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Editorial

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The Community Council held our A.G.M. in June and essentially the same executive were returned. I would like to thank all those who attended on the night and showed their commitment to helping ensure we have the best Maynooth we can have to live in.

Of critical importance in the weeks and months ahead is the next Maynooth Development Plan which is being discussed and prepared for Draft form. Each Plan spans a timeframe of 5 years and so it is vital that the residents and organisations in the town meet and discuss what kind of Maynooth they want to develop in the foreseeable future.

Issues pertaining to policies on housing, retail, employment, community facilities, education, health, arts, traffic, parking, transport, amenities, environment, utilities and many many more will be drafted and eventually adopted by Kildare County Council.

Now is the time that we must think long and hard and let the Council and our Councillors know what we want and what we don't want. Such planning should not be piecemeal and neither should be superficial or "standard" - proper planning must include detailed and expert assessment of the vision we have for Maynooth longterm, planning must be strategically placed and selected and not short sighted or based on incorrect previous assessment in areas which have obviously failed in the past.

While there will be a period of time when the Draft Plan will be on public display for submissions from the public, now is the time to talk or write to the Council, the Councillors or other organisations and bodies in Maynooth and demand to be kept informed and be included in discussions in an open and transparent manner for the general good of both the residents and town of Maynooth.

**Brid Feely,
Chairperson**

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

The June meeting of Maynooth Community Council was held on the 18th June in the Glenroyal Hotel. The June meeting was also an AGM.

Chairperson Brid Feely welcomed new members Sean Andrews, Margaret Clinch, Brendan Neville, Tom Geoghengan and Seamus Thompson.

There are also a number of Estates that have not filled their quota on the Council and we would urge them to do so.

We would like to invite new Estates that have formed Residence Associations to send representatives to the Council.

We would also like to invite Clubs and other groups in Maynooth to send their representatives to the Council. This will ensure that all the people of Maynooth will have a say in what goes on in the town.

Chairpersons Report

The meeting was addressed by the Chairperson. She thanked all members for attending the meeting and for attending during the year. She thanked the existing Executive, Tom Mc Mullon, Muireanne Ni Bhrolchain, Willie Sauls, Marie Gleeson and Paul Croghan.

Brid Feely, Chairperson, reflected on the past year. She cited both the Ryder Cup and the Nissan Irish Open which would have benefited the town greatly.

The long awaited opening of Bond Bridge and the fact of the much improved flow of traffic in the town.

Action Area Plans for the Harbour and Carton were adopted and she said that these will bring much improved amenities for the town and will also have commercial and employment benefits.

We had two deputies attending the Council Area Meetings, the Tidy Towns and the Executive; this was to put forward our plans for the Theatre/Community Centre.

Brid said that this project will remain our most urgent issue for the future.

The Sub-Committees were all thanked for playing a very vital part in the Community. She thanked John Mc Ginley and Willie Sauls for an excellent Parade this year as always.

The Tidy Towns do excellent work and sometimes often thankless work for the town she said. The town benefits greatly from the work done by the Tidy Towns Committee, making sure the town looks so well. Brid congratulated the committee for their commitment to Maynooth.

The Festival Committee is working very hard to make this years Festival even better and bigger than ever. Brid thanked Andrew Mc Mullon and Marie Gleeson and the Festival Committee for all their hard work.

The Newsletter Committee do an excellent job in producing the monthly Newsletter and has improved the content and appearance greatly. The work done by the Community Council Office is first class in layout, content, and advertisements she said. The Editorial Board are now meeting on a monthly basis. A special word of thanks was extended to Peter Connell for his work done in ensuring that Maynooth has become the first designated Free Trade Town in Kildare.

Maynooth Business Association was commended upon for their contributions made to the town. They were thanked for their part in taking on the annual responsibility of the Christmas Lights; also their involvement and success in being approved for the 1st stage application for the Community Based CCTV system, which they are planning to get installed in areas that suffer particularly from anti- social behaviour.

Congratulations were extended to the successful elected T.D.s Emmet Stagg, Bernard Durkan, Aine Brady and Michael Fitzpatrick.

Secretaries Report

Muireann Ni Bhrolcháin ,Secretary, said that meetings were held every month except August. We also had new members co-opted during the year. We had several meetings with Kildare County Council on the Community Centre-Geraldine Hall.

We have been to the fore in our quest for Town Council Status.

Maynooth became the first Town in Kildare to gain Fair Trade Status.

The concerns of residents in Maynooth were raised. Safety issues on the Moyglare Road.

Speeding on the Rathcoffey Road.

Relocation of the Band Stand.

Banning HGV's from the Moyglare road.

Tesco extension and related traffic problems.

Muireann said that the Action Area Plans for the Harbour were discussed and what we would want to see put in place here; also concerns in relation to the law on public drinking.

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Muireann thanked all members that work on Sub-Committees.

She said the Festival went very well, and she thanked Andrew Mc Mullen for all his work.

She also congratulated the St Patrick's Day Parade Committee for one of the best Parades to take place for a number of years.

The Tidy Towns committee works very hard she said, but the IBAL report showed a very bad report on Maynooth. Tom Mc Mullen was Tidy Towns Person of the year.

She congratulated the committee on work well done.

The Twinning committee are still working on this she said, and trying to twin with a community in Africa.

Muireann then thanked the committee for all their help, the office staff for their help and cooperation during the year, and particularly Marie Gleeson in her capacity of supervisor in the office.

Treasurers Report

Willie Saults gave his report on the financial situation. He thanked all involved in the much needed fund-raising. The St Patrick Day Parade, Festival and Flag Day are our main source of raising funds. Willie said that he would like to be able to have more money available for the Festival.

Election of Officers

Chairperson:	Brid Feely
Vice- Chairperson:	Tom Mc Mullen
Secretary:	Muireann Ni Bhrolcháin
Treasurer:	Willie Saults
P.R.O.:	Marie Gleeson
P.D.O.:	Paul Croghan

As in keeping with proper practice the executive are now directors. Also Dominic Nylon and Paul Croghan were made directors: this will allow for a rotation system to be put in place.

Points Raised

Paul Croghan said the situation regarding Town Council Status will have to be addressed: this has been on the agenda for several years and we should again write to the relevant Minister. The IBAL results don't do Maynooth any favours

with a placing of 46 out of 50 towns entered. Kildare County Council will have to be asked to do something to improve things. Also raised was the increase in planes flying over Moyglare Village. Terry Nealon said the An Nuadha players had put the play "The Shaughraun" on. The show was a great success, with a fantastic effort put in by the players. The Arts is very much alive in Maynooth he said, and so it's a pity that there are no proper facilities for the Arts. While very grateful to the Hall Committee for facilitating them the hall is a dreadful conciliation. The question of who is involved in running the hall was raised and also that nothing seems to have been done to the hall in a long time.

John McGinley said it's very difficult to know what to do with the hall as it would cost €3¼ million to demolish it, and the Hall is also in Church hands. Terry also raised the point that the Theatre is never mentioned when addressing the Geraldine Hall project, he felt very anxious about this but was reassured that the Theatre was very much to the fore here.

Maynooth Community Council

John Mc Ginley said we should be concentrating on the big issues now. The development plan should be reviewed and we should have a full meeting on this. Also a new pay parking scheme is to be presented to Kildare County Councillors. Serious consideration should be given to the plan. This can be viewed on the internet. Really, the people of Maynooth should have a big input into it. Plans are to be lodged next week for a new ring- road he said. He also said that there are a lot of issues coming up that will be affecting Maynooth and we should be discussing them.

John also suggested that matters arising should be sent to the Community Council so that they can be put on the agenda for the meeting so that motions for the next and all future meetings should be with the executive two weeks before meetings.

Sean Cushman said infrastructure should be in place before further development takes place in the town: drainage, etc. The new executive should be on top of this he said.

Sean said money will have to be spent if we are to improve the situation.

Tidy Towns IBAL Competition

It was suggested that maybe we should pull out of the IBAL Competition as a lot of other towns are doing. The image is doing a lot of damage to the town and more effort should be put into the Tidy Towns said John Mc Ginley. However, Paul Croghan

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pointed out that this is a reflection on Kildare County Council with no litter service and only two litter wardens for the county. IBAL was approved by the department of the environment; in the beginning we were placed 12th and now we are in 50th place; we have not improved. This is a league for County Councils and is not a Tidy Towns matter. Kildare County Council should be improving the black spots. Sean Cushman also remarked that some back roads are dreadful with dumping in ditches; some people are not paying bin charges and just dump their rubbish.

Irish Secondary School

Colm O'Cearúil said that Maynooth is in need of a new Irish Secondary School. He also said he would like to see it as a Community School. They are looking for land and are also looking at the development plan.

Festival

Andrew Mc Mullon said plans are going very well for the Festival. This year we will have an Inter- Estate Quiz and we hope that this will cause a lot of friendly rivalry between estates.

Soccer 7-a –side, talking place from 16th July with final on the 29th July with first 15 teams in. Children's Table Quiz.

Ceili in the square, 28th July. Rita Doyle and her Dancers, Trad Band – Push for Porter, Rock Band, .Pubs- Tug- of War.

Family Day 29th July. with Bouncy Castles, Sumo Wrestling, Giant Slides, B-B-Q, Face Painting, Fire Brigade Display, Fun Children's Race.

Cultural Night in the Castle 26th July with poetry readings, Irish Dancing, Story Telling, and lots more.

A Brochure with full programme and information will be delivered free of charge to 4000 homes in Maynooth so please come out and support your Festival and have fun.

The next community Council meeting will take place on the 10th of July in the Glenroyal Hotel at 8.30.

Marie Gleeson.
PRO

MAYNOOTH GERALDINE FESTIVAL

26TH TO 29TH July 2007

New Event!

INTER ESTATE TABLE QUIZ

**Newtown Area—Thurs. 26th July
Brady's Area—Friday 27th July
Final—Sunday 29th July**

**Further details in Festival
Brochure which will be delivered
shortly to all houses in
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Children's Colouring Competition Winner

Carmel Mooney,
Toolestown Farm, Maynooth
Is the winner of the June Edition.



*L to R Carmel, Dad Patrick
and Brother Gerry*

Thank you from Suas

On Behalf of Suas, a volunteer programme working with neglected and street children in New Delhi and Calcutta. I wish to thank everyone who helped us raise much needed funds for this years volunteer programme. Between the many individual contributions and our bag pack at Tesco's, the amount raised was 2,065 Euro. I wish to extend a sincere thanks to everyone who helped us on the day, to Tesco's who allowed us to run this event and all those who made personal donations.

Aoife McTernan.

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Features

Kidz @ Play

Fun at their Sports Day on Friday 15h June

Rain didn't stop fun on Kidz @ Play Playschool sports day!

The bad weather didn't dampen the spirits of the children and families of Kids @ Play Playschool. It was a great day for all involved as the sports day took place inside the Maynooth GAA clubhouse. All the children ran, jumped and hopped their way to medals and prizes and gave a musical treat of songs. The special feature was the parents' potato and spoon race. Play and music added to the fun with interactive activities for children and parents.

A special word of thanks to Martin Donnelly and all in the Maynooth GAA for the use of the clubhouse and to all the children and families for a great day of fun, and not forgetting pre-school teachers Evelyn, Josephine and Sarah.



Kids@Play Playschool gathered for their sports day

Clubs, Organisations And Societies

Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Notes (Know your rights)

Question

This summer I am travelling to a country where there is no Irish Embassy. Is there another source of assistance for Irish nationals in the event of an emergency?

Answer

If you are in a country where there is no embassy or consulate, you can contact the embassy of any other European Union (EU) country for assistance.

According to article 20 of the Treaty Establishing the European Community, you are, in that case, "entitled to protection by the diplomatic or consular authorities of any Member State, on the same conditions as the nationals of that State".

This means that the embassy will treat you the same as it would treat one of its own citizens. The embassy will also act as the channel of communication with the Irish authorities where this is required.

The embassy will help with the relief and repatriation of EU citizens who are in distress. It will offer assistance in situations such as accident, illness or death, and it will assist victims of violent crime. It will also help in cases of arrest or detention.

You will need to produce your passport as proof of your nationality. If your passport has been stolen, other proof of nationality may be acceptable.

The following countries are members of the European Union: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom.

Question

I understand that if I am providing full-time care to someone with a disability I can get a Respite Care Grant. How do I get it?

Answer

The Respite Care Grant is paid once a year to certain carers of people in need of full-time care and attention. It is paid automatically in early June by the Department of Social and Family Affairs to those who are getting Carer's Allowance or prescribed

Relative's Allowance. It is paid automatically by health Service Executive to those who are getting Domiciliary Care Allowance.

Other carers providing full-time care have to apply. If, however, you received the grant last year, you do not need to apply again as the Department writes to you to verify the details. To qualify you must be:

- Aged 16 or over and ordinarily resident in the State
- Caring for the person on a full-time basis
- Caring for the person for at least six months—this period must include the first Thursday in June
- Living with the person being cared for or, if not be contactable quickly by a direct system of communication, for example, by telephone or alarm

You do not qualify if you are working, studying or training more than 15 hours per week outside the home. If you are getting an unemployment payment or if you are signing on for unemployment credits. You also do not qualify if you are living in a hospital, Convalescent home or similar institution.

The person being cared for must have not so severe a disability as to require full-time care and attention and must not be receiving it from someone else. He/she must not normally live in a hospital, convalescent home or similar institution but may attend a non-residential training course or day care centre.

For 2007, the Respite Care Grant is € 1,500 for each person being cared for.

The application form (RCG1) is available from your Social Welfare Office or Citizens Information Centre. If you are caring for more than two people you will also require a Form RCG1(a) for each additional person.

Question

What tax reliefs can I claim to reduce the amount of income tax that I pay?

Answer

There is a range of tax reliefs available, depending on
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your personal circumstances. To reduce your tax, it is important that you are aware of and claim the reliefs to which you are entitled especially as your circumstances change.

There are two main types of income tax relief: tax allowance and tax credits. Tax allowances are deducted from your income to reduce the amount that is taken into account for tax. Your gross tax is calculated as a percentage of this amount.

Tax credits work differently. They are deducted from the amount of your gross tax (above) to reduce the final amount of tax that you have to pay.

Generally, all individuals are entitled to personal credits that can be claimed depending on marital status (including widowed and lone parent) and depending on age (in the case of over 65s).

Employment-related reliefs include a tax credit for Pay As You Earn (PAYE) workers and for trade union subscriptions.

For health, tax relief is available for medical expenses and for some dental expenses. Tax relief on private health insurance is already taken into account in the premium you pay. Relief is also available on nursing home fees or for employment a carer, or if one spouse provides care at home, and you can claim extra credits if you are maintaining a child or relative who is incapacitated.

In education, relief is available on tuition fees for approved third-level courses.

For housing tax relief is available on rent and on service charges paid. Relief on mortgage interest is already taken into account in your mortgage payments. If you rent out a room in your home you can claim relief on the income from it.

You can claim tax credits by contacting your regional Revenue Office. Most income tax reliefs can also be claimed on-line. See the Revenue Website at www.revenue.ie for details.

Question

I believe you can get assistance towards the cost of having a telephone. Can you please give details?

Answer

Assistance may be available under the Household Benefits Package that is administered by the Department of Social and Family Affairs.

There are three allowances available under the Household Benefits Package: Free Television Licence, Electricity/Gas Allowance and Telephone Allowance. The Telephone Allowance scheme provides a payment of € 24.70 per month towards phone costs. This can be used for your landline phone or, from 9th May 2007, for a mobile phone.

If you use the Telephone Allowance for your landline phone, it is paid as a credit on your phone bill.

If you use the Telephone Allowance for your mobile phone. It is paid to you on the first Tuesday of every month. You can choose to have your allowance paid into a post office or a financial institution such as a bank.

The Allowance does not cover the initial installation charge for the telephone or the cost of purchasing a mobile phone. Only one person in the household can qualify for the allowance.

Those aged 70 or over are eligible for the Household Benefits Package no matter what their means are or who lives with them. Also eligible are those:

- Aged between 66 and 69 and living alone or only with certain expected persons and getting a qualifying payment such as a State Pension, Widow(er)'s Pension, Invalidity Pension, Blind Pension or one Parent Family Payment.
- Aged between 66 and 69 and who satisfy a means test and are living alone or only with expected persons
- Aged under 66 and getting a qualifying payment such as an Invalidity Pension, Blind Pension or Disability Allowance, and living with certain expected persons.
- Of any age and getting a Carer's Allowance.
- Widowed and aged between 60 and 65, if the late spouse was receiving the allowance prior to his or her death and the couple were living together.

Further Information is available from the Citizens Information Centre.

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

Telephone: 01-6285477

Useful Tips

Useful Water Safety Tips

Ponds & Lakes,

Don't let your child swim without adult supervision - lakes or ponds may be shallow near the bank and then increase in depth sharply as the child moves further out into the water. Ponds and lakes may hide jagged rocks, broken glass, or general rubbish. Make sure your child wears foot protection, like aqua socks or water shoes, even while in the water. Watch out for weeds and grass that could entangle your child's leg or arm.

Most boating accidents, particularly among teenagers, are related to alcohol. When you and your family are boating, assign a designated driver who won't drink. Be sure your teen knows about the dangers of alcohol, on and off the water.

Swimming in the sea.

- ◆ Don't allow your child to swim in large waves or undertows, and tell him or her never to stand with his or her back to the water because a sudden wave can easily knock your child over.
- ◆ Teach your child that if he or she is caught in a rip current or undertow, he or she should swim parallel to the shore or should tread water and call for a lifeguard's help.
- ◆ The stings of jellyfish can be painful, so tell your child to avoid them in the water and to tell an adult right away if he or she is stung.

Infants & Water.

Drowning, although the biggest worry, isn't the only concern when babies are exposed to water. Infants are particularly susceptible to diseases that can be transmitted in water. After introducing an infant to a pool, dry the child's ears carefully with a towel or cotton ball to help prevent an ear infection that occurs as the result of trapped water in the ear canal. After a dip, it's a good idea to wash your baby with a mild soap and shampoo his or her hair to remove pool chemicals.

Water temperatures below 85 degrees Fahrenheit , (29 degrees Celsius) can cause babies to lose heat quickly,

putting them at risk of hypothermia (when body temperature falls below normal). Shivering infants or those whose lips are turning blue should be removed from the water immediately, dried, and kept in a towel.

Boating Safety

Whether you're the captain of a schooner or a passenger on a skiboat, following safety guidelines ensures your safety and that of other seafarers.

Be weather wise: Sudden wind shifts, lightning flashes and choppy water all can mean a storm is brewing. Bring a portable radio to check weather reports.

Bring extra gear you may need: A flashlight, extra batteries, matches, a map of where you are, flares, sun tan lotion, first aid kit, extra sunglasses. Put those that need to be protected in a watertight pouch or a container that floats.

Tell someone where you're going, who is with you, and how long you'll be away. Then check your boat, equipment, boat balance, engine, and fuel supply before leaving.

Water Skiing.

Wear an approved life jacket.

Have an extra person aboard to watch and assist the skier.

Be sure the boat and ski equipment are in good shape.

Watch the water ahead of you at all times.

Run parallel to shore and come in slowly when landing.

Use proper hand signals to signal boat operator.

Do not ski at night or in restricted areas.

Learn to swim. . It's never too late.

Clubs, Organisations And Societies

Pobal Phádraig

Cé sinn: Is craobh de Chonradh na Gaeilge sinn a leanann bunreacht an Chonartha i leith cur chun cinn an teanga agus an cultúr Ghaelach i measc an phobal.

Imeachtaí: Tagann muid le chéile ar an chéad Máirt den mhí ar a hocht a chloig i Brady's Clock House sa Cearnóg i Maigh Nuad. Is é an 3ú Iúil dáta an chéad cruinniú eile agus ina dhiaidh sin 4ú Mean Fómhair

Stair: Tá craobh den Chonradh ag feidhmiú ar leas phobal Mhaigh Nuad ó tús na naochaidí. Bhí craobh i gColáiste Phádraig ó tús na hAthbheochana i 1893. Is ansin a scríobh Eoghan Ó Ghramhnaigh 'Simple Lessons in Irish' an chéad téacsleabhar Gaeilge coitianta. Bíonn muid ag comhoibriú le grúpaí eile phobal ar nós an Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, Baintreacht na Tuaithe agus Glór na nGael. Is as craobh Crom Abú mar a thugtar ar ag an am sin a d'éas choiste Bhunaithe Ghaelscoil Uí Fhiaich.

Oideachais: Táimid i bhfabhair structúr Pobalscoil seachas Pobal Choláiste don iar-bhunscoil nua lán-Ghaeilge atá beartaithe do Mhaigh Nuad. Creidimid gur structúr níos éifeachtaí í ar leas an phobal. I dtaca leis an Roinn Oideachais agus Eolaíochta is na pairthí leasmhara oideachais sa bhaile táimid sásta comhoibriú chun an sprioc seo a bhaint amach ar mhaithe phobal Mhaigh Nuad.

Aos-oideachais: Is oth linn nach bhfuil clár ranganna oíche ar fáil do mhuintir Mhaigh Nuad. Beimid in ann an scéal sin a chur ina cheart leis an Pobalscoil ach idir an dhá linn tá sé ar intinn againn clár ranganna oíche a chur ar fáil san Fómhair in ionaid difriúla.

Féile: Thugadh threoir don choiste ag an cruinniú deireanach dul i mbun cainteanna le coiste féile Mhaigh Nuad. Ag teacht as an comhoibriú sin tá áthas orainn a fhógairt go mbeidh 'Seo Beo Ráth Cairn' agus grúpaí eile nach iad ag ghlacadh páirt i Féile Mhaigh Nuad i mbliana.

Bígí ann le fonn
Colm Ó Cearúil
Cathaoirleach 086-1762212.

Pobal Phádraig

Who are we: We are a branch of Conradh na Gaeilge. We are governed by the constitution of An Conradh to promote the Irish language and culture in our community.

Events: We come together on the first Tuesday of the month at eight o'clock in Brady's Clock House in The Square, Maynooth. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tues. 3rd July and subsequently on the 4th September.

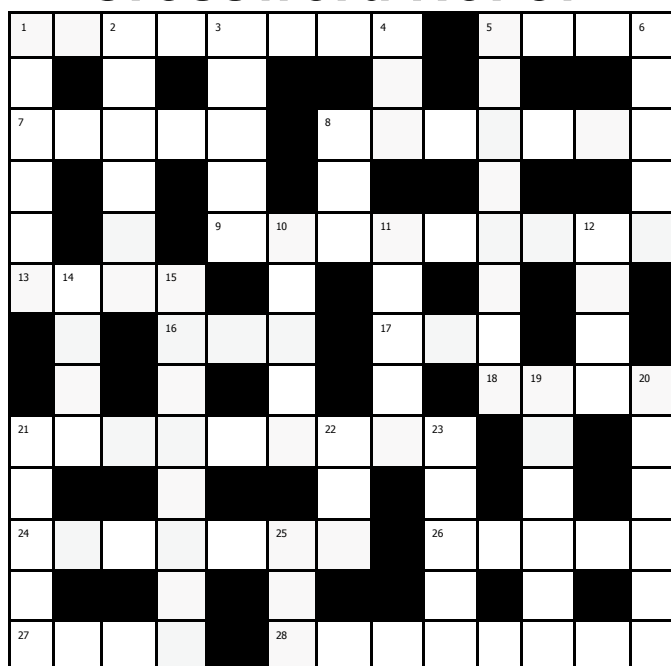
History: There was a branch of Conradh in St. Patrick's College in 1893 at the start of the revival period. This branch published the famous 'Simple Lessons in Irish' the first common Irish text book, which was written by Fr. Eoghan Ó Ghramhnaigh, Professor of Irish in St. Pat's. The inscription over his tomb at the back of the college reads, 'd'Ord Eoghan Ó Ghramhnaigh d'muscail misneach is meamna na nGael', an oration to E.Ó G. who inspired courage and higher thinking amongst the Irish people. His tomb and passage home from Phoenix, Arizona where he died from Tuberculosis at the age of 33 was paid for by his friends in Conradh na Gaeilge. Upon formation Kildare County Council adopted meamna agus misneach as their mission statement for the governance of Kildare. In the modern period a branch attempted to found a Gaelscoil for the town in the 1980's. This branch under the then Cathaoirleach Seán Ó Siócháin A.S. was refused permission by the Dept. of Education on the grounds that the school was too close to the existing Gaelscoil in Leixlip. These pioneers acceded and instead established the Gaelscoil in Kilcock. The current branch work in partnership with other community groups including the G.A.A., I.C.A., and Glór na nGael for the good of the town. It was from the Crom Abú branch as we were then known that the founding committee of Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich was formed.

Education: We are in favour of a Community School management structure for the new Irish medium post-primary school for Maynooth. We believe this model to be the most effective in terms of local community involvement and service. In partnership with The Department of Education and Science, local educational interests and community stakeholders we are working to achieve this resource for the long term good of the Maynooth community.

Adult Education: We deplore the fact that a comprehensive adult education programme in the form of night classes, for the working community has never been offered by the traditional education providers in this town. We hope to rectify this situation with the establishment of The Maynooth Community School (Pobalscoil Phádraig). Pobal Phádraig will provide some tuition, at least in conversational Irish in various centres for the coming autumn nights.

Community Festival: Our committee were directed by the membership to liaise with the Maynooth Festival Committee of Maynooth Community Council. We are happy to report that we have secured the inclusion of 'Seo Beo Ráth Cairn' and some other events of a Gaeilge nature in this year's festival.

Crossword No: 57



Entries before Monday 9th July 2007

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Across:

1. Jam (8)
5. Superlative (4)
7. Magnanimous (5)
8. Sir Harry____, Welsh Singer/comedian (7)
9. Former English county (9)
13. Harness together (4)
16. Large container (3)
17. Rowing blade (3)
18. Brink (4)
21. Four times Liberal Prime Minister (9)
24. Famous (7)
26. Theatre (5)
27. Pantomime character (4)
28. Sad (8)

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Down:

1. Larder (6)
2. Set out (6)
3. Foe (5)
4. Sheep (3)
5. Pamphlet (8)
6. Cliff Richard song,____for a Dream (5)
8. Form of address (3)
10. Group of eight (5)
11. Recognised (5)
12. Boxing arena (4)
14. Precious stone (4)
15. Testimony (8)
19. Proper (6)
20. Inflate (6)
21. Gluttony (5)
22. Choose (3)
23. Dodge (5)
25. Indicate agreement (3)

Solutions to Crossword No. 56

Across:

1. Dickens, 5. Cruel, 8. Error, 9. Onion, 10. Arrow, 11. Shout, 13. Drone, 14. Idea, 17. Reduce, 19. Spinet, 22. Nape, 24. Cynic, 26. Ridge, 29. Ought, 30. Union, 31. Amaze, 32. Token, 33. Tankard.

Down:

1. Dress, 2. Cargo, 3. Erratic, 4. Scarce, 5. Crowd, 6. Unicorn, 7. Lenient, 12. Hoe, 15. Den, 16. Asp, 17. Recruit, 18. Dunkirk, 20. Pertain, 21. Egg, 23. August, 25. Conan, 27. Diana, 28. Emend.

Clubs, Organisations And Societies



Set up in 1996, Irish Business Against Litter is an alliance of companies sharing a belief that continued economic prosperity - notably in the areas of tourism, food and direct foreign investment - is contingent on a clean, litter-free environment.

As part of the IBAL Anti-Litter League, An Taisce monitors all towns of population 6,000 and over, independently in accordance with international grading standards.

MONDAY 18th JUNE

Shocking results for Kildare in the IBAL anti litter league

IBAL slams 'car littering' as a growing blot on Ireland's landscape

The first round result of the 2007 anti litter league survey by IBAL revealed that Kildare fared very badly on the litter front. Newbridge was one of only two areas classed as a "Litter Blackspot". Maynooth was classed as a "Seriously Littered" area in 46th position, a very poor rating out of 50 areas surveyed. Naas was in 39th position and was classed as a "Littered" area. Leixlip was a "Littered" area in 37th position and Athy ranked as 31st was a "Moderately Littered" area. In stark contrast to Kildare the survey revealed that overall litter levels nationwide had improved by 2% compared to this time last year.

Irish Business Against Litter (IBAL) has called for the introduction of penalty points for incidences of 'car littering' in Ireland as they are defacing otherwise clean towns and cities. The latest IBAL litter survey shows a large number of areas let down by the state of their approach roads, ringroads and roundabouts where litter is caused by passing cars and trucks. IBAL has called on the Government to consider extending penalty points to this offence.

The survey of 50 towns and cities around Ireland, carried out by An Taisce, showed Newbridge and Navan as the only towns in the country to be brandished as 'litter blackspots', the latter for the third

survey in succession. Carlow, placed top in the league, was one of 18 areas deemed as "Litter Free".

For towns like Killarney, Athlone, Cork City, Limerick City and Nenagh, it was litter on approach roads that brought down their overall rankings in this round of the anti-litter league. "In many cases, the town councils and city councils are doing their bit in keeping the streets free of litter," remarked Dr Tom Cavanagh of IBAL. "However, they are being frustrated in their efforts for a clean environment by litter on approach roads. These are the responsibility of the county councils."

"The impression of a town is coloured hugely by what one encounters on approaching it. For this reason we need to find ways of targeting those who dump or litter from their vehicles. Issuing one penalty point per litter offence is one suggestion. Another is to build lay-bys on our motorways equipped with suitable litter bins to facilitate truck drivers who often have their meals on the go, resulting in an accumulation of litter. These facilities are seriously lacking."

The IBAL survey revealed litter levels have improved by 2% over the same time last year, which was itself, a spectacular improvement on the previous period. The average cleanliness rating is now 75 points, within sight of the 80-point mark, which is deemed 'clean to European norms.' "There is no doubt that our cleanliness levels are continuing to rise," continued Dr Cavanagh. "To sustain this progress, County Councils, whose remit it is to keep the areas outside the towns clean, will have to take litter seriously, not least on approach roads. IBAL will be monitoring these roads more and more in future surveys."

IBAL has warned that the peak summer season is a critical time for areas to show their best side to visitors. Fáilte Ireland reports that the majority of tourists to the green island find it less clean than they expected. Fáilte Ireland's Tourism Matters publication suggests that over a quarter of tourists to Ireland surveyed had experienced littering or dumping in the countryside. German holidaymakers are least likely to agree that Irish streets are cleaner than streets in their own country "This is simply not a basis to build future tourism on" added Mr Cavanagh

Dublin City has been omitted from the Litter League in 2007, but will be compared against other cities in a European League to be published later this year.

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IBAL continued

	Town/City	Rating
1	Carlow	<i>Clean to European norms</i>
2	Midleton	<i>Clean to European norms</i>
3	Fermoy	<i>Clean to European norms</i>
4	Trim	<i>Clean to European norms</i>
5	Wexford	<i>Clean to European norms</i>
6	Cavan	<i>Clean to European norms</i>
7	Dundalk	<i>Clean to European norms</i>
8	Arklow	<i>Clean to European norms</i>
9	Letterkenny	<i>Clean to European norms</i>
10	Enniscorthy	<i>Clean to European norms</i>
11	Galway	<i>Clean to European norms</i>
12	Greystones	<i>Clean to European norms</i>
13	Killarney	<i>Clean to European norms</i>
14	Monaghan	<i>Clean to European norms</i>
15	Thurles	<i>Clean to European norms</i>
16	Tralee	<i>Clean to European norms</i>
17	Waterford City	<i>Clean to European norms</i>
18	Youghal	<i>Clean to European norms</i>
19	Cork City	<i>Moderately littered</i>
20	Bray	<i>Moderately littered</i>
21	Clonmel	<i>Moderately littered</i>
22	Cobh	<i>Moderately littered</i>
23	Mallow	<i>Moderately littered</i>
24	Tullamore	<i>Moderately littered</i>
25	Drogheda	<i>Moderately littered</i>

So how did the judges see Maynooth?

AN TAISCE REPORT: Maynooth: 46th out of 50 towns / cities surveyed.

There was just one very good site in Maynooth (St. Mary's School – Inside) – the top ranking towns had eight. Over a number of years there has been little change in the poor litter situation at Maynooth – this time around was no different. Maynooth, along with almost all of the rest of the Kildare towns has consistently come very much towards the bottom of the league. Many of the moderately littered sites could easily be improved with a little extra care and attention e.g. Moyglare Approach Road, Moyglare Abbey and St. Mary's School – Outside. Maynooth Railway Station, Main Street, Public Park at back of Main Street and Maynooth College – Outside Moyglare Entrance all had a serious litter problem. Not only were they heavily littered but there was a general lack of maintenance.

In the next survey 40% of marks will be awarded for Approach Roads – this includes ring roads, slip roads and roundabouts.

	Town/City	Rating
26	Ballina	<i>Moderately littered</i>
27	Dungarvan	<i>Moderately littered</i>
28	Gorey	<i>Moderately littered</i>
29	Kilkenny	<i>Moderately littered</i>
30	Portlaoise	<i>Moderately littered</i>
31	Athy	<i>Moderately littered</i>
32	Ennis	<i>Moderately littered</i>
33	Wicklow	<i>Moderately littered</i>
34	Limerick City	<i>Littered</i>
35	Athlone	<i>Littered</i>
36	Dunlaoghaire	<i>Littered</i>
37	Leixlip	<i>Littered</i>
38	Longford	<i>Littered</i>
39	Naas	<i>Littered</i>
40	Nenagh	<i>Littered</i>
41	Roscommon	<i>Littered</i>
42	Tallaght	<i>Littered</i>
43	Ballinasloe	<i>Seriously littered</i>
44	Castlebar	<i>Seriously littered</i>
45	Sligo	<i>Seriously littered</i>
46	Maynooth	<i>Seriously littered</i>
47	Mullingar	<i>Seriously littered</i>
48	Swords	<i>Seriously littered</i>
49	Navan	<i>Litter Blackspot</i>
50	Newbridge	<i>Litter Blackspot</i>

Dublin Approach Road: Moderately Littered. (Between Carton House and Tesco). The verges on both sides of the road were somewhat neglected. A more thorough approach to maintenance would make all the difference here.

Moyglare Approach Road: Moderately Littered. (Secondary road leading from Dunshaugh). The low levels of litter along this approach into Maynooth could easily be addressed with a more thorough approach to cleaning.

Moyglare Abbey: Moderately Littered. With just a little extra effort this residential area could easily get a higher litter classification. Some light scatterings of food related litter took away from an otherwise very good site.

Maynooth College – Outside Moyglare Entrance: Serious Litter Problem. This was a very poor site – if not addressed the litter situation can only deteriorate even further. There was a wide variety of litter present and there were no litter bins in the area surveyed.

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Maynooth College – from Moyglare Entrance – Inside: Moderately Littered. As with the previous site there were no litter bins in the area surveyed. Scatterings of food related litter were very obvious and the grass / weeds were becoming overgrown.

St. Mary's School – Outside: Moderately Littered. (Moyglare Road). The flower beds added some bright colour to this site – it was generally quite good but let down by food related litter.

St Mary's School – Inside: Clean to European Norms. This was the best site within Maynooth and the high standards attained during previous litter surveys have been sustained again this time around. Not only was it clear of litter but it was also very well maintained.

Maynooth Railway Station: Serious Litter Problem. This was a disappointing site, creating a poor first impression of the town for those arriving by train. There appear to be insufficient bins for the high numbers of passengers using the station.

Public Park at back of Main Street: Serious Litter Problem. This could be a lovely amenity. There was a wide variety of litter present and it is a pity that there has been little improvement. A dirty bin and poorly maintained grass contributed to the overall appearance.

Main Street: Serious Litter Problem. Dirty and broken bins, accumulations of litter at the base of some trees and a filthy P&T box all contributed to the poor appearance of this street. A more thorough approach to cleaning and maintenance is required to address this situation – otherwise it can only deteriorate.

Marianville: Moderately Littered. Not much effort is required to bring this residential area up to a higher litter classification. The new development hasn't impacted on the litter situation.

Maynooth Tidy Towns

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Paul Croghan

PRO, Maynooth Tidy Towns

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Members of Maynooth Tidy Towns in Action



Tina Murphy & Paul Dowling, from Lyreen Gardens fitting the flower Baskets with Aisling O'Leary, junior member of Tidy Towns.



Seah Cushman, Eilish Cushman & Gerry Lawlor

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Members of Maynooth Tidy Towns in Action



Sean Cushan planting new flower bed at O'Neill Park



Moira Baxton & Sean Lyons. Planting in front of Maynooth College

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Maynooth I. C. A. News

Our new President, Margaret Houlihan was welcomed and wished well for her next three years. The outgoing President, Mary O'Gorman was thanked for all her work for the Guild for the past three years. Mary has now taken over as Craft Promoter for the Kildare Federation.

Our Secretary is Rosemary Hanley, Treasurer is Mary Dunne, Grianán and Contest Secretary is Catherine O'Reilly, and Sports Officer is Madeline Stynes. Timire and International Officer is Mary McNamara, and P.R.O. is Norah McDermott, and Monthly Hostess is Mairead Scanlon. We still need an Arts, Produce and Craft Promoter.

Big questionnaire to be answered as we will be 100 years old in 3 years time. A National Committee has been set up to start work on Projects for our 100th Celebrations. I.C.A. members have been quoted special rates for hiring the bungalows at An Grianan. Our September Competition will be an "on the spot one".

Badminton will finish in the Parish Hall at the end of June and start again in September, as will crafts on Monday nights. The Badminton Girls are having lunch in the Courtyard mid-June and have invited all members.

We hope to start Irish Conversation Classes again in September, and will be inviting neighbouring Guilds to join us. We have also been invited to join other guilds at Elm Hall on Tuesdays at 7. p.m. to play Pitch & Putt.

There is a big clean up and paint job to be done on the I.C.A. hall mid-June. The hosting of our National Councils A.G.M. in the Standhouse Hotel by Kildare Federation was a great success, and thanks to all members who gave of their time over the 2 day event. We were invited to a Civic Reception in Kildare Council Headquarters in Devoy Barracks. We were met by Fionnuala Dukes, Kildare Mayor in the Chambers and the history of the building was explained to us. We feasted on beautiful refreshments. We extend our thanks to Fionnuala and Kildare County Council for a lovely evening.

An Grianán are holding a Garden Party on 29th June 2007 and it should be a great evening of fun and entertainment, including dinner.

The Federation Table Quiz will take place on Thursday 28th June in Sarsfield Club in Newbridge and starts at 8.p.m.

Kildare week in An Grianan takes place from 2nd to 6th June 2007 and almost 60 members have booked so far.

A walk is to be organised in Donadea Forest Park on 30th June in conjunction with Sports Partnership & Heart Foundation.

Congratulations to Mary O'Gorman who received Certificates in Candlewick Embroidery, Glass Etching and Gingham Embroidery.

Competition winners at the Guild Meeting were :

- 1st Mary Dunne
- 2nd Mary McNamara, Norah McDermott, Rosemary Hanley, & Madeline Stynes.
- 3rd Irene Matthews, Ann Broughan, Mary Deane, and Catherine O'Reilly.

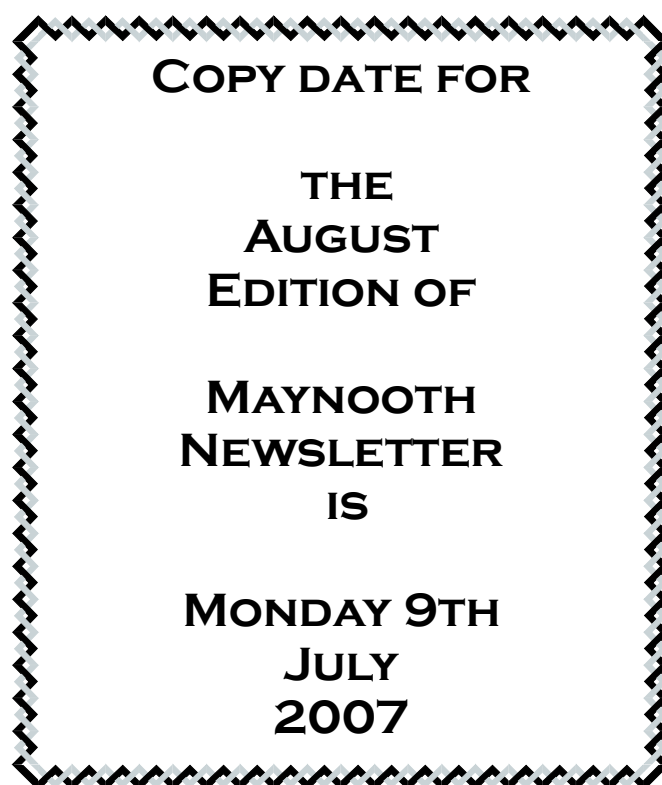
Raffle winners on the night were :

- 1st Mary O'Gorman
- 2nd Irene Matthews
- 3rd Veva Kearins.

I would like to wish all Members the best for Summer Holidays and enjoy them, and see you all 1st Thursday in September.

New members are always welcome.

Norah McDermott PRO.



MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY FESTIVAL 2007

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Maynooth Golf Society

The Joe (Dodo) Murray Memorial Cup Sponsored by Derek Murray

Baltinglass Golf Club was the venue for our outing sponsored by Caulfield's Pub and Piano Bar on Saturday 16th June.

35 members competed on this very hilly and demanding course. The difficulty of the course and the weather conditions which were more like winter rather than summer may have been the reason for the low scoring. The winner was Gerry Mc Ternan with an unexpected winning score of 28 points (B9) followed in 2nd place by Tommy Campbell also with a score of 28 points. Next in the prizes were Norman Kavanagh (3rd B9) and our Captain Pat Conway (4th) both on 27 points.

Prizes were presented by our Captain Pat Conway that evening to a large gathering in Caulfield's. Pat thanked our sponsors Caulfield's for their generous sponsorship and for providing "goodie bags" for all who played on the day and finger food to all who attended the prize giving.

Thanks to all who attended.

Our next outing is to Grange Castle Golf Club on Thursday 28th June. Tee time 2.00 - 4.00 pm.

RESULT SHEET

1st Prize	Gerry Mc Ternan	28 pts B9
2nd Prize	Tommy Campbell	28 pts
3rd Prize	Norman Kavanagh	27 pts B9
4th Prize	Pat Conway	27 pts
5th Prize	John Saults	25 pts B9
6th Prize	Ken Donnelly	25 pts B6
7th Prize	Brendan Bean	25 pts
Front 9	Martin Deveney	13 pts
Back 9	Niall Byrne	15 pts
Visitors	Mark Keogh	27 pts
Nearest The Pin	Gerry McTernan	
2's	Martin Shields	



**L to R Pat Conway Captain, Gerry Mc Ternan Winner,
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Horoscopes



ARIES—March 21—April 20

We can't re-write history; that's what they say. The statement though is only partially true. You may not be able to rewrite it, but you can remember things that have previously been forgotten.

Monday is your lucky day

Number 11 colour brown.



LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23

You can be very flexible when it comes to certain issues, but when your feelings are on the line you tend to tense up. Relax and take time by yourself.

Monday is your lucky day

Number 9 colour crimson.



TAURUS—April 21—May 21

They say tomorrow never comes; mostly that's true. You have worked very hard over the past few weeks. Your time has come at last and things will go your way from now on.

Thursday is your lucky day

Number 10 colour black.



SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22

Disrespectful behaviour could get you in trouble if you're not careful. Mind your manners over the next few days especially when dealing with people at work and at home.

Saturday is your lucky day

Number 5 colour orange.



GEMINI—May 22—June 22

From time to time you find it hard to take compliments. When praise comes your way you get nervous. Relax and enjoy any kind words that come your way. You deserve it.

Sunday is your lucky day

Number 8 colour white.



SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21

All the pieces of a puzzle may be in front of you, but you still have to put them together. Things will become a lot clearer once you solve this jig saw.

Friday is your lucky day

Number 3 colour silver.



CANCER—June 23—July 23

Your luck seems to be in over the next seven days but don't push it. There's no point taking unnecessary risks at this point in time.

Saturday is your lucky day

Number 13 colour gold.



CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20

Sometimes the planets bring us opportunities; sometimes they bring us challenges; sometimes they bring us choices; they don't say things must be like this for you. They say, what do you want?

Tuesday is your lucky day

Number 15 colour green.



LEO—July 24—August 23

The distance you keep between yourself and others you meet on a day to day basis should be maintained if you want to get closer to others.

Friday is your lucky day

Number 4 colour purple.



AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19

You come to a new day full of hope only to find that you must come out with your guns blazing. Who will be the first to go for peace and be the true winner?

Wednesday is your lucky day.

Number 19 colour lemon.



VIRGO—August 24—Sept 23

You seem to be stuck in a very unhealthy cycle at the moment. You can break free: with a little effort things will change for you.

Tuesday is your lucky day

Number 4 colour yellow.



PISCES—Feb 20—March 20

You seem to know something is going to happen before the event and you will get that feeling this week. As if by magic, your fingers and toes will be tingling.

Wednesday is your lucky day

Number 5 colour pink.

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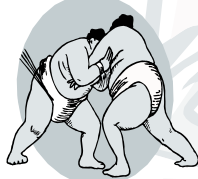
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MAYNOOTH FESTIVAL

THURSDAY 26th JULY TO SUNDAY 29th JULY

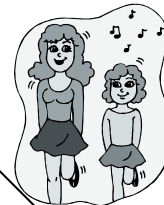


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Inter Pub Tug-of-War
Table Quiz*

*Family Day Harbour Field
Bouncy Castle
Sumo Wrestling
Races*



*Fire Brigade Display
Children's Art Competition*



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Features

Green Flag Day in Presentation Girls' School

Tuesday the 13th of June was a special day for all involved with the Girls School in Maynooth as the Green Flag was presented to the school with a ceremony involving the schools children.

The Green Schools is a worldwide environmental education programme which is sponsored by Intel and highlights the brilliant work schools are doing for the environment. The teachers and pupils all wore green clothing to add to the occasion and some of the children wore cardboard hats and skirts made from refuse bags to highlight their recycling message.

The school has worked very hard for the award and after two years its achievement was recognised and the school accepted their Green Flag last February at the headquarters of An Taisce.



**L to R Ms. Miss C McGorry, Rachel O'Neill
and Mrs. B Boylan principal.**

The school started off by introducing a litter awareness programme. They also started recycling items such as batteries, stamps, mobile phones, paper, cardboard and compost to name a few and it grew from there. The pupils also have small gardens setup in their classrooms where they plant new flowers and plants and they then maintain and care for it each day.

The guest speaker on the day was Dick Warner, the environmentalist, writer and broadcaster. He was very impressed with the schools achievement and seen at first hand the hard work the children have put in. So far there are 14,500 schools in 37 countries around the world that have been awarded Green Flag status.

The Green Flag then has to be won again two years later which means the school must maintain the high standards it has now set for itself. The schools also spread the word about Green Schools so as to make people more aware of recycling and how better they can help the environment.

The school choir finished the ceremony by singing a few uplifting tunes.

Features

Green Flag Day in Presentation Girls' School (Cont'd)



Guest Speaker Dick Warner



**L to R Jess McCabe, Izzey McNamara
and Emma Collins**



Members of The School Choir

Features - Computers

Lessons

The Internet is vast, so looking for information can be like trying to find a needle in a haystack. Incorrect use means you could end up with page after page of irrelevant results – a factor that could reduce the appeal of the Internet. This would be a terrible shame as it is an invaluable resource. Search tools, when used correctly can help you find absolutely anything. Armed with the above information, you can improve your searching technique to pinpoint the information you want.

Getting the right result depends on many factors; not least the way in which you're using the search tool, and whether the tools in question are right for the job.

There are quite a few search engines but the most popular today is Google—www.google.ie. Google allows you to specify if you want to search the web or just search sites from Ireland.

Using filters

If you enter a particular phrase, such as "to be or not to be", thousands of irrelevant pages are likely to appear. More relevant pages can be obtained by enclosing the phrase in quotation marks. Entering "to be or not to be" (including the quotes) looks for that exact phrase. Try this technique when looking for song lyrics, people or products.

More powerful searches can be carried out using **operators**; keyboard symbols that add specific conditions to your query such as the **plus (+)** and **minus (-)** symbols are the simplest. If you enter the phrase "to be or not to be" but are looking only for results that also mention Shakespeare, you could try typing "to be or not to be" +Shakespeare. This works in reverse too. Entering "fruit-bananas" (without quotes) will only return results for fruit, which are not bananas. Many search tools also use an uppercase OR as an option, so you could enter "nuts OR bananas- fruit -food -tree" to get pages that

have nothing to do with food but contain the words nuts or bananas.

The **tilde operator** (the symbol ~ which is usually accessed by pressing the Shift key and #) can be used to broaden searches. Entering "~ auto insurance" into a search engine will find results for websites that contain the word **auto** and any of its synonyms such as **car**, **truck** etc. This feature could prove handy if you're trying to find insurance for more than one type of vehicle. Many search engines have a set of advanced operators that help you narrow your searches even further. You can force many search tools to look only through specific websites. In Google, this is done by using the operator "site". Entering "sport" site:www.ireland.com will search the Ireland.com website for pages that mention the phrase "sport".

"**Date:**" is another powerful operator, and gives results for pages that were updated during a specific time frame. Tap in "big brother" date: 2 and you'll only get results for the Big Brother TV shows that are relevant to the last two months. This is especially handy if you only want up to date information.

The "**related:**" operator lets you find out when websites have something in common. Type in "related:www.tesco.ie" (don't use the quotes) and you'll see a list of websites for manufacturers that offer similar products and services.

The final operator we'll talk about in this section is "**safesearch**". If you're searching the web with a group of people that may include a child, you won't want to see unexpected and potentially offensive content. Typing in "safesearch:sex education" helps reduce the likelihood of finding adult-themed websites that could cause embarrassment.

Next month we will look at the other uses for Google—its not just a search engine!

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Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Community Games

The local athletics were held in Maynooth GAA on Friday 25th May.

Results as follows:

BOYS EAST Under 8 60m		BOYS WEST Under 8 60m	
Position	Name	Position	Name
1st	Marc McAuliffe	1st	Thomas Jones
2nd		2nd	Sean Ledwidge
Under 8 80m		Under 8 80m	
1st		1st	Thomas Jones
2nd		2nd	Sean Ledwidge
Under 10 100m		Under 10 100m	
1st	Callum McCabe	1st	Fiachra O'Sullivan
2nd		2nd	Mickey Cooke
3rd		3rd	Blake Van Duyvenvearde
Under 10 200m		Under 10 200m	
1st	Callum McCabe	1st	Fiachra O'Sullivan
2nd		2nd	Mickey Cooke
3rd		3rd	Blake Van Duyvenvearde
Under 12 100m		Under 12 100m	
1st	Jack O'Hagan	1st	Michael Jones
2nd	Pavel Dementyer	2nd	Oisín O'Sullivan
Under 12 600m		Under 12 600m	
1st	Jack O'Hagan	1st	Oisín O'Sullivan
2nd	Pavel Dementyer	2nd	Michael Jones
GIRLS EAST Under 8 60m		GIRLS WEST Under 8 60m	
Position	Name	Position	Name
1st	Olivia Carton	1st	Saoirse O'Sullivan
2nd	Zara Ryan	2nd	Aideen Horgan

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Community Games

Table of results continued.

Under 8 80m		Under 8 80m	
1st	Olivia Carton	1st	Aideen Horgan
2nd		2nd	Saoirse O'Sullivan
Under 10 100m		Under 10 100m	
1st	Sarah Fanthom	1st	Catherine Jones
2nd		2nd	Roisin O'Neill
3rd		3rd	Anne Ward
Under 10 200m		Under 10 200m	
1st	Sarah Fanthom	1st	Catherine Jones
2nd		2nd	Roisin O'Neill
3rd		3rd	Katie Geraghty Kate O'Malley Anne Ward
Under 12 100m		Under 12 100m	
1st	Ciara Hewson	1st	Emma Collins
2nd		2nd	Kelly Cooke
3rd		3rd	Eleanor Geraghty Laura Cooke
Under 12 600m		Under 12 600m	
1st	Ciara Hewson	1st	Emma Collins
2nd		2nd	Kelly Cooke
3rd		3rd	Eleanor Geraghty Laura Cooke

Swimming:

Well done to all the boys & girls who swam in the County Final in Athy on the 2nd on June and congratulations to all who brought home silverware.

Gold: Sean McKnight
Alison Hastings
Jack Ffrench
Lauren Hastings

Silver: Conor Lynch

Bronze: Eoin McCormack

Certificate: Joseph Millet
Aoife Lynch

Good luck to the gold winners who will represent Maynooth and Kildare in the National Finals on the 17th -19th of August at the National Aquatic Centre in Blanchardstown.

Clubs, Organisations And Societies

Maynooth Community Games (Cont'd)

Under 13 Walking Race			
BOY EAST		BOYS WEST	
1st	Pavel Dementyer	1st	Michael Jones
2nd		2nd	Sean Ledwidge
3rd		3rd	Oisín O'Sullivan
GIRLS EAST		GIRLS WEST	
1st	Ciara Hewson	1st	Catherine Jones
2nd		2nd	Kate Geraghty
3rd		3rd	Aideen Horran

Long Puck	
1st	Oisín O'Sullivan

Congratulations to all the Under 6s who participated on the day.

Well done to all the boys and girls good luck in the County Final in Newbridge on the weekend 29th/30th of June.

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Gardening Tips for July



Here are a few July gardening tasks and projects that you can do to help keep your garden looking it's best for the rest of this season.

Watering the garden

The primary rule of summer watering is to water thoroughly and deeply each time and to allow the soil dry out between waterings. Deep watering will allow the plant's roots to grow deeper, where they are less likely to dry out, as well as the added benefit of anchoring the plant into the ground better. Light, surface watering actually wastes water, because the water never actually reaches the root zone of the plant, and the moisture rapidly evaporates from the top inch of soil.

The best way to tell if your plants are receiving enough water is to take a trowel or shovel and dig down a few inches. The soil should be moist at least 3 or 4 inches deep to ensure that the water is reaching the root zone of the plants. Of course, if you planted drought resistant plants in your garden, you won't have to water as often, but the principal of deep watering still applies.

As the weather dries out, your container plants may need daily watering, especially if the pots are exposed to the drying sunlight. Push your finger into the soil in your container plantings at least once a day (*more often on hot, dry days*) to feel for moisture and be certain that plants are getting enough water. Apply water until it runs out the drainage holes.

Try to do your watering during the morning hours so that the leaves can dry off a bit before the hot sun hits them. Evening watering is sometimes acceptable if the temperatures are warm enough to insure that foliage dries before the temperature drops at night. (Wet foliage makes plants more susceptible to fungus and disease.

Perennials, annuals and bulbs.

Continue to dead head (remove dead flowers) your annuals to encourage continued blooming. If your annuals have died off, pull them out and add them to the compost pile. Replant that spot with hardy annuals or perennials, such as alyssum, calendula, candytuft, dianthus, baby's breath, nasturtium, pansy, petunia, phlox, snapdragons.

Get a second bloom from faded annuals by cutting them back by one half their height, then fertilize them with a liquid 5-10-10 fertilizer.

"Try to do your watering during the morning hours so that the leaves can dry off a bit before the hot sun hits them."

Roses will need to be fertilized each month through the summer. In colder areas, allow shrub roses to ripen by discontinuing feeding them at the end of the month.

Fertilize container gardens regularly with a liquid all purpose plant food.

Chrysanthemums should be lightly fertilized every two weeks. Discontinue pinching your mums in mid month so they will be able to develop flower buds for the autumn. To promote 'trophy size' flowers, allow only one or two main shoots to develop. Remove all side buds as they begin to develop.

To produce the largest Dahlia flowers (especially 'Dinner plate' Dahlias), the main stems should be kept free of side shoots, allowing only the main terminal bud to develop. Be sure to provide adequate support to prevent wind damage.

Bearded Iris may be divided and replanted when they have finished blooming. Discard all shrivelled and diseased parts

Sweet peas may tend to fizzle out with hot summer weather, but with heavy mulching to keep the roots cool and moist you can

prolong the flowering season by a few more weeks. A little mid-day shade will also help to maintain the quality of the flowers and prolong the blooming season.

Verbenas, Euonymus, Ivy, and climbing roses are some of

plants that will root fairly quickly by layering them into the warm soil. Fasten a section of the stem containing one or more "eyes" down onto cultivated soil with a horseshoe shaped piece of wire and cover it with additional soil. By summer's end, the stem should be rooted sufficiently to sever it from the parent plant and replant into another area of the garden..

Sow seeds of Hollyhocks, English daisies, Foxgloves, Violas, Canterbury bells, and Sweet William into the garden now for next year's bloom.

Geranium cuttings may be made in late July to start plants for indoor bloom during the winter months, and for setting into the garden next spring. You may need to provide supplemental lighting with fluorescent grow lights for really good winter blooms indoors.



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Gardening Tips for July (Cont'd)

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Shrubs and trees

Summer blooming shrubs should be pruned for shape after they have finished flowering. Remove any dead or diseased branches.

Fertilize flowering shrubs like Rhododendrons, Camellias and Azaleas immediately after they have finished flowering with a 'Rhododendron' or 'Evergreen' type fertilizer.

Dead head the developing seed pods from your Rhododendrons and Azaleas to improve next years bloom. Be careful not to damage next years buds which may be hidden just below the pod.

Fruits and veggies

Begin enjoying the harvest of your home-grown fruits, vegetables and herbs!

Fertilize June bearing strawberries after the harvest, and ever-bearing varieties half way through the season.



Plant out successions of salad crops for continued harvesting throughout the summer. Sow seeds for cool-season crops directly into the garden by mid-July.

Continue to protect your fruit from the birds with netting.

Lawn

Contrary to popular belief, a brown lawn isn't necessarily a dead lawn. Grasses go dormant in times of drought, but will quickly return to life with rain. If a lush green lawn is important to you, and you don't mind mowing, water it regularly, and deeply. If a water shortage is expected, or you hate tending to grass, you may choose to just let your lawn go dormant, and water it as seldom as once a month. Raise the cutting height of the mower. Taller grass cools the roots and helps to keep the moisture in the soil longer.

Avoid using fertilizers in hot, dry weather.

House Plants

House plants can be moved outside to a shady, protected spot.

Continue to watch for insect or disease damage and take the necessary steps to control the problem. Warmer and drier weather means it will be necessary to water and mist your house plants more often. Feed your house plants with half the recommended strength of a good soluble house plant fertilizer while they are actively growing.

July Herb Garden

Things to do:

Keep sowing seed outside - to maintain supplies.

Mulch moisture-loving herbs.

Thin seedlings that have been sown direct in the garden.

Dead-head where flowers have faded, unless seed is to be collected.

Harvest lemon balm, summer savoury, hyssop, tarragon, thyme, lavender, marjoram and most other herbs this month.

Hoe and remove weeds regularly as competition will be great this month.

Take softwood cuttings.

Cut flowers such as lavender and cornflower for drying.

Begin gathering seeds of caraway and angelica

Cut back lavenders after flowering to keep a good shape

Water regularly any plants that may be showing stress

Keep gathering petals of damask rose for drying

Flavour from the garden this month

July will offer flavour from just about all the herbs.

New shoots, leaves and flowers are perfect for the kitchen.



Odds and ends

Be alert to slug and snail damage. These creatures will be hiding during the heat of the day, but will come out of hiding in the cool morning and evening hours or after rain. Seek and destroy ALL slugs and their eggs!



Keep the weeds pulled, before they have a chance to flower and go to seed again.

Otherwise, you will be fighting newly germinated weed seed for the next several years.

Change the water in your bird bath regularly, and keep it filled.

Continue to watch for insect or disease damage throughout the garden, and take the necessary steps to control the problem.

Have a great month!!



Summer Recipes — Smoothies & Cool Drinks

Raspberry Lollipops

This recipe, which combines the delicate sweetness of raspberries with the creaminess of vanilla yogurt, is great for getting the best return on your basket of fruit. The ice pops take several hours to freeze, so prepare them in the morning if you're planning on an afternoon treat.

1 pint raspberries
1/2 cup sugar
1 1/4 cups water
1/2 cup cream (heavy or light)
1 tbsp. lemon juice
1 cup vanilla yogurt
8 5-oz. waxy paper cups
8 Ice pop sticks

Mix all the ingredients together, place in the cups and wedge the stick in the middle. Freeze for several hours.

Smoothies.

A smoothie is a delicious and healthy drink made up of fruit that's been blended with fruit juice, milk or yogurt. So not only do smoothies taste great – they're really good for you too. Packed with all the vitamins and nutrients you get from fresh fruit, they make the perfect drink, day or night. What's more, all you need to make them is some basic kitchen equipment and a little imagination.

Pineapple



Take half a fresh pineapple (or 1 small one), or 1 large tin of pineapple in juice. Add 1 ripe banana and some coconut milk or 1/4 teaspoon of coconut extract. Mix all together and blend until super sumo smooth. Garnish with pineapple wedge.

Strawberry



Get some strawberries, one ripe banana, and blend into a paste. Add the juice of one orange and some ice. Pour into glasses and serve with a straw and bits of strawberry to decorate if you're feeling fancy.

Banana

Take one large banana, one handful of strawberries or raspberries - they can be fresh, frozen or tinned. Add a large glass of apple juice.

Classic Banana



Take two large bananas, one stoned and peeled ripe peach, the seeds and pulp of a passion fruit and a teaspoon of honey. Mix them all together in the blender and serve with ice.

Try freezing the banana beforehand for an extra creamy experience.

Blueberry



Take 2 handfuls of blueberries, fresh, frozen, or tinned. Add 2 handfuls of blackcurrants, 5-6 ice cubes, and 1 tsp. of honey. Blend all together until smooth and serve immediately.

Grapefruit



Put a quarter of a large pineapple, or a small tin of pineapple chunks in a blender, add the juice of a pink grapefruit and blend. Take one passion fruit, scoop out the seeds and pour into a glass.

Classic Lemonade

- 6 lemons
- 6 cups cold water
- 1 Cup of sugar

Juice your lemons and you should get about 1 cup of juice. In a large jug, mix juice, water and sugar. Stir lemonade well and serve with ice.

Lime Cooler

3/4 cup fresh lime juice
2/3 cup honey
1 quart water
Lime wedges

In a large jug, stir together the lime juice, honey and water. Pour into tall, ice-filled glasses and garnish with lime wedges. Serves 5.

First Holy Communion Photos May 2007

*Éilís Ní Giolla Chomaill with her
Mum and brother Stephen*



*Paric Ó Maolalaí
With family*

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*Pierce Ó Féich
and
Braden Ó Muilleoir*



*Megan Nic an Breithínaigh
with her
Granny*

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Rhys O D



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***Rhys O Dúill
With his Parents
And his sister Ava***



***Daniel Di Mascio
With his Parents
And sister Aisling***

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Denis Mac Sabhna



*Róisín Ni Giollarnáth
With her Parents*

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*Niamh Ní Dhonncha
With her Mum*



*Deirdre Nic Giolla Chomail
With her Parents*

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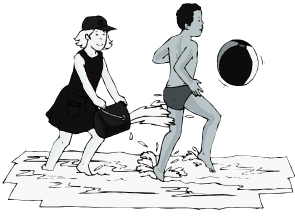
*Paric O Maolalai
With his Parents
And sister Ciara*



*Rachel Nic Eidhin
With her Mum*

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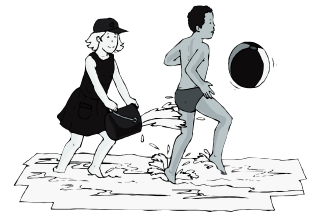
Poetry Corner By Patrick Murray



SEASIDE

I look across the horizon along the vast sea
Captured by peaceful elegance of the Summer sky
All life's tension in my mind soon flee
Running along the strand as a boy
I lay on the sand feeling adventurous with fun
Building sand castles so real in my mind
Through the rippling waters in haste I run
Until by chance some sea shells suddenly I find
The sun shines down along my coastal friend so fine
Just me and the sea that nature provide
Wonderland of summer delight being all mine
Watching the sea gulls & being aware of the tide

I walk along the pier with it's angry waters so wild
Away from the calm waters that I cherish with love
From pressure of life's routine, alone I hide
Admiring the beauty of the high cliffs above
The sea wind constantly blows everything its way
As I see a sailing ship flow merrily alone
Realising the ocean will be forever more to stay
A gratifying experience in myself forever grown
When I die my ashes will be scattered to the ocean
Where my soul will be forever with sea and earth

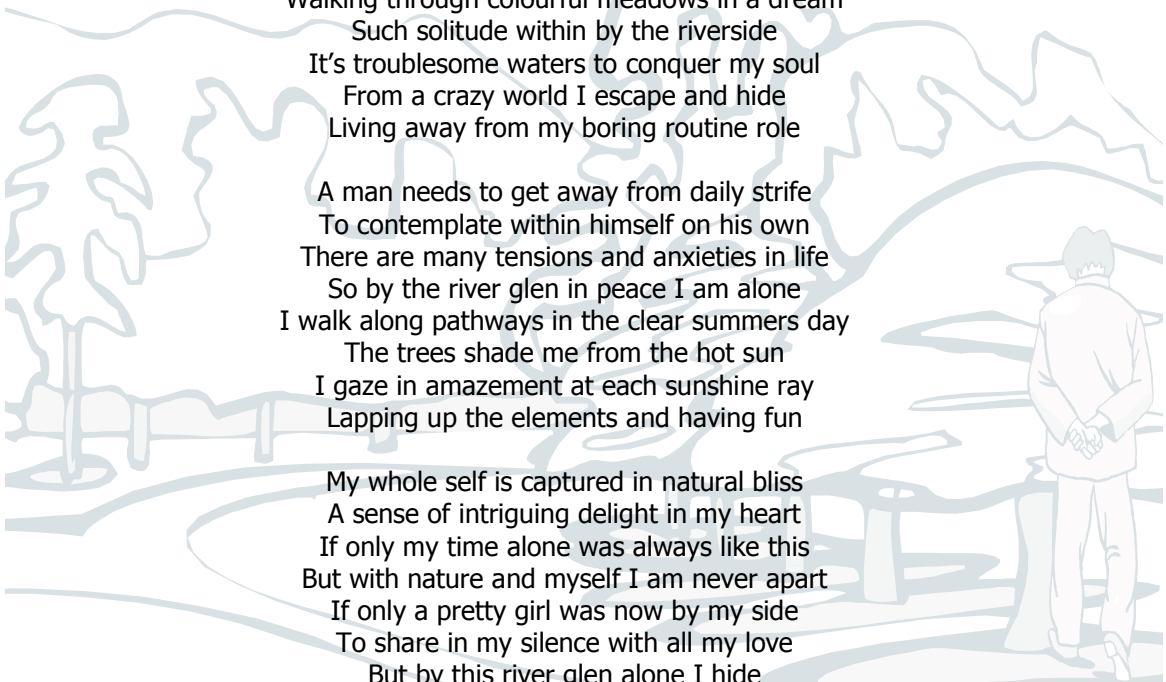


I WALK ALONE

My mind is at ease in the country air
Walking along fields so peaceful and serene
Just nature and myself alone to share
Walking through colourful meadows in a dream
Such solitude within by the riverside
It's troublesome waters to conquer my soul
From a crazy world I escape and hide
Living away from my boring routine role

A man needs to get away from daily strife
To contemplate within himself on his own
There are many tensions and anxieties in life
So by the river glen in peace I am alone
I walk along pathways in the clear summers day
The trees shade me from the hot sun
I gaze in amazement at each sunshine ray
Lapping up the elements and having fun

My whole self is captured in natural bliss
A sense of intriguing delight in my heart
If only my time alone was always like this
But with nature and myself I am never apart
If only a pretty girl was now by my side
To share in my silence with all my love
But by this river glen alone I hide
Feeling contented and as peaceful as a dove.




Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location	Development Type
07/1337	Emer McDermott	P	11/06/07	Change of use from residential to commercial offices	2 The Square Maynooth Co. Kildare	ONE OFF HOUSE
07/1362	Austin Brady	P	14/06/07	Alterations and two storey extension to rear of existing dwelling	1 Green field Drive Maynooth Co. Kildare	EXTENSION
07/1374	Fiona Kenny	P	15/06/07	(1) The filling of lands with inert materials to include soil, subsoil and excavated material (2) to provide a wheel wash facility (3) to provide a new site entrance onto the public road together with all associated site works	Clonfert South Td Maynooth Co. Kildare	LANDFILL
07/1252	Gertrude Naughton	P	06/06/07	Provision of new gate and entrance to my field	Laragh Road Roestown Maynooth	AGRICULTURE
07/1267	Niall & Yvonne Murphy	P	06/06/07	Conversion of existing attached garage with extension above consisting of two number bedrooms and ensuite. With sunroom, disabled toilet, kitchen and utility at ground level. New entrance porch to front of property with detached shed to rear	26 Parklands Place Maynooth Co. Kildare	EXTENSION
07/12`70	Tadhg Molloy	PERMISSION FOR RETENTION OF DEVELOPMENT	06/06/07	Alterations to granted planning permission register reference 06/65, namely minor window and door alteration to south, east and west elevations and internal alterations within dwelling to form a self contained granny flat unit in new rear extension	345 Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	ONE OFF HOUSE
07/1298	P O Murchu	P	08/06/07	Demolish existing garage and erect extension to rear and side of existing dwelling comprising sunroom, bedroom, shower room, ground level store and attic store	3 Woodlands Maynooth Co. Kildare	EXTENSION

Planning Permissions (continued)

File Number	Applicant Name	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location	Development Type
07/1303	Martin & Valerie McHugh	P	08/06/07	To erect dormer bungalow with part front elevation being 1 1/2 storey with 3 No loose boxes, tackroom and dungstead also to include a separate dormer style double garage with bio-disc system at Clonagh, Maynooth, Co Kildare	Clonagh Maynooth Co. Kildare	ONE OFF HOUSE
07/1336	Board of Management Gaelscoil Ui Fhiach	P	11/06/07	(a) The addition on one no, temporary single storey classroom extension and (b) associated alterations & site works to rear and side of existing school	Gaelscoil Ui Fhiach Celbridge Road Maynooth	SCHOOL




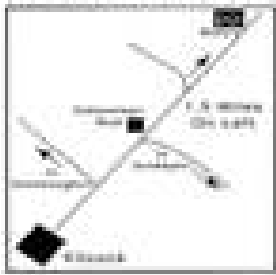
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Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Allocation of Discretionary Grants

Cllr. John McGinley has allocated his €40,000 Discretionary Grant for 2007 as follows:

1. 2 no. cast iron bollards at Traffic Lights, Green Lane, Leixlip	900
2. Double Yellow Lines at Parklands/Castlebridge	9,000
3. Barrier at the new car park at Cedar Park, Leixlip	2,500
4. Bollards at Back Lanes Maynooth	3,000
5. Anti-skid surface on footpath at entrance to Duncarrig estate, Leixlip	1,500
6. Traffic Calming Ramp at Moyglare Abbey, Maynooth	7,000
7. Wooden Bollards opposite Beaufield Shops, Maynooth	1,500
8. Wooden Bollards at the bottom of Kingsbry, Maynooth	1,000
9. Footpath at no. 115/116 Kingsbry	1,500
10. New Footpath at left hand side entrance to Kingsbry (No cost yet)	
11. Footpath reconstruction at no. 12 Cluain Aoibhinn (No cost yet)	
12. New footpath on Celbridge road opposite no. 1 Laurence Avenue (No cost yet)	

Blue Wooden Hoarding at Geoghegan's Lane/Doctors' Lane

Cllr. John McGinley and others have been asking for some time that this unsightly hoarding be removed from the public roadway. As a result the following licence for the hoarding was granted to the developer on the 25th May:

Schedule 1

1. Within two weeks from the date of this licence the existing hoarding shall be removed and a new hoarding shall be erected along the boundary line of the applicants property. The new hoarding shall be appropriately decorated and maintained at all times by the applicant. In addition the undertakings given by the applicant in the FI submission of 30th April 2007 shall be complied with in full.
2. Within three weeks from the date of this licence the applicant shall submit a colour photographic survey of the newly erected hoarding demonstrated in compliance with condition No 1 of this licence. In addition a copy of the receipt of the bond required from condition 13 of this licence shall be submitted to the Planning Authority.
3. The hoarding/scaffolding shall be removed in total, not later than ten months from the date of the licence, unless an extension of the licence is granted by the Council.
4. The hoarding/scaffolding or other obstructions on the ground shall be removed immediately on expiry of the licence.

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5. Safe passage to be provided for pedestrian traffic and wheelchair traffic.
6. The hoarding/scaffolding shall be erected and maintained in accordance with current standards/regulations. It shall comprise of roof and external handrail.
7. The applicant shall be responsible for all safety in the vicinity of the hoarding/scaffolding. Kildare County Council will not be responsible for this hoarding/scaffolding or any accidents arising from the erection of the hoarding/scaffolding. A copy of the applicant's insurance cover shall be submitted to the Planning Authority.
8. All supports shall be clad to prevent accidents to pedestrians.
9. Proper signage and lighting shall be erected to alert pedestrian/vehicular traffic to obstruction on the pavement/road.
10. Where applicable the public footpath shall be restored by the licensee and all damage made good to the satisfaction of Kildare County Council.
11. Footpath / road shall be kept clear of any debris.
12. The licensee must take all necessary precautions to prevent injury to members of the public or damage to property both public and private arising out of the execution of the works and the erection of the hoarding/scaffolding.
13. A cash bond of €10,000 shall be lodged, which is refundable if this area is restored to Kildare County Council's satisfaction.
14. The licence shall be reviewed on a three monthly basis with local Gardai.
15. The footpath shall be restored in full if damaged.
16. Within one week from the date of this licence the applicant shall pay to Kildare County Council the sum of €5,500 for licence fees outstanding.

Allocation of €250,000 to Alleviate Infrastructural Deficit

As a result of a proposal from Cllr. John McGinley €250,000 has been allocated to each Electoral Area, from Development Contributions, in order to alleviate infrastructural deficits. The funding has been allocated as follows in the Leixlip Electoral Area:

1. €120,000 to lay a new footpath and install public lighting on the Moyglare Road from the Nursing Home to Moyglare Hall.
 2. €40,000 to provide a new footpath from TESCO to the Blacklion Road
 3. €30,000 to upgrade the footpath from the Maynooth Photo Shop to Leinster Park.
- €60,000 to provide a footpath in Leixlip from Louisa Bridge along Accommodation Road.

Walkway Between Kingsbry and Greenfield Close:

Cllr. John McGinley got the following reply to his motion to have this walkway closed off:

"This matter has been examined by the area engineer as requested. In such instances, there should be full consensus regarding any proposed closure of a public right of way. In this particular case, the walkway in question is clearly of a public utility and is widely used by residents from these estates. There may also be practical difficulties in that there are quite a number of residential properties which abut this right of way. This would likely lead to further difficulties and increased costs relating to the scale of legal fees as well as civil and associated accommodation works. In any event, however, it is not recommended that this right of way be closed because of its public utility nature. The matter should also be referred to the housing department for comment. If there are issues relating to anti-social behaviour, such should be referred to the Gardaí in this first instance."

Pedestrian Crossing from O'Neill Park to TESCO

Cllr. John McGinley got the following response to his motion asking for the provision of a pedestrian crossing at this location:

"The road design team will undertake a survey of the location with a view to establishing the need, or otherwise, for either an un-signalised crossing (with a central median) or alternatively a signalised version. Given current constraints on staffing resources, it is,

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however, unlikely that this report will be available until the July area meeting."

Removal of The Bandstand from Pound Park

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following progress report on the removal of the Bandstand from Pound Park:

"The meetings Administrator reported that B. Swan has been in discussions with NUI in Maynooth and a location has been agreed. Mr. P. Minnock said that he would ask Brian about this."

Landscaping at the Bottom of Old Greenfield

As a result of Cllr. John McGinley's motion Council Officials have promised that there will be a report presented to the July Area Meeting on the proposed landscaping at the bottom of Old Greenfield.

Bollards at the Bottom of Old Greenfield

As it would now appear that a large number of residents want the bollards to remain in place, and given this level of support for retaining the bollards, Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council not to proceed with the Public Display for their removal.

Improved Signage for Meadowbrook Link Road

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to provide proper signage for the Meadowbrook Link Road at the ESSO station and at Woodlands. The signs would indicate "Town Centre/Rathcoffey" at ESSO and "M4 straight ahead" at Woodlands.

Traffic in the evening is backed up on the Straffan Road to the ESSO station, yet at the same time there is practically no traffic on Parson Street as motorists have yet to get used to this alternative route to Main Street.

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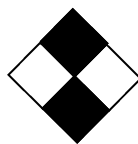
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