

Editorial

MAYNOOTH NEWSLETTER EDITORIAL MAY 2007

Public Safety Association meeting against Anti-Social Behaviour

On Monday night 23rd April a public meeting was held in the Glenroyal Hotel called by concerned parents and residents in Maynooth, who are increasingly alarmed at the level and incidents of assaults, crime and anti social-behaviour in the town.

The excellent attendance of almost a 180 people confirmed the level of interest among the residents of the issues. In attendance on the night were representatives from the Students Union, The Maynooth Business Association, Gardai and Senior Citizens. The organizers of the event are to be thanked for their innovation in holding such a meeting which gave all the residents and bodies concerned, the opportunity to discuss, learn, and even come up with some ideas on how to deter, decrease, and deal with perpetrators of such acts.

Some of the decisions reached include a commitment by the gardai to show an increased Gardai presence . A commitment by students union in NUI to play a larger role in keeping the town clean, during and after rag week, and a commitment by the Business Association to engage in public consultation during there 2nd stage application for the implementation of community based CCTV.

The partnership entered into during this meeting with all the bodies concerned must be maintained in order to defeat the small minority, who if left unchecked ,can wreck such havoc and tragedy on individual families and residents.

The interaction of the initiate between the Business Association and the Public Safety Association is a testament to the positive contribution of individuals to the community.

Brid Feely
Chairperson

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

The April meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on 16th of April in the Glenroyal Maynooth.

As it became apparent at the last meeting of Maynooth Community Council, with only 10 people in attendance, a quorum could not be reached, it was realized that Maynooth Community Council was now in a bad way.

In May the Local elections of Maynooth Community Council will take place, with the AGM taking place at the first meeting in June. It is also apparent that these elections should have taken place last year, also the fact that Maynooth Community Council is a Ltd Company a number of directors should be in place and this will be rectified at the AGM. We urge you to put yourself forward for election. Maynooth has grown considerably over the past few years and with this push now on to make new residents aware of the Community Council and the work that we do, and our total commitment to the Community of Maynooth I am sure that we will encourage a lot of new interest in the Council.

We are aware that new estates have emerged over the past couple of years. We have Straffan Wood, Griffith Rath, and Moyglare Hall, with these estates alone the growth of Maynooth has expanded considerably, so it's vital that all residents in Maynooth should have a say in what goes on in their town.

Maynooth Community Council over the past years had been strong and forceful in pursuing issues that effect the town, one of the main issues being to gain Town Council Status for Maynooth, Arts Centre/ Community Centre and with development of the Harbour Field, which would include the provision of underground car parking for 600 cars. Also the possibility of a Running Track and Skate Board Park.

A more current issue being followed at the moment, is to keep a watchful eye on the development on the Main Street which could mean the widening of the Main Street, the removal of several of the Lime Trees that line the street?

Local Matter/ Safety issues etc. raised by Residents Association are supported and when necessary representations are sent to the appropriate bodies.

Bond Bridge. This was fully supported by the Residents and The Community Council over very many years; we now have a wonderful new bridge over the canal and railway, which one-day might form a part of the new ring road for Maynooth.

It is very important that all areas are represented on

the Council. Remember your Council is only as strong as it members. We again urge you to put yourself forward for election.

You will find Application Forms and other relevant information in the Newsletter; also extra Application Forms can be obtained in the Community Council Office:

Unit 5
Newtown Shopping Centre,
Beaufield,
Maynooth.

Telephone: 01-6285922/01-6285053

Just to draw your attention to the Election Schedule.

All nominations should include the signature of the nominee, signifying her/his acceptance of the nomination.

All nominations to arrive at the Community Council office by Thursday 17th May before 5.00 p.m.

Nomination Close	Thursday 17th May 2007
Voting Closes.	Thursday 31st May 2007
Vote Counted.	Saturday 2nd June 2007.
First Meeting.	Monday 18th June 2007.

Sub-committees and Affiliates; The Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Maynooth Community Council Festival, Tidy Towns, Arts Forum, Twinning Committee and Community Games. All of these committees provide a great service to the town of Maynooth. The Maynooth Newsletter which provides a wide range of secretarial services for the public.

Present Executive

Chairperson Brid Feely
Secretary Muireann Ni Bhrolchain
Vice Chairperson Tom Mc Mullen
Treasurer Willie Saults
PRO Marie Gleeson
Public Development Officer Paul Croghan

Your Community Council

Maynooth Community was established in 1984 by democratic elections, Non-Political Non-Denominational Elections as a voluntary body to represent the community and to respond to issues and needs of the town with relevant agencies areas community and voluntary groups.

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

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The Community Council Main Aims

To promote the well being of the community.
To secure the facilities which the council considers lacking in the community.
To assist the local authority in exercising its office in Maynooth.
To provide or help to provide employment in the Maynooth area.

What are we trying to achieve

Maynooth Community Council responded to the high levels of unemployment in the Community, giving people valuable training to assist them in seeking employment. Maynooth Community Council has sponsored FAS funded projects since 1985. In 2000 we established a Limited Company to run the project, and the directors are members of the Community Council

Support from FAS

The Newsletter project is very dependent on funding from FAS in addition to the costs of wages to us they pay for training and small weekly material grants. The cost of running the office well exceeds this funding, and the Community Council must fund the balance. This is mainly done by the office services: Saint Patrick's Day Parade the Festival. Flag Day and grants.

How it works

Vacancies are advertised as they arise and the project is currently approved for 15 plus a supervisor. The project is a rate for the job scheme, where participants are recruited for a maximum of three years, provided the relevant eligibility criteria are reached.

Our main aims in the project is to try and give people a varied work experience in a busy office together, in order to equip people to get jobs at the end of the project.

I hope this information is useful to you, and gives you a better understanding of what Maynooth Community Council is about.

Marie Gleeson
PRO

Children's Colouring Competition Winner



**Sinéad Crowley,
18 Moyglare Abbey,
Maynooth
Is the winner of the April Edition.**

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ELECTIONS 2007



Election Schedule

Nominations

The Nomination Form is included in this issue of the Newsletter.

Extra forms may be obtained from the Community Council Office, Unit 5, Newtown Shopping Centre, Beafield, Maynooth.

All nominations should include the signature of the nominee signifying her/his acceptance of the nomination.

All nominations to arrive at the Community Council Office by **Thursday 17th of May 2007 by 5.00 p.m.**

Any Resident over 18 is eligible to the election and to vote.

Voting

If elections are required, voting papers will be distributed to all households between **Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 24th of May 2007**. Votes will be collected the following week, if they are not collected they may be brought to the Community Council office. All votes must be returned by **Thursday 31st May 2007**. They will be counted on **Saturday 2nd of June 2007**.

Counting will be done by neutral volunteers under the supervision of outside scrutineers. For single area electoral areas, the single transferable vote method of counting will be used (as in by-election to the Dáil Éireann). For multiple-seat areas, each voter will have as many votes as there are available, with the candidates obtaining the most votes being elected, as appropriate.

The first meeting of the New Council will take place on **Monday 18th of June 2007**.

This will be an AGM including the election of new officers for the Council.

Notices will be sent to all councillors.

There will be an informal meeting beforehand- councillors will be notified in advance.

May Day Superstitions

*May was considered an
unlucky month to get married.*

*'Marry in May
and you'll rue the day'.*

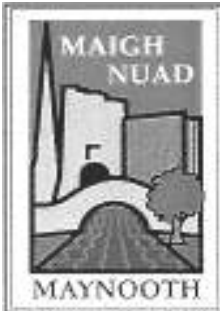
*Never buy a broom in May or
wash blankets.*

*'Wash a blanket in May.
Wash a dear one away'.*

May Facts

Gemstone: Emerald

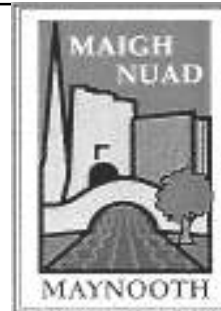
Flower: Lily of the Valley



MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTORS 2007

Community Council Electors

Elections for the new Community Council take place in May 2007. There are 79 seats to be filled with a nominee from the student's Union. Co-options may take place after the first meeting.



Election arrangements

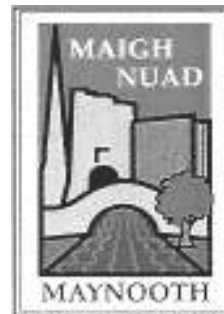
The number of Council places per electoral area is based on a rough ratio of 100 voters (from the Electoral Register) per Council member,

Electoral Areas

1. Town Centre (5 seats)
The area bounded by Bond Bridge, Mullen Bridge, Blacklion, Kildare Bridge (Dunboyne Road) and the Parish Church.
2. Railpark/Straffan Road including the Crescent (1 seat)
3. Castledawson (3 seats)
4. Lyreen Park/ Pebble Hill (2 seats)
5. Parson's Hall (1 seat)
6. Carton Square, Dillons Row/Nagle Court (1 seat)
7. Railpark Estate (2 seats)
8. Greenfield Estate (5 seats)
9. Carton Court (2 seats)
10. Kingsbry (5 seats)
11. Greenfield Lane/Greenfield Phase 1 (1 seat)
12. Greenfield Phase 2 (1 seat)
13. Greenfield Phase 3 – Private sites (1 seat)
14. Beaufield (3 seats)
15. Meadowbrook (4 seats)
16. Cluain Aoibhinn (2 seats)
17. College Green (2 seats)
18. Moyglare Road/Moyglare Meadows/Moyglare Village (4 seats)
19. Moyglare Abbey (4 seats)
20. Newtown/Woodlands/Ashley Court (2 seats)
21. Newtown Court (2 seats)
22. Parson Street/Parson Lodge/Court (1 seat)
23. Silken Vale (2 seats)
24. Castlebridge (1 seat)
25. Parklands (5 seats)
26. Rockfield (5 seats)
27. Griffin Rath (2 seats)
28. Straffan Wood (4 seats)
29. Moyglare Hall (2 seats)
30. Outlying Area A (1 seat)
Including Carton Demesne, Old Carton, Catherinestown, Kellystown, Blakestown.
31. Outlying Area B (1 seat)
Including Windgates (east side of Straffan Road), Toolestown, Corbally, Griffinrath, Moneycooley & Ballygoran
32. Outlying Area C (1 seat)
Including Rowanstown, Dowdstown, Taghadoe, Toolestown (west side of Straffan Road), Windgates (ditto), Newtownmacabe, Rooks, Smithstown, Johninstown, Graiguesallagh, Cowanstown, Kealstown, Craiguelin, Derrystown, Donaghstown.
33. Outlying Area D (1 seat)
Including Timard, Laraghbryan, East/West, The Maws, Ballycurragghan, Treadstown, Cormickstown, Crinstown, Laragh Demesne



MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS



**ELECTIONS FOR THE NEXT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
WILL BE HELD SHORTLY.**

- **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MAKING MAYNOOTH A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE?**
- **DO YOU WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FUTURE OF THIS TOWN?**

WE URGE YOU TO PUT YOURSELF FORWARD FOR ELECTION

NOMINATIONS CLOSE:	THURSDAY 17TH MAY 2007
VOTING CLOSES:	THURSDAY 31ST MAY 2007
VOTES COUNTED:	SATURDAY 2ND JUNE 2007
FIRST MEETING	MONDAY 18TH JUNE 2007

PLEASE CUT OUT AND COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND SEND IT TO :

**MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL, UNIT 5, NEWTOWN SHOPPING CENTRE,
BEAUFIELD, MAYNOOTH, BEFORE THURSDAY 17TH MAY 2007**

NAME OF CANDIDATE _____

ADDRESS _____

CONTACT NUMBER/EMAIL ADDRESS _____

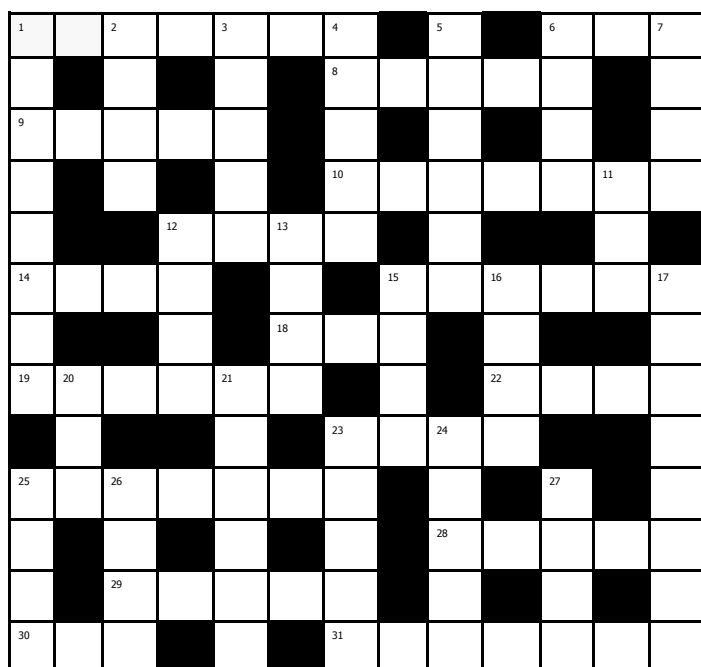
ELECTORAL AREA _____

I agree to act on the Council if elected

CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE _____

DATE: _____

Crossword No: 55



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Celbridge Road
Maynooth

Entries before Monday 14th May 2007

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Across:

1. Chief port of Northern Ireland (7)
6. Tasselled felt cap (3)
8. Tedium (5)
9. Financial check (5)
10. Harsh (7)
12. Military force (4)
14. Smirk (4)
15. Obnoxious (6)
18. Nothing (3)
19. Actress, - - - Jackson (6)
22. South American country (4)
23. Straightforward (4)
25. Tory politician, - - - Portillo (7)
28. Where Jim Bowie was killed (5)
29. Governed (5)
30. Toss (3)
31. Madonna hit, - - - Yourself (7)

Down:

1. Strike -beaker (8)
2. Female (4)
3. Subsequently (5)
4. Woolly toy bear (5)
5. Release (6)
6. Clenched hand (4)
7. Light metal (4)
11. Promissory note (1.1.1)
12. Type of knitwear (4)
13. Hit song for Craig McLachlan (4)
15. Gymnast, - - - Korbut (4)
16. Simple game! (1-3)
17. Academic (8)
20. Hawaiian garland (3)
21. Lovingly (6)
23. Escape (5)
24. Imprint (5)
25. Ground grain (4)
26. Restrict (4)
27. Spouse (4)

Across:

6. Sarsaparilla, 8. Request, 9. Enter, 10. Chef, 12. Amazon, 14. Cobra, 15. Nation, 16. Opus, 19. Night, 21. Cholera, 22. Dissatisfied.

Down:

1. Frequent, 2. James, 3. Party, 4. Dilemma, 5. Flat, 6. Strychnine, 7. Grandstand, 11. Don, 12. Arm, 13. Zeppelin, 14. Contest, 17. Acute, 18. Boast, 20. Grim.

Doodle Box

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Castle Keep Art Group 9th Annual Art Exhibition & Launch of Maynooth Miscellany CD

By now the Castle Keep Art Group's Annual exhibition had become one of the main social events in the Maynooth calendar. There were paintings, prints and drawings, wine and chat, and this year an added attraction was the launch of the *Maynooth Miscellany* CD show casing the arts in Maynooth

There was an unprecedented attendance at the opening of the exhibition on Friday 13th April, (which turned out to be lucky for the art group). With just over 100 works on display by 18 local artists, there was something to suit everyone both in terms of subject matter and price range as was evidenced by the large number of paintings purchased during the exhibition.

The exhibition was opened by Lucina Russell, County Arts for Kildare. Lucina recommended the show and was particularly impressed with the architectural studies in the exhibition. She also outlined various arts activities taking place in Kildare over the next few months.



*Back row L to R: Natalie Kelly, Pat Burke, Brian Tuohy, Gerry McCann,
Deaglán Ceallaigh & Regina Richardson.
Front row L to R: Trees Gevers, Susan Durack, Elizabeth O'Hare, Maureen
Redmond & Emma Tracey.*

The exhibition was made up of many local scenes such as Connolly's Folly, The Wonderful Barn, Bond Bridge, Taghadoo Round Tower, Carton Boathouse and Donadea Forest. Other works focused on Irish and European landscapes, seascapes, still life, equine, figurative and abstract studies, all carried out in a variety of media-oils, watercolours, pastels, pen and ink, charcoal and print.

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The launch of the CD **Maynooth Miscellany** produced by Terry Nealon, Chairman of the Maynooth Arts forum, was particularly apt at the event. The production of the CD serves to show case the arts in Maynooth (of which there is tremendous amount) and to bring to the fore the need for an arts centre in the town. The CD contains material from local arts group such as the Maynooth Writhers Group, Maynooth Local History Group, the castle Keep Art Group, local musicians, singers, poets, St Mary's Brass Band, the Nuadha Players and from the Music Department NUI Maynooth (to mention a few). Original musical compositions feature with a notable inclusion from a young local rock band, **Slumming Angels** whom I think we will hear more from the future, watch this space! The CD retails at €10 and is well worth purchasing not only for its content but also proceeds are going to the Maynooth Community Care Centre. The CD will be on sale in local outlets. Please buy and support.

We would like to express our thanks to the following people who helped to make the exhibition the success it was. As always thanks to Senan Griffin, Principal of the Post Primary School and the VEC for providing the venue. Thanks to Brian Farrell, Caroline Mc Carthy and Sheila Downey of the Post Primary School for the help in the organisation, setting up of the venue and looking after us so well. Our thanks to Lucina Russell, County Arts Officer for opening the exhibition.

A special thanks to all who attended the exhibition, the success has been central to the group's continuance and development.

For Enquiries about the art group please contact 6289349 (Susan) evenings

Susan Durack
Secretary
Castle Keep Art Group



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amps, mics, stands, etc.

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Features

Little Way Cancer Support Centre Clane

Why a Cancer Support Centre?

The Little Way Cancer Support Centre was set up in October 2003 to provide support for cancer patients, their families and friends. The diagnosis of cancer can mark the beginning of a long and frightening journey, not just for the person who has received the diagnosis, but also for their families and friends.

While medical concerns are addressed through the range of treatments available within the Health Services, many people feel that their emotional needs and those of their family and friends are not met.

This can leave people feeling anxious, isolated and helpless.

The Little Way Cancer Support Centre aims to meet this need by providing emotional support and practical help to people who have or have had cancer, their families and their friends.

What happens in the Centre?

- The centre operates on a drop-in basis.
- Those visiting the centre are met by trained volunteers who offer supportive listening and provide practical information.
- An extensive supply of relevant reading material is available.
- Opportunity is provided for visitors to meet others who have undergone treatment for cancer.
- Support groups are held for people sharing similar experiences.
- One-to-one counselling is available on an appointment basis.
- Complimentary therapies, relaxation and meditation are available.
- All services, classes, etc. are provided free of charge to people with cancer.

The centre aims to respond to the needs of its visitors. With this in mind, visitors are always invited to offer any suggestions regarding any additional services which they would like to see at the centre.

Who can use the service?

The service is available to people of all ages who have been affected by cancer. The centre can be accessed without a formal referral, just by phoning or dropping in.

Is there a cost?

All the services available within the centre are free of Charge.

Confidentiality

The Centre operates strict rules of confidentiality, which are observed by all volunteers and visitors. This ensures that the Little Way can offer a safe and caring environment for all who visit.

What are our opening hours?

Clane: College Road. Tel: 045-902996

Mon Counselling 6.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.
by appointment only

Tues Complimentary Therapies 10.30 a.m.- 4.00p.m
by appointment only

Wed & Thurs from 10.30 a.m.-4.00 p.m.

Thurs Relaxation Classes 11.00 a.m.-12 noon.

Athy: 63 Leinster Street. Tel: 087-2983140

Mon 11.00 a.m.-4.00 p.m.

Wed 11.00 a.m.-4.00 p.m.

Are you taking part in the women's mini marathon?
If so would you consider running for this very worthy cause for free entry & race pack contact:

Norah McDermott.

045-902996

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Citizens information Centre Notes

Know your rights

Question

I often receive unsolicited post that is addressed to me but that advertises services or products in which I have no interest. Is there anything I can do to avoid receiving this junk mail?

Answer

The Data Protection Act 1988 contains a provision to ensure that people who do not wish to receive direct marketing literature have their privacy respected.

Under section 2(7) of the Data Protection Act, you have the right to have your details removed from a direct marketing database. You should write to the organisation keeping the database and ask for this to be done. The organisation must comply with your request and write back to you within 40 days confirming that your request has been complied with. If you continue to receive marketing material after you have objected, you can make a complaint to the Data Protection Commissioner, Canal House, Station Road, Portlington, Co Laois. Lo – Call 1890 252 231

If an organisation has not obtained your details directly from you, you are entitled to know what the source was so that you can contact them.

The Irish Direct Marketing Association (IDMA), the representative body for direct marketers in Ireland, operates a Mailing Preference Service. You can contact the IDMA to ask for your details to be removed from the marketing database of the main direct marketers in Ireland. The IDMA has also instituted a Code of practice setting out the data protection rules that IDMA members must adhere to.

The Irish Direct Marketing Association can be contacted at 93A Lagan Road, Dublin Industrial Estate, Glasnevin Dublin 11. Tel: (01) 830 4752.

Your details on the electoral register cannot be used for direct marketing unless you choose to make them available for this purpose. You can choose whether or not to do this when you register to vote. An edited version of the electoral register is published listing only those who opt to make their details available in this way. You can check to see if you are on the edited register at your local library or local authority office. Or online at www.checktheregister.ie

Question

I would like to try to reduce my fuel bills by switching my home heating to renewable energy sources. Are there any grants available to encourage homeowner's to reduce carbon dioxide emissions in this way?

Answer

The Greener Homes Scheme provides assistance to homeowners who intend to purchase a new renewable energy heating system for either new or existing homes.

The grants are available for a number of different technologies. Solar panels can be used for home heating or hot water. Heat pumps can transfer heat that is available in the ground air or water around your house. Stoves or boilers that burn wood chips or pellets are also eligible under the scheme.

It may be possible to obtain a second grant where a combination of two technologies makes sense in terms of reduced carbon dioxide emissions, capital costs, value and improved operation.

In order to qualify for the scheme you must obtain approval before starting work or purchasing equipment. The grant will be for a fixed amount towards the cost of purchase of the chosen system and subsequent installation. The amount of the grant will vary depending on the technology used. A list of registered products and installers is available to choose from.

The scheme is administered by Sustainable Energy Ireland. Glasnevin, Dublin 9.
Call Save; 1850 734 743, or online at www.sie.ie.

Question

Am I entitled to time off work for Easter?

Answer

Easter Monday is a public holiday so you are entitled to paid leave on that day unless your employer nominates one of the following alternatives an additional day's pay, an additional day of leave; or a paid day off within a month or on the nearest church holiday.

Good Friday is not a public holiday. While some schools and business close. You have no automatic entitlement to time off on that day.
There are 9 public holidays in Ireland each year:
New year's Day (1 January)

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Maynooth Citizens information Centre Notes (Cont'd)

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St Patrick's Day (17 March)

Easter Monday

First Monday in May. June and August

Last Monday in October

Christmas Day (25 December)

St. Stephen's Day (26 December)

Easter Monday is the only public holiday with a date that varies significantly from year to year. It falls between 23 March and 26 April each year. In 2007 it falls on 9 April.

Public holiday entitlements apply to staff even if they are not usually scheduled to work on the day of the public holiday. One exception to public holiday entitlement is where part-time staff have worked less than 40 hours in the five weeks before a holiday.

An explanatory booklet on holidays and public holidays is available from the Department of Enterprises, Trade and Employment (lo-call 1890 201 615).

Complaints in relation to holiday entitlements may be referred to the Rights Commissioner at the Labour Relations Commission. Tom Johnson House. Haddington Road, Dublin 4, Lo-call 1890 220 27.

Question

Can you please give me new rates of payment for Child Benefit ?

Answer

Child Benefit is paid monthly by the Department of Social and Family affairs for each qualified child normally living with you and being supported by you. If you are from a country in the European Economic Area (EEA) you may be entitled to Child Benefit even if your child is not living in Ireland. If you are not a EEA national then you must satisfy a habitual residency conditions to qualify for the benefits.

To qualify, a child must be dependent on you and must also be;

- Under age 16 or
- Aged 16,17, or 18 and attending full-time education or a FAS Yuthreach course or have a physical disability

The payment is generally made to the mother of the child. Where the parents are living apart, it is paid to the parent with whom the child lives the majority of

the time. If the child is not living with or being maintained by the parents, then it may be paid to the person who is caring for the child. From April 2007, the child Benefits are as follows:

Number of children	Monthly Rate
1 Child	€160
2 Children	€320
3 Children	€515
4 Children	€710
5 Children	€905
6 Children	€1,100
7 Children	€1,295

The rate of Child Benefit for twins is 1.5 times the normal monthly rate for each child. For three or more children of multiple birth, the benefit paid is double the normal monthly rate for each child.

Application for Child Benefit is made on form CB1 for children under 16 years of age or from CB2 for a child aged 16 or over. Claim forms are available from your local Social Welfare Office. Post Office or form the Child Benefit Section, Social Welfare Services Office. St Oliver Plunkett Road, Letterkenny, Co Donegal. Lo-call 1890 400 400.

Further Information is available from the Citizens Information Centre.

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

Telephone: 01 6285 477
Lo-Call: 1890 777 121

Poetry Corner By Patrick Murray



Dublin City

A fond home for me is this city
Full of genuine people living in peace
As it is changing so rapidly is a pity
Although my cherish love will never cease
From O'Connell street to Parnell square
A friendly gathering often meet
As doves fly high in the air
With singing and dancing in the street

A unique place is my homeland
With interesting people to share
Hospitality is certainly grand
An enchanting spot beyond compare
I remember my walks through each street
With cinema houses, parks and clubs
Yes Dublin City is certainly a treat
Over this land you cant beat the Dubs

Children play in alley ways
Chanting special rhymes as clear
Reminds me of my school days
And a culture I hold so dear
Each area has its special touch
With accents as clear and profound
Atha Cliath I love so very much
As I treasure each sod of ground

May each generation live in pride
Of their city that reared them well
Each inhabitant has a soft spot inside
Who knows what the future can tell
By Anna Liffey a place so rare
On the east coast of Erin's green isle
Everyone has a memory to share
And they are never short of a smile.



Nature of Summer

Just look at the clear Summers day
Walking by the river all on my own
The birds feed their young without delay
By the seasons end they will be fully grown
I hear the corn, crake from so far away
A familiar tune a comfort for us to hear
What is any man in life to say
Of their precious creatures I hold so dear

I see the cattle feast on grass in peace
Then wandering by the river bank to drink
Natures of the countryside never to cease
My mind captured by Summer thoughts to think
The sun shines down on me without fail
As I lay on a tuft of grass on my own
By the riverside I walk on a familiar trail
Until I finally reach my Summer home

I see the butterflies flutter in the heat
Such multiple colour so beautifully serene
My Summer childhood was certainly a treat
But now a memory for me to dream
Awakening season is this for to recall
Of sunshine days so beautiful to the eye
I always look forward for my Summer to fall
Until Autumn gradually fades for it to die.

My Dog

My Dog is all I need
For company with all my pride
Each day I give it a feed
And makes me feel good inside
I cherish my pet with delight
As I wish never to be apart
My Jack Russell is a pretty sight
That cherish in my heart
I know people get tired of them
Just barking all night and day
But it has no master of any men
It is only me that has any say
I feed it on meat , bread and drink
As it looks healthy and strong too
If I only knew what my Dog does think
But still it is the best pal I know
My Dog will never answer back
Or do any devious offence
But true friendship we never lack
That is within my Dog to sence
I am just thinking of the times
We enjoyed while I was a boy
With such passion my heart unwinds
That I remember even till I die.

Features

Velosa Fashions

Velosa Fashions is a sophisticated boutique now open on the Main Street in Maynooth. The owners of Velosa Sandra, Loretta and Vera have all worked together in the fashion business.

The classy boutique offers a wide selection of Irish and international labels and sizes from 8-26.

They stock an extensive range of Day wear, evening wear and cater for all special events Weddings Confirmation, Communion and a Day at the races.

Their range includes:

MOLLY-JO TIVOLI ROBELL LUCINDA GREY
TRAFFIC SPORT ENDORA DERHY
MICHAEL H/PERSONAL CHOICE JENNO-O
EMOZIONI KELSEY ROSE TIA
FeeG BEN SHERMAN JORLI LERROS
TRAFFIC ZHENZI WATERCOLOURS

With their friendly and professional service, the team at Velosa are trained to identify your needs and satisfy them.

We will endeavour to meet your requirements whatever the occasion.

We have an extensive range of accessories to compliment your outfit.

Stocking sizes from 8 to 26

Gift Vouchers available

Deposits Taken

Opening Hours:
Monday-Saturday 9.30 a.m.—6.00 p.m.



Vera Shanley, Loretta Browne & Sandra Donnelly

Maynooth Tidy Town News

Maynooth Tidy Towns hold AGM

Our bi-annual AGM was held on the 4th April last and we are pleased to advise that our committee is strong and united in our drive to make Maynooth, Ireland's Tidiest Town. Positive progress was reported since our previous AGM and our affairs are in good order. Having held the chair for two years Sean Cushen retired from the officer board as did our Secretary, Ashling Kelleher. Both were acknowledged for their tireless work. We are pleased to say that both are staying with Maynooth Tidy Towns in other roles. The committee membership in total is sixteen people and the officers elected for the new term are as follows:

Hon President:	Mr Robert Reilly
Chairperson:	Mr Sean Lyons
Vice Chairperson:	Mr Mattie Callaghan
Secretary:	Ms Mary Jennings
Joint Secretary:	Ms Ashling Kelleher
PRO:	Mr Paul Croghan
Treasurer:	Ms Mary Farrell

Ms. Moira Baxter has been given the title of "Litter Liaison Officer" whereby Moira will be the sole representative advising of litter issues to Mr Noel Geoghegan, Litter Warden, Kildare County Council.

Maynooth Tidy Towns win in St. Patrick's Day Parade

For the third year running Maynooth Tidy Towns won one of the best float prizes in the Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade. We were awarded the "Best Environmental Float" this year. The committee decided to reduce our combined carbon footprint this year and arrange a float fronted by a wheelbarrow and wheelie bins rather than our usual van. Our main message was to highlight the threat to the two hundred and fifty year old trees in Maynooth's main street following approval by Kildare County Council for a large new commercial development in the town which proposes that the trees be removed to create an extra traffic lane.

Maynooth Primary Schools have all achieved Green Flags

Congratulations to Presentation Girls and Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich who have achieved their first Green Schools Flags within the past year. The Boys National School has recently achieved their second Green Schools Flag which brings them half way to achieving the total number of four flags available. Maynooth is awarded extra points in the National Tidy Towns Competition when our schools achieve Green Flags and we are

delighted with the commitment shown by the teachers and pupils alike and we will keep you posted on further progress.

Maynooth Tidy Towns – Work Plan for 2007 in full swing

Tidy Towns is more about enhancement rather than litter picking and for 2007 two of our major landscaping projects are planned for O'Neill Park and the river in Parsons Street. O'Neill Park/ Tesco complex is a prominent site in the town and we have started the work on enhancing that area. The river in Parsons Street was cleaned out a number of years ago, but has fallen into a neglected state again. In addition to these new projects we will be keeping our existing sites around the town. More details on these later.

Sunday Morning/mid week cleaning has recommenced

On the Sunday after Easter we started back on our Sunday Morning clean ups around the town centre. This is essentially a weekly litter picking in the town centre and includes areas such as the Straffan Road and the Moyglare Road. On Wednesday evenings we meet at 7.30pm at Supervalu and we take on a piece of work such as area cleanups or small enhancement projects. The committee would welcome your help on either Sundays or Wednesdays. On Sundays we have a rota system where people only come out on one Sunday in three. The more people that we have the easier it is for all. See separate notice.

Hanging Baskets should "be in bloom by June"

For the last number of years Maynooth Tidy Towns with the support of the business community and others have put in place the hanging baskets in the town centre and maintained them. Plans are being put in place again this year all being well. This is a major annual project for us with substantial costs involved. Last year we did not ask the local businesses for financial support but we are reviewing the situation at present to see how we can fund this project in 2007. We are grateful for financial support for all our projects but with this one we put all the funds raised back into the town so if anybody would like to sponsor this project we would be delighted to hear from you.

Next IBAL results due out in May 2007

The IBAL League is a litter competition sponsored by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government and the "Irish Business Against Litter"

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organisation. Maynooth has taken part in the league for the past three years and out of the fifty three towns judged by An Taisce in November 2006, Maynooth came in at number fifty two just ahead of Dublin City. Many people criticise the league which measures the environmental work of local authorities stating that it is too strict. What happens is that they measure litter at ten locations in the town centre and then rate each area. We outline below the detail of the Maynooth judging in November and at the end we show the table of towns judged in the league. Maynooth Tidy Towns fear that the bad reputation that a town gets in this league will damage business especially tourism in Maynooth. However, it is time to stop blaming the messenger and for Kildare County Council to suitably resource the town of our size with more staff to maintain it and to extend the areas cleaned. The existing staff is excellent but more people are needed to tackle the task.

Maynooth IBAL Results, Nov. 2006:

There has been a general deterioration in Maynooth. It has scored very poorly coming very much at the bottom of the anti-litter league. It was the only town / city with no excellent sites. There were three areas with a serious litter problem. What is particularly disappointing is that a couple of these sites had scored reasonably well during previous litter surveys e.g. Public Park and Railway Station – Outside. The Main Street was the third site with a serious litter problem – the overall appearance was dirty and much of the litter appears to be the result of drinking at the weekend. Maynooth North Campus and Maynooth College (Old) had scatterings of litter which took away from otherwise well maintained environments.

Kilcock Approach Road (R148): Moderately Littered.

Some light scatterings of food related litter prevented this busy stretch of road from getting a better litter classification. A more thorough approach to cleaning could make all the difference here.

St. Mary's Boys National School – Outside and Inside: Moderately Littered.

The overall impression here is of an area which is well kept and carefully maintained. With just a little extra effort by those using the area this could be a perfect site. The installation of litter awareness notices may help, particularly as the main litter was fast-food wrappings.

Maynooth North Campus – Inside: Moderately Littered.

The high standards attained during previous litter surveys have dropped slightly with scatterings of a wide variety of litter on the extensive grounds. This is disappointing as the area is well served by litter bins and capable of doing so much better.

Maynooth College – Old: Moderately Littered.

As with the above site the area is well served by litter bins (and some recycling bins). Just some small traces of fast-food wrappers, plastic bottles and cigarette butts took away from an otherwise very good site.

Main Street: Serious Litter Problem.

The overall appearance of this street was dirty. Not only were there heavy levels of litter but the bins and seating areas were in very poor condition. The footpath was neglected around the base of the trees and chewing gum / cigarettes were both very obvious along the path. It would seem that much of the litter is the result of drinking at the weekend – according to a porter at Maynooth College it is always the same after the weekend.

Public Park in Maynooth – Pound Park: Serious Litter Problem.

The picture here is again somewhat depressing. A big effort was evident during previous litter survey earlier in the year but the situation has deteriorated again. Clearly a more sustained and thorough effort is required on an on-going basis.

Maynooth Railway Station – Outside: Serious Litter Problem.

This was a very disappointing site. There was litter strewn along the roadside and the wall from the town and at the station entrance. The overall appearance was very poor and this is a shame as it has previously scored quite well during previous litter surveys.

Maynooth Railway Station – Inside: Moderately Littered.

Overall, the inside of the station has seen big improvements over the years. The area is well served by litter bins / cigarette butt disposal units. Just some light scatterings of fast food wrappers, plastic bags and plastic bottles took away from an otherwise well maintained environment.

Moyglare Road: Moderately Littered.

On the whole this is generally quite a good stretch of road, but there is a small, but persistent, presence of litter. There were three litter bins along the area surveyed and they were in need of some attention.

Maynooth Tidy Town News (Cont'd)

IBAL Round 11, 2006

Ranking	Town/City	Status
1	Fermoy	"Litter Free Status"
2	Dundalk	"Litter Free Status"
3	Greystones	"Litter Free Status"
4	Wexford	"Litter Free Status"
5	Youghal	"Litter Free Status"
6	Galway City	"Litter Free Status"
7	Bray	"Litter Free Status"
8	Killarney	"Litter Free Status"
9	Dungarvan	"Litter Free Status"
10	Carlow	"Litter Free Status"
11	Clonmel	"Litter Free Status"
12	Ennisorthy	"Litter Free Status"
13	Trim	"Litter Free Status"
14	Cavan	"Litter Free Status"
15	Ballina	"Litter Free Status"
16	Thurles	"Litter Free Status"
17	Monaghan	"Litter Free Status"
18	Mallow	"Litter Free Status"
19	Waterford City	"Litter Free Status"
20	Longford	"Litter Free Status"
21	Roscommon	"Litter Free Status"
22	Cork City	"Litter Free Status"
23	Kilkenny	"Litter Free Status"
24	Sligo	"Litter Free Status"
25	Athy	"Litter Free Status"
26	Nenagh	"Litter Free Status"
27	Tallaght	Moderately Littered
28	Drogheda	Moderately Littered
29	Shandon / Blackpool	Moderately Littered
30	Midleton	Moderately Littered
31	Portlaoise	Moderately Littered
32	Tullamore	Moderately Littered
33	Arklow	Moderately Littered
34	Limerick City	Moderately Littered
35	Finglas	Moderately Littered
36	Cobh	Moderately Littered
37	Newbridge	Moderately Littered
38	Swords	Moderately Littered
39	Letterkenny	Moderately Littered
40	Ennis	Moderately Littered
41	Tralee	Moderately Littered
42	Mullingar	Moderately Littered
43	Ballinasloe	Moderately Littered

44	Dun Laoghaire-	Moderately
45	Castlebar	Moderately
46	Athlone	Moderately
47	Leixlip	Serious Litter
48	Gorey	Serious Litter
49	Wicklow	Serious Litter
50	Navan	Litter Blackspot
51	Naas	Litter Blackspot
52	Maynooth	Litter Blackspot
53	Dublin City	Litter Blackspot

MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS

ARE YOU FREE ON SUNDAY

MORNING ?

**IF SO WHY NOT JOIN US IN HELPING TO
CLEAN UP OUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT**

**MEET SUNDAYS IN THE MAIN STREET
(AROUND 8.00 A.M.)**

OR

**WEDNESDAYS AT SUPERVALU CAR PARK
(AROUND 7.30 P.M.)**

**MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS WOULD WELCOME
JUST ONE HOUR OF YOUR TIME**

CONTACT US BY TEXT AT 087 2436973

Horoscopes



ARIES—March 21—April 20

You are trying to do too much. You are not succeeding in your effort. You are starting to wonder whether it might be possible to be happy without having to keep putting yourself last. Sunday is your lucky day, number 1, colour brown.



TAURUS—April 21—May 21

You will find yourself going to some unusual places over the coming days, where you are likely to meet up with not just one but several important work contacts. Thursday is your lucky day, number 5, colour yellow.



GEMINI—May 22—June 22

You can't do anything right as far as someone close to you is concerned. Stop trying so hard nobody likes to be made feel inferior. Speak to them on their own level for a change. Tuesday is your lucky day, number 4, colour purple.



CANCER—June 23—July 23

You have a lot to look forward to. Your new found happiness may upset some people, but you are stronger and better than that. Enjoy your new found happiness while it lasts. Lucky day Saturday, number 4, colour white.



LEO—July 24—August 23

Things look good this week. Be careful not to overspend. A friend could be a lifesaver, so be grateful for their help. A family gathering is a great success. Lucky day Thursday, number 6, colour black.



Virgo—August 24—Sept 23

Keep your head when someone tries to provoke you at work. There could be a change in work duties. You are moving up the ladder of success and there is no stopping you. Lucky day is Sunday, number 7, colour silver.



LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23

Things could not be better as far as you are concerned. Make the most of what you have got and things will work out just as you planned. A small surprise is likely by the end of the week. Lucky day is Friday, number 7, colour gold.



SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22

Your powers of expression are at their best, and if you need to talk others around to your point of view, you will have no trouble doing so from the 28th onwards. Wednesday is your lucky day, number 6, colour green.



SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21

You have reached a time in your life where your domestic affairs turn over a new leaf and become less of a burden. Your responsibilities have been reduced and you should be thinking of enjoying yourself. Lucky day Tuesday, number 9, colour lilac.



CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20

Watch what you do on Wednesday and Sunday, when unseen obstacles could trip you up. Don't worry if a pet project is put on a back burner you can pick it up again later in the year. Your lucky day is Saturday, number 11, colour cerise.



AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19

Cash flow may slow down, and it could be wise to streamline your expenses. Don't worry as money owing to you for past efforts will soon be on its way. Lucky day Monday, number 25, colour violet.



PISCES—Feb 20—March 20

Make new agreements, sign contracts, or commit yourself after the 27th. Partners and colleagues will happily agree. At work, discussing issues will quickly solve any problems. Lucky day Wednesday, number 15, colour fawn.

Special Occasions

Local FÁS Senior Development Officer Retires



A presentation was made to Joe Carroll on behalf of the Local FÁS Supervisors and Sponsors to mark the occasion of his retirement from FÁS. The presentation was held at the North Kildare Club on Monday 2nd of April 2007.

A Special Birthday Wish



Mrs. Dinah Tobin & Her Grandchildren

Congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Dinah Tobin who celebrated her 101st birthday on the 4th of March 2007 from all her family and friends.

Gardening in May

Everything is picking up pace this month, seedlings are growing strongly and plants and shrubs are bursting into flower. Keep on top of your gardening jobs with our guide to essential tasks this month.

- Treat yourself to at least 1 great new plant before the best selection is gone
- Water regularly, if it doesn't rain
- Water newly planted plants even if rain is predicted

Flowers

- Deadhead spring blooming bulbs, but let the foliage grow until it yellows
- Deadhead and begin replacing pansies and primroses as the blossoms fade
- Give everything a good feeding, to get things growing
- Divide crowded perennials and share
- Make sure tall perennials are staked

Vegetable

- Keep the perennial vegetables and berries weeded
- Move rosemary plants outdoors, if they don't live there year round.

Houseplants

- Repot houseplants in new soil

Trees & Shrubs

- Check out the azaleas in bloom for future purchases.
- Plant or transplant trees and shrubs before the heat of summer.

Landscape

- Start digging that pond you've been talking about.
- Clean bird feeders
- Turn the compost.

General care

Water new plants

Water newly planted fruit trees, roses and shrubs regularly to help their root systems establish.

Weeding

Hoe borders once a week to prevent weed seedlings establishing. Use our guide to help you recognise the most common annual weeds.

Plants for pots

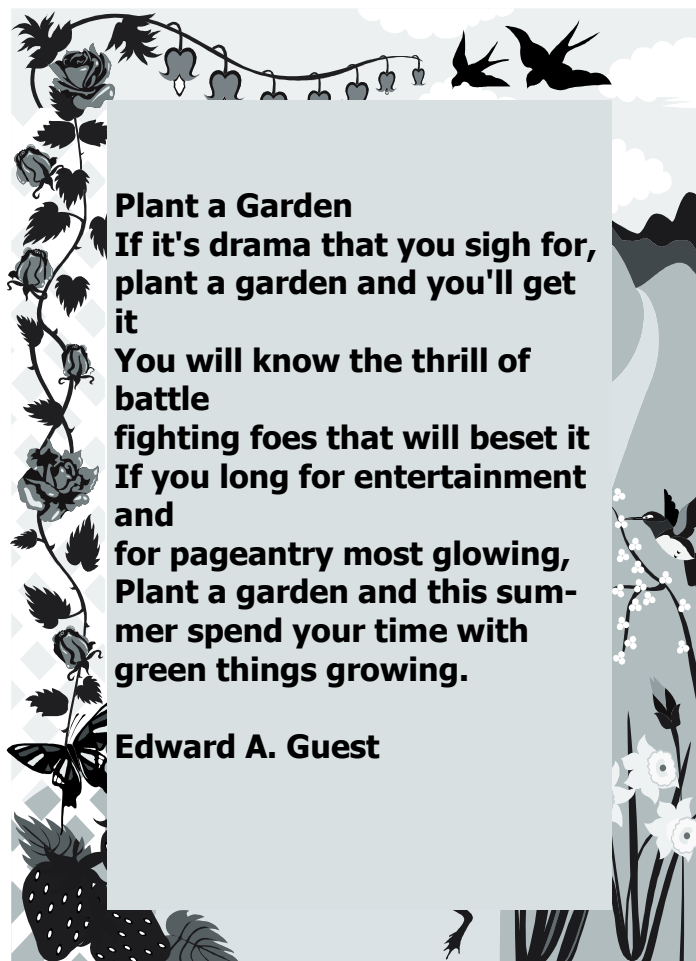
Buy young plants for pots and containers as well for bedding displays. Most need to be potted up into 7.5cm (3in) pots and grown on in warm, bright conditions ready for planting out at the end of May. Be sure to acclimatise plants to cooler outdoor conditions before planting out.

Frost protection

Don't be lulled into a false sense of security by warmer days. While the weather continues to be unpredictable, it pays to take precautions. Keep a sheet of fleece handy, ready to use on cold nights if a ground frost is forecast. Throw it over emerging potato foliage, or fruit trees and bushes in flower. Sacking or sheets of bubble polythene can be spread over cold frames and newspaper spread over young plants on greenhouse staging at night will add a little protection. Learn how to protect your plants with our guide to coping with cold weather.

Slugs and snails

Control slugs and snails by trapping them under tiles or grapefruit skins. Collect the slugs and dispose of them. Only use pellets sparingly. Alternatively discover which plants are less susceptible to slugs and snails.



Plant a Garden
If it's drama that you sigh for,
plant a garden and you'll get it
You will know the thrill of battle
fighting foes that will beset it
If you long for entertainment and
for pageantry most glowing,
Plant a garden and this summer
spend your time with green things growing.

Edward A. Guest

Enjoy Those Green Things Growing



Clubs, Organisations and Societies

MAYNOOTH ICA NOTES

The guild passed a vote of sympathy to the family of Martin O'Hara, a former guild member.

Members from Maynooth Guild attended a fun night in Kiltel and enjoyed the night.

A total of €5,366 was collected on Daffodil Day and thanks were extended to all who helped in any way to raise this superb amount of money for the Cancer Society.

Competitions coming up are photography, set dancing, music and singing.

Crafts continue every Monday night and the latest craft was making spirella cards. The next craft is making teddy bears.

Badminton continues in the Parish Hall every Monday and Thursday morning.

Walking Sunday for Breast Cancer will take place on 22nd April at Punchestown.

Kildare Pitch and Putt competition takes place on 14th May in Coill Dubh, and walks take place on Sat 5th May with Kildare Sports Partnership. Kildare Federation week in An Grarian is the 2nd –7th July '07, and the weekend is the 5th –7th October. So as you can see the ICA caters for everyone, no matter what their taste is.

Federation table Quiz to be organised in June. Kildare Federation are hosting the National AGM in the Standhouse Hotel, Curragh on 19th May '07. Caoga Insurance, Pfizer's and ESB have given scholarships to Kildare Federation, and draws will be made to award them to guilds.

The Irish classes organised by Mary McNamara in the Guilds went great, and were well attended, with members coming from neighbouring guilds to take part. They were so popular that more are to be organised.

A coffee morning will take place on Friday 20th April in aid of Brainwave and Alzheimer's Associations, and a raffle will also be held. The monthly competition was won by Mary O' Gorman, with Margaret Houlihan in second place and third was Madeline Stynes.

Next Meeting will take place in ICA hall, The Harbour, on Thursday 3rd May, at 8p.m. and new members are always welcome.

Norah McDermott PRO.

MAYNOOTH TOWN U3A

The Annual General Meeting of Maynooth Town U3A is on 25th May 2007. The U3A is a club for retired persons. Prospective members may attend the A.G.M in Maynooth Town Library at 11 a.m. on 25th of May 2007.

Maynooth Town U3A was formed in April 2006. It is an initiative of Age Action Ireland. Members have a walking group, book club, theatre, cinema and dancing groups. We also go on outings and host lunches etc. Summer outings are planned.

Members meet every second Friday at 11 a.m. in the Town Library. Members went to Gilbert Library in Pearse St. Dublin on Saturday 14th of April last. The Family History Day provided them with guides to research their family history through the censuses of Ireland 1901 and through family history in the National Library of Ireland in Kildare Street.

The book club meets upstairs in Maynooth Library on the last Wednesday of each month from September.



Maynooth Summer Project

*We are looking for
volunteers to help
organise summer
project 2007.*

Please contact:

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May Day Origins

Called Beltane by the Celts, Walpurgis by the Tuetons, and Floralia by the Romans, May festivals were a time of "wearing of the green." Throughout the Northern Hemisphere, the month of May is a time to celebrate renewal of life. May is named for Maia, grandmother, the Goddess of death and fertility. Maia scorns marriage, so it is a good idea to put weddings off until June. Although less stern goddesses now oversee May Festivities, wreaths and baskets of Hawthorn are still used in some May festivals in Maia's honour.

The May-pole is the most familiar feature of May festivities, but it has three distinct interpretations. In some cultures, the May-pole represented the world centre, or alternately, the hub of the Wheel of Heaven. In ancient times, the intricate dance of weaving cords around the pole was a magical attempt to direct Nature, which had become topsy-turvy over the course of time, back in order. Today the dance is performed by any who wish to participate in weaving the magic.

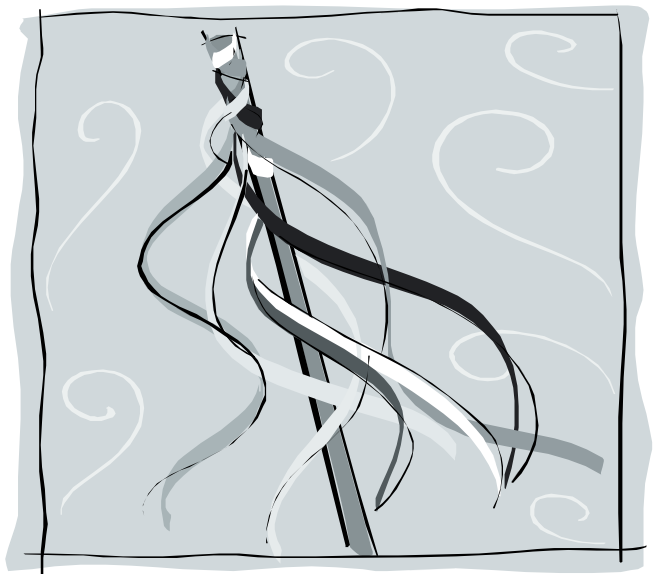
In other cultures, the May-pole was the Tree of Life, or a symbol of it. And this tree - to borrow a phrase from Billy Holiday—bore strange fruit. This is where the Saviour was sacrificed in order to cleanse the earth. Holy Communion, eating his flesh and drinking his blood was possibly restricted to the priest class, but symbolic May Wine was liberally imbibed by the whole community. Hundreds of years later, the Christian lunar festival of Easter would replace the ancient solar festival as the time of renewal and rebirth.

The third meaning of the May-pole most clearly remains today. It is the phallus, the male principle of fertilization. Female principles are represented by baskets and wreaths used in the dances around the pole. In the past times, the hand-fasting movements of the dances would give the young license to 'go into



the green ' together. In some regions, a merlin, or renegade friar, would preside over the mock marriages. Even today, unwed couples consummate the mock marriages performed around the May-pole. Merry-begats, as they were called in England, were usually not acknowledged by their fathers. These babies were said to have been fathered by god.

Celebrated for thousands of years ago throughout diverse cultures, Mayday could be the most ancient religious in the Northern Hemisphere. Ritual human sacrifice to a death/fertility goddess was certainly practiced until the 1st Century BCE. As nature became less fearsome, and more cultivated, the nature goddess became less powerful and bloodthirsty. Today, we still celebrate the remnants of an ancient religion, Nature turning on the Wheel of Heaven.



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6293021

Girl's school

6286034

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6286060

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6290667

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6286220

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TIDY TOWNS

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Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location	
07/567	John Coakley	P	23/03/07	To erect a roofed feeding area and a manure slab	Old Carton Maynooth Co. Kildare	Agriculture
07/633	Larry Carroll	P	26/03/07	Demolition of old out house and construct	Old Carton Maynooth Co. Kildare	Extension
07/646	Thomas Farrell	P	27/03/07	Development consisting of a ground floor extension to the front and first floor extension to the side of existing house and provision of a velux window to the side of the roof	24 Parklands Court Maynooth Co. Kildare	Extension
07/659	Tony Kennedy	P	28/03/07	The development consist of change of use from office and light industry to office and light industry to use office use replace existing roller entrance door with glazed screen unit installed first floor for office use and all ancillary	Business Campus Moneycooly Maynooth Co. Kildare	Commercial Development
07/667	Glenkerrin Houses Ltd.	P	29/03/07	Modification to a previously approved planning permission re Ref 99/2073 & 01/1207 which include revised internal floor layouts service areas internal glazed atriums together with revised elevations to Block C, D, & E building uses shall etc.	Maynooth Business Campus Moneycooley Maynooth Co. Kildare	Other
07/705	Boylesports	P	29/03/07	Change of use from a video store to a Bookmakers, including the replacement of the existing signage and the provision of 2 new signs	Glenroyal Shopping Centre Maynooth Co. Kildare	Commercial Development
07/696	Gheel Autism Services	P	02/04/07	Alterations to single storey house	Laraghbryan West Maynooth	Extension
07/710	Larry Carroll	P	03/04/07	Development consisting of demolition of old out house and construct two storey extension to the left and rear of the dwelling house	Old Carton Maynooth Co. Kildare	Extension
07/727	Kemek Ltd.	P	04/04/07	1. Expansion of the ancillary offices at first floor level by introducing a full mezzanine floor to light industrial area comprising 150.5 sqm. To support ancillary offices, toilet accommodation, store room and boardroom. Etc.	Unit 11 Block H Maynooth Business Park Maynooth Co. Kildare	Commercial Development
07/777	Camilla & John Webb	P	12/04/07	For a first floor side extension with alterations to ground floor front window and front entrance porch.	18 Lyreen Pk Maynooth Co. Kildare	Extension
07/791	Raymond & Tracy Payne	Outline Permission	16/04/07	To demolish two houses and propose building a two storey higher density courtyard development at one and two bed units	Charmaine & Geraldine Silken Vale Maynooth	Other

Features



BLOG or WEB LOG

A blog (short for "web log") is a type of web page that serves as a publicly accessible personal journal (or log) for an individual. Typically updated daily, blogs often reflect the personality of the author. As there is no editing of blogs, anything goes, so beware!

BROWSE

To follow links in a page, to shop around in a page, exploring what's there, a bit like window shopping. The opposite of browsing a page is **searching** it. When you search a page, you find a search box, enter terms, and find all occurrences of the terms throughout the site. When you browse, you have to guess which words on the page pertain to your interests. Searching is usually more efficient, but sometimes you find things by browsing that you might not find because you might not think of the "right" term to search by.

BROWSERS

Browsers are software programs that enable you to view



WWW .documents. Microsoft Internet Explorer (called simply IE), Mozilla, Firefox,, and Opera are examples of browsers that enable you to view text and images and many other WWW features. They are software that must be installed on your computer. However Explorer comes already installed on all computers running Windows.

CACHE

In browsers, "cache" is used to identify a space where web pages you have visited are stored in your computer. A copy of documents you retrieve is stored in cache. When you use **GO**, **BACK**, or any other means to revisit a document, the browser first checks

to see if it is in cache and will retrieve it from there, because it is much faster than retrieving it from the server.

COOKIE

A message from a WEB SERVER computer, sent to and stored by your browser on your computer. When your computer consults the original server computer, the cookie is sent back to the server, allowing it to respond to you according to the cookie's contents. The main use for cookies is to provide customised Web Pages according to a profile of your interests



DOWNLOAD

The transfer of a file or information from one place to another. This generally means transferring information from the Internet to your own computer. However it is also used to describe transferring, (downloading) images from your camera to your computer or from your computer to your MP3 player.

LINK

Text or image that a user can click on, in order to access or connect to another document. Links are



thought of as the technology that connects two Web pages or Web sites. They are most commonly seen on your browser as underlined words, and when you move your mouse over the link it, (the mouse) changes into a hand.

Links are also referred to as hyperlinks, hypertext, and hot links.

LISTSERVERS

A discussion group method that permits you to subscribe, and receive and participate in discussions via e-mail. Blogs and RSS Feeds provide some of the ways LISTSERVERS communicate their content.

NEWSGROUP

A discussion group operated through the Internet. Not to be confused with LISTSERVERS which operate through e-mail.

PDF or .PDF or PDF file

Abbreviation for Portable Document Format, a File Format developed by Adobe Systems, that is used to let you view almost any kind of document with the formatting intact, so you see it exactly as it was created even, if you don't have the software that created it. Magic! Viewing a PDF file requires Acrobat



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Reader, which is built into most browsers and can be downloaded free from Adobe.

PODCAST

iPOD broad CAST) An audio broadcast that has been converted to an MP3 file or other audio file format for playback in a digital music player or computer. The "pod" in podcast was coined from "iPod," the predominant portable, digital music player, and although podcasts are mostly verbal, they may contain music.

Podcasting Anything and Everything

Podcasting is not just for on-going broadcasts, rather the term is used for recording anything and everything to be played back in a digital player. (MP3) "Sound seeing" is the audio recording of a person's experiences when travelling.



RSS

RSS is a family of Web Feed, (see below) formats used to publish frequently updated digital content, such as blogs, news feeds or podcasts..



SERVER, WEB SERVER

A computer connected to the Internet, so that it can provide documents via the World Wide Web. Also called HOST Computer. Web servers are the closest equivalent to what in the print world is called the "publisher" of a print document. An important difference is that most print publishers carefully edit the content, and quality of their publications, in an effort to market them and future publications. This convention is not required in the Web World, where anyone

can be a publisher; careful evaluation of Web pages is therefore mandatory. Also called a "Host."

WEBSITE

An information resource on the World Wide Web. Websites may provide information on any topic.

WEB FEED

A **Web Feed** is a data format used for serving users frequently updated content. Content distributors *syndicate* a Web Feed, thereby allowing users to *subscribe* to it. Making a collection of Web Feeds accessible in one spot is known as *Aggregation*.

Web feeds are operated by many news Web Sites, Weblogs, Schools, and Podcasters.

Happy browsing!

Jane MacNulty

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Sundried Tomato Bread

Ingredients

200g Gluten free white flour
1 tsp Salt
3 tsp Gluten Free baking powder
284ml Buttermilk
3 eggs
1 tsp Tomato puree
2 tsp Olive oil
50g Sundried tomatoes in oil
25g Parmesan Cheese



Method

Heat the oven to 160c/gas 4. Mix the flour, salt and baking powder in a large bowl. In a separate bowl, whisk together the buttermilk, eggs, tomato puree, and oil. Fold the wet ingredients into the dry, then add the sundried tomatoes and half the parmesan.

Grease a 900g loaf tin and pour in the mixture. Sprinkle the remaining parmesan on top and bake for 50-minutes or until a skewer inserted into the middle comes out clean. Turn out onto a wire rack to cool.

Method

Put the onions in a frying pan and cook until soft. Add chopped carrot and celery, and cook until lightly browned. Mix in the mince, breaking it up with a spoon. Cook, stirring often, until the meat is browned. Add the thyme, tomatoes, stock, Worcestershire sauce and parsley, and season to taste. Cover tightly and simmer for 15 minutes. Preheat the oven to 200c/gas 6.

Sift the flour and baking powder and rub in the butter. Add the cheese and herbs, then the yogurt, and mix to a soft dough. Turn out onto a lightly floured board and knead lightly. Roll to about 1cm thick and cut out 9 rounds.

Tip the mince mixture into an ovenproof dish. Casually arrange the dough circles on top of the mince and brush with egg or milk. Bake for about 20-25 minutes until the topping is risen and golden brown and the filling is bubbling.

Remember to check all labels on packets and tins and look for the gluten free symbol.



Gluten Free Ice Cream

Ingredients

6 Egg Whites
1 Cup castor sugar
600ml (1 pint) cream
1 teaspoon instant coffee
2 teaspoons coffee liqueur or gluten free chocolate



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Method

Beat the egg whites until stiff. While still beating, gradually add the castor sugar.

In a second bowl, beat the cream until it thickens, but is still a little soft. Add instant coffee and coffee liqueur and gently fold into beaten egg whites.

Freeze: It does not have to be beaten again.

You can vary this recipe (instead of using coffee and coffee liqueur) by using 1 to 2 teaspoons of orange essence and 2 mandarins blended, or simply add vanilla essence

Beef Rounders

Ingredients

2 tbsp Olive Oil
1 Large Onion,
1 Medium Carrot,
2 Celery sticks,
500g Beef mince
A few sprigs of fresh thyme
400g Can of Tomatoes with juice
150ml Beef Stock
1 tbsp Woresterchire sauce
Handful of chopped parsley



For the Topping

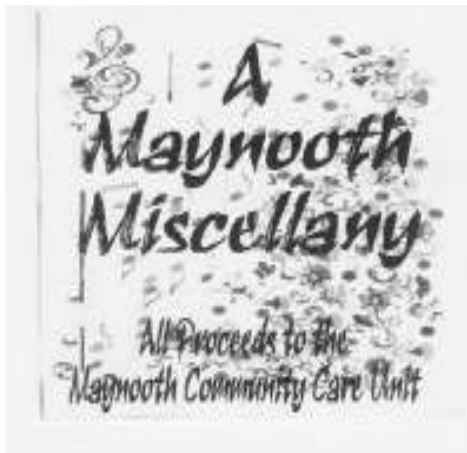
225g Gluten free flour
1/2 tsp Gluten free baking powder
50g Butter
50g Red cheese
1tsp fresh thyme leaves
1 tbsp chopped fresh parsley
150ml low fat natural yogurt.

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Launch of new CD—A Maynooth Miscellany

@ production to celebrate the wealth of Arts activity in the Maynooth area. I tried to capture as much as is possible for one CD. With continuous activities all year round in History, Writers and Poetry Groups, Painting, Irish dancing, Modern dance, Composers, Bands, Traditional Music, Children's drama, Award winning Drama and lots more, the interest in the Arts in this area is healthy and growing all the time.

The one problem that kills enthusiasm is: Maynooth has no performing space. The Aula Maxima and the Parish Hall are both in need of repair and to stage a production in either of these venues is a nightmare. A university town with no Theatre or Cinema makes no sense.



Pictured at the
Castle Keep Art
Exhibition:

Left to Right:

Kate Dempsey
Terry Nealon
Hilda Dunne

The CD "A Maynooth Miscellany" is on sale at the following shops: The Maynooth Bookshop, Main Street. The College Bookshop, Maynooth College K & B Music Store The Square Maynooth.

Thanks to all who gave so freely of their time, and talent and apologies to anyone I did not get to.

All Profits from this CD go to the Maynooth Community Care Unit.

For more information on the Arts In Maynooth.

Contact 01-6289705

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Golf Society

Maynooth Golf Society outing to Athy Golf Club on 31st March had an early start time of 9.00 but this did not deter a large attendance of 43 players.

The weather was kind to us yet again and the near perfect conditions for golf produced some very good scores for this challenging golf course.

Derek Murray with a score of 40 points was the eventual winner of this outing sponsored by David Mahony Plumbing followed by Liam Farrelly (2nd) and Joe Bibik (3rd) both with 38 points.

Prizes were presented that evening by our Captain Pat Conway in Caulfields to a large attendance.

Thanks to our Sponsors David Mahony and to all who attended and supported this outing.

The next venue is Moate Golf club on 21st April.

RESULT SHEET

1st Prize	Derek Murray	40 pts
2nd Prize	Liam Farrelly	38 pts B9
3rd Prize	Joe Bibik	38 pts
4th Prize	Martin Maguire	37 pts B9
5th Prize	Gary Moffit	36 pts
6th Prize	Barry Farrell	37 pts B6
7th Prize	David Mahony	35 pts B9
Front 9	Barry Desmond	19 pts
Back 9	Pat Conway	19 pts
Nearest The Pin	Kevin Loftus	
2's	Kevin Loftus, Niall Farrell	



*Kevin Loftus Sec., Derek Murray Winner Athy G.C.,
David Mahony Sponsor and Pat Conway, Captain.*

15 New Buses for Lucan and North Kildare still parked in the Garage

The 15 buses of the 100 buses purchased by Dublin Bus earmarked for the Lucan Road Corridor which includes, Leixlip, Celbridge, Maynooth & Kilcock were delivered to Dublin Bus last December, however they remain parked in the Garage rather than in use on the routes in question.

They were identified as needed in the Dublin Bus Network Review and were to be used in the most rapidly developing area's. Dublin Bus have confirmed to me today that they have applied for a license for Adamstown but have not even commenced consideration for North Kildare and will not do so until Summer at the earliest. The review will look at the area in its totality and consider for example ways of creating connections between Celbridge and Leixlip where none exists at present, it will consider locations such as Moyglare Road for a new service and increasing service on Easton Road where there is just one peak time bus service morning and evening.

A private operator (Morton's) was granted a license last October to operate a new service (every 20 mins) out of Celbridge, the service is now up and running, until the service is really established the Department of Transport wont allow Dublin Bus introduce any changes that might impact in any way with the private operator. The license was granted under the 1932 act and is very restrictive. The Department of Transport micro manage in that they are the ones that give the green light for any timetable changes even small ones.

The Lucan Road Corridor is the flashpoint in that the same impediments are not present in other parts of the network or where they are to a much lesser extent. Dublin Bus will be looking at the totality of the service in North Kildare during the Summer and for example there is no bus service between Celbridge and Leixlip but there is a lot of people employed in Intel & HP who live in Celbridge. Dublin Bus have been in consultation with Maynooth College and have jointly identified a turning facility which will be used when the 15 buses come into use, realistically this will be in the Autumn at the earliest.

"What is occurring is similar to what happened in the UK which has led to the Bus Wars in particular locations such as Manchester. What seems to have been forgotten in all of this is the commuter this is competition gone mad".

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Murphy & McGrath criticise stated Government position on Voter Equality

Independent TDs Catherine Murphy (Kildare North and Finian McGrath (Dublin North Central) have today harshly criticized the failure by Government to comment on the issue of voter equality highlighted by the two last weeks in their initiation of High Court Proceedings contesting the constitutionality of Dáil Constituencies established through the Electoral (Amendment) Act, 2005. McGrath and Murphy today issued a letter to the Minister for the Environment and the Attorney General, joint respondents to the High Court action lodged by solicitor Eddie McGarr on Thursday the 5th of April 2007, criticizing strongly the inaccuracy of the only comment made by either respondent which stated that a constituency redraw could only be initiated by the final censuses figures which would not be released until next week.

"The final censuses figures were published on the 29th of March 2007 but comments by a spokesperson of the Department of the Environment to RTE on Monday the 9th of April that these figures are not due for release until the end of April suggests that the Government is unaware of this. They're stalling and trying to sweep this issue under the carpet to usurp the power of the citizens of this country to elect a Government in an open and proportionate manner. It's a disgrace and we've written to them to convey our dismay at their cavalier attitude to the fundamental rights of citizens of this country."

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Murphy Cities "Great Concern" over affordable housing system

Catherine Murphy, TD (Ind) yesterday in the Dáil cited her "great concern" at the fact that only 25% of apartment dwellers surveyed in recent Dublin City Council Quality of Life Survey are happy to live in apartments in the future, while at the same time Kildare County Council continues, almost exclusively, to acquire 2 bedroom apartments for allocation under its Social and Affordable Schemes. In a later statement Murphy highlighted the problems faced by the lack of variation in housing size or type being made available by Kildare county council:

"While a two bed apartment is suitable for some social or affordable housing applicants it doesn't suit everyone, for example growing families and, particularly in the case of affordable homes that cannot be sold within 20 years of the purchase without incurring a financial claw back. In only offering homes of this size we're creating a whole new set of problems for the future. It's vital that the affordable housing scheme is changed so that those needing to trade up are allowed to do so without being subject to the claw back and it's also vital that the Government ensures that the Councils can afford to purchase, and in turn offer, homes of various different shapes and sizes to accommodate all applicants."

Murphy made the following statement in the Dáil on the 28th of March 2007

"The majority of social and affordable housing units acquired by Kildare County Council have been small, two-bedroom apartments. The result of a Dublin City Council quality of life survey indicate that only 25% of apartment dwellers in Dublin still expect to be living in a flat in the future, a cause of great concern. I call on the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to ensure the way in which Part V social and affordable housing is delivered is changed to track the number of units delivered but also the variety of housing types and sizes made available to applicants."



Emmet Stagg T.D.

Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Double Yellow Lines at Parklands/Castlebridge

Residents will be aware that Cllr. John McGinley allocated €9,000 from his Discretionary Grants for the painting of double yellow lines on both sides of this road in the interest of public safety. The Area Engineer stated at a public meeting that she expected to get the work done in February, weather permitting. When Cllr. John McGinley enquired as to why this did not happen he was advised by the engineer that *"a drawing was required in order for the painting to proceed"* and that the Roads Design Section of the Council had been asked to do the drawing.

Cllr. McGinley has pointed out that it is ridiculous that a drawing has to be provided for such basic work as painting yellow lines. The Area Engineer has advised John that there should not be much of a delay.

Making Beaufield a Cul de Sac

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee on 20th April:

"What steps have been taken to cul de sac Beaufield estate, Maynooth as agreed at the Area Committee meeting on 16 February 2007?"

Implementation of Flood Alleviation Measures:

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee on 20th April:

"Why has the Third Eye on the Lyreen Bridge, Mill Street, Maynooth, not been opened as called for in the Lyreen Flood Relief Scheme and as per Condition 7 of the Planning Permission Granted in An Bord Pleanála's Second Schedule for Manor Mills Development" .

Dangerous Wall at The Bandhall and at The Small Pound

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee on 20th April:

"That funding from the Development Contributions Scheme, or funding from levies from the old scheme, be used to rebuild the Council walls between The Band Hall and Pound Park and at the Small Pound, Maynooth, as requested by Maynooth Tidy Towns, Lyreen Residents' Association, Maynooth Community Council and as asked for in my motion to the Area Committee meeting on 18 November 2005"

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Extension of Yellow Box at "Joe Buckleys" on Main St., Maynooth.

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to extend the Yellow Box at this location, in the College direction, as it is too small to enable cars emerging from Buckley's Lane to turn right on Main Street.

No Entry Signs at Back Lane/Pound Lane

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to revamp the No Entry and Road Signs at Pound Lane/Back Lane as they are faded and motorists claim that they don't see them.

Removal of Bollards at the Bottom of Old Greenfield

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee on 20th April:

"That the bollards at the bottom of Old Greenfield, Maynooth be removed for the following reasons:

1. *They were put there as a temporary measure, to stop the rat run to the Straffan Road, until the Meadowbrook Link Road was opened.*
2. *There will be reduced traffic on the Straffan Road to Main Street as residents of Old Greenfield will be able to go via Bond Bridge and go to the M4 via the Meadowbrook Link Road.*
3. *It will help eliminate the anti-social activity at the bollards.*
4. *The residents of Old Greenfield want them removed as they then will:*
5. *Have two access roads to the Straffan Road. They will be able to go to the town via Bond Bridge without having to wait to get onto the Straffan Road."*

New Public Lighting at The Harbour & CCTV at The Playground

Following a campaign by Cllr. John McGinley ducting is at present being laid for new public lighting at The Harbour, Maynooth and for CCTV Cameras for the Children's Playground. The Council have provided €35,000 for this work, and Waterways Ireland are playing a very active role, and The Royal Canal Amenity Group are doing the Civil Works.

The new lighting will make this highly pedestrian area much safer and along with the CCTV cameras, anti social activity in the area should come to an end.

Less than 1% of pupils in Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth National Schools in classes of less than 20 Stagg tells Dáil

Labour Deputy Emmet Stagg speaking in the Dáil on a Labour Private Members Motion on Wednesday 21st March outlined some startling figures in relation to Class Sizes in our National Schools and roundly condemned the Government for their failure to reduce class sizes for under 9's to 20.

In his speech Deputy Stagg stated that we were now a rich country and could afford to provide the very best opportunities for our children and young people. The future well-being and prosperity of our nation was dictated by its investment in the education and cultural development of its youth.

Fianna Fail in Government had failed to live up to their promises on the reduction in class sizes for 10 years and why, declared Deputy Stagg, should the public believe them now.

Outlining some startling figures which were provided by the I.N.T.O. Deputy Stagg told the Dáil that:

- Some pupils are 6 before a place is provided for them in National Schools in Kildare North.
- In Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth, with 4,949 Pupils in our National Schools at present, only 35 pupils are in classes of less than 20. That's 0.7%. Yes less than 1%.
- In Kildare North there are 1,972 children in classes of 20 to 24 pupils, 6,408 in classes of 25 to 29 pupils and 3,854 children in classes of 30 or more pupils.
- The average class size in Kildare North at 27.1 pupils to each class is the highest in the country.

Deputy Stagg stated that the parents of these children as taxpayers, had given the Minister money to do her duty but that she had failed miserably to do so.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg commended Labour Deputy O'Sullivan's motion to the House and thanked the I.N.T.O. for its vigorous campaign and assistance in providing statistics.

Full text of Deputy Stagg's speech in the Dáil on Labour's motion on Class Sizes– Wednesday 21st March, 2007

Mr. Stagg: I would like to share time with Deputies Moynihan-Cronin, Gilmore and O'Shea. I thank the Labour Party education spokesperson,

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Deputy O'Sullivan, for tabling the motion enabling us to have this debate.

We are lucky to live in a rich country which has the resources to provide world-class services for its people but this did not become a rich country by chance. In the relatively short period from 1994 to 1997 Deputy Quinn, as Minister for Finance, laid the foundations for and developed the successful economy that gives the State riches beyond its dreams. As a result, we can afford to provide the very best opportunities for our children and young people. The future well-being and prosperity of a nation are dictated by its investment in the education and cultural development of its youth. The foundation of that investment in our future is the funding and resourcing of primary education for our children. The State recognises this fact, as is evident in free universal access to primary education for all children.

That was the case until this crowd of wasters got their hands on the resources provided by the taxpayer. The Progressive Democrats should not be blamed for this because Fianna Fáil pledged to reduce class sizes to 20 pupils for children under nine years of age. This pledge was made in 1997 and 2002 but on neither occasion was the promise kept. Not only did Fianna Fáil break its pledge to the children of this country but the Minister for Education and Science, Deputy Hanafin, also arrogantly announced shortly after her appointment that she had no intention of fulfilling her party's undertaking on class size reduction. Fianna Fáil now has the cheek and breathtaking arrogance to repeat this pledge again. Does it think people are total fools? Does the Minister believe they will swallow the lies for the third time running? I assure her they will not be fooled again. God help the poor, innocent Fianna Fáil candidates in north Kildare.

I want to inform the Minister of the effect of her broken promises and failure to keep her repeated pledges on the children of north Kildare who attend school in the largest classes in Ireland, far exceeding any elsewhere in Europe. Some reach six years of age by the time they get a place in such classes. In Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth combined there are only 35 children in classes of less than 20 pupils. This gives the lie to the Taoiseach's suggestion this morning that many children are in such classes. In those three towns there is a total of 4,900 pupils, of whom less than 1% are in classes of less than 20. In north Kildare there are 1,972 children in classes of 20 to 24 pupils, 6,408 in classes of 25 to 29 pupils and 3,854 in classes of 30 pupils and higher. The average class size in north Kildare is 27.1. Ten years after the

first Fianna Fáil commitment this is a shocking indictment of its failure.

Despite their best efforts, teachers cannot teach classes of 30 to 35 children. Our children suffer as a result. The effect of this on children, their life prospects and right to develop to their full potential is far reaching and most harmful to them. Such class sizes damage the foundation of education progress and makes it more difficult for children to develop to the second and third stages. The parents of these children, as taxpayers, have given the Minister money to do her duty but she has failed miserably to do so.

I commend Deputy O'Sullivan's motion to the House and thank the INTO for its vigorous campaign and assistance in providing statistics for my contribution.

Bus network review in Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge commences

Following enquiries from Deputy Emmet Stagg concerning the extension of Bus Services to the Newtown and Moyglare Areas of Maynooth Dublin Bus have advised that they have commenced a Network Review of all bus services in the Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge Areas.

Deputy Stagg had pointed out to Dublin Bus that with the opening of the Meadowbrook Link and the completion of the New Bond Bridge that Dublin Bus should examine the possibility of extending bus services to the 1,000 homes in the Newtown Area. He also indicated that there were 500 houses on the Moyglare Road and a further 400 under construction and that a service was required in that part of Maynooth which was isolated from the remainder of the town. The extension of Additional Bus Services to the Easton Area of Leixlip is also required.

Dublin Bus indicated to Deputy Stagg that initial studies will be completed in the coming months and that a draft plan would be submitted to the Department of Transport by the latter quarter of 2007 with implementation of changes to commence in January 2008.

Deputy Stagg has welcomed the commencement of the Review and that in tandem with the additional 15 buses which North Kildare expects to receive to increase capacity in the area we will also now have in place a local network to service the extended population areas of the Towns in North Kildare.

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Stagg welcomes refusal of permission for Mast at Maynooth G.A.A. grounds

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the decision by Kildare Co. Council to refuse planning permission to O2 Communications for the retention of their unauthorised mast at Maynooth G.A.A. Grounds on the Moyglare Road, Maynooth.

Having been served with an Enforcement Order in December, 2004, and having submitted 4 Invalid Planning Applications, at their 5th Attempt O2 put in a valid application which has now been refused planning permission by Kildare Co. Council stated Deputy Stagg.

The Council refused planning permission for the following reasons:

- Having regard to the provisions of the Maynooth Development Plan 2002 which states that Telecommunications Masts will not be permitted in the vicinity of schools or residential areas, the proposed development would contravene this policy and would therefore be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
- Having Regard to the location of the proposed development, close to existing buildings, residences and on lands zoned Open Space and Amenity in the Maynooth Development Plan 2002, it is considered that the proposal is contrary to the spirit, intentions and provisions of the 1996 Telecommunications Guidelines, the Kildare Co. Development Plan and the Maynooth Development Plan 2002. The proposed development would set an undesirable precedent for further similar development in the area and would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

Deputy Stagg stated that he was pleased that at last the Council were in a position to decide on this issue under the Planning Laws. O2 will certainly appeal this decision to An Bord Pleanala and Deputy Stagg vowed to continue the battle there against this unacceptable development.

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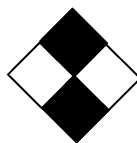
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Useful Tips

Homemade Cleaning Products.

Furniture Polish

Mix in a sprayer bottle

1 Cup of Olive Oil
1/2 Cup of Lemon Juice

Shake well and apply a small amount to a flannel cleaning cloth. Spread evenly over furniture and use a fresh cloth to dry and polish.

Glass Cleaner.

Mix in a sprayer bottle

1 Cup Rubbing alcohol
1 Cup water
1 Tablespoon white vinegar

Homemade Toilet Cleaner

1/4 Cup Baking soda
1/4 Cup liquid detergent
1/4 Cup warm water

Mix together the baking soda, liquid detergent, and water in a bowl. Use a toilet brush to apply the cleaner inside the bowl. You can let the solution soak inside the bowl for as long as you like, or you can immediately swish it around with the brush before flushing. If badly soiled leave soaking overnight.



Oldest tip
for the
month of
May

Never cast
a clout till
May is out

Vinegar Cleaning Tips.

1. Paint brushes can be cleaned by simmering in vinegar and washed with hot soapy water.
2. Brighten you wash by adding 1/2 cup of vinegar to the rinse cycle.
3. To clean your microwave, boil 1/4 cup of vinegar and 1 cup water. Rub around all areas and leave for an hour before wiping clean.
4. You can make your own furniture cleaner by mixing 1 part vinegar to 3 parts lemon juice.
5. Clean dentures by soaking them overnight in white vinegar.

Furniture Protection Tips.

Protect furnishings from the sun and strong natural light as this will cause fibre degeneration and colour fade. Occasionally, dyes can fade from impurities within the atmosphere such as cigarette smoke, cooking fumes etc.

Rearrange the furniture and turn cushions occasionally to ensure even wear of the cushions, and fabrics.

Take care when wearing clothing that could cause dye transfer, such as jeans etc. Dye transfers on to light coloured furniture and can be difficult to remove.

Place your furniture a minimum of two feet away from a radiator or other heat source.

Avoid using or placing sharp objects on leather goods. Leather is very durable, but not accident or damage proof.

Clean leather with good quality upholstery leather cleaner, preferably once a month if the furniture is used Daily, but at least four times a year. Sponge gently until all the grime and stains are lifted, and wipe over the surface with clean, dry white towelling to absorb the soiling.

Quick Laundry Tips

Wash your delicate clothes in a pillow case instead of buying a special lingerie bag. Place the clothes in the pillowcase (an old, thin one works best), and tie a knot in the end. Run your washing machine on the delicate or the shortest wash cycle.

A piece of stale bread will remove fresh spots on leather and suede gloves. Just rub the spots with the bread.

Make sure you have not wet or damp articles in the laundry basket. The items next to the wet article will get mildew. If this happens rub the article with white vinegar and lemon juice. Saturate the stains. Sprinkle salt on the area and scrub in (use lots of salt). Place article in sun to dry. This may need a few treatments, but it eventually works. The mildew will eventually come out.



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PUBLIC SAFETY ASSOCIATION Meeting at the GLENROYAL HOTEL

April 23RD 2007

I was pleased to attend the Public meeting organised by Mr. Vic Murphy, of the newly formed Public Safety Association at the Glenroyal Hotel Monday 23rd April. This association as I understand it has been set up by citizens concerned for the safety of the people of Maynooth and I also understand that one of its members children has been the victim of a vicious unprovoked assault which resulted in serious injury to the child and the hospitalisation of the secondary school going student.

Maynooth is a progressive Town with a lot going for it. Its an attractive historical Town with many varied attractive Historical Buildings and Land Marks, such as Carton House, Carton estate itself, Carton Avenue, The Geraldine Castle, the tree lined Main St., and St. Patricks College. The University has some 6,000 students plus 1,000 staff. The population of Maynooth is approx. 13,000. Both Maynooth Town and the University are expanding and undergoing further development. These expansions bring many welcome benefits and rewards in the form of better social activities, services and increased business activity.

Unfortunately, along with this welcome increase in business and services, modern day anti-social behaviour has rapidly increased. Also damage to property, damage to business premises, shop fronts, drink and drug parties in amenity areas of the Town, which defaces and destroy those amenity areas and adversely affect residential areas and the residents peace of mind. Damage to Children's Play Ground and the play areas. Threatening of commuters using the Harbour area on their way from the Train Station. People who live close or adjacent to trouble spots are fearful to leave their homes after dark or are fearful on their way home after dark. People are being threatened, assaulted and some viciously attacked. A number of violent robberies have taken place during this period.

THIS BEHAVIOUR IS ABSOLUTELY UNACCEPTABLE. THIS BEHAVIOUR MUST STOP AND IT WILL STOP. The peace and stability of the Community is paramount. The protection of the people and their environment comes 1st. No bunch of hoodlums are going to wreck the lives of the people of Maynooth or take over sections of this town and create 'no go' areas.

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The Gardai in Maynooth are doing their best. Besides the large number of young adults from Maynooth and the University, a large number of young people are drawn into the Town, and the Gardai's handling of increased numbers of revellers, on certain nights of the week is to be commended. A lot of this anti-social behaviour and vicious attacks happen largely in the amenity areas, which are pedestrianised and inaccessible by the Gardai patrol car. Besides that, in order to apprehend offenders you need to get victims to make statements against attackers. Victims of assault are mostly under threat of reprisals if they report the incident, or give evidence against their attacker. In this regard there is only so much the Gardai can do, and effectively the Gardai's hands are tied without victim statements.

A new initiative was needed. Last year, members of the Business Association and a Member of the University staff began talking and looking at the escalation of robberies, violence and anti-social behaviour and damage to shop fronts, and flags during RYDER CUP week. Out of their discussions was born the idea of Community CCTV. It is this type of positive thinking and action that is required to help Gardai function in their duties, and this sort of initiative will bring the Community and Gardai closer and should result with positive benefits in return. The Gardai need this integration and co-operation with the CCTV Steering Committee and the Executives of the Public Safety Association, and the Community at large to tackle, and stamp out all forms of anti-social behaviour. MAKE NO MISTAKE, if the Steering Committee and The Public Safety Association liaise closely with the Gardai, THIS INITIATIVE WILL WORK.

Members of the Business Association began pursuing the Community CCTV idea in November 2006. The Minister for Justice has set up funding to the tune of 70% grant aid to finance the set up and implementation of Community CCTV schemes through POBAL. There are 2 stages of application, and the Maynooth Business Association have successfully had their 1st stage application in before the deadline date of end February 2006. If their stage one application is successful, things will start to happen quickly and the Business Association will hold Public meetings at which a large amount of information will be available to the Community. This will be well publicised and you will learn a lot more in due course, if and when, the application is approved. You can be assured this will be done properly. The Business Association are a professional lot.

I would like to congratulate the Maynooth Business Association Executive and in particular Ms. Brid Feely, who came to me before Christmas seeking my

assistance with the application. There are 3 mandatory conditions, and Brid Feely stated that my help and input was vital, and the application would not make the deadline date without my help and influence. I was only too delighted to assist, and I discussed the initiative and got written approval from the Chief Superintendent. I set up a meeting with Mr Des Page and members of the Maynooth Business Association Executive at which I also attended. Together we went through the procedures carefully and methodically, and at this stage, I would like to sincerely thank the Chief Superintendent and Mr Des Page for their positivity and support. At that meeting, and subsequently, I spoke with Mr Des Page about improved lighting for the Harbour Area, and mentioned to him the importance that any lighting which would be introduced would be compatible with the function of CCTV cameras. I also asked Mr Page to talk with Waterways Ireland on the possibility of laying extra cable, along with the lighting cable to facilitate the implementation of additional cameras, which may be introduced. The Children's Playground is another area that has been adversely affected by anti-social behaviour, and we already have in our application plans for a 360 degree vision camera in this area. I am wondering if enough thought went into deciding the suitability of the location of the playground for a number of reasons, but I won't go into that tonight. I will also be in touch with Waterways Ireland during the coming week, as I am concerned about adequate lighting for the Canal Walkway. That is the walkway between the Harbour Field and Bond Bridge. That walkway absolutely needs good lighting, not only to address anti-social behaviour, but also from a public safety point of view. The residents of Parson Lodge, the Apartments at Bond Bridge and residents of Parson Street are also directly affected by anti-social behaviour on the canal walkway I am referring to. These residents can rest assured, I will pursue this matter until I get a satisfactory result and peace is restored to their area.

I am delighted to be involved in this positive approach in dealing with anti-social behaviour and its fantastic to be helping people to help themselves deal with a dangerous and serious public nuisance that is anti-social behaviour. I am now working with and for the Business Association for their Stage 2 Application and we are well into the second stage of the application. I would like to thank the Business Association executive for their time and diligence. Its not easy to set time aside for this time consuming initiative when you are trying to run a business as well.

I have had discussions with Brid Feely about future expansion of the Community CCTV network of

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cameras. In the event additional cameras are required for additional areas and I am glad to be in a position to help, and be involved in their next stage of application, as well as possible expansion of the scheme. I will work with the Superintendent, the Local Authority and the Steering Committee and we will gauge how effective the scheme is working?

The perpetrators of violence and anti-social behaviour pick their areas and targets carefully. I AM COMMITTING MY HELP AND SUPPORT to the Business Association and the Gardai are also committed to following up and tackling areas or new areas that might evolve as anti-social behaviour 'black spots' in the future.

I want to recognise Brid Feely and her colleagues in the Business Association executive for their concerted action in putting forward CCTV as part of the solution to anti-social behaviour. We need more people to stand out in our Communities and make such positive social contributions to our society.

To all the other towns in North Kildare with anti-social behaviour problems, I say, I am here to help. I will be only too delighted to help just as I did the Maynooth Business Association. I would be only too happy to assist Naas, Leixlip, Celbridge and others in any help they may require in the event they consider Community CCTV to be the answer in dealing with the sort of anti-social behaviour that Maynooth is experiencing.

Hopefully Maynooth will be successful in its application and it will be interesting to follow developments in the future. I particularly look forward to communicating with the Superintendent after the CCTV system has been put in place and monitoring its effectiveness. I have no doubt in the potential of Community CCTV to be a very effective tool in helping the Gardai deal with violence, assault, robberies and anti-social behaviour.

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