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# Editorial

## MAYNOOTH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION –

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

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

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

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

Brid Feely  
Chairperson,  
Maynooth Community Council.

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# Maynooth Community Council Notes

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

## Harbour Field and Geraldine Hall Action Area plan for Maynooth.

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

## St Patrick's Day Parade

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

## Threat to lime trees on Main Street

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

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

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

## Town Council Status

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

## Sub-Committees

### Tidy Towns

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

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

## Editorial Board

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

## Festival

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

## Community Games

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

## Local Matters

A new draft development plan for Meath County

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## Maynooth Community Council Notes Cont'd

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

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

### Amenity land Moyglare Road

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

### Neon Lights on Main Street

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

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

**Marie Gleeson PRO**

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# Planning Permissions

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

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

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

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# Gardening

## Things to Do in the Garden in March

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

## Some Plants in flower and vegetables in season in March

### The Flower Garden

Aubrietia  
Bergenia  
Crocus  
Daffodil  
Hyacinth  
Iris  
Tulip



### The Ornamental Garden

Dog Wood  
Witch Hazel  
Magnolia  
Willow

### Vegetables in Season

Artichoke  
Brussels Sprouts  
Leek  
Spinach  
Broccoli



## Your Spring

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Garden

## Tips

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



## Bulbs & Corns

# Clubs, Organisations and Societies

## Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Notes

### Question

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

### Answer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Question

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

### Answer

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Question

What is the minimum wage that employees are entitled to?

### Answer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# Clubs, Organisations and Societies

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Question

What are my entitlements to maternity leave from work?

### Answer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre.

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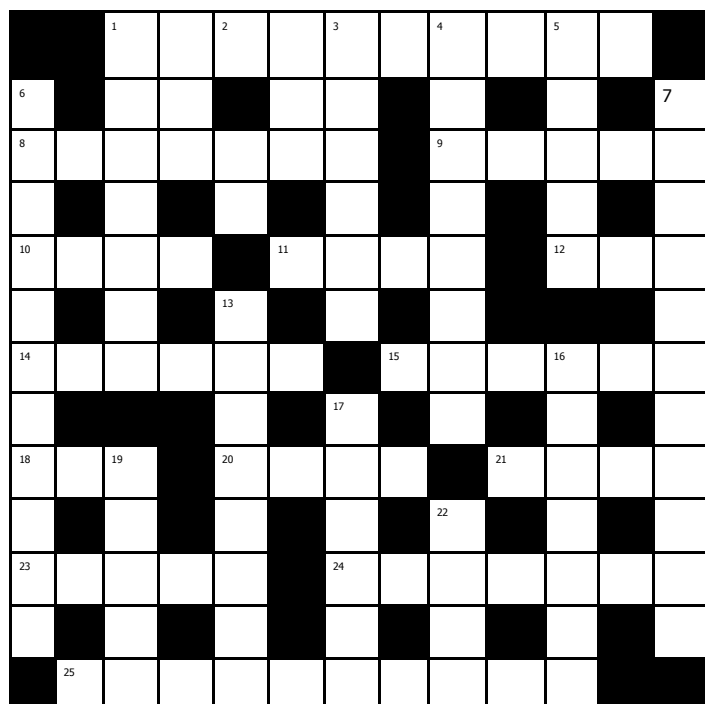
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# Crossword No: 53



Entries before 16th March 2007

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

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

## Across:

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

## Down:

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

## Doodle Box

## Across:

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

1.

## Down:

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

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## Clubs, Organisations and Societies

### *Maynooth Taekwon-Do School*

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

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

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

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



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# Horoscopes



**ARIES—March 21—April 20**

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

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



**TAURUS—April 21—May 21**

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

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



**GEMINI—May 22—June 22**

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

Wednesday is your lucky day, colour brown, number 6



**CANCER—June 23—July 23**

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

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



**LEO—July 24—August 23**

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

Sunday is your lucky day, colour green, number 9



**Virgo—August 24—September 23**

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

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



**LIBRA—September 24—October 23**

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



**SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22**

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

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



**CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan. 20**

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

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



**SAGITTARIUS—Nov. 23—Dec. 21**

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

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



**AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19**

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

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



**PISCES—February 20—March 20**

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

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

# Useful Tips

## General Spot Cleaning Tips

### Do

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

### Don't

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



## Remove Burnt Food From a Stainless Steel Pot

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

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

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

This should remove all the burnt on food.



## Red Wine from Cotton Sweater

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

## Window Cleaners

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

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

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

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



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

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

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



# Clubs, Organisations and Societies

## MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES

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

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

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

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

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weekend**





# Clubs, Organisations and Societies



## *Maynooth Swimming Club* (est. 1966)



### NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

#### **Would you like to learn or improve your swimming skills?**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



### *Irish Sayings and Phrases*



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

*Ní é lá na báistí lá na bpáistí.*

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

*A light heart lives longest.*  
*Maireann croí éadrom bhfad.*



# Mother's Day Recipes

## Royal Ham and Eggs

### Ingredients

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

### Directions

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

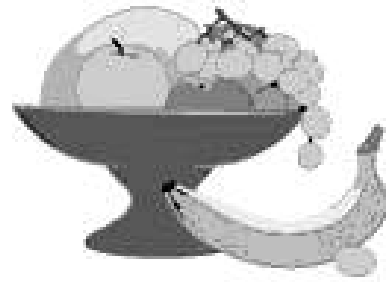
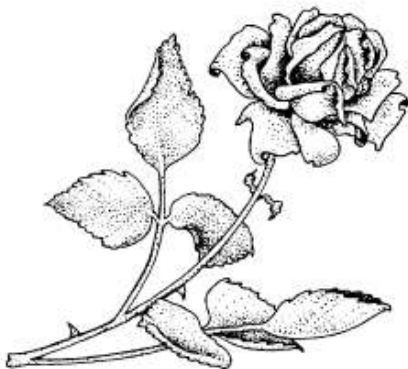
Cover with a layer of ham cubes, a layer of chopped spinach, a layer of cheery tomatoes, and finally, shredded cheese. In a separate mixing bowl, whisk the eggs, dried mustard, pepper and milk together.

Pour this mixture over the casserole.

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

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

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



## Pineapple Boats

### Ingredients

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

### Directions

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

Squeeze lemon over the shells and chunks to prevent browning.

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

Chill and cover until serving time.

This will serve 4 to 6 people.



## Features

### *My Fair Lady*

#### **Post Primary School Annual Musical**

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

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

*Eloise McNeely,*

*Sean Murray*

*& Sam Holt*



*Rian Glynn,*

*Nick Hudson,*

*Kevin Sullivan,*

*Shane McBride*

*& Ciarán Daly*

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

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## *My Fair Lady*

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

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

### **The main cast members are as follows:**

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



*Katherine Oliver  
& Cliona Ní Chosáin*



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

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

## The year of Sir Ivor: The 1968 Epsom Derby

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

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

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

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

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

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It is not certain that Derby Day 1968 contributed to

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

To be continued next month.



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

## Poetry Corner By Patrick Murray

### *A Yearning without my Soul*

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

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

### *Mans Dreams*

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

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

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

### *Be Thankful*

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

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



## Features

# Protecting your Computer



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

### What is a Computer Virus?

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

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

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

### Spreading disease

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

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

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

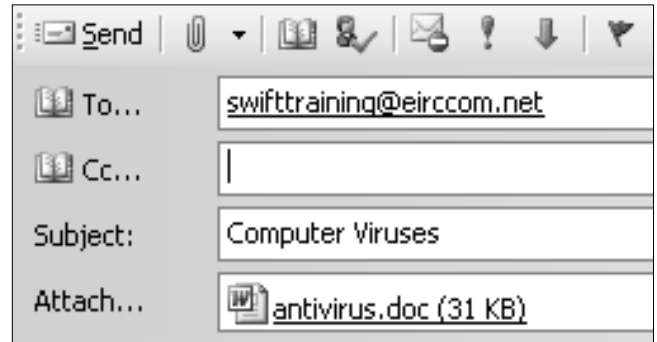
An attached file, or '**attachment**', usually shows up as a paper clip, or a small picture of a piece of paper or file **icon**, that sits on the side or bottom of an e-mail message.

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

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

### A virus in your address book

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



An email showing an attachment

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

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

### Diagnosing a virus

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

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

- ♦ your computer being unusually slow
- ♦ new or regularly used floppy disks becoming unusable
- ♦ unusual error messages popping up on screen

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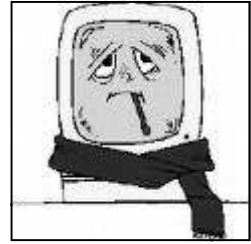
The people who make the viruses often use different tricks to try and make you open the infected e-mail attachment."

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- ◆ programmes crashing or slowing down when they're open
- ◆ documents or folders changing size, name or date
- ◆ unusually slow download speeds
- ◆ strange screen activity.

## ◆ Fear factor



Before you get too scared to use the internet, remember that the majority of computer viruses are actually harmless. Most of them just hop around from computer to computer without deleting, altering or damaging anything. You could get so worried about viruses that you lose out on all the fun things to do on the web. Most computer users will protect themselves with anti-virus software and still manage to enjoy the best that they can find with their keyboard.

However help is at hand and you can protect your computer from viruses using a few simple e-mail and internet functions and some anti-virus software



**Next month we will look at how to get the AntiVirus software you need and the importance of backing up your files - just in case!**

**Jane MacNulty**

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### *Leixlip Castle*

An Irish "Leim on Bhradain " means literally leap of the salmon but the name Leixlip derives from the Danish Lax Hlaup as the village was, like Dublin, established by the Vikings. The Castle was built around the end of the 11th century by Strongbow, on a site where the

The Pypard family lived in the Henry VII granted the Castle to Unfortunately the situation after Silken Thomas led a the the Manor and Castle were Master of the Rolls, the leading



Castle from 1300 onwards before Gerald, the Eight Earl of Kildare. went badly askew for the family rebellion against the king. In 1569 granted to Sir Nicholas White, judge in the British judicial system.

The Whites remained in William Connolly. nephew heir of Castletown. purchased remained the property of the principal residence was property was let frequently Decies, Chief Censor, Dublin added the kitchen wing. was let to a succession of tenants. For a time it served as a residence for the French Embassy.

possession for almost 200 years. and namesake of speaker Connolly Leixlip Castle in 1731 and it family until 1914. The family Castletown House and the Leixlip during that time. In 1914, Lord Castle purchased the property and Unable to sell it in 1923 the Castle



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## **Murphy gives full backing to into Class size debate & demands Government Action**

Catherine Murphy, TD speaking in the aftermath of what she termed a “hugely successful” meeting called by the INTO last night, has given her “full backing” to their campaign to have primary school class sizes in Kildare reduced to the levels promised by the Government in their last programme for government. “The INTO have rightfully labeled North Kildare as a class size blackspot, its a position that, unfortunately, I’d have to agree with. The population of Kildare has grown consistently over the past 20 to 30 years but services like school places have been very slow to come on stream, and children are suffering as a result. The Department of Education has a huge responsibility to address this issue; in failing to do so they are creating huge educational disadvantage.”

The North Kildare, TD highlighted both at the meeting and subsequently that having submitted several parliamentary questions to the Minister for Education on the topic in recent months she has been frustrated by the lack of information or commitment in the responses. “The Minister has failed to deliver manageable class-sizes to Kildare and when questioned about this, resorts to quoting national averages and stating that ‘major improvements have been made in staffing at primary in recent years’. It’s not good enough that children in Kildare are cramped into classes of up to 34 children just because the Government has failed to plan for the increased demand for places.”

Murphy concluded in highlighting that the advertising campaign for Census 2006 was that everyone should participate in order that services could be planned for, but that there has been no evidence that any previous Census was used for this kind of forward planning; an assertion that is supported by the very existence of the current school place, and class size crisis.

“The CSO prepares very detailed demographic information, including projections of where population increases  
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and declines are likely to occur and what age groups they will affect, but the Government has consistently failed to use this information to plan for future need. If a private company made promises like those made advertising the Census and failed to stand by them they'd be sued for false advertising, so why should the Government be let away with it? They need to start looking at the population predictions from the most recent Census, 2002 and 2006, and not only address the school place and class size crisis we face now, but the one we're creating for

## **Is 650sq ft enough space for a family of 4 to live in for 20 years?**

Apartments as small as 650 sq feet and containing little if any storage space or access to outdoor living space are being offered to single people, couples and families alike under the Affordable and Social Housing Schemes. Catherine Murphy, TD has termed such accommodation as "substandard", especially in the case of the Affordable Housing Scheme considering that participants are subject to a 20 year Clawback intended to deter them from entering into the scheme for speculative reasons. She has called on Government to first reduce the 20 year Clawback to 10 years for those buying such small units, so that expanding families can upgrade to larger accommodation without being penalised. New minimum standards recently announced by the Minister will take years to kick in so measures must be taken to deal with the substandard housing stock already built in the planning stages.

"The Affordable Housing Scheme is a good way for people, especially first time buyers, to buy their own home, but it's hardly fair to expect people to buy into 650 sq feet and commit to it for 20 years. There's just no room for family expansion in such small apartments; there isn't even room to store a bike or Christmas tree."

Murphy however went on to highlight that Local Authorities are being put in an awkward position because of the persistence of many developers in building such small units. "We're seeing a disproportionate number of 2 bedroom apartments being acquired by some Local Authorities on a take it or leave it basis. Although some Local Authorities are entitled to buy up to 20% of all new housing developments for use under these schemes, continuous property price rises over recent years, along with inflation, are making larger homes unaffordable. The result is that Affordable Home Buyers don't have a great deal of choice when it comes to the units being offered."

### **The Solution**

"To be honest this problem needs a two pronged approach. Firstly the Minister for the Environment should reduce the Clawback applied to apartment purchases under the Affordable Housing Scheme to 10 years instead of twenty, with the amount of the Clawback reducing from 5 years on. This way, families could get started in apartments with the knowledge that after 10 years they can upgrade if they need to. But second, and most importantly, we need to stop the practice whereby developers are allowed to build such impractical accommodations. Apartments must have adequate living, storage, and outdoor space, it's as simple as that, but many developers will only provide these things if they are made to. Unfortunately it's easy to predict that we're trading one set of problems for yet another, its essential that there is intervention before it becomes a crisis."

### **Clawback**

A Clawback is a way for Local Authorities to claim back the amount by which they discounted a property sold under the Affordable Housing Scheme if it's sold on within 20 years and it's applied as a deterrent to people using the scheme purely for speculative purposes. If a property, for example, is bought from a Local Authority for €200,000 but has a market value of €350,000 the Clawback is calculated as follows:  $350,000 - 200,000 = 150,000$  (discount amount),  $(150,000 / 350,000) \times 100 = 43\%$  (percentage by which the property was discounted). If the property is sold within 10 years of purchase the full 43% of the market value on sale is payable to the Local Authority, however, between years 10 and 20 of the scheme, the Clawback then reduces by 10% annually. In this case it reduces by 4.3% each year.



*Emmet Stagg T.D.*

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*Cllr. John McGinley*

### Maynooth Labour News

#### **Bond Bridge Opened on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2007**

The long wait is over. It is a fine bridge and the unseen flood alleviation measures are very welcome. Deputy Emmet Stagg and his colleague Cllr. John McGinley would like to thank the residents of the Newtown area for their support throughout the long campaign and for their patience over the last 15 months when the bridge was closed.

#### **Stagg appeals Tesco development over threat to Main Street Trees**

Deputy Emmet Stagg has along with his colleague Cllr. John McGinley lodged an Appeal with An Bord Pleanala in relation to the Grant of Planning Permission for the redevelopment of The Tesco Supermarket on the Dublin Road, Maynooth.

Specifically the Appeal, stated Deputy Stagg, has been lodged with one objective in mind and that is to remove the threat posed to the Trees on Main Street, Maynooth, caused by the imposition of Condition 33 in the grant of Planning Permission.

Condition 33 explained Deputy Stagg provides for the provision of an Urban Traffic Control SCOOT system and worryingly also includes provisions for the widening of the Straffan Road/Main Street Junction. Two proposals are on the Table in relation to the widening of the junction – one which would not involve the removal of any trees but would place them on the edge of the road near the Square whilst the second proposal would involve the removal of all the Trees from the Square to Hands old House on Main Street (Beside Maynooth Jewellers). In all a total of 8 Trees would be removed and in addition a curved roadway would be driven through the heavily pedestrianised Square.

The proposal to remove 8 Trees from one Section of the Main Street has been described by Deputy Stagg as an act of State Vandalism against the Community of Maynooth.

Deputy Stagg made the following points in the Appeal:

- The Proposed removal of the Trees would destroy forever the unique visual appearance of the Historic Tree Lined Main Street.
- The Proposed removal of the Trees breaches 13 Sections of the Maynooth Development Plan 2002, the purpose of which is the conservation and enhancement of the Towns natural and built environment, which describes the Axis from St. Patrick's College to Carton Estate as one of the finest examples of 18<sup>th</sup> Century urban and landscape design, and which states that it is the Council's Objective to protect and enhance the special character of Maynooth Town Centre.
- Other breaches of the Maynooth Development Plan 2002 include the fact that the Trees are specifically listed for Protection and that their removal would have a serious effect on the Protected View from Carton Avenue Gates to the Main Street.

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- In addition the Plan requires the Traditional Main Street Building Line to be maintained (a laudable objective) and Deputy Stagg pointed out that this applies equally to the traditional line of Trees.
- Finally the Plan requires the retention of traditional shop fronts on Main Street, and imposes restrictions on advertising structures on the Main Street to protect the essential character of the Town (again very laudable), but Deputy Stagg has pointed out that the Trees are as essential to the character of the Town and require equal protection.
- The Removal of the Trees breaches the Heritage and Architectural Conservation Areas sections of the Kildare Co. Development Plan 2005-2011.
- Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley were adamant that under no circumstances should the Trees be removed. They did point out however that a Ring Road from the Dublin Road to the Celbridge Road was included in the Kildare Co. Council Capital Programme for completion by 2009 at a cost of €10,500,000, that this road would link up with link road between the Celbridge Road and the Straffan Road, which in turn links up with the Meadowbrook Link, meaning this outer route would serve 3,000 houses and that this would be the route taken by most shoppers to the new Tesco Development rather than the Main Street. Therefore there was no need to widen the Main Street for traffic. It was also pointed out that Doctors Lane would become a one way system shortly for traffic going East to West, thus removing traffic from the Main Street.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that Condition 33 of the permission granted to Tesco's ignores the unique beauty of the Trees and their importance in the creation of a beautiful environment in the Heart of Maynooth. He put forward 2 suggested rewordings of Condition 33 with a view to removing the threat now facing the people of Maynooth.

## **Inclusion of target of 500 houses for Maynooth in Meath County Development Plan review illogical**

Deputy Emmet Stagg has described the inclusion of a Target of 500 houses in the Meath County Development Plan 2007-2013 for the Maynooth Environs as illogical and a threat to a co-ordinated planned future development of the Town.

Deputy Stagg stated that it would appear that on foot of a submission from the promoters of Moygaddy Park the Meath County Development Plan has been amended to include a target of 500 houses in the

Maynooth Environs part of Co. Meath. The Moygaddy Park proposal includes the development of a business, science and technology park, 450 executive style homes, a retirement village, hotel and equestrian centre.

Whilst some of these proposals can be dealt with on their merits under existing provisions Deputy Stagg stated that the proposed housing will open up a serious issue in relation to how Maynooth Town grows into the future. If we were to agree to this proposal we would have a satellite village with housing out on a limb, divorced from the Town itself. It would lead to calls for the agricultural lands between the Town and the Satellite Village to be zoned for housing. It would simply be madness.

The intention of Meath Co. Council is that the next Maynooth Development Plan would be jointly prepared between Meath and Kildare Co. Council's. Unlike Kilcock, where the centre of the Town is within yards of Meath, there is no reason for such a joint plan for Maynooth.

Deputy Stagg stated that the proposals are now on Public Display and that it was his intention along with his colleague Cllr. John McGinley to make a submission in relation to the proposals pointing out that they were unnecessary and inappropriate to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In addition, at the Leixlip Area Committee meeting of the Council on 16<sup>th</sup> February the Councillors supported Cllr. John McGinley's motion objecting to the inclusion of these 500 houses in the Draft Meath County Development Plan.

## **Pedestrian Phase of lights at Bank of Ireland, Maynooth**

On the proposal of Cllr. John McGinley it was agreed last September that the pedestrian lights at the Bank of Ireland would be removed in the interest of public safety. When John asked why this had not happened he was given the following incredible reply by the Council's Director of Services:

*"Traffic management issues as well as health and safety arrangements are an executive function. In this instance, any consideration on the part of the Senior Engineer to temporarily remove the pedestrian phase was firmly contingent on the following aspects:-"*

- A positive recommendation on the part of the Regional Road Safety Engineer.
- Discussions with the Gardaí.

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*The Regional Road Safety Engineer is opposed to the temporary removal of the pedestrian phase. A meeting took place with the Gardaí on the 13 Feb. in relation to the same matter. They are also adamant that it should not be removed for the same reasons.*

*The matter has since been examined in some detail by the Council's new Senior Executive Engineer (Traffic Management). He has suggested a different approach which would involve the relocation of the pedestrian crossing closer to the Straffan Road junction. This, in turn, would convey a number of benefits, including:-*

- ◆ *The opportunity to better synchronise all signals at the junction.*
- ◆ *Less queuing of vehicular traffic as a result of the pedestrian crossing being located closer to the other signals.*

*I have requested the Council's traffic management consultants, Faber Maunsell to prepare a preliminary design and costing and will make this available to the Committee when available. In addition, it is also worth noting that the proposal will not involve the removal of any trees but will entail some civil works in terms of alterations to kerbs etc."*

Needless to say Cllr. McGinley and the other three Councillors rejected the reply and they seriously questioned the statement that **"traffic management issues are an executive function."**

## Provision of Defibrillators in Maynooth

At the request of a concerned Maynooth resident Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion to the Leixlip Area Committee:

"That Kildare County Council carry out a survey to see whether or not Automatic External Defibrillators (AED's) are available to the public at the following locations in Maynooth:

- Ambulance Service
- Manor Mills
- TESCO's Shopping Centre
- Maynooth Train Station
- NUI Maynooth
- Soccer Pitches, Rathcoffey Road

- GAA Pitches, Moyglare Road
- The 3 Primary Schools & 1 Secondary School

Furthermore, and in the light of the findings of the survey, that the Council becomes proactive in implementing a pilot AED programme for Maynooth. Bearing in mind that sudden cardiac arrest is survivable, with recent studies showing that when AED's are used within the first 3 minutes that there is a 74% survival rate, that the Council would give serious consideration to extending the AED programme to other towns in the County."

It was agreed that the Council would ask the HSE to carry out the survey and that the Council would be the driving force behind this very important safety issue.

## Doctors Lane to Become One Way

Cllr. John McGinley has been advised that a contractor will be appointed shortly for this work and for footpath improvements on Dublin Road and Hands Corner.

John has asked that ramps be installed on Doctors Lane in the interest of public safety.

## HSE confirm purchase of new Maynooth Ambulance Site subject to planning permission

The HSE have now formally confirmed to Deputy Emmet Stagg that they have reached agreement to purchase a Unit at the Maynooth Business Campus for the New Maynooth Ambulance Base, and that the purchase is subject to planning permission.

As indicated by Deputy Stagg last week the purchase is conditional on planning permission been granted for the change of use of one of the Units at Maynooth Business Campus from light industry/enterprise to use as an Ambulance Centre. The planning application for this change of use was lodged with Kildare Co. Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> January and a decision is due on 18<sup>th</sup> March and Deputy Stagg indicated that he foresaw no reason in the world why planning permission would not be granted for the change of use.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that the expected finalisation of the Deal in March was important in that it would provide the most modern standard of an Ambulance Station in North Kildare and in the provision of a satisfactory location beside the M4 and accessible to all parts of North Kildare.

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## **Court Order served on O2 seeking removal of Mast at Maynooth G.A.A. grounds**

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been advised by Kildare Co. Council that the Court Order seeking Enforcement of the Removal of the Unauthorised Mast at Maynooth G.A.A. Grounds on the Moyglare Road, Maynooth, was served on O2 January 29<sup>th</sup> by the Council's Solicitors.

What this means stated Deputy Stagg is that O2 have 4 weeks to comply with the Court Order requiring them to remove the Mast.

The Court Order was put in place at Naas Circuit Court on October 17<sup>th</sup> last and O2 Communications consented to the Order sought by the Council for removal of the Mast but a Stay on the Order was put in place for a month to enable O2 to submit a valid application to the Council for retention of planning permission. That application was submitted to the Council within a month but was declared invalid on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

Welcoming the Serving of the Court Order Deputy Stagg stated that the original Warning Letter in relation to the Unauthorised Mast issued to O2 in December, 2004, and following the submission of 4 planning applications, all of which were deemed invalid, we now have a Court Order requiring O2 to remove the Mast within 4 weeks.

On 5<sup>th</sup> February O2 submitted their 5<sup>th</sup> retention Planning Application but, Deputy Stagg is calling on the Council's Solicitors to enforce the order by going back to Court if necessary.

## **Further progress on extension to Maynooth Presentation Convent as invitations sought to be included on approved tender list**

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed further progress on the required extensions to Maynooth Presentation Convent Girls N.S. following the invitation to Contractors to go on a short list to Tender for the Construction Project.

Whilst not at the stage of inviting Tenders at least this is some further progress stated Deputy Stagg.

The required Extension to Maynooth Presentation Convent is amazingly in Architectural Planning since November 2001 and was delayed by Government Cut-Backs following the 2002 General Election. The extension consists of refurbishment works, the construction of 3 additional classrooms and 4 resource rooms and a replacement General Purposes Hall. The Planning Application for the Project was lodged with

Kildare Co. Council on 7<sup>th</sup> June last and is currently on a further Information Request.

Given the clear necessity for this extension Deputy Stagg indicated that he would continue to apply pressure on the Minister for Education until Tenders were invited and contractors were on site.

## **€7 million allocation will kickstart upgrade of N4 between Leixlip and the M50—work to commence in the summer**

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been advised by South Dublin Co. Council that the recent allocation of €7 Million by the N.R.A. will allow for works to commence on the Upgrade of the N4 between Leixlip and the M50 in the Summer of 2007.

The improvements planned under this scheme include the following:

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

Deputy Stagg stated that the overall cost of the work is likely to be in the region of €35 to €40 Million Euro and that a contract should be in place for the Design and Build Project towards the end of February. The Timescale for completion of the project will be 18 months to 2 years.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that whilst the project will bring relief for hard pressed commuters from North Kildare who have no option but to travel by car daily to work in Dublin, it is the Governments fault that this project was not completed in 2004 as originally envisaged under the 2000-2006 National Development Plan, because it was the Government who imposed massive cut-backs on infrastructural projects following the 2002 General Election.

## **Eircom were taken to task over delays in phone connections—privatisation chickens coming home to roost**

Deputy Emmet Stagg has described the present position in relation to the provision of Land Lines to people wishing to acquire a phone service as akin to the late 1970's when former Taoiseach and then Minister for Posts and Telegraphs Albert Reynolds, promised everybody phones out of hand, but there was no delivery.

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We are now in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century stated Deputy Stagg, and following the asset stripping of Eircom when it was Privatised by this malfunctioning Government of FF/PD's, it is remarkable that people can be waiting up to a year to secure a phone service. We are suppose to be the Celtic Tiger but the Government handed over our Telecommunications Infrastructure to Venture Capitalists who's only role in life is Profit. Customers, the Public don't matter.

In New Housing Estates, be it Griffinrath in Maynooth, Easton Gardens in Leixlip, The Beeches in Straffan or RyeBridge in Kilcock, residents have been left waiting and waiting for a phone service stated Deputy Stagg. These are not areas up the top of a Mountain and yet it can take a year for the service to be provided. In rural areas where young families are building their own homes the situation is worse.

Eircom stated Deputy Stagg are regulated by Comreg whose regulatory role was set out by the Government. The Government akin to their own ineptitude deemed that Eircom upon receipt of a reasonable request had to provide 60% of all connections within 4 weeks, 80% within 8 weeks, 90% within 13 weeks, 95% within 26 weeks and 100% within 52 weeks. In other words they have a huge get out clause, courtesy of the Government.

Deputy Stagg stated that the Communications Regulation (Amendment Bill) 2007 was published on 31<sup>st</sup> January, and it now provides us with a vehicle to alter the generous time limits given to Eircom to supply a phone connection. Having spoken with Labour's Communications Spokesperson Tommy Broughan, it has now been agreed that Labour will table an amendment to the Bill to slash the time for Eircom to provide a phone connection to 100% within 3 months. This in itself is being generous but is allowing scope for wayleave issues which sometimes cause problems.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that it was time we got tough with Eircom and if they can't do the job we should renationalise them and ensure that along with our Electricity Supply System, that the State would control such a vital tool for the Economy and the daily lives of hard working families.

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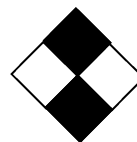
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