself this week is what you most enjoy, so enjoy what time you have. Things move at a faster pace, your time in the sun is now. Wednesday is your lucky day
number 7, colour navy blue



SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21

You make things loud and clear and when things go over your head you see red. Cool down and see things in a new light. Tuesday is your lucky day
number 8, colour grey



CANCER—June 23—July 23

Mars rules high this week and your feelings are like a stormy sea. Family and friends are there when you need them most. Friday is your lucky day
number 1, colour purple



CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20

Take time to make a house a home, as a move is on the cards in the next few weeks, take a deep breath relax and enjoy the move. Saturday is your lucky day
number 2, colour white



LEO—July 24—August 23

An outing is on the cards this week. As your week takes you to new and unexpected places, wait and see and enjoy. Sunday is your lucky day
number 4, colour green.



AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19

Stop holding on to places that are holding you back, move on and start anew. The world is waiting for you, a new job is on the cards. Wednesday is your lucky day
number 1, colour black



VIRGO—August 24—Sept 23

What you feel and what you need come to ahead this week, make up your mind and make plans the out-look is good. Friday is your lucky day
number 5, colour blue.



PISCES—Feb 20—March 20

Take time to look after your own health and needs as you are always looking after the needs of others. Monday is your lucky day
number 6, colour pink

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Maynooth Tidy Towns Presentation

Maynooth Tidy Towns Best Estates and Shop Fronts Competitions 2007. Summary of the Judges Recommendations

We have a new judge for 2007 and we appreciate the excellent work that she has done in terms of the judging of the Best Estates and Shop Fronts competitions. Whilst not from Maynooth the judge works in the town and indeed, is a former resident, which meant that she had a good knowledge of the areas.

Best Estates

The judge was asked to visit each area twice, once in July and the second in early August. However, because of the bad weather experienced this summer the judge actually surveyed each area on three occasions, an additional one being done in late August when the weather improved, as she felt that people may not have had a chance to get to do any work in July because of the weather conditions that prevailed.

The maximum marks available were 510 and the highest score secured was 459 by the large best estate. As many of the residential areas were close in score, the judge awarded a higher score where good quality work was evident. One such case was the runner up best large estate, where the quality of finish on edging was evident.



L to R Yvonne O'Connor & The Large Estate Winner Noeleen Gillick



L to R Yvonne O'Connor & The Small Estate Winner Gareth O'Reilly

The judge recommends that estates be encouraged to devise unique features for their areas that can be easily maintained. A good example is the features at the entrance to Moyglare Village and Cluain Aoibhinn. Another recommendation is that some estates that are so closely linked geographically should work together to maximise the entire areas. Two cases mentioned are Cluain Aoibhinn / College Green and Beaufield / Meadowbrook. In both cases the judge found herself moving between the areas and having to check where she was at any time. In the case of one large estate, the judge recommends that the Tidy Towns encourage the residents and perhaps, the local authority, to work together to devise a major new plan to enhance the area which has very attractive rolling landscape levels but unfortunately, is clearly neglected and hence, has become an unattractive area with badly maintained features and much litter.



Peter Keegan at work on Main St.



Gael Scoil Uí Fhiach pupils L to R Deirdre Ní Chearúil, Jennifer Ní Chearúil, Érin Ní Chearúil with Mayor Glennon & Robert

Maynooth Tidy Towns Presentation

Best Shop Fronts

The judge found that it was not difficult to select a winner here as with few exceptions there was little evidence that the traders were making a unique effort for the Tidy Towns. The judge recommends that this competition be reviewed and that it could take the following format in future.

- All Premises in the Main Street area should be encouraged to support the Tidy Towns campaign. This should include a window display supporting the campaign for the eight weeks of the judging period. Perhaps Tidy Towns could do an annual sticker that could be displayed in the window of premises stating that this business is a Tidy Towns supporter. The judge appreciates that some businesses are more capable of providing financial support than others but the connection between the business sector and Tidy Towns needs to be more obvious.
- There are now a number of shopping centres such as Tesco, Manor Mills, Newtown, Greenfields as well as Aldi and Lidl. While some are well presented it might be a good idea to have a competition between Shopping Complexes in order to raise all standards and have a bigger participation than simply limiting it to the Main street/Side streets.

Paul Croghan
Competitions Co-ordinator
6th October 2007

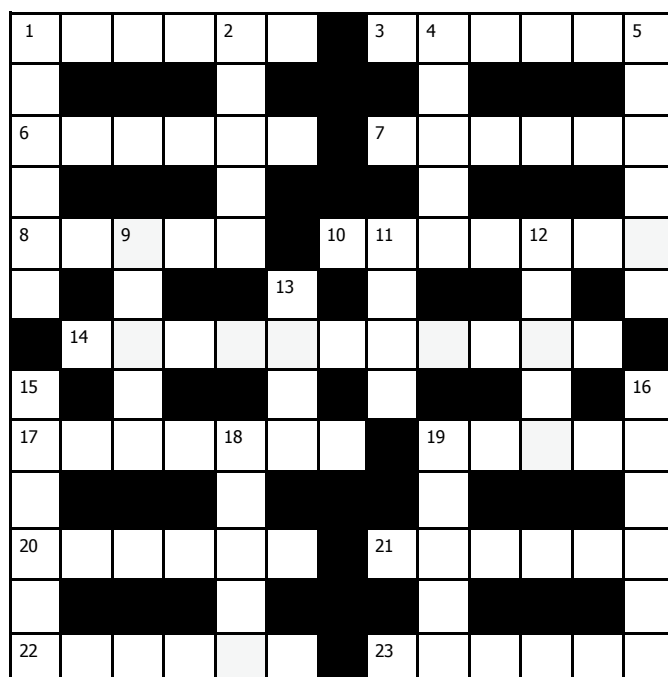


**L to R Best Premises Joint winners
Eugene Spellman of The Roost
& Declan Kennedy of Brady's
with Mayor Mary Glennon**

**L to R Simonas Bastys, Joseph Millet, Gerard Hegarthy, Conor Dooley (Students of BNS)
with Lord Mayor of Kildare Mary Glennon
& Peter Coakley Principal of Boys
National School**



Crossword No: 61



Entries before Monday 5th November 2007

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Across:

1. Awning (6)
3. Clever (6)
6. Hatred (6)
7. Convex road surface (6)
8. Eskimo dog (5)
10. Five-piece group (7)
14. Star of TV's *I Claudius* (5,6)
17. Indebted (7)
19. Debonair (5)
20. Supple (6)
21. Club (6)
22. Depressing (6)
23. Pandemonium (6)

Down:

1. Nursery (6)
2. Trifling (5)
4. Hindu mystic (5)
5. Printing mistakes (6)
9. Cartridge (5)
11. US Mormon state (4)
12. Leg bone (5)
13. Hebridean island (4)
15. Severed (6)
16. Underground store (6)
18. Italian seaport (5)
19. Sudden collapse (5)

Solutions to crossword no: 60

Across:

1. Cumbersome, 8. Chapter, 9. Peter, 10. Ogle, 11. Seth, 12. Elm, 14. Minuet, 15. Prison, 18. Duo, 20. Dais, 21. West 23. Tease, 24. Sirocco, 25. Dictionary.

Down:

1. Chaplin, 2. Mite, 3. Earned, 4. Sapphire, 5. Mitre, 6. Accommodate, 7. Premonition, 13. Dead-heat, 16. Sketchy, 17. Fiasco, 19. Okapi, 22. Aria.

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Cllr. John McGinley

Maynooth Labour News

Proposals for Parson Street/The Harbour Area, would be an unmitigated disaster for Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley and his colleague Deputy Emmet Stagg have lodged an objection to the proposal to build 5 storey blocks with flat roofs behind 11 to 15 Parson Street, Maynooth.

The site stated Cllr. McGinley is at the heart of Old Maynooth Village in an area which abounds with protected structures e.g. The Geraldine Castle, St. Mary's Church, Maynooth College, The Rectory. The proposal does not have any regard to the sensitivities of the Historic Core of the Town.

Cllr. McGinley and Deputy Stagg make the following points:

- ◇ The Council has already agreed to Cllr. McGinley's proposal to have the Harbour Action Area Plan implemented as one project and by one major developer. This is essential to ensure that this sensitive area is developed to 5 star standards. The application should therefore be deemed to be premature.
- ◇ The Modern Blocks proposed would be fine up in the NUIM lands where that is the trend but great care must be taken by the Council not **to repeat** the disaster that is the Apartment Complex at the Manor Mills Development. This proposal has the capacity to do so.
- ◇ This proposal at 5 storeys will obliterate the fantastic views towards Maynooth College from the Straffan Road Bridge.
- ◇ This proposal which includes 26 one bedroom units, 65 two bedrooomed units and 7 three bed-roomed units is a recipe for disaster in relation to the creation of a Community in this area and we are effectively looking at student/rental accommodation. This is not the vibrant new area which we want to create.

In conclusion Cllr. McGinley stated that the proposal is premature and in serious conflict with both the Maynooth Development Plan 2002 and the Maynooth Harbour Action Area Plan. It seeks excessive development to the exclusion of a co-ordinated development of the whole Action Area Plan. It takes no account of the fact that the site borders the Architectural Conservation Area of the Town or that it is in close proximity to Protected Structures of Great Historical Significance. We have one opportunity to develop this site to the standards acceptable in a Historic University Town and if we get it wrong, as An Bord Pleanala did with the Manor Mills Development, we will regret it, as will future residents of Maynooth for many years to come.

Flat roofed 2 & 3 storey apartment block would be an eyesore.

Deputy Emmet Stagg and his colleague Cllr. John McGinley have lodged an objection with Kildare Co. Council to the proposal to build a flat roofed 2 & 3 Storey Apartment Block on the corner site of the junction of Old Greenfield`s Lane and the Straffan Road in Maynooth.

The site stated Deputy Stagg is at a very prominent location on the Straffan Road and it is incredible that the ap-

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plicants would propose such an ugly building which will be visually obtrusive. The Straffan Road Entrance to Maynooth is at present a pleasant entrance to the Town with Housing Estates set back from the Road and good boundary treatment.

Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley have other concerns in relation to this proposal as follows:

- The proposal which works out at 33 units to the acre is excessive for what is an Infill Development in this old part of Maynooth where houses were first built over 100 years ago.
- The proposal is out of character with the established built environment of the area which comprises cottages and dormer bungalows, many on their own individual sites.
- The Building heights proposed will cause overlooking, loss of light and a consequent loss of privacy to residents bordering the site.
- The proposal does not integrate with existing development in the area.

The excessive proposal will cause a serious traffic hazard given the nearness of the entrance to the site to the junction of Old Greenfield Lane and the Straffan Road.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that it was important that the Council made a statement in relation to this proposal by rejecting it comprehensively and thereby maintaining the present soft appearance of the entrance to Maynooth along the Straffan Road.

Proposed Introduction of Pay Parking in Maynooth

As previously advised the Council will be presenting a Draft Report on the introduction of Pay (Regulated) Parking in Maynooth to the Leixlip Area Committee on 19th October.

The present Council Policy on parking in Maynooth was adopted at the Leixlip Area Committee Meeting on 18th November 2005. The Minutes are as follows:

"LX12/1105

Car Parking at Maynooth.

The committee considered the following motion in the name of Councillor McGinley:

That the following parking management policy be adopted for Maynooth:

- A) *pay and display with permit parking be introduced*

- B) *the profits accruing be ringfenced for use in Maynooth*
- C) *enforcement of the parking by-laws be vigorously policed by council traffic wardens*
- D) *increased public parking capacity be provided as a matter of urgency*
- E) *the Minister for Transport and Iarnród Éireann be asked to provide proper park and ride facilities for those commuters who use Maynooth train station.*

The administrator reported that car parking should be advanced and that several benefits would accrue from its introduction. He added that it was intended to commence a review of parking in Maynooth, early in the coming year.

Resolved, that the report be noted: *"Members supported the concept of underground parking near the railway station and felt that this should be provided by the Department of Transport. Write to the Minister and Iarnród Éireann".*

Subsequently, the Council adopted the statutory Maynooth Harbour Action Area in February 2006 which includes an underground car park at The Harbour Field.

Disappointingly, the Government has failed, to date, to provide funding to C.I.E. for the underground car park at The Harbour Field. Such Park and Ride facilities at commuter train stations are in everyone's interest as they remove cars from the roads into Dublin and make life that much easier for commuters. It is very difficult therefore to understand why the Government refuses to fund them.

Until this essential park & ride facility is provided the residents of Silken Vale and the Back Lanes off Main Street will continue to suffer with commuters blocking driveways/gates and parking dangerously on an ongoing basis. Maynooth is different to Celbridge and Leixlip in that it is the only town with a central train station, which means that town centre parking is being taken up by commuters instead of shoppers. Regulated parking will ease the problem for town centre shoppers but it will create serious problems for commuters unless the Government provide the funding to C.I.E. immediately for the park & ride underneath the Harbour Field.

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Maynooth, with a population of 11,476, has 315 public parking spaces in the town centre, whereas Celbridge, with a population of 19,476, has only 128 public parking spaces. Unlike Celbridge, Maynooth also has town centre parking for shoppers at The Mill Centre, TESCO, Supervalu/Glenroyal Centre and The Town Central Mall.

As can be seen from the motion above Cllr. McGinley has also sought a trebling in size of the public car park at the back of Caulfields. Unless this is done to a high quality design it would not be acceptable to Cllr. McGinley and the general public. John believes that the best way to achieve this objective would be through a partnership approach between the Council and the owner of the adjoining land at The Paddock. Such a project has already turned out to be very successful in Naas, on the Sallins Road/Dublin Road.

Provision of Automatic External Defibrillators (AED's)

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Full Meeting of the Council:

"That Kildare County Council follow Donegal County Council's example by carrying out an audit to establish the number of Automatic External Defibrillators (AED's) that are available to the public in the county.

Furthermore, and in the light of the findings of the survey, that the Council becomes proactive in implementing a pilot AED programme for Maynooth to encourage the provision of AED's at the following:

- Ambulance Service
- Fire Service
- Manor Mills Shopping Centre
- TESCO's Shopping Centre
- Glenroyal Centre
- Maynooth Train Station
- NUI Maynooth
- St. Mary's Church
- Soccer Pitches, Rathcoffey Road
- GAA Pitches, Moyglare Road
- The 3 Primary Schools & 1 Secondary School

Bearing in mind that sudden cardiac arrest is survivable, with recent studies showing that when AED's are used within the first 3 minutes that there is a 74% survival rate, that the Council would give serious consideration to extending the AED programme to other

towns in the County."

Cllr. McGinley submitted a similar motion to the Leixlip Area Committee last February where Council Officials suggested that it be referred to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). Cllr. McGinley has been in ongoing correspondence with the HSE since then. They are carrying out an analysis nationally on the provision of AED's. Their last reply on 13 August stated:

" The Spatial Analysis is on-going. It is a study that will require detailed analysis on a region by region basis. For this reason the study will be on-going over the coming year. The role of the HSE will be directed by the Sudden Cardiac Death Implementation Group and ultimately the Spatial Analysis Study will form priority areas."

It is Cllr. McGinley's view that we cannot await the outcome of a National Spatial Analysis. Action is needed now and John has submitted the above motion to try and get the appropriate action.

Reduce Threat of Global Warming and Save Money at the Same Time

Global warming due to the increased emission of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) has been a concern of most of us for some time. A simple way to begin to reduce carbon emissions is to have Solar Panels installed on the south facing roofs of all new houses at construction stage. This would be fairly inexpensive and the pay back time for the householder would be only a few years, whereas the pay back for humanity would be everlasting. Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council :

"That this Council takes whatever steps that are necessary to ensure that all new houses constructed in the county includes solar panels in their design in order to reduce carbon emissions and to reduce energy costs for the homeowner."

New Minister Further Delays Implementation of Town Council Status for Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley has expressed his anger at the further delay imposed by the Minister for Environment in allowing for the establishment of New Town Councils in towns with a population in excess of 7,500 people as allowed for under the Local Government Act 2001, with the Minister now embarking on a Consultative Process on Local Government Reform.

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In response to a Parliamentary Question from John's colleague, Deputy Emmet Stagg, the Minister stated that a Green Paper on Local Government Reform would be published before the end of 2007 and a White Paper would follow in 2008. The Minister concluded by stating that those parts of the Local Government Act 2001 which have not yet commenced will be considered as part of the reform process.

Cllr. McGinley stated that there was no reason in the world why the Minister could not proceed under the existing Act and allow New Town Council's to be set up and described the Ministers Consultative process as a smokescreen to prevent the setting up of new Town Council's.

Cllr. John McGinley has made a submission in support of Town Council status for Maynooth.

In his submission Cllr. McGinley pointed out that Maynooth had a population of 11,746 according to the 2006 census.

The people of Maynooth have been looking for Town Council status for the town for the last 18 years.

Maynooth is unique in Ireland in that it is the only town in Ireland with a University. Indeed it has two, NUIM and St. Patrick's College.

Maynooth is also unique in that boundaries for the Town Council were agreed with the County Manager and were sent to the then Minister Mr. P Flynn and published in *Iris Oifigiúil* on May 1st. 1990. Negotiations on the boundaries were carried out by Maynooth Community Council with the County Manager over a prolonged period and Cllr. McGinley had the honour of being Secretary of the Community Council during that period.

For historical reasons much smaller towns than Maynooth have their own Town Councils. These include Kells in Co. Meath, Population 2,139, Bantry in Co. Cork 3,300, Kilkee in Co. Clare 1,328 and Mhuinebeag in Co. Carlow 2,545

Traffic Signals at The Straffan Road/Main Street Junction, Maynooth

At the Leixlip area Committee meeting on 21st September Cllr. John McGinley got the following reply to his motion:

"That the Green Time for traffic turning right from the Straffan Road onto Main Street be increased to take account of Doctors Lane being made One Way."

"The timings of both the traffic signals at Straffan Road junction and the Garda station/Leinster Street are co-ordinated and an increase in the maximum

green time on one approach will result in problems occurring at the adjacent junction.

Currently, the signals are vehicle actuated which means that if the volume of traffic approaching the junction warrants the maximum green time, then it will extend to its maximum timing.

The Senior Executive Engineer (Traffic Section) is currently working to progress the introduction of a fully adaptive signalling network in Maynooth. This extension to the scoot system will result in closer co-ordination and will negate the need to tinker with timings as these would be set automatically by time of day and volume of traffic at all junctions in the town centre.

The junction will be monitored in the meantime to ensure that the changes to Doctor's Lane do not result in a significant adverse impact on the safety of road users."

In relation to the third paragraph of the reply Cllr. John McGinley made the point that because the traffic turning right at the Square junction at peak times is backed up to the Glenroyal junction it is not possible for any traffic to be at the lights turning left at The Square i.e. they are stuck at the Glenroyal junction. This means that the signals cannot be actuated by the vehicles.

John also asked that the new left turning lane from Main Street to The Straffan Road (at Brady's Pub) as called for in the grant of Planning Permission for the new TESCO, without any trees being removed, be constructed before TESCO begin work on the new stores.

Footpath Between TESCO and Blacklion Road

Cllr. McGinley has been advised that this work will be carried out before the end of October.

Walls at Pound Park/The Green and The Small Pound

Cllr. McGinley has been advised that costings for this work are being sought and will be presented to the November meeting of the Leixlip area Committee.

"Tone Zone" Fitness Opportunities for Citizens of All Ages

During a State visit to China, President Mary McCleese noticed grown-ups of all ages, exercising in parks,

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using what looked like playground equipment. She was fascinated by the positive impact this outdoor exercising had on people's daily life.

When she returned home, President McAleese discussed what she had seen with Mary Nall, Third Age Centre, Summerhill, Co. Meath. As a result, with support from the Mid-East regional Authority, Irelands first "Tone Zone" in Dunshaughlin Park was Officially opened by President McAleese on 28th September and Cllr. John McGinley was present as a member of the Mid-East Regional Authority. The next "Tone Zones" will be developed in Counties Kildare and Wicklow and as a result Cllr. McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

"That the surplus specialist outdoor gym equipment from the Tone Zone, Dunshaughlin Park, be installed at the Harbour Field, Maynooth, adjacent to the Children's Playground."

The "Tone Fitness Corner" concept is aimed at providing opportunities for citizens of all ages, to exercise and improve their overall fitness. Robust, attractively painted exercise machines are designed to be used outdoors in all weathers. Simple to maintain, the equipment can be located in playgrounds, public parks, outside residential developments, in nursing homes - even on street corners. The idea is that people passing can spend a few minutes limbering up as they go about their business. More organised groups, including older peoples groups, can use the machines to carry out more intensive exercise programmes.

Cllr. McGinley believes that The Harbour Field, next to the Children's Playground would be an ideal location for County Kildare's First Tone Zone. In addition the ICA Hall, where the Senior Citizens sometimes meet, is very close by.

The Tattoo Premises on Main Street

Cllr. John McGinley sent the following letter to the Council on 27th September:

"This premises has solid shutters on the exterior of the Shop front. This is contrary to The Maynooth Development Plan 2002. Section 4.3.5. states:

"The use of external roller shutters and the permanent removal of shop fronts leaving the shop open to the pavement, are unacceptable. Security shutters should be mounted behind the window glazing, be of the open grille type and colour to blend with the overall shop front."

The National Tidy Towns Inspector stated in this years report:

"The Tattoo premises uses solid shutters which are unattractive and have a detrimental effect on the streetscape."

Accordingly, I would appreciate if you asked the shop owner to comply with the Maynooth Development Plan."

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Editorial Dec. 07/ Jan. 08

October has proved to be a busy month for the town of Maynooth but also for the Community Council and briefly I would like to give a quick run down on what has been happening at Community Council level.

1. The Community Council responded to an invitation from the Minister John Gormley to make a submission on Local government and from our point of view, in particular our desire to be appointed Town Council status. The Minister will be publishing a Green Paper on the issue before the end of December and thereafter a White Paper which we hope will result in the reform of local government leading to Town Council status for Maynooth.
2. In October, the Department of Transport responded to a letter from the Community Council in which we asked for a meeting to discuss the sad absence of parking facilities in Maynooth. A 3 man delegation met with officials from the Department of Transport and the meeting was very useful from the point of view of clarifying the existing position with regard to funding and identifying present and future needs for parking in Maynooth. Basically, the Dept. of Transport has not renewed proposals in front of them yet, seeking funding of any description for the provision of an underground car park at the Harbour Field. Obviously, funding can only be considered when such a proposal has been received by the Dept. Neither Kildare County Council Iarnrod Eireann have forwarded such a request or proposal to date.
3. On November 12th the Community Council held a special meeting at which all our public representatives were invited to discuss topics of concern and interest to the residents of Maynooth. The meeting was a great success in terms of strengthening the relationship which should exist between the Community Council and all our public representatives irrespective of any political persuasions. It is proposed to hold similar meetings regularly each year so that aims and plans can be formulated and progress measured in an ongoing way to focus on and to ensure the best achievements for Maynooth. The meeting was positive, interesting and very informative and the community councillors went away feeling energised and with a sense of direction.

I would like to wish all our readers a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Brid Feely
Editor

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

The November meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on 12th November in the Glenroyal Hotel.

This was a very special meeting of Maynooth Community Council as our four local TDs Bernard Durkan, Aine Brady, Emmet Stagg, and Michael Fitzpatrick were in attendance, as were our local Councillors, John McGinley, Paul Kelly. Chairperson Brid Feely welcomed all to the meeting. She said she was sure that there would be no branding of political parties and that all here would work for the future and good of Maynooth. We are here to get things done. She also commented that she hoped that such meetings would continue throughout the year and that all present would attend.

Topics:

- **Social amenities – Community Centre and Geraldine Hall.**
- **Town Council Status.**
- **Services – Library services, Litter services.**
- **Garda enforcement and presence - Enforcement of byelaws with regard to drinking in public places, more visible presence of Garda, Community policing initiative in Athy.**
- **Co-ordination services for new Developments - provision and proper planning for schools, roads, crèches.**
- **Communications - Lack of information from the Council with regard to Maynooth.**

Social amenities– Community Centre and Geraldine Hall.

Terry Nealon (Maynooth Arts Forum) said that they had sent two submissions to Kildare County Council and had received no reply. He said that they put on four productions each year. There is nothing in Maynooth for the Arts at present, he felt that every thing was pub based. He asked the panel for their view and likely developments in this area.

Cllr John McGinley said that the 2002 Development was now up for renewal and that Maynooth Community Council was very involved also that he gave information at these meetings. This is part of the Harbour Field Action Plan. He said there is no project management team in place and that consultants have to be brought in. It's very important that all development in the Harbour Field area goes ahead as one major development and not in a piecemeal way.

Cllr Paul Kelly said that a lot of work was going on here also he had met with new County Manager to see where all this is heading, he also said that

Maynooth is relying heavily on schools as venues etc. and that this is not right. He felt that things will start happening, and one area on the market will have a big influence on the plan. He said that the four Councillors will be pushing this.

TD Emmet Stagg commented that TDs have no say in the matter but that funding is available and we should be able to get assistance. He said that Maynooth Community Council wanted this passed last March and its going to happen soon.

TD Bernard Durkan said the new County Manager will have Maynooth well in his favour, and that funding is available. He said that Maynooth Community Council is the driving force on this.

It was noted that Developers are driving all this as well, so it is being pushed very hard.

Paul Croghan said that An Board Planála could have a say on this and that we should be careful. He also said that Maynooth failed to get funding on services to the Community project.

Maynooth Community Council would propose to be the Anchor tenant and funding will be most important. Deputy Emmet Stagg said that we should look at all funding that is available.

Cllr Paul Kelly commented that the new County Manager has a Pro-active approach to funding renewal and would be looking favourably on the North/East area of Kildare. He said that we are all at the mercy of An Board Planála and its important that all are in agreement on this.

Deputy Aine Brady said there is a drastic lack of facilities in the area and that she would fully support the project. However she was not sure that the Geraldine Hall could support a full Drama and Arts Project.

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick said this was his first time at a Maynooth Community Council meeting and he congratulated the Council on the work that they are doing and its all to Maynooth's gain. He promised that he will do whatever he can to help this project.

Town Council Status

Paul Croghan said that he felt that Maynooth was being disadvantaged by not having Town Council status, and he asked who on the panel supported this. Deputy Aine Brady said that she felt that Minister John Gormley would be issuing a green paper on this and had noted our submission on this also.

Deputy Emmet Stagg said that the Ministers response, was "that its on review", the same as it was ten years ago,

The Council has written to Minister John Gormley on this. Cllr Paul Kelly said that the new Minister on the development he is fully in support of Town council status for Maynooth.

Cllr John McGinley said that the green boundary areas have being agreed and that this is very significant, but

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however felt that it was unlikely that any new Town Councils would be formed.

Chairperson Brid Feely said that this was a hugely important issue for Maynooth and we will continue to pursue the prospect of Town Council Status for Maynooth.

Services and Litter

Library opening times was one of the issues raised.

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick said that Breda Green County Librarian has made huge improvements to Maynooth Library.

He also said that there are plans for an over all plan for the services in Kildare.

Sean Cushan said they had a number of issues to raise. Seven Day Cleaning, more bins and Litter Wardens to get more powers.

Peter reported that on Sunday mornings the town is a disgrace. It was noted that Peter Keegan has now retired.

Tom McMullon said that there is no litter warden service in Maynooth, there are too many takeaways in the town and this adds to the litter problem. The takeaway in Greenfield was praised.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin commented that its not so much the takeaways that cause the problem it's the dirty people that don't bring home their rubbish.

There should be a separate Litter Management Plan said Cllr John McGinley. Also Cllr Paul Kelly said we should have a seven day cleaning service and to invite the Litter Warden to a meeting of the Council in Maynooth. John O'Connor noted that the town comes alive from Thursday, that's when we need the service.

Garda Enforcement

Pat O'Brien spoke on this issue. He said he has lived in Maynooth for a long time and over the past five years there has been a major deterioration in Maynooth - law and order has broken down. There has been a huge increase in population and with this we need an increase in the number of Gardaí. He asked the Deputies to bring this issue to the Minister for Justice. We need Gardaí on foot patrol and there is an urgent need for patrol cars. There is now a growing rise of disorderly behaviour. We also need more access to the Garda station. The Business Association are very pro-active RE-CCTV and are very involved on this. The Business Association would welcome Community Council support on this said Brid Feely.

Deputy Stagg said that Maynooth is in a very critical situation at the minute, with only 13 Gardaí and taking into account sick leave etc. there could only be 3 Gardaí on patrol. It was felt that the public order acts were not being used by the Garda.

Aine Brady said that she and the other TDs would be

looking for an increase in resources in Kildare. Garda presence on the street is very important. To this end we will take action together to bring this to the notice of the Minister.

Deputy Durkan felt that the makers of crime are not punished and let off with warnings, these people are giving the wrong signals to others that no action is taken and that they are getting away with it. The issue needs to be addressed he said.

Co-ordinated services for New Developments – schools, roads etc.

Colm O'Cearuill spoke on the issue of a Gael Scoil for North Kildare and made the point that Maynooth would be an excellent choice. He said it is time for action and he was looking for support from our representatives.

Deputy Brady gave her full support. There has been a population explosion and she cited the BNS need for an extension now, which was not expected for some time yet. She said that there is a demand for a second school in North Kildare. She said the fight is very much on for this facility in North Kildare.

Deputy Stagg said we should be able to work out the number of class rooms needed at any given time even if the government can't. However it seems that the Minister has other ideas on this and has made it clear that its not on. Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick said that this could be achieved with Kildare County Council, and Kildare VEC, working with the Department of Education we will get a Gael Scoil for North Kildare, and he said that there will be a lobby group forming shortly.

Communication - lack of information from Council regarding issues pertaining to the area.

Brid Feely said that we need more information on issues and perhaps we will get feedback tonight.

We need leadership from our TDs. John O'Connor asked was it possible to get information on Maynooth issues, and who are the people that make decisions on this. It was also noted that all Leixlip Area and Kildare County Council meetings are open to the public. It was suggested that the Maynooth Newsletter is a good forum and if more political parties used this and put their notes in the Newsletter each month it would be of great benefit to the public. Brid Feely suggested that we should have a better relationship with our public representatives and more meetings are needed, maybe twice a year. Brid thanked all for coming and felt that it was all very worthwhile.

Next Maynooth Community Council meeting—10th December.

PRO-Marie Gleeson.

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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Know your rights

Question:

My spouse recently turned 70 years of age and is now entitled to a medical card without a means test. Does this change my eligibility to a medical card, even though I am under 70 years of age?

Answer

Everyone in Ireland who is over 70 years of age and normally resident in Ireland is entitled to a medical card, regardless of income. This medical card covers the applicant only and does not cover dependants.

If you are under 70 years, you will still have to pass a means test to get a medical card. But in the case of a married couple where one spouse is aged over 70 years and the other spouse is aged under 70 years, the income limit is significantly increased.

The weekly assessed income limit for a married couple under 66 years of age is €266.50. This increases to €298 if one spouse is aged 66 to 69, but when one spouse is over 70, the weekly limit increases to €596.50. The limit increases again if one spouse is over 80, in which case it is €627.

These limits apply to gross income less tax and PRSI, and you can also make deductions from your total income for reasonable expenses on rent/mortgage payments, travel to work and childcare.

If you do not qualify for a medical card you may still be eligible for a GP Visit Card which allows you to visit your doctor for free. Eligibility is assessed in a similar way to the medical card but the income limits are higher.

For a GP Visit Card, the weekly income limit for a married couple is €400 or €477 if one spouse is aged 66 to 69 years. If one spouse is over the age of 70, the income limit is €895. If one spouse is over the age of 80, the limit is €940.50.

If you think you may qualify under these increased limits, you can apply for both the medical card and GP Visit Card using a single application form. You can get the form from your local health office, or you can download an application form from the Health Service Executive website, www.hse.ie.

Question

What financial assistance is available to older people to improve the living conditions in their homes?

Answer

Two new schemes have been introduced to assist older people with necessary improvements to their homes.

The Housing Aid for Older People Scheme replaces two former schemes (Special Housing Aid for the Elderly and the Essential Repairs Grant). It funds work such as structural repairs or improvements, re-wiring, repairing of windows and doors, cleaning, painting and the provision of water, sanitary services and heating.

The maximum grant available is €10,500, which may cover 100% of the cost of works. Prioritisation of eligibility is on the basis of financial need with 100% of the approved cost of working available to those with annual household incomes of less than €30,000, tapering to 30% for those with annual household income of €54,001 to €65,000.

The Mobility Aids Grant Scheme is a new scheme which will provide grants for basic works designed to address mobility problems in the home. The grant could for example, be used for the purchase and installation of handrails, stair-lifts or access ramps. It is primarily, but not exclusively, intended for older people.

The grant is available to people whose maximum household income is less than €30,000. The maximum grant available is €6,000 and may cover 100% of the cost of the works.

The Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability is a revised scheme that assists with the provision or adaptation of accommodation to meet the needs of the people with a disability.

The maximum amount of this grant is €30,000. If your household income is under €30,000, the grant may cover up to 95% of the cost of the works, tapering to 30% for household incomes of between €54,001 and €65,000. The Housing Adaptation Grant for new houses for people with disabilities has a maximum limit of €14,500.

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Question

How can I obtain a parking card so that I can use parking spaces that are reserved for people with disabilities?

Answer

Disabled Person's Parking Cards are available to people living in Ireland with certain disabilities and those who are registered blind, whether they are drivers or passengers. The parking card can be used by disability person in any vehicle in which he or she is travelling. This means that a disabled person who is being driven at different times by different people can bring the Parking Card and display it in the appropriate vehicle.

The Parking Card allows the person to park in designated areas also allows parking at parking meters and in disc parking areas free of charge. The card is also known as a European Parking Card and can be used by disabled people within the 27 member states of the EU and is also recognised in the US and Canada. This means that when you travel abroad, you can bring your Parking Card with you.

You will automatically qualify for a Parking Card if you hold Primary Medical Certificate (which exempts you from payment of VAT, motor tax and Vehicle Registration Tax). Although you qualify automatically, you must still make an application to obtain the card.

If you do not have a Primary Medical Certificate, you will need to have an application form completed by your doctor, to confirm that you meet the medical criteria and have the form stamped by the Gardai.

Application forms for the Parking Card are available from the following organisations:

- Disabled Drivers Association of Ireland, Ballindine, Co. Mayo, Tel: 094936 4045
- Irish Wheel Chair Association, National Mobility Centre, Ballinagappa Road, Clane . Co. Kildare Tel: 045 893 09

Question

I am planning to get married but don't intend to have the wedding ceremony at a church or registry office. Is it possible to get married elsewhere?

Answer

Up to now wedding ceremonies in Ireland could only take place in churches or registry offices but from November 2007 they can be held at other venues.

If you plan to have a wedding at an alternative venue in Ireland, it will need to be inspected and approved by the Health Services Executive beforehand to ensure that it meets requirements.

You will also need to ensure that a Registrar is available to solemnise the wedding. Anyone solemnising a civil or religious marriage must be on the Register of Solemnisers of Marriage which is maintained by the General Government Office.

Contact the General Register Office for more information or for details of your local Registrar: General Register Office, Government Offices, Convent Road, Roscommon, Lo-call 1890 252 076.

The General Register Office has no function in advising on, or the registration of marriages of Irish citizens that take place abroad. Marriages that take place outside the state are not normally registered in Ireland. In that case the legal validity of your marriage will depend on the laws of the country in which you marry.

If you need to get married abroad and you are not sure of the legal requirements for marriage in the country you will be marrying, contact the relevant embassy or the religious authorities in that country in advance to find out what is required.

Further information is available from your local Citizens Information Centre.

Telephone: 01-6285477

Lo-call: 1890-777-121

www.citizensinformation.ie

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A Book For Christmas

TROUBLE WITH THE LAW:

CRIMES AND TRIALS FROM IRELAND'S PAST

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Rathcoole, Saggart,
Tallaght, Westmeath
etc. etc., and include
the Paul Singer affair
with stamps in the
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This is an ideal book to dip into over the holidays. Ten stories reveal how Irish men and women got into trouble with the law, through abduction, adultery, bigamy, extortion, petty crime or through rebellion, surely a treasure of times past. The intrigue, outrageous behaviour, massive fraud, or crimes committed by a range of characters in trouble with the law is a fascinating exposure of life, all the way from Athlone to Zurich, from Australia to America. All the stories uncover something of the local, public, and private worlds of Ireland in the past through relationships between husbands and wives, rulers and ruled, buyers and sellers, clergy and laity. .

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Presentation marks Maynooth Town's achievement in winning NDSL under 14 league



Maynooth Town under 14 soccer team, which won the North Dublin Soccer League 2006-07, has been presented with a set of hooded tops to mark their achievement by their sponsors, the Newtown Inn. The presentation was made by Mr Padraig Gallagher of the Newtown Inn on Saturday, 20th October.

Mr Gallagher said that the Newtown Inn, as team sponsor, wanted to acknowledge the success of the team in 2007. He said: 'To be crowned champions of the NDSL is a great achievement and, the Newtown Inn is glad to be associated with this talented group of underage players.'

Mr Declan Byrne, co-manager of the team, thanked the Newtown Inn for its continued support of the team. Mr Byrne said 'It is important that local businesses support and encourage young people to participate in sporting activities'.

The team won the NDSL league at only their third attempt, having been formed in 2004. The team had to win the league the hard way through a play-off with St Ita's Portrane. Maynooth Town triumphed 4-0 in the play-off, to assert their superiority as worthy league champions.

Mr Derek Murray, also co-manager of the team, said that as a result of their league success, the team had since been promoted to the A division of the NDSL.

Mr Murray stated: 'This is a very competitive division and we need an even greater commitment from the team to raise their standards in the coming year. I don't think this team has reached its full potential yet and I look forward a successful year ahead.'

Also present at the presentation were parents and families of the players. Speaking on behalf of parents, Jim Walsh said 'We wish to acknowledge the commitment and talent of the team and the managers. As parents, we are delighted to see our sons progress so well on this relatively new team. We also get a lot of enjoyment from attending the matches.'

At the presentation, two of the players from the team – Adrian Dornan and Johnny Curran – displayed their league winner's trophy and medals to Mr Gallagher of the Newtown Inn (see picture right). Mr Gallagher told the players that the Newtown Inn would be happy to continue to support the team next year.

For further information on the presentation, contact Jim Walsh, 086-1518382





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Christmas Crafts & Decorations

Shooting Star Christmas Tree Ornament

A simple-to-make Shooting Star Christmas Tree Ornament.

Materials: A small piece of thick paper, felt, or other flexible, easy-to-cut material - one or two colours, * Scissors, *, Pencil, * Reinforcements (optional), * Glitter (optional), * Markers (optional), * Glue

Step One



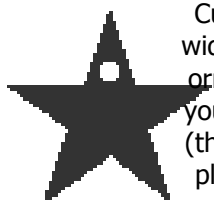
Cut a circle from the paper, felt or other material. A good circle template is a coffee mug.

Step Two



Starting at the edge, cut a spiral going to the centre of the circle. Decorate with glitter or markers.

Step Three



Cut a small star, about 1 or 2 inches wide. Make a tiny hole in the star. The ornament will hang from this hole, so you might want to use reinforcements (these are doughnut-shaped pieces of plastic used to reinforce the holes in notebook paper and are available at stationery stores). Decorate the star with glitter or markers

Step Four



Glue the star to the centre of the shooting star.

Brown Paper Christmas Stocking

Make a great Christmas stocking from a brown paper grocery bag. You can hang it from your mantle and stuff it with Christmas goodies.

Materials: Thick brown paper (like grocery bag paper) or brown felt, * Pencil, * Scissors, * Glue, * A holepunch, * Yarn* Markers or crayons

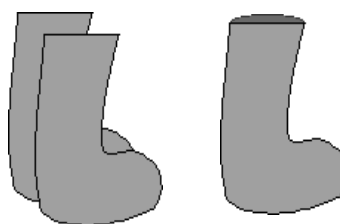
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Step One

Draw a large stocking on thick brown paper (or brown felt).

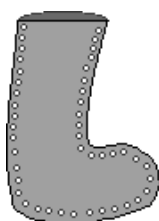
Cut out two copies of this stocking.



Step Two

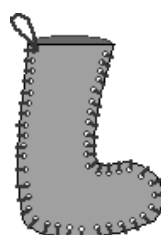
Glue the two stockings together around the edges (make sure you don't put any glue along the top opening).

Step Three



Punch holes around the edges of the stocking.

Weave yarn in and out of the holes. Leave a loop of yarn at one end, and tie it in a knot.



Step Four

Decorate your stocking with crayons, markers, stickers, construction paper cut-outs, or glitter.



Christmas Crafts & Decorations (continued)

Santa Hat or Decoration

This cute Santa Hat (or decoration) is easily made from construction paper and cotton

A large piece of red construction paper (one large, one regular size) [If you only have regular-size paper, you can use these hats as great decorations, but they will be too small to wear. You can also use a brown paper bag to make the hat, colouring it with tempera paint.] * Small scraps of black, yellow, and pink paper, * A pencil, * Scissors, * Hole punch, * Red crayon or marker, * Stapler, * Glue, * Cotton balls.



Step One

Draw and cut out a half circle from a large piece of construction paper.



Step Two

Twirl the half circle into a cone-shaped hat. Staple along the seams.



Step Three

Cut a small circle of pink paper for Santa's face. Glue it to the cone. Cut a strip of black paper and glue it to the cone as Santa's belt. Cut a small yellow rectangle for a belt buckle. Glue it to the belt.



Step Four

Glue a cotton ball at the top of the cone (the top of Santa's hat). Glue some cotton balls around the cone just above Santa's face (this is the bottom of his hat). Glue cotton balls around the face for Santa's beard.



Step Five

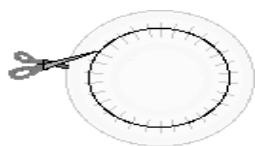
Cut out 2 tiny black paper circles using a hole punch (these will be his eyes). Glue the eyes to Santa. Draw a mouth. Now you can wear your Santa hat for Christmas!

Make a Snowman from Paper Plates

Make a cute snowman decoration using two paper plates. This makes a nice decoration to put on a door or hang in a window



* 2 white paper plates, * Construction paper (black, red) or wrapping paper, * An orange pipe cleaner (for the nose), * A short length of yarn or ribbon, * Hole punch, * Marker or crayons, * Scissors, * Glue, * Optional: googly eyes, large buttons



Step One

On one of the paper plates, cut off the outer rim, making a smaller plate.



Step Two

Punch a hole near the rim on both plates.



Step Three

Tie the two plates together, using the yarn (or ribbon).



Step Four

On black construction paper, draw and then cut out a top hat and two boots. On coloured construction paper (or gift wrap paper), draw and then cut out two mittens.

Step Five



Either glue on googly eyes or draw eyes. Draw a mouth. For the nose, cut a short length from an orange pipe cleaner. Stick the pipe cleaner through the plate to secure it (if the plate is too tough, make a tiny hole with the tip of the scissors). For the buttons, you can cut out shapes from construction paper, use round stickers, glue on real buttons, or simply draw them. You now have a cute snowman decoration!

Clubs, Organisations And Societies

An Nuadha Players—A Good Year

Another good year for the Arts in Maynooth and An Nuadha Players. A great start in January with our annual pantomime "*Robin Hood*" written and directed by our own Martin Higgins. I think this was our funniest and most enjoyable panto to date if the sounds of laughter coming from the audience is anything to go by. In March we produced a CD "*A Maynooth Miscellany*" to highlight the wealth of Arts activity in Maynooth. It proved a great success with a two pronged approach to celebrate the Arts and show the dire lack of cultural facilities in the University town of Maynooth



**Terry Nealon presents a cheque for
€3,000 to Christina Burke,
Maynooth Community Care Unit**

A big thanks to all who gave so freely of their time and talent. We produced 500 copies with all profits going to Maynooth Community Care Unit. A few discs are still available from the unit. You can also find it in the College, or the Public Library on the main street.



**John Bean with
Tatters
(real name Mary)**

Our most ambitious production to date "**The Shaughran**" was staged in June in the parish hall. A show of colour, music, fun, a great cast, and a dog (Tatters) who stole the show every night. Lots of new people joined our ranks, and again with Martin Higgins directing and choreography by Grace McGrath, the audience love the show which was a pure joy to be a part of.

In September An Nuadha teamed up with the History Group for the re-enactment of the **Flight of the Earls**. This was a great success despite the worst rainfall since Noah boarded the Ark. With the wonderful backdrop of the castle, the atmosphere and reaction from the crowd, it was a most enjoyable experience. A Historical re-enactment during the festival sounds like a good idea now that the committee are considering bringing the dates forward.



An Nuadha Players & The History Group

We are now busy in preparation for our annual pantomime "**Cinderella**" to be performed in the Aula Maxima in February 2008 (O Yes we are). On a sad note the parish hall cannot be used anymore as it is officially dangerous. It means we now have no venue in the town to perform plays. It also means the end of the excellent children's group, run by Martina Murphy, and a number of other group activities. This is a sad day for Maynooth and I hope the powers that be take note. The people of Maynooth deserve better.

Have a Happy and an Arts filled Christmas.

Terry Nealon : Chairman, Maynooth Arts Forum

December in the Garden



The month of December has most people scurrying about with a long list of 'to-dos'. However probably the last thing on anyone's mind at this time of year is working in the garden. Fortunately, the list of gardening 'to-dos' for this month is more like a list of 'do's/don'ts'.

If you have been keeping up with your gardening tasks for the last few months, you should be able to take it pretty easy this month (at least in the eye on, and a few optional things you will probably be tending to your house

This year, consider purchasing a living aren't that much more expensive than prove your landscape, and at the same into the house, water it thoroughly. Living Christmas trees should not be kept in the house for any longer than 10 days.

This year, consider purchasing a living Christmas tree for your home.

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Christmas tree for your home. They really a cut tree. This is an excellent way to im-time, save a tree. Before bringing a living tree

not be kept in the house for any longer than 10

Perennials, annuals, and bulbs

- If you potted up some bulbs, such as hyacinths, daffodils or tulips last September for winter forcing, keep an eye on them. Make sure they remain moist, and in the dark until they have established their root systems. It is possible that they have already filled their containers with roots and that the new top growth has begun. If this is so, bring them into the house and set them in a cool room, in indirect light. After a week or so, move them into bright light, and watch them go to town!
- Check on any corms and tubers which you dug up, and stored this fall. Remove and discard any which show signs of disease or rot.

Shrubs and trees

- Winter rains tend to make you forget about watering your garden. However, plants and shrubs which are growing beneath large evergreens or under the eaves of the house, may be bone dry by this time. Lack of water in the cold winter months can be fatal to many of these plants. A quick check will let you know if you need to do a little winter watering.
- If there is a sudden drop in the temperature, provide extra protection for your more tender flowering plants like Rhododendrons, Camellias, Azaleas and Daphne. You can provide temporary, emergency protection by driving in three of four stakes around the plant, and then simply covering the plant with some type of cloth, like burlap, a sheet or an old blanket. Don't let this material come into direct contact with the leaves of the plant. Remove the cover completely, as soon as the weather moderates.
- December is a good month to take cuttings of rhododendrons, azaleas, and other evergreen shrubs. The cutting should be taken from new tip growth, and kept in bright light, at about 70 degrees f.

House Plants

- Glossy leaved house plants such as Philodendrons, Rubber plants, and Palms should be sponged off periodically, to allow them to breathe.
- Plants which have fuzzy, textured, or other non-glossy type leaves should be set in the sink and sprayed gently with room temperature water, until the dust is cleaned away. Be sure that the foliage is allowed to dry completely.
- Provide your house plants with extra humidity by grouping plants together, or by setting the pots on leak proof trays filled with moistened pebbles.
- If you successfully kept last years plants alive, and have been keeping it in 14 hours of darkness since September, your Poinsettias and Christmas cactus should be ready bring back into the living room by December first. With the proper care, these Christmas plants will remain beautiful for many weeks.
- They prefer to be kept on the cool side, 65-70 degrees during the day and 55-60 at night.
- Keep them in bright, natural light whenever possible.
- Keep them away from heat sources.
- Keep them out of drafts.
- Be sure to water them when they become dry.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

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ICA Notes

Great thanks are due to Intel Volunteers, who painted our hall, and did a great job. It is now looking very nice and bright inside and, can be enjoyed by all our members. I.C.A. is undergoing a revamp at the moment, with strategic meetings taking place all around the country, and the final strategic meeting will take place on 1st December in the Burlington Hotel. Thanks to guild members who collected €563.00 for "The Arthritis Foundation" at the Church gates.

Federation Craft Day is booked out.

Evelyn McKee from Prosperous Guild has been nominated as one of the "Kildare People Of The Year" for her work in The Little Way Cancer Centre in Clane. She was further nominated for "A Community Award" for the same work in a National Competition, and has actually won the award. So as you can see, I.C.A. have very talented and hardworking members.

The I.C.A. will be celebrating its Centenary in 2010 and, plans are afoot for great celebrations.

Maynooth I.C.A. will be collecting their shoe boxes for the Samaritan Purse. This venture is well supported every year and hopefully, gives great pleasure to the children who receive the full boxes of presents.

Some members attended the Kildare weekend in An Grianáin, and had a great time socially, and also doing crafts. The Competition for Wild Flowers in October was won by Margaret Houlihan, Vera Kerins and Catherine O' Reilly, and in second place Mairead Scanlon and Teresa Corcoran. In third place was Rosemary Hanley. The raffle was won by Mary O' Gorman, second Margaret Houlihan and third Mairead Scanlon.

At the November meeting Mary Deane was wished a speedy recovery. The Guild are very busy at the moment is with crafts continuing every Monday night. Unfortunately the badminton on Tuesday and Thursday has come to a standstill, as the Parish Hall is now closed down. It is hoped to get a venue somewhere else so that members can continue playing, and keep fit. The November Meeting also held a Prayer Service for the past and present members, and was organised by Eilish O' Malley, and attended by Fr. Liam Rigney. Thanks so much to Eilish who organises this for the Guild every year, and to Fr. Liam for attending.

We have our "Federation Meeting" in Rathangan on 22nd November, a Christmas Lunch on 12th December, and a Christmas Dinner in December, the date to

be arranged. "The Inter Cup Competition" is a Book-Mark in crochet, cross stitch or embroidery, and closing date for entries is February 2008.

On 8th November the Guild hosted an Open Night by Lancôme, and was enjoyed by all. The Council Meeting was attended by Mary O' Gorman in Buncrana, and gave a lengthy report on same, which in turn keeps all members in touch with what's going on, on a National level.

A new Newsletter called "Realt" has been published for the I.C.A. with all the up to date news in it. The Newsletter will be published three times a year. The I.C.A. were donated a lovely Seasonal Hamper, and will raffle it for Christmas in the Guild. The November Raffle was won by Eilish O' Malley, with Jo O' Connell in second place and Fr. Liam Rigney in third—a lucky night for the visitors.

Next Meeting will take place on Thursday 6th December at 8 p.m. in The I.C.A. Hall in the Harbour, and new members are always welcome.

Norah McDermott
I.C.A. Pro



Horoscopes



ARIES—March 21—April 20

Socially you're in demand for the holiday season. Meeting friends will help you take a trip on Friday and rekindle some old feelings. Thursday is your lucky day number 5, colour brown



TAURUS—April 21—May 21

The party season starts with a bang and keeps going on until the new year. Christmas day will be a happy one with a few surprises waiting. Saturday is your lucky day number 12, colour silver



GEMINI—May 22—June 22

Its jingle bells all the way Gemini and you will have a joyous and merry time over the holiday period. We wish you and yours all the best. Friday is your lucky day number 16, colour yellow



CANCER—June 23—July 23

You may find yourself away from home and family just before Christmas, but still the season brings warm thoughts of years gone by as the season draws near. Monday is your lucky day number 56, colour green



LEO—July 24—August 23

Its all things left to the last minute for Christmas Leo. Don't worry things should work out alright. Be careful not to over do it. Sunday is your lucky day number 67, colour peach



VIRGO—August 24—Sept 23

The next few weeks will be very busy both at home and at work. Come Christmas you will be ready to take things a little slower. Thursday is your lucky day number 78, colour indigo



LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23

It's time you thought of yourself for a change. You'll be very busy this week sorting out everything and making plans for the holidays. Wednesday is your lucky day number 89, colour gold



SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22

You'll be happy when the holiday season is over. Christmas day will find you at home with loved ones and is easily the best day for you over the holidays. Monday is your lucky day number 44, colour white



SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21

Having a good time is not the only thing Christmas brings. The new year also has some good news in store so this is your time to enjoy. Saturday is your lucky day number 73, colour blue



CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20

All goes to plan and friends and family turn out with some surprises. Enjoy the time and the moment. Sunday is your lucky day number 90, colour pearl white



AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19

Big changes are on the way and you will have to run to keep up. Its up to you to get moving and get ahead. Tuesday is your lucky day number 55, colour black



PISCES—Feb 20—March 20

The magic of Christmas has come early. Over the next few weeks things will seem like a dream, enjoy the season and all that goes with it. Monday is your lucky day number 32, colour navy blue



**MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR**



Clubs, Organisations And Societies

Maynooth Tidy Towns

Our November meeting was a planning one looking at immediate work such as planting bulbs for flowering in the spring which committee members have done since the last meeting. We also looked at some long term projects—2008 is the 50th anniversary of the first tidy towns competition.

We hope to make a huge effort for this anniversary but will be dependent on you dear reader. Can you help us in some way?

Every member of Maynooth Community can help by giving some time to your community.

We will be organising meetings with residents' associations, businesses, schools etc. EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Happy Christmas to you all and thank you for your support.

Paul Croghan,

Pro Maynooth Tidy Towns



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Maynooth Tidy Towns (continued)





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125 Chambers Park Kilcock.

Immaculate 3 bed end of terrace, standing on a corner site in this renowned development. This property boasts bright and spacious living accommodation & has been well maintained by its current owner. A.M.V. €330,000



Cooligmartin, Donadea Co. Kildare
Exceptional newly built 4 / 5 bed detached dormer bungalow standing on circa 0.5 acre site with an airy atmosphere particularly fine well proportioned accommodation, enjoying the benefit of secluded garden with a South Westerly rear aspect. Geo thermal under-floor heating & electrified gates are just 2 of the many very fine features this property has to offer. A.M.V. €750,000



1283 Highfield Park, Kilcock.

Introducing to the market an upgraded 3 bed end of terrace house, with access to rear suitable for car parking. Highfield Park is a peaceful and well established development, situated close to the new M4 intersection. A.M.V. €270,000



Baconstown, Enfield, Co. Meath.

Delightful 4 bed detached bungalow on 1/4 acre of maintained gardens with south facing decking to the rear, situated only 10 mins. from the M4 intersection & Enfield Train Station. A.M.V. €530,000



13 Hillview Heights, Clane

Excellent 4 bed semi-detached residence, with a large side entrance suitable for construction of garage & driveway to accommodate up to 3 cars. Set in a quiet cul-de-sac of this mature estate, ideally located only a short walk from Main Street, Clane. A.M.V. €385,000



Brannackstown, Longwood

Truly magnificent newly built 5 bed family home, circa 3,000 sq. ft., complete with detached garage & stables. The property just new to the market, stands on an excellent site of circa 1.7 acres. A.M.V. €800,000



Coole, Kilcock, Co. Meath.

Exceptional bungalow situated on circa 0.6 acres, located adjacent to Coole post primary school. Only 5 miles from the M4 intersection at Kilcock & 2 miles from Summerhill village. A.M.V. €565,000



10 Donadea House, Lyreen Manor, Maynooth.

Luxurious 2 bed apartment, situated in an unrivalled location in the heart of the university town of Maynooth, enjoying pleasant views of the historic castle. No 10 is the ultimate choice for modern living combining style & flair with the finest of features. A.M.V. €310,000



47 Chambers Park, Kilcock

This immaculate 3 bed end of terrace comes in showhouse condition throughout, having been luxuriously decorated by its present owner. No 47 is ideally located, ending a quiet cul-de-sac, positioned towards the left rear of the development boasting a quiet tranquil atmosphere. A.M.V. €335,000



6 Brayton Park, Kilcock

Immaculate 4 bed semi-detached home located in 'Brayton Pk'. A newly built development adjacent to the M4 motorway. A spacious property boasting c.1250 sq. ft. A.M.V. €395,000

Simple Christmas Recipes

Easy Mince Pies

Ingredients

350g/12oz Cream Plain Flour
225g/8oz Butter (at room temperature)
125g/4oz Golden Caster Sugar
1 jar Mincemeat
1 small Egg (beaten) - for brushing
Icing Sugar for dusting

Method

Preheat oven to 200°C/400°C/Gas 6. Lightly grease two bun trays.

Place flour into a large mixing bowl. Rub in the butter, then mix in the sugar. Bring the mixture together to form a ball! Do not add any liquid, keep bringing the dough together and it will form a ball.

Press small sized pieces of pastry into each section of two patty tins. Put a teaspoon of the mincemeat into the centre.

Take slightly smaller pieces of pastry than before and pat them out between your hands to make round lids, big enough to cover the pies. Top pies with the lids, pressing the edges together to seal. Brush with the beaten egg.

Bake for about 20 minutes until golden. Leave to cool in tin for 5 minutes, then remove to a wire tray.
To serve, dust with icing sugar.



Simple Christmas Cake

Ingredients

225g/8oz Cream Plain Flour (sieved)
175g/6oz Margarine
225g/8oz Dark Brown Sugar
375g Sultanas
375g Fruit Mix
100g Cherries
Rind and Juice of one Orange
3 Large Eggs
100g Chopped Mixed Nuts
100g Ground Almonds
1 teaspoon Mixed Spice
2 baby bottles of Brandy

Method

Put margarine, sugar, fruit, rind, juice and one baby bottle of the brandy into a large saucepan. Slowly bring to the boil, stirring occasionally, until the margarine has melted.



Turn off heat and leave to cool for approx. 30 minutes. Meanwhile pre-heat oven to 140°C/275°F/Gas 1 and line an 8"/20cm round deep cake tin with greaseproof paper.

Stir the eggs, nuts and ground almonds into the fruit mixture and mix well.

Finally, stir in the sieved flour and mixed spice.

Spoon the mixture into the tin and smooth it out evenly - the back of a metal spoon dipped in water is handy for this!

Bake for 2 1/2 - 3 hours approx. After 2 hours, cover with paper if cake is browning too quickly. To check the cake is done, insert a skewer into the centre - if it comes out clean, the cake is cooked.

Make holes in top of warm cake and pour over remaining brandy.

Leave cake in tin to cool completely.

When cold, wrap in greaseproof paper and then tinfoil. Store in a cool dry place.



Quick Christmas Pudding

Ingredients

50g / 2oz Self Raising Flour
125g / 4oz Brown Sugar
125g / 4oz Margarine
2 Eggs
1 teaspoon Cinnamon
1 packet (375g) Fruit Mix
1 tub (100g) Cherries
125g / 4oz Breadcrumbs
300ml / 1/2 pint Stout

Method

Beat margarine and sugar together, add the eggs and mix well.

Stir in the flour and cinnamon, next add the fruit and cherries. Mix well.

Finally, add the breadcrumbs and stout, stir well.

Cover and allow to stand overnight.

Next day, transfer to a greased 1 litre / 2 pint pudding bowl.

Steam for about 6 hours.

To steam pudding in oven

Preheat oven to 150°C / 300°F / Gas 2.

Put two long strips of tin foil crosswise on work top.

Place roasting tin on foil.

Sit pudding bowl into the tin and fill with boiling water to within 1" of the top of tin. Quickly bring the foil around to form a parcel, which should be airtight to prevent any of the steam escaping.

Steam for 6 hours.



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Castledawson, Maynooth**

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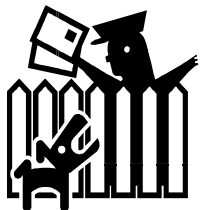
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<https://www.amazon.co.uk>



Shop Online Safely

How to pick trustworthy online retailers and avoid scams

Millions of people buy online every day without any problems. With a bit of commonsense and knowledge, you can avoid problems with ecommerce. Many tips on buying on the internet are the same as for buying from a shop, such as:

- Shop around. That great deal might well be on offer somewhere else - and cheaper. Use shops and services you know about - or ones that have been personally recommended to you.
- Take into account the shipping, postage and packing costs. Weigh them up against the parking and travelling costs you would have to pay if you went to the your favourite store. All reputable websites will give details of their postage charges.
- Also be aware that VAT is charged on certain items such as CDs. Books are VAT free.

Risks

- Buying goods that aren't delivered.
- Goods which don't match the description.
- Delays and hassles with online purchases.
- Poor after-sales service.
- Misuse of your credit or debit card details.



Deal with reputable sellers

Pick good sellers, especially when buying from private individuals.

How to pick good sellers

In auctions or other situations where you are buying from a private seller:

- Look for a seller with a good reputation from other buyers.
- Check out the description of the item for sale – is it clear, detailed, honest? For example, does it mention minor flaws as well as features? Does it look unique or copied straight from someone else's catalogue?
- Ask the seller questions and see how promptly they answer.
- See if the seller is selling other items and what they are. This might indicate if the seller is consistent in their descriptions and in how they describe themselves. In particular, look for a seller who will take payment using a secure payment method which offers recourse should something go wrong.
- Will the seller accept a variety of payment methods? This is better than someone who will only accept cash or instant cash wire transfer.
- Prefer sellers with clear returns policies and shipping charges.
- Look for other signs of trust such as regular or power sellers, who may have a reputation that they are keen to protect. Also look for sellers who have taken steps to prove their identity to the auction site or who offer a recognised dispute mediation process.

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Local Useful Telephone Numbers

Name	Details	Telephone No.
A.C.R.A	National Association of Resident Associations Contact Michael Quinn, 3 Laurence Avenue, Maynooth	6285258
ADULT CEILI AND SET DANCING	Contact: Rita Doyle	086-2862475/ 6286169
AN NUADA PLAYERS	Contact: Terry Nealon	086-8068068
BRIDGE CLUB	Contact: Joan Howard Williams	6289239
CASTLE COMMITTEE	Contact Tony Bean Sec. Gerald & Joan Howard Williams, Carton Demense	087-949459
CASTLE KEEP ART GROUP	Contact: Susan Durack Sec.	6289349
CHIROPRACTORS	Dr. Linda Finley-McKenna Dr. Liam Harkness	6285962
CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTRE		6285477
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I.C.A.	Contact: Norah Mc Dermot	6244695
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LARAGHBRYAN CEMETRY COMMITTEE	Contact: Breda Holmes, Barrogstown, Maynooth Sec. Helen Johnson	6289757
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POST OFFICE		6286259
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ROYAL AMENITY AND RESTORATION GROUP CANAL	Office Contact: Mark Kennedy, 83 Maynooth Park Maynooth	6290980 6286443
SCHOOLS	Boys' National School Presentation Girls' Primary School Post Primary School Scoil Ui Fháich	6293021 6286034 6286060 6290667
SCOUTS	Catholic Boys Scouts of Ireland Contact: Johnny Dowling	085-1017492
SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE	Contact: Patricia Cusker, Silken Vale, Maynooth. Josie Moore, Greenville, Straffan Road, Maynooth.	087-2982455
SOCCER CLUB	Contact: Seamus Thompson Sec. Pat Moynihan	086-8564590 087-9078861
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TIDY TOWNS	Contact: Paul Croghan	6286079
U3A	Maynooth Town Library	6285530
VIOLENCE IN THE HOME		1800-341-900
YOUTH FOROIGE CLUB	Contact: Sheila Hawthorne	087-1339051

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- Be more cautious with sellers who have recently changed their identity.
- It's your money. If you get a bad vibe from a seller, just walk away.
- With some overseas sellers, you may not get the same consumers' rights that you have in the EU and there may be duty and VAT payable on imports.
- Look for evidence of a physical address and telephone contact details.
- Don't judge a person or company solely by their web site.
- Be especially cautious when buying from overseas companies.
- Check sellers' privacy policy and returns policy.

Use an appropriate, safe means of online payment to get some protection against non-delivery.

Use a secure website

- Make sure you use a secure web site to enter credit card information. Look for a **padlock** symbol beside web address which itself should begin with '**https://**' If you get a warning about a certificate be very cautious indeed. However, the padlock is not an absolute guarantee of safety and it says nothing about the business's ethics.
- Click on the padlock to check that the seller is who they say they are and that their certificate is current and registered to the right address. Don't be fooled by a padlock that appears on the web page itself. It's easy for conmen to copy the image of a padlock. You need to look for one that is in the window frame of the browser usually (Internet Explorer) itself.

Beware scams

- If a deal looks too good to be true, it probably is. Cross-check information on the internet and see if anyone else has had problems.
- Beware of work from home scams which promise easy profits but never pay.
- Buy from reputable companies. Be extremely wary of anything that is offered in an unsolicited or spam email.

Protect Your Password. Make it difficult to guess.

- If using a public computer (such as in a library or Internet cafe always log out when you've finished.

- Keep your passwords to yourself. Anyone who knows your password can access your account. Do not write down your passwords.
- When creating a password, use at least eight characters—a combination of letters and numbers is best. Do not use dictionary words, your name, your partner's name, your e-mail address or other personal information that can be easily obtained. You should change your password frequently. Avoid using the same password for accounts on different websites.

Check your seller's feedback

- Always check a seller's feedback history prior to ordering an item from them. Feedback is the most important indicator of a seller's overall quality. Look for clues within a seller's feedback that indicate the following: Ability to fulfill and dispatch orders in a timely fashion; willingness to resolve transaction disputes; an indication that the quality of the products dispatched matches the description supplied by the seller.

More Info

Below are some useful websites if you need further information on secure online shopping:

- **www.consumerconnect.ie**
- Download the European Consumer Centre's shopping online leaflet [PDF 400K] http://www.eccdublin.ie/publications/leaflets/subject_guides/shopon.pdf
- Read the Revenue Commissioners' leaflet explaining import charges on goods bought online <http://www.revenue.ie/index.htm?/leaflets/pn1882.htm>
- Check eConsumer.gov's list of consumer agencies in other countries. http://www.econsumer.gov/english/contentfiles/country_about-contact.html The website also explains ways to resolve problems against online traders based abroad.

In the end it comes down to using your head and not taking risks with the unknown. Happy, safe shopping.

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Girls Glow in Glory

Maynooth Town FC first ever Girls Team victorious in debut match

Who will forget the eruption of cheers in every corner of Ireland when Ray Houghton put the ball in the English net? Those cheers could be heard echoing around Maynooth Town on Saturday morning, when Becky Gisbey scored the first ever goal for the newly formed Girls Under 12's team, who then went on to win their match 3 -1 against W.F.T.A. For the Club it was a historical day and for the girls it was, hopefully, the beginning of a successful season in the NDSL Ladies League.

It was a crisp, but sunny, Saturday morning, when the girls lined out for the first time, in their brand new white and black strip to who had travelled The first 10 minutes both teams sought and find their feet, have been a nerv-first match. How-fifteen minutes broke from midfield Gisbey who took put it passed the Cheers erupted on Maynooth Town supporters cele-ever goal.

W.F.T.A. came right home side, but defending by ney and Jane Finne-them from scoring. passing, the ball



face the team from Finglas. were tense, as to settle down in what must ous and exciting ever, with almost gone, the ball and found Becky control of it and W.F.T.A. keeper. the sideline as Girls team and brated their first

Coughlan just passed the half way line. Aoife looked up, took aim and sent the ball into the back of the W.F.T.A. net. The home side was ahead 2 – 0, and once again, cheers rang out from the sideline.

In the second half, Maynooth found themselves once again under attack, as W.F.T.A. strung together a series of passed, which, but for the skills of Aoibhin Conway, M.T.F.C.'s goalkeeper between the posts would have resulted in the away team scoring. They did score a few moments later, when the ball was released from midfield and the forward for W.F.T.A. took the opportunity to reduce the score to 2 – 1. However, the gap was only narrowed for a short time as Aoife Davin's goal ensured a 3 -1 victory for Maynooth. The final whistle came at last and cheers rang out from girls and supporters alike, mixed with sound applause of appreciation for the opposition and for a match that was played in the spirit of the game.

Congratulations to Breedge Conway and Colm O'Connor, whose managerial and coaching skills have, in a few short weeks molded together a group of 24 girls meeting on a Tuesday evening to kick a ball around into a squad of football players. As only 14 players can field on any given Saturday, Breedge and Colm will play the girls on an alternate basis each week. Judging by the skills demonstrated and the obvious enjoyment by the girls, Breedge and Colm will be spoiled for choice.

Team: B.Gisbey, (Captain), A.Coughlan, S.Haughney, J.Finnegan, J. O'Connor, A.Tierney, N.Feeney, A.Davin, A.Donovan, A.Flood, A.McKeever, A.Moloney, A.Conway, L.Cooke.

Edel Hutchinson,
Secretary,
Maynooth Town FC.

Features



A Pony for Christmas



Linda was only eight years old and she wanted a pony for Christmas. It was only seven weeks away now. She was hoping that Santa would bring her a Pony for Christmas. So on Friday night she sat down and wrote her letter to Santa. Her mother said that she would post it the next day in town, when she went to do her shopping. Linda was delighted. Peggy put Linda's letter with her shopping list for shopping. Her younger brother Damien wanted Action Man from Santa. Their mother brought Damien's letter too. Damien was four years old and he wanted to visit Santa's Grotto. He knew that he would get a present from Santa and that he would come down the chimney on Christmas night. Peggy said to their dad Tom that she would bring the children to see Santa at Christmas. She had brought Linda when she was four years old. Linda got a Barbie Doll from Santa. Now she wanted a Pony from Santa.

She knew that if she behaved counting the weeks to Christmas making the cakes and pudding. She always ordered a butcher. So the next day in the morning she went to the butcher to make three cakes and would ice two of the cakes. Damien would be starting school next year so she would bring him and Linda to see Santa as a little treat. Linda had wanted to see him again. Linda was still secretly hoping for a pony. Now it was only two weeks to go so Peggy and Tom brought the kids to see Santa. The children were delighted. Linda got a jewellery set and Damien got a train set. They brought the children home and Peggy made everyone hot chocolate.



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Santa got Linda's and Damien's letter. Santa was watching how good the children were for their Mummy and Daddy. He decided to come down the chimney on Christmas night with their presents. Everything was ready. Peggy put the two children to bed and said that Santa was coming in the middle of the night. So on Christmas night Santa came down the chimney. He had a Pony in one sack and an Action Man in the other one. He put the Action Man under the Christmas tree for Damien and he put Linda's Pony out in the garden for Linda.

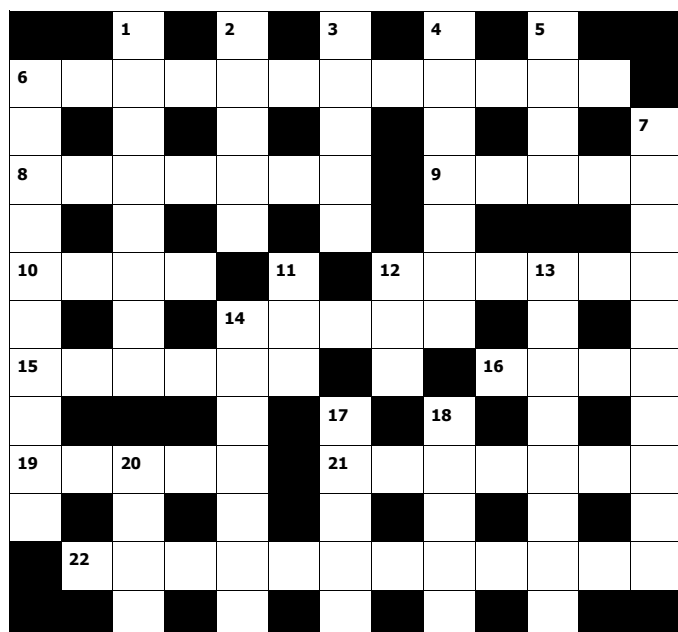
The next morning the children woke up and ran downstairs to the tree. Damien found his Action Man under the tree. Linda looked for her present but didn't see it. Then Tom said to Linda "come over and look out the window". Linda took her father's hand and went to look out of the window. Outside was a lovely Pony in the garden. "He did come", she squealed. She was over the moon. Her mother came to her and asked her did she like her present. Linda said she did. Linda went back upstairs to change into her clothes. She came bounding down the stairs and out into the garden to touch the Pony. The Pony had a lovely white coat and a long white tail. Her dad came out into the garden too. You will need a saddle so that you can get up on him and ride him.

"OH! I do love Christmas daddy". The saddle was in the shed. "Go over and look in the shed" said her father. Linda went over to the shed. She opened the door and looked inside. There was a saddle on the bench. Linda knew what to do straight away. She lifted the saddle and saddled the horse. She mounted the Pony. Her dad walked around the garden with Linda on the Pony. They would have to put him in the stable overnight. Then her dad said, "you will have to get down now and give the pony a rest. I will put him in the shed for you. And then we will go inside and eat our dinner".

Santa comes to every child.

Enda Clavin

Crossword No: 62



Entries before Friday 11th January 2008

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Across:

6. Mind specialist (12)
8. Inexperience, innocence (7)
9. Funeral hymn (5)
10. Rule of conduct (4)
12. Yearbook (6)
14. Fashion designer, Yves _ _ _ Laurent (5)
15. Food store (6)
16. Garden of delight (4)
19. Block of metal (5)
21. Dance (7)
22. Man who created a famous monster! (12)

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 this month as there
 were no correct
 entries**

Down:

1. Tube (8)
2. Impudence (5)
3. Actress, _ _ _ Hannah (5)
4. Wise (7)
5. Consumer (4)
6. Antibiotic (10)
7. WWII bomber (10)
11. Impair (3)
12. Social Insect (3)
13. Starved (8)
14. Navigation device (7)
17. Repeatedly (5)
18. Be living (5)
20. The _ _ _ From *Ipanema*, song (4)

Solutions to Crossword No. 61

Across:

1. Canopy, 3. Astute, 6. Enmity, 7. Camber, 8. Husky, 10. Quintet, 14. Derek Jacobi, 17. Obligated, 19. Suave, 20. Pliant, 21. Cudgel, 22. Dismal, 23. Uproar.

Down:

1. Crèche, 2. Petty, 4. Swami, 5. Errata, 9. Shell, 11. Utah, 12. Tibia, 13. Skye, 15. Lopped, 16. Cellar, 18. Genoa, 19. Slump.

Doodle Box

Poetry Corner

Spirit of Christmas

A season of feasting with joy
With good will in the hearts of all
Birth of a tiny baby Jesus boy
Forever in our minds is his call
A blessing spread throughout the Earth
While a little child sleeps in a manger their
Praise to our leaders birth
With companionship for us to share

Children play with their gifts galore
With much happiness in their hearts
It is of children we all adore
With love that near departs
Above this plant is a radiant sky
That never changes in time
A sprit of Christmas that will never die
While in peace the stars forever shine

Patrick Murray

Peace

Silent is the long night
Darkness with its gloomy shadow
Everything is so quite
With peace to under go
Thinking thoughts in solitude
Dreams of love and life
Tender is my youth
Contemplating without any strife

May my peace last forever
To endure pain no more
As love is my endeavour
With tranquillity in store
I pray for a peaceful mankind
For the young and old
May each heart unwind
With care to unfold

Life been a prayer of peace
For every creature on Earth
May all evil cease
Bring forward a new birth
A new world for tomorrow
Is the cry within my heart
To end all sorrow
Let peace take its part

Patrick Murray



Joy Of Christmas

Sing joy of love for Christmas time
A way of feasting of good wine
A restful way to celebrate
Birth of Jesus at Heavens gate
Sing joy to the Lord
Joy of Birth
Of this precious Earth

A time to last forever
Make God your endeavour
To look forward to anew day
Their our Baby Jesus lay
Creator of this Universe
Sing praise to our creator
A tiny child is born
For all of us to adorn
Forever more to stay
Pray for us at Christmas Day
In a manger their you lay
Stars are twinkling in the sky
Praising to an Earthly boy
To lead this world forward on
It is of you God our souls have grown
So pray for each day re-born
To praise your birth at Christmas morn
May each child born live there
Live a life of eternity

Patrick Murray

Ring Out, Wild Bells

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light;
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.
Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.-

Alfred Lord Tennyson,

Puzzles—Sudoku

Easy

	5		3		6			7
				8	5		2	4
	9	8	4	2		6		3
9		1			3	2		6
	3						1	
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Medium

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	3		9	6		1	2	
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Difficult

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	7	4	2					
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Super Difficult

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	2				9			



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Press Release from Michael Fitzpatrick T.D.

Three New Schemes being introduced by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, on November 1, 2007

1. Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme for People with a Disability
2. Mobility Aids Grant Scheme
3. Housing Aid for Older People

These (3) three schemes will replace the current schemes – The Disabled Persons Grant and the Essential Repairs Grant for the Elderly, which are administered largely by the local authorities. They assist in the upgrading of certain categories of private housing with particular emphasis on those in most need such as older people and people with a disability.

*The Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability – is available to assist in the carrying out of works that are reasonably necessary for the purposes of rendering a house more suitable for the accommodation of a person with a disability who is a member of the household.

*The Mobility Aids Grant Scheme – is available to fast track grant aid to cover a basic suite of works to address mobility problems, primarily, but not exclusively, associated with ageing, in order that recipients are not subject to delays in accessing works.

*Housing Aid for Older People – is available to assist older people living in poor housing conditions to have necessary repairs or improvements carried out. Thank you and regards

Michael Fitzpatrick T.D. 086 2706150

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MAYNOOTH BRASS AND REED BAND

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

St. Mary's Band Maynooth hold their Annual Christmas Concert in St. Mary's Church of Ireland on **Saturday 8th December at 8pm.** Thanks to the generosity of the Church of Ireland this venue has proved a most suitable location for this concert over the past couple of years and in turn the Band has been delighted to take part in their annual Christmas Carol Services.

The Christmas Concert is one of the many events held during the year by which the Band endeavours to show the people of Maynooth how valuable an asset it is to the town and how appreciative they are of the support they receive during their important fundraising flag week-ends and Christmas carol collections. St. Mary's Band is possibly the only fully active band in Kildare succeeding where much larger towns have failed. Central to this success is the ongoing need for a continuation in the raw materials required- PLAYERS - and thankfully a new batch of beginners started last September and are making very satisfactory progress, some of which will be seen at the forthcoming concert. Of course the Band always welcome experienced players to their Monday night rehearsals in the Band Hall at Pound Lane and there has recently been a degree of success with the arrival of two adult trumpet players, both of who are enjoying the experience tremendously.

Apart from the concert the Band will be making their usual appearances with Carol recitals in the lead up to Christmas as well as maintaining their unbroken Christmas morning tradition after the 11.30am Mass. For further information on all of the above please contact the Secretary, Melanie Oliver, at 0879704910.





Emmet Stagg T.D.

Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Cllr John McGinley's Motions for Consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee Meeting of the Council on 23 November:

Extending the Ban on HGV's to the Moyglare Road:

"That the successful scheme banning HGV's from Main Street, Maynooth be extended to cover the Moyglare Road in order to reduce the risk of accidents to the residents of the 620 houses on the road and the 1,500 pupils of the Secondary and Primary Schools on the Moyglare Road."

Cycle Lanes between Maynooth & Leixlip and Between Maynooth & Celbridge:

"That cycle lanes be put in place between Maynooth and Leixlip and between Maynooth and Celbridge in order to create a "Sli na Slainte" for cyclists, family spins, safe commuter routes, links for third level students etc."

CCTV System at the Harbour Field:

"When is the CCTV System being installed at the Children's Playground at The Harbour Field, Maynooth?"

The cabling for the CCTV system was installed when Cllr. McGinley succeeded in getting funding for the new public lights at The Harbour earlier this year. It is very disappointing therefore that there appears to have been no progress in installing the CCTV System. The CCTV System would be a deterrent to the illegal drinking and thuggery that is presently taking place.

Safety at Junction of Straffan Road/ Meadowbrook Link Road, Maynooth

Following requests from members of the public, Cllr. John McGinley has sent the following letter to Kildare County Council:

"At peak traffic times it is very difficult for traffic to get onto the Straffan Road from the Meadowbrook Link road. For traffic turning right it is particularly hazardous and it is even more frightening when there is traffic trying to turn right from the Straffan Road to the Meadowbrook Link Road."

I understand that wiring for traffic signals were included in the design of the new road.

However, in my view the best solution is to provide a roundabout. There is ample space as there is a Bus Turing point at this location.

If action is not taken now there will be a serious accident sooner rather than later."

Lights not Working Between Bond Bridge and the Train Station Car Park

Following requests from members of the public Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to get Iarnrod Eireann to repair the three lights that are not working and to re-erect the 6th pole in that was knocked down some time ago.

As a result of so many lights being out of order in such a short space pedestrians are rightly concerned for their safety.

Bond Bridge Project--Areas Still Needing Attention:

Cllr. John McGinley has sent the following letter to the Project Manager, George Willoughby, on 17 October:

"I appreciate that great work was carried out on this project. The following are two of the areas still needing attention:

1. *The two palisade gates still have not got the timber paneling that you agreed to last March.*

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The "green area" at Meadowbrook Lawns opposite the Site Works Compound has been left in an appalling state following the works. Prior to the Bond Bridge works the residents were able to cut the grass here. However, it cannot be cut now and is a complete eyesore and detracts from the lovely works leading to the bridge. Also, the narrow strip at the footpath in this area was never properly landscaped following the Bond Bridge works. I would appreciate if you arranged for this work to be carried out ASAP".

PS "I assume that landscaping of the Site Works Compound will be carried out shortly as well."

Proposed Introduction of Pay Parking in Maynooth

The Council agreed to Cllr. John McGinley's proposal that the Draft Proposals be deferred from publication until the concerns of the Lyreen Residents' Association are taken on board.

John has also asked that a safe traffic management system for Back Lane/Pound Lane and the Lanes leading to Main Street i.e. Double Lane, Coates Lane, Fagan's Lane and Kelly's Lane be agreed with the Lyreen Residents and that it be included in the costs of the proposed Pay Parking Scheme.

Cllr. McGinley was given the following reply to his motion at the Leixlip Area Meeting on 25 October:

"Details of the draft parking by-laws are being prepared in parallel with the development of a Traffic Management Plan by WSP consultants. Local Gardaí have been consulted regarding the draft proposals and a meeting is also planned with the Lyreen residents group as part of the preliminary consultation process.

"To assist in preparing draft proposals for public consultation of both projects, a special meeting with the Area Committee would be considered beneficial before the next scheduled area meeting."

WORK TO COMMENCE ON EXTENSION TO MAYNOOTH PRESENTATION CONVENT

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Education in the Dail in relation to progress on the required Extension to Maynooth Presentation Convent. The Minister, in response to Deputy Stagg, stated that the Board of Management of Maynooth Presentation Convent were advised to accept a tender for the

works and that it was expected that building works would commence shortly.

The Extension to Maynooth Presentation Convent consists of refurbishment works, the construction of 3 additional classrooms, 4 Resource Rooms and a replacement General Purposes Hall.

Welcoming this progress Deputy Stagg congratulated the Board of Management in finally getting the Department to sanction the building work having been delayed by bureaucracy since November 2001.

STAGG CONCERNED AT TEMPORARY CONTRACTS FOR ADDITIONAL SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPISTS

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Health in relation to the appointment of the 3 additional Speech & Language Therapists to the Kildare/West Wicklow Service as indicated to him by the HSE last August.

The HSE, responding on behalf of Minister Harney, advised Deputy Stagg that the additional therapists were now in place on temporary contracts and also indicated that a further additional post was to be filled shortly. Whilst welcoming the appointment of a further speech and language therapist Deputy Stagg expressed alarm at the indication that the 3 additional therapists now in place are on Temporary Contracts. This he stated was no use whatsoever.

Government neglect of Speech & Language Therapy, through the imposition of staff ceilings, led to a waiting list of 20 months for children to even get an assessment and to appoint temporary therapists was simply unacceptable given the serious deficiency in the existing service. It smacks of further cut –backs by this uncaring Government

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he intended to raise this matter further with the Minister for Health as the positions must be full time if we are to provide our children with the best chance of overcoming difficulties which they encounter with speech and language.

STAGG WELCOMES PROPOSALS TO INCREASE CAPACITY ON MAYNOOTH SUBURBAN RAIL LINE

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Transport in relation to the City Centre Resignalling Project and other measures to increase capacity on

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the Maynooth Suburban Line including additional carriages at peak periods.

The Minister advised Deputy Stagg that the remaining peak period services operating with 4 carriages will be extended to 8 carriages during 2008 following the reallocation of commuter railcars currently in use on the Sligo line when new intercity railcars are introduced over the coming months on the Sligo line.

In relation to the City Centre Resignalling, the Minister advised Deputy Stagg that Iarnrod Éireann are currently reviewing its plans for resignalling as part of its broader plans for the upgrade of the railway infrastructure in the Dublin area. Specifically in addition to electrification of the Maynooth line, Iarnrod Éireann intend to resignal the line and where possible, eliminate level crossings. Crossings along the line are at Blakestown, Clonsilla, Porterstown, Coolmine, Ashtown and Reillys and the most critical crossings are from Clonsilla to the City Centre. These works which are expected to be completed by 2011 would substantially increase capacity on the Maynooth Suburban Line.

Deputy Stagg has welcomed the proposals to further increase capacity on the Maynooth Suburban Rail Line and awaits final confirmation on the phasing of the works.

WAITING TIME FOR EYE TESTS FOR CHILDREN ON WAY BACK UP AGAIN

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Health in relation to the waiting time for children for Eye Tests in Maynooth and Naas Health Centres and to his annoyance that the waiting times have increased dramatically since last April.

The HSE responded to Deputy Stagg on behalf of Minister Harney, and advised that the waiting time for new referrals was 15 months for Maynooth and 12 months for Naas. This compares with waiting times of 8 months in Maynooth last April and 7 months in Naas last April.

Reacting to the response, Deputy Stagg stated that it was scandalous that this Government could not provide proper services for our children given the amount of money available to the State. When waiting times were this bad in 2006 and were highlighted by Deputy Stagg, additional child optical clinics were put in place to reduce waiting times. It is obvious from the new figures that the HSE have ceased these additional optical clinics.

In conclusion, Deputy Stagg stated that he would

raise the matter with the Minister and the HSE again by calling on them to reinstate the additional optical clinics at both Health Centres in the interests of providing the best service for our children.

STAGG CONTINUES CAMPAIGN FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC NURSING HOMES – STRONG POSSIBILITY OF SAME

Deputy Emmet Stagg has continued to question the Minister for Health in relation to the provision of additional Public Nursing Homes in Co. Kildare similar to the very successful facility located at The Harbour in Maynooth.

The HSE, responding to Deputy Stagg on behalf of the Minister, advised that there were 1,317 Extended Care Beds in Co. Kildare, with 1,055 of these in private nursing homes and 262 in public facilities in St. Vincent's in Athy, the Maynooth Community Unit and at the Drogheda Memorial Hospital in the Curragh. The HSE further added that in view of the increasing number of older persons, that additional long stay beds would be required in Kildare and that the location and capacity of the facilities that could provide these beds is currently under discussion and that it is anticipated that these additional places will be provided from the public and private sectors.

Welcoming the recognition that additional Public Nursing Homes were required in Kildare, Deputy Stagg stated that he was pleased that the HSE recognised their role and that older people were not going to be simply left in the hands of the for-profit Private Sector. It was important that a Strong Public Nursing Home System was built to provide an alternative to the Private Nursing Homes and give them competition and drive their unaffordable prices down. That would be the ideal but Deputy Stagg indicated that such a major programme is unrealistic under Harney in Health. The critical thing is to get as many additional Public Nursing Homes as we can and Deputy Stagg has vowed to continue to campaign on this issue.

UPGRADE OF N4 BETWEEN LEIXLIP AND THE M50 EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN MARCH 2009

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been in contact with South Dublin Co. Council in relation to the timetable for the completion of the Upgrade of the N4 between Leixlip and the M50.

South Dublin Co. Council have advised Deputy Stagg that the Contract for the work was awarded to Jons Civil Engineering Company, who commenced work on the 3rd September last and that the duration of the

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contract is 18 months, giving a completion target date of March 2009.

Welcoming the commencement of the work Deputy Stagg stated that it was critical that the work was well managed to ensure that existing traffic moved during the course of the work. Past experience on the N7 upgrade and works to the M50 Roundabout at Palmerstown have shown that it is possible to keep traffic moving relatively well whilst construction work is been undertaken.

Deputy Stagg stated that the N4 upgrade will bring relief to motorists from North Kildare through the Widening of the Existing Carriageway to 3 lanes in each direction and the provision of an Interchange at the Lucan/Newcastle Junction on the Lucan Bypass. The work is costing €40 Million and Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that originally the work was to be completed by 2004 but Government Cut-Backs imposed in 2002 saw it fall back to its present completion date of 2009.

STAGG PRESSES GORMLEY ON ADDITIONAL STAFFING FOR KILDARE CO. COUNCIL

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Environment in relation to his efforts to have the Public Service Embargo lifted for local authorities such as Kildare Co. Council where there has been a large rise in the population covered by Local Authorities and given the demand for Public Services placed on Co. Council's in growing areas.

The Minister advised Deputy Stagg that he was reviewing the overall employment levels in the local Government sector having regard to the need to deliver front line services and achieve value for money within the parameters of Government policy on public service employment. The Minister further advised Deputy Stagg that as part of the review, his Department is consulting the Department of Finance in relation to the current ceiling on local authority staff numbers, including increased servicing requirements in areas which have high population growth.

Commenting on the Minister's response, Deputy Stagg indicated that it smacked of similar responses from the former Environment Minister Dick Roche T.D., and he stated that it would be better for the Minister to meet the Minister for Finance face to face to argue the case rather than leaving it to Officials.

Kildare Co. Council stated Deputy Stagg is operating

at a significant disadvantage when compared with other Co. Council's as follows:

CAVAN CO. COUNCIL	1 Staff member for every 140 people
CLARE CO. COUNCIL	1 Staff member for every 131 people
KERRY CO. COUNCIL	1 Staff member for every 128 people
KILDARE CO. COUNCIL	1 Staff Member for every 227 people

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that the population of Kildare had risen by 38% since 1996 and the Public Service Embargo which has been in place since 2002 must be lifted now.

STAGG LODGES APPEAL AGAINST 4 & 3 STOREY APARTMENT DEVELOPMENT AT OLD GREENFIELDS.

Deputy Emmet Stagg and his colleague Cllr. John McGinley have lodged an Appeal with An Bord Pleanala in relation to the decision by Kildare Co. Council to grant planning permission for the development of 13 of the rear gardens of Old Greenfields Cottages, Maynooth, comprising 4 & 3 Storey Apartment Blocks.

Whilst accepting that some improvements had been made to the proposal during the planning process, Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley indicated that the proposal as amended still impacted negatively on the amenity of residents in Old Greenfields and The Crescent.

In their appeal Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley made the following points:

- They reiterated their concerns that the 4 Storey Apartment Blocks, because of their sheer scale, would be visually obtrusive for residents of bungalows in Old Greenfield's and The Crescent. The inclusion of balconies in the gable ends of the blocks facing directly into Old Greenfield's would cause overlooking and a loss of privacy.
- They pointed out that the 4 Storey Blocks would be visually obtrusive from the Straffan Road at a prominent point at the entrance to the Town.
- They indicated that a 2 Storey Block on the Western portion of the site, which includes balconies, would cause a loss of amenity for residents of bungalows directly adjoining this part of the site.
- A 2 Storey Block with developed roof space which looks directly into the rear gardens of existing houses

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in Old Greenfields and The Crescent would also cause a loss of amenity through overlooking and a reduction in privacy.

They indicated that the proposal as presented was totally out of character with the existing built environment in the area which comprises of bungalows and semi-detached bungalows.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that it is regrettable that developers continue to seek to over develop sites in Maynooth and other areas of North Kildare to the detriment of existing long established residents and he expressed the hope that An Bord Pleanala would overturn Kildare Co. Council's decision in the interests of the residents of the area.

STAGG ACCUSES GOVERNMENT OF ABANDONING CARE OF THE ELDERLY

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Health in relation to the number of elderly people in Co. Kildare awaiting admission to a Public Nursing Home in Co. Kildare and the numbers awaiting sanctioning of Home Care Packages.

The HSE advised Deputy Stagg that there were 114 elderly people awaiting admission to Long Term Beds in Public Nursing Homes in the County whilst a further 130 were on waiting lists for Home Care Packages which are a means of allowing them to live at home and receive care following discharge from Hospital.

Describing the figures as shocking Deputy Stagg stated that the Government was failing to provide adequate services for 244 elderly people in Co. Kildare and if this was the case across the Country there would be 5,500 elderly people in similar circumstances.

It all boils down to funding and priorities stated Deputy Stagg and when it comes to funding Minister's Salary rises, there is no problem but when it comes to looking after the very people who worked to build up our Economy to what it is today the Government simply could`nt care less.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg indicated that he would continue to press the Minister and the HSE on these issues until proper services were put in place for the most valued members of our Community.

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Acknowledgment

Carmel Oliver (nee Rochfort) late of Maynooth Park and Kilcock who died on 31st August 2007.

Carmel's daughters Melanie and Francesca and her brothers Jim and Tom would like to extend a sincere thank you to all who sympathised and supported us in our recent sad loss. Our thanks to Carmel's great neighbours in Maynooth Park for all their help and support during this difficult time. A special word of thanks to Dr. Michael Hanlon, the staff of the day hospital in Naas and staff of the day care centre Dunboyne Road, Maynooth for the kindness and care shown to Carmel. Thanks to the Maynooth Folk Group for their wonderful singing and support.

To Fr. Paul Coyle and Fr. Liam Rigney for the very meaningful removal mass. To the ambulance crew and Gardai for their kindness. To Oliver Reilly Undertakers for their professionalism in arranging the funeral. Thanks to everyone who travelled long distances, called to the house and attended the removal and funeral, sent mass and sympathy cards and flowers. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this as an acknowledgment of our sincere thanks.

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A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS DAY

Unit one was bright and cheerful as we all reported for duty that Christmas morning. With forty elderly residents looking forward to a special, day we were determined it would be the best for them.

Mrs. Wards son, FR. Tom, was home from South America for his first Christmas in almost thirty years and as he wished to spend the day with his mother, he had offered to celebrate Mass on the Unit for all the residents and staff.

The day room was suitably decorated. A large Christmas tree stood in one corner with presents for all underneath: a log fire burned brightly in the hearth and holly and ivy covered the sills of the big windows which overlooked a vast expanse of green.

Sheila was ninety four years old and had been with us for five years. She had been a music teacher and during her early days with us, she talked about her life. She was a widow for thirty years and never had any children. In fact, her only relative was a distant cousin. Sheila was a very private person, preferring her own company and as she had been blind for many years, she spent her time reading BRAILLE. Now, unfortunately due to progressive dementia, she was becoming more isolated and preferred to remain in her room. Her speech had deteriorated over the years and at this time she had not spoken for over a year.

I explained to Sheila about the mass and she agreed to come to the day room. She had chosen a rich red velveteen leisure suit to wear: she liked the soft feel of it and with her long white hair put up in a chignon she looked really elegant.

I wheeled her up just as Fr. Tom arrived and was greeting everyone. Before starting to robe for Mass, he put a tape into the recorder and soon the room was filled with the strains of Silent Night. My attention was drawn to the window and I saw snow falling, turning the green into a winter wonderland. Sheila's silence seemed to be reflected in the quiet beauty outside.

Mass was about to begin when suddenly the sound of "Adeste Fidelis" enveloped us all. It felt as if our hearts were lifted up. I heard a voice apart from the tape and on turning around I saw Sheila, sitting upright in her chair, an expression of pure radiance had transformed her face. Both arms were outstretched as if conducting and she sang each wonderful note perfectly. This was such a joyous experience; nobody had heard her sing before and she had not uttered a word for so long. Sheila continued to sing during the Mass (appropriately).

Sadly, I never heard her sing again, silence returned and remained. Sheila died in her sleep three weeks later. Her last Christmas gift to us all is a beautiful memory which touched our hearts.

Helena Kirkpatrick.



Aedeana

Lots of Love—Emily, Lorraine, Amy, Stephen, Mam & Dad

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Golf Society Christy Kenny Cup

Early Friday morning on 12th October, twenty one members of Maynooth Golf Society departed for Portugal. We landed at Faro Airport and were picked up and transferred to our Four Star Don Pedro Hotel in Vilamoura. The hotel accommodation and full breakfast facilities were first class.

The outing was to be played over three courses – Laguna Golf Club (Saturday 13th Oct), Old Course (Sunday 14th Oct), by far the best course, and Vita Sol (Tuesday 16th Oct).

The weather was hot but fine for golf. The first day we saw Barry Farrell and Kevin Loftus pull away from the group but on the second and third day Mick Fahey, Tom Flatley, Norm Kavanagh and Martin Shields came charging out of the pack. In the end Barry Farrell – leader on day one and two— easily took the overall win on day three at Vita Sol with a total of 93 points. We all had dinner together on the Vilamoura Maria Promenade on Tuesday night “reminiscing” on what might have happened, but Barry was the winner by a good nine points. The presentation was held in Caulfields and the Christy Kenny cup was presented by Tess Kenny.

Portugal 12-17 Octobers 2007 Christy Kenny Cup

1	Barry Farrell	93 Points
2	Mick Fahey	84 Points
3	Tom Flatley	80 Points B18
4	Norman Kavanagh	80 Points
5	Martin Sheils	79 Points
6	Kevin Loftus	76 Points
7	Tim Mullane	72 Points

Front 9: Brendan Leigh
 Back 9: Martin Deveney
 Nearest the pin day 1: Norman Kavanagh
 Nearest the pin day 2: Norman Kavanagh
 Nearest the pin day 3: Martin Maguire

Deuce: Norman Kavanagh
 Paul Murray
 Barry Farrell
 Martin Maguire



***Left to right (Winner) Captain)
Tess Kenny, Barry Farrell, Pa Conway***



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Take Part in:

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Application Form for Parade

Name of Business: _____

Organisation, Club or
Band: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Contact Person: _____

- All vehicles entering **must have a float**, preferably a **live band** with **traditional, rock or pop music**.
- HGV's, lorries or cars ***without a float will not be accepted***.
- Do you wish to do a demo (3-4 mins) at Reviewing Stand? Yes ☐ No ☐

Entrance Fee:

- Commercial Float ~ €50
- Club/Organisation ~ €20
- Bands ~ Free

The categories for which prizes will be awarded are as follows:

1 Best Commercial Float

Trophy

3 Best Band

Perpetual
Cup

**5 Best Portrayal of International
Culture**

Trophy

2 Best Club Float

Trophy

4 Best Portrayal of Irish Culture

Trophy

**6 Best Portrayal of
Environmental Awareness**

Trophy

Applications with entry fee to be sent to Community Council Office before
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