

# 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:

The Community Council Office,  
Unit 5,  
Newtown Shopping Centre,  
Beaufield,  
Maynooth.  
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Brid Feely  
Chairperson,  
Maynooth Community Council.

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# Maynooth Community Council Notes

The **December** meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on 11<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Eireann 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](http://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](mailto: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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# Clubs, Organisations and Societies

## Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Notes (Cont'd)

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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.

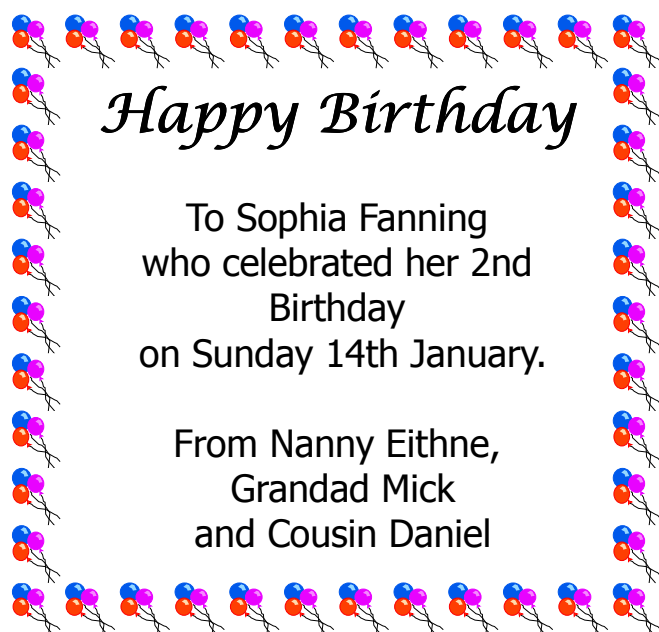
This could affect your entitlement to a State Pension (Contributory) when you retire. The amount of State Pension (Contributory) you will receive when you reach age 66 is based on the average number of yearly PRSI contributions you have paid since starting work. It is therefore important that you have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

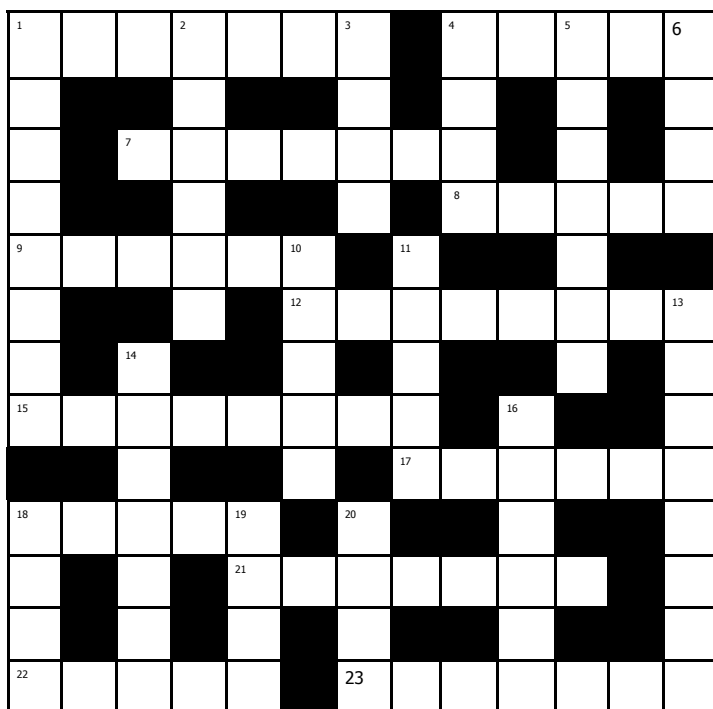
Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre.

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**Tel: 01 6285 477**



# Crossword No: 52



Entries before 16th February 2007

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Across:

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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### *Scholarship awards NUI Maynooth*

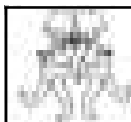


L to R David Redmond, Dean of NUI  
Maynooth & Senan Griffin  
Principal of Maynooth P.P.S



L to R Aileen Dunne, Aoife Kelly,  
Fiona Canning & Amanda Fahy

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# Gardening

**D**espite 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.



## Features

### *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 women 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.

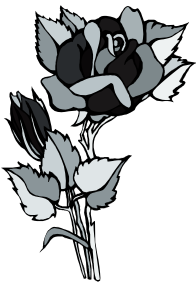
**The Birds and the Bees?**—In the Middle Ages, people began to send love letters on Valentine's Day as they believed that birds began to mate on February 14th.

#### **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!'

## Home of QuiZone

Johnstown  
Naas  
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**1½ Hour Play**  
**½ Hour Food**

**Choice of Food:**  
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**Served with chips**  
**Drink of their choice**

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**€13.00 Per Child**  
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**€14.00 Per Child**  
**And Bank Holidays**  
**Minimum of eight Children**

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**Monday to Wednesday**  
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# 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.

## Features

### *Maynooth Newsletter Reaches Russia* *A Russian Christmas*

**O**n 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  $-25^{\circ}$  to  $-30^{\circ}$  and lots of snow, the temperature only dropped to  $-6^{\circ}$  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**

**P**ost-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](http://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.

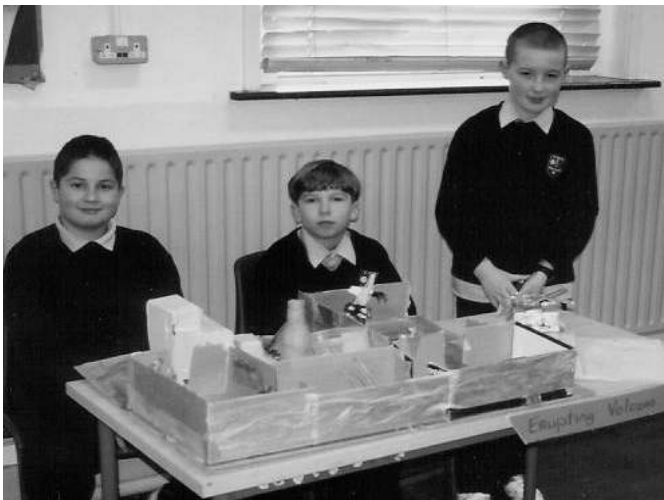
## Features

### *Boys National School Maynooth*

#### **INTEL MINI SCIENTIST EXHIBITION**

**S**hortly 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"

**H**uge 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".

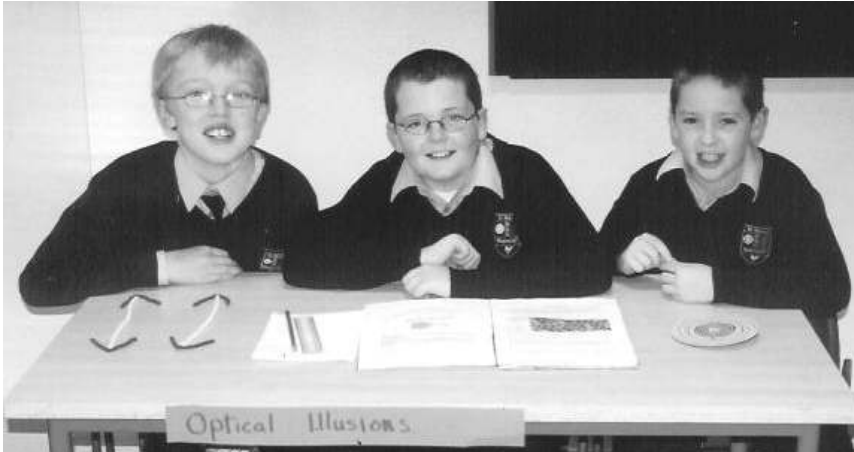


**Green Aliens: L to R Fergal Stack, Eoin Leavy, Donal Reilly & Darragh Burgess**

## Features

### *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**



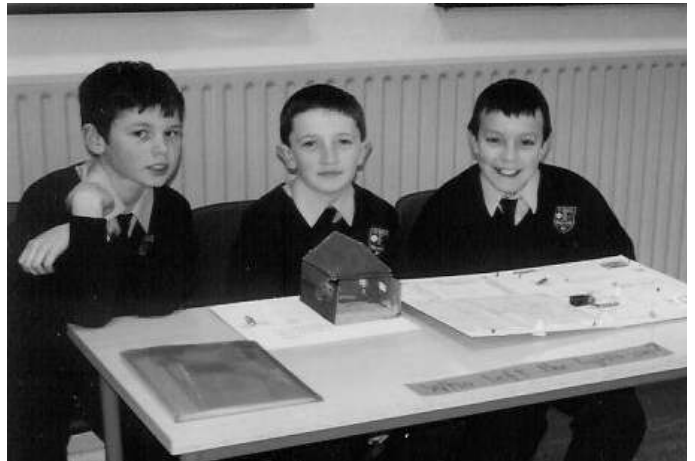
**L to R  
Michael Lloyd,  
Fawaz Oduyebu  
& Robert O'Neill**

## 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

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or check out the very interesting Maynooth Toastmasters website at [www.maynoothtoastmasters.com](http://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.

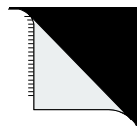
The Dance Academy has been operating successfully in Bray, Maynooth, and Mount Merrion for a number of decades and now is delighted to announce that it has just completed its first year in Edenderry having taken over the local R.A.D. School in Churchwalk.

#### 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 fraîche. 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  
Natures 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  
invited to submit applications  
For enrolment before 28th  
February 2007

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- 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 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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## Features

### *Boys National School Maynooth*

#### *Football and Hurling champions Presentation of winners medals*

**S**hortly 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.

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## *Presentation Convent Maynooth*

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

**S**hortly 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**

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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  
Shines right through your personality  
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## Features

### Maynooth Flower & Garden Club

**N**ew 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
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## **Maynooth Labour News**

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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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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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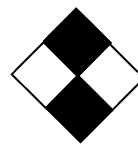
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