

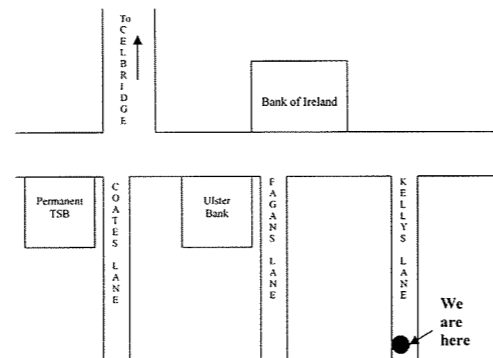
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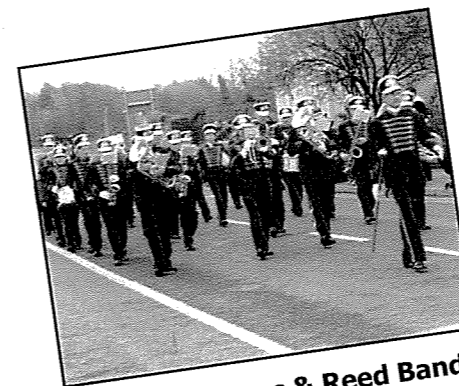


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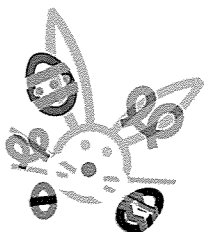
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MAYNOOTH NEWSLETTER EDITORIAL APRIL 2007

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 it's 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.

Marie Gleeson Pro



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14-15 April

If you are out and about why not look in at **the Maynooth Castle Keep Art Group Exhibition** which will be held in the **Post Primary School Maynooth** on **Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th April from 12 noon-6 p.m.**

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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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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.

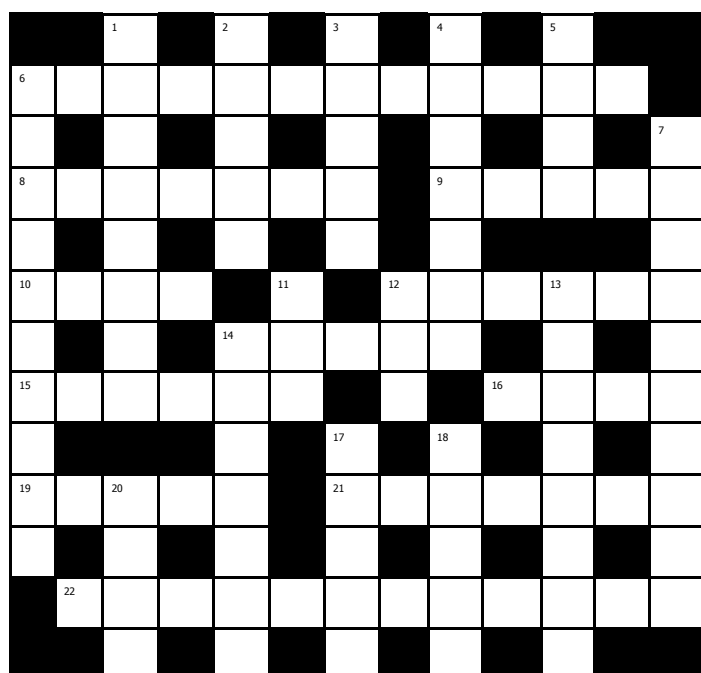
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Crossword No: 54



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Name _____

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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

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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



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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
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*Senior Golfer 2006
Albert Harrigan*



*Golfer of the year 2006
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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 may be 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!

developed into an with different nationalities humour at the expense of

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.

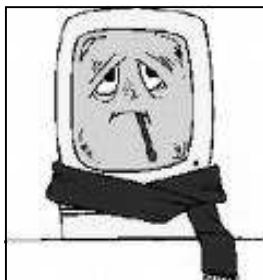


Sour smelling towels : For coloured towels pout a cup of white vinegar into the washer with the towels and detergent. Never overload the washer with too many towels, as they will not have room to agitate and clean thoroughly. Never let a washed, wet load of laundry of any kind sit in the washer for long, 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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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.

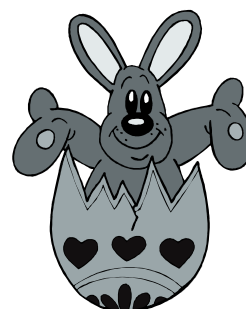
Spoon the honey mixture over the lamb. Continue roasting, basting occasionally, for about 30 to 45 minutes.

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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- 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 :

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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

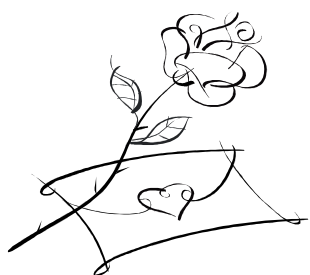


Kirsty Fitzpatrick	Leah Edwards	Aisling Wilks	Fiachra Brennan
Ellie Molyneau	Lydia Fagan	Natasha Hughes	Iseult Brennan
Mario Mathais	Dillon Tuke	Adam Dunne	David Koziel
Aidan Duffy	Jack Hourigan	Owen Yanyongo	Séan Flaherty
Grace Brennan	James Sutton	Stephen Saults	Baba Rama Mohammed

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.

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*Scoil Rince Uí Dhubhaill
(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..



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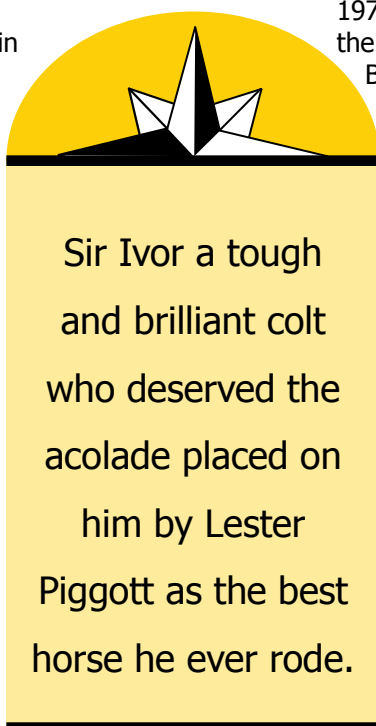
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In the world of horseracing some stars blaze for decades like Lester Piggott and Pat Eddery, others like Sandy Barclay explode in blinding light and fade almost as fast. Appointed as second jockey to Sir Noel Murless in 1967 the young 18 year Scot 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.



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



*Irish Veteran &
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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.

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Joint 2nd	Mary McNamara & Mary O'Gorman
3rd	Mary Dunne

Raffle winners were:

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2nd	Margaret Houlihan
3rd	Norah McDermott
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File Number	Applicant Name	Applicant Address	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location
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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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
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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."

April Trivia

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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.

Party Political

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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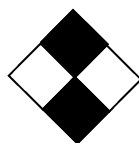


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