

# ***Maynooth Newsletter***

**October 2007**



*Scoil Uí Fiach 1st Day at School*



*Mgr. Stenson's Farewell Party.  
Noel Clarke, Mgr. Stenson, &  
Tom Corcoran*



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# Editorial

## Maynooth Newsletter Editorial 2007

Just a short editorial this month to outline an issue that may be of interest.

At a recent Community Council meeting it was decided to write to the newly appointed Minister for the Environment, Mr. John Gormley, T.D. outlining the case for Town Council status in Maynooth.

We have since received a reply from the Minister detailing how part of the recent programme for government, agreed between the Green Party and Fianna Fail, included a review of the Town Councils and this will take the form of a White Paper on the issue to be completed within the first six months of the government term, which is basically by the end of December or so.

The Minister has asked for our response by the end of September and so the Community Council will be forwarding our submission very shortly.

This submission will take the form of information previously forwarded showing why we qualify and of-course how Maynooth would benefit.

This is easy to quantify when you look at Leixlip or Newbridge and how they have benefited from this status over the years particularly in terms of funding.

**Brid Feely,  
Editor.**



# Happy Hallowe'en



# To all



# Our readers

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# Maynooth Community Council Notes

The September meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place in the Glenroyal Hotel on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September.

There was one new co- option to the Council, Helena Kirkpatrick representing the U3A Group in Maynooth. Helena gave a brief outline of what the group does. They were set up in 2006 and meet every Friday and its going very well. It mainly consists of retired people and they have 39 members now. They have a €20 member's fee and also had received a grant from the Kildare Sports Partnership. Interests pursued include Walking, Book Club, Dancing, Theatre etc. The club is open to all and more men would be welcome.

## Festival

Willie Sauls thanked all involved with the Festival, also those that gave their time collecting on our Flag Days; he also thanked the office staff. The money that is raised at these events provides much needed funds to help support the FAS project [Supervisor and 15 workers] St Patrick's Day Parade, Festival, Maynooth Newsletter. Sub- Committees include Maynooth Arts Forum, Tidy Towns and Secretarial Services.

## Town Council Status for Maynooth

It was noted that a letter was received from Minister John Gormely which showed some interest on this issue this was seen as very welcoming as Maynooth Community Council has being pursuing this for 15 years now.

Paul Croghan indicated that he has had discussions with Mr John Hughes, President of NUIM, and he wants to support this. He also said that Maynooth has already agreed town boundaries and is the only town that has done so.

## Tidy Towns

Tidy Towns results this year are up by 26 points, 261 out of possible 400.

Paul Croghan said that the committee are pleased with the results this year. He thanked all involved for their total commitment during the year. It was featured on Nationwide that other towns exploited all there areas and this is what we will have to do in 2008. You could see how Straffan did so well benefiting from the Ryder Cup. They have a new programme for 2008 which will include putting in new flower beds etc. They feel that more could be done with open spaces. This is all very time consuming for the small committee. We are playing catch –up all the time and with no resources only what comes from

funding, Town Council Status would be of great benefit here. Tidy Towns are celebrating their 50th anniversary in 2008.

## Traffic Control

Hugh Gallagher raised the point of the very dangerous traffic lights situation at the square, referring to the point, if traffic wants to cross the road to enter Kelly's Lane they have to dart across the Main Street to do so. We should get agreement on what we want for traffic control on Main Street.

## Important issues facing Maynooth

With so many issues facing Maynooth now, for instance Parking, Infrastructure, The Development Plan, it's essential that we get full political support for our needs in Maynooth. It was proposed that at least three major points be highlighted but it was felt that this would indeed be out-numbered when all the issues were raised.

A motion by Paul Croghan was proposed and passed that a request be made that Maynooth Community Council would meet our four T.D's and area Councillors to bring to their attention what we want for the town.

We have come to a crucial point in planning for our town and it's very important that we get it right

It was suggested by Hugh Gallagher that all Community Councillors' put their options to the Executive before the next meeting.

## Community Irish School in Maynooth

Colm Ó 'Cearúil said that they are still pursuing their plans for a Community Irish School in Maynooth and are assured of local parents interest and Community groups.

Next Community Council meeting will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> October

PRO Marie Gleeson.

# Clubs, Organisations And Societies

## Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Notes Know your rights

### Question

I have heard that there are some changes to the Carer's Allowance. What are they?

### Answer

Carer's Allowance is a means –tested Social Welfare payment for carers of people in need of full-time care and attention. The person being cared for must have so severe a disability as to require continuous supervision and frequent assistance throughout the day in connection with their normal personal needs and must require this care for at least 12 months. A carer normally lives with the person being cared for but this is not essential to qualify for the allowance.

Up to now, if you had an entitlement to a Carer's Allowance and to another social welfare payment, you could only get one or the other. From September 2007, this will change so that you may be able to get a social welfare payment and also get a half-rate Carer's Allowance, subject to a means-test. If your spouse is receiving a social welfare payment and you are entitled to Carer's Allowance, you may claim a Qualified Adult Increase on the Social Welfare payment and also get the half-rate Carer's Allowance payment.

The maximum weekly rates of the Carer's Allowance were increased from January 2007 as follows:

	<b>Caring for one</b>	<b>Caring for two or more</b>	<b>Child dependant</b>
Aged under 66	€200.00	€300.00	€22.00
Aged 66 or over	€218.00	€327.00	€22.00

An extra allowance of €10 per week is payable to carers aged 80 or over.

A carer receiving Carer's Allowance can work up to 15 hours per week, providing they get approval from the department. The weekly income disregarded in the means test for the allowance is €320 for a single person and €640 for a couple.

Application forms for Carer's Allowance are available from your local Social Welfare Office, Post Office and Lo-call leaflet Line: 1890 202 325

### Question

What compensation am I entitled to if I am denied boarding a flight?

### Answer

Intending passengers can sometimes be denied boarding on a flight even though they have valid tickets, have met the requirements to confirm the flight, and have arrived at check-in on time. This can happen when airlines sell more tickets for a scheduled flight than there are seats available, because they expect that some passengers will not show up.

In this situation you are entitled to compensation under European law. The airline must give you:

- ♦ a choice of either a refund of your ticket, (with a free flight back to your initial point of departure when relevant or
- ♦ alternative transport to your final destination

### And

- ♦ depending on the length of the delay) refreshments, meals, hotel accommodation, transport between the airport and hotel, two free telephone calls, telex/fax-messages, or e-mails.

### And compensation totalling

- ♦ €250 for flights of 1,500km or less, if delayed by over two hours
- ♦ €400 for longer flights within the EU and other flights between 1,500 and 3,500 km, if arrival at your destination is delayed by over three hours
- ♦ €600 for flights over 3,500 km outside the EU, if delayed by over four hours

The compensation may be reduced by 50% if the alternative transport offered allows you to arrive at your destination within the above limits.

If you have not confirmed your reservation or arrived at check-in time as required by the airline, it could refuse to allow you to board the aircraft without compensating you, on the basis that you have not honoured your part of the contract with the airline. For this reason it is important to check the terms and conditions when purchasing a flight. The airline is not obliged to compensate you if you are travelling free of charge, or on a special fare not available to the public.

If you have a complaint about denied boarding and compensation for overbooked flights, first contact your airline. If you believe your passenger rights under EU

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legislation have been breached, you should contact the Commission for Aviation Regulation ,telephone (01) 661 1700, website<[www.aviationregi.ee](http://www.aviationregi.ee)>

## Question

Can you tell me what free treatment I am entitled to under the Dental Benefit scheme?

## Answer

Under the Dental Benefit Scheme, operated by the Department of Social and Family Affairs basic preventative dental treatment including examination , scaling and polishing is free.

Dental Benefit is available to those who are insured and satisfy certain Pay Related Social Insurance (PRSI) contribution conditions. You are also eligible if you are the dependent spouse of an insured person, or a dependent widow(er) whose spouse was qualified at time of death .If you satisfy the PRSI conditions when you reach age 60 you will remain qualified for life. Child dependents are not covered.

Under the scheme you are entitled to a complete oral examination , the cleaning and polishing of your teeth and the treatment of some gum conditions for free. In general you are only entitled to free examination once every twelve months.

For other dental treatments there are two sets of charges – one for those whose annual income is under €60,000 and the other whose income is higher. For those whose income is above €60,000 the Department pays a contribution and the patient pays the balance, (apart from the free treatment mentioned previously).

Those whose income is below €60,000 per annum have to pay one of the following, depending on the treatment: a set charge; the balance after the Department's contribution, or the dentist's fee less 15% and less the Department's contribution. For instance, if you have a tooth extracted under local anaesthetic, you have to pay €13.65. A simple amalgam filling is charged at the dentist's normal private fee less 15%, and also less the Department contribution of €31.10. Dentists are obliged to display their charges for fillings.

You can get Dental Benefit for dental treatment in another EU member state. Contact the Department before you travel for an application form and details of how much the Department will pay.

Tax relief can be claimed on unreimbursed non-routine dental treatments.

## Question

My landlord has told me I must leave my rented accommodation. Under what circumstances is he entitled to do this?

## Answer

A Landlord can ask you to leave accommodation without giving a reason during the first six months of a tenancy, though they must give 28 days notice. If your tenancy has lasted for between six months and four years, your landlord can only end it in certain circumstances. These include if the tenant doesn't meet the obligations of the immediate family member or if the landlord intends to set, refurbish, or change the business use of the property for example, by turning it into offices.

You are entitled to a period of notice depending on how long you have had the tenancy. If the length is six to twelve months you are entitled to five weeks notice. For tenancy of one to two years, the entitlement is six weeks; for two to three years, it is eight weeks; three to four years; twelve weeks; and for a tenancy of more than four years you are entitled to sixteen weeks notice.

The exception are where tenants do not keep their obligations (in which case it is 28 days) or where there is serious anti-social behaviour (7 days).

The landlord must give you assigned written notice of termination including the date of termination and, for tenancies over six months, the reason.

The Private Residential Tenancies Board ( PRTB) operates a national tenancy registration system. It is a requirement on all landlords to register details of their tenancies with the PRTB within one month of their commencement .

If landlord evicts you for a specific reason such as an intention to sell a property and subsequently does not carry out the intention , you can report him/her to the PRTB. Canal house, Canal road, Dublin 6. Telephone (01)888 2960 website [www.prtb.ie](http://www.prtb.ie)

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre.

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

**Telephone: 01-6285477**

**Lo-Call: 1890-777-121**

## Poetry Corner by Patrick Murray

### Young Boy

*I see a child in play  
Enjoying life without a care  
Everyday is a happy day  
With youthful joy to share  
I look at this playful boy  
Cycling his bike along his way  
With not a glimmer of a sigh  
With a fantasy life to stay*

*He visualises everything he meets  
With joy deep in his heart  
His fellow pals he fondly greets  
That he would never be apart  
The sky is of a radiant blue  
With the sun shining down  
With nature he forever grew  
As he plays there and around*

*He finally meets an open field  
While he runs with all his might  
When his fast breath is healed  
He explores a woodland with delight  
I wish I was a boy again  
To enjoy innocence of life  
But like many other men  
My life is full of strife.*



### Coursing

*To begin such a revolting day  
A practice totally without cause  
When the farmer had his play  
Two greyhounds ready to strike  
As the hare fled to its doom  
An action I so much dislike  
Fills my spirit with gloom  
The hare ran at its might  
The dogs attacked to kill  
Then at both dogs delight  
The hare trembled and still  
One dog at its head  
The other at his legs  
There in agony this creature fled  
Don't kill my heart it begs  
But the ritual went on and on  
The hare screaming in agony  
Confused my youthful mind had gone  
This coursing did not have to be  
Man must kill to survive  
Or is this necessarily so  
A creature once alert and alive  
To tranquillity onward it go  
Coursing is such a cruel affair  
It does not make sense to me  
A creature such as this hare  
Should live don't you agree*

## First Day at Gaelscoil Uí Fhíaich, Maynooth



**L to R Daniel Póirtéir, Caitlín Ní Laoghaire, Aoife Ní Mheiscil  
& Nathon Ó Daomhín,**



**L to R Marie Niermeyer, Heather Ní Shuilleabháin, Jack Ó Doherty  
& Molly Ní Nhualláin**



**L to R Matthew Lowein, Ryan Ó Móráin, Sinéad Ní Chatháin, Jack Mac an  
Bhreithiún, Catriona Ní Fhallúin & Ty Mc Greavy**

## First Day at Gaelscoil Uí Fhíaich, Maynooth



**L to R Dearbhla Ní Mhuirí, Dara Ó Grálaigh, Billy Ó Suaird, Ana Somers,  
Ellen Nic Uaid, Ryan Ó Laoi**



**L to R Sarah Ní Ruairc, Thomas Ó Ciaragáin de Búrca, Darraigh Mac Gabhann  
& Callum de Bhál**



**L to R Heather Ní Shúilleabháin, Cathal Ó Murchú, Ana Puirseil**



## **First Day at Gaelscoil Uí Fhíaich, Maynooth**



**L to R Séan Meehan, Oisin Ó Cathasaigh, Liam Ó' Connor, Rory Ó' Drisceoil,  
Stephen Ó' Haragain & Luke Maher**



**L to R Laoise Ó' Callaghan, Dáire Devlin Roberts, Luca Quinn, Molly McCready, Ishtara Larkin, Lucy  
Burke, Dáire Hetherington, & Eoghan Walsh**

## First Day at Gaelscoil Uí Fhíaich, Maynooth



**L to R Alex Keogh, Brian Hughes, Darragh Thomas, Jamie McCabe,  
Áine Caffrey, Enya Byrne**



**L to R Fionn Ó'Giotláin, James McAteer, Niamh Mimmagh, Caolfhionn Millar,  
Sarah-Rose Merrick, Orla Rogers, Éimear Howard, Ciara Ní Fhlaitheartaigh & Daragh Byrne**

## Gaelscoil Uí Fhíaich Fund-Raising Night

**S**coil Uí Fhiach are holding a Fund-raising night on Sat the 6th October at the Newbridge Greyhound track from 7 p.m. -10 p.m. The race night is being held to raise much needed funds for the Gaelscoil Uí Fhíaich permanent building fund which the school and pupils so desperately need. Please support the school on what should be a great night.

All Welcome.

Contact: Bronagh Mooney 086 3349453



**L to R Cormac McEvoy with his dog 'Beer Goggles', some of the 1st and 5th class pupils and Daithí O' Donoghue with 'Arrive in Style'.**



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# Autumn Recipes

## Steamed Pudding.

### Ingredients

- 50g Butter
- 350g Plain Flour
- 3 tsp Baking Powder
- 140g Shredded Suet
- 85g Castor Sugar
- 115g Currants
- Finely grated zest of 2 lemons
- 75ml Milk
- 25ml Cream



### Method

1. Soften half the butter and use to grease a 1.4 litre pudding basin.
2. Combine the flour, baking powder, suet, sugar and currants in a large bowl, mixing well.
3. Melt the remaining butter and stir into the flour mixture.
4. Stir in the lemon juice and zest.
5. Combine the milk and cream in a small jug. Slowly stir enough into the mixture to bring it to a dropping consistency.
6. Pour the mixture into the pudding basin. Cover with a double layer of greaseproof paper (make a pleat in the middle to allow for expansion), tied in place with string.
7. Place the basin in a steamer basket set over boiling water. Cover and steam for about 1 - 1 1/2 hours until cooked. Check the water level now and again to make sure it doesn't burn dry.
8. Serve with custard.

## Bread and Butter Pudding

### Ingredients

- 8 -10 Slices White Bread (crusts removed)
- Butter
- 450ml / 3/4 pint Milk
- 2 Eggs
- 50g / 2oz Caster Sugar
- 50g / 2oz Sultanas
- Ground Nutmeg

### Method

1. Butter each slice of bread and cut into fingers or triangles.
2. Grease or butter a shallow ovenproof dish. Arrange a layer of the bread, buttered side down on the base of the dish.
3. Sprinkle some of the sultanas on the bread and dust with a little ground nutmeg.
4. Cover with another layer of bread, sultanas and nutmeg.
5. Finish with a layer of bread, buttered side up.
6. Beat eggs, milk and sugar together and gently pour over the bread layers.
7. Allow to stand for about 10 to 15 minutes, then transfer to a pre-heated oven 180°C/ 350°F/ Gas 4 for about 30 minutes until risen and "set".
8. Serve immediately with cream or custard.

## Autumn Pudding



### Ingredients

- 675g / 1 1/2 lbs Autumn Fruits (cooking apples, blackberries, blueberries etc.)
- 175g / 6oz Self Raising Flour
- Pinch of Cinnamon
- 125g / 4oz Margarine (at room temperature)
- 125g / 4oz Light Brown Sugar
- 2 Eggs
- 4 tablespoons Cold Water
- Sugar to sweeten fruit

### Method

1. Preheat oven to 190°C/375°F/Gas 5. Lightly grease an ovenproof pie dish.
2. Peel, core and slice apples. Mix the fruit used and place in the prepared pie dish; sweeten with sugar.
3. Put the remaining ingredients into a large mixing bowl and using the "all in one" method, beat all ingredients together until smooth.

Spread over the fruit and bake until nicely risen and golden brown, about 40 minutes. Serve hot with custard, cream or ice cream.

## **First Day at Presentation Girls' Primary School**



**L to R Moira O'Neill, Aoife Moran, Lilli Mathias, Lucy Travers, Anna Loftus and Genevieve McDonnell**



**L to R Karen Ashe, Henrich Mogabin, Sinead Cunningham and Aoife Williams**



**L to R Erica Gannon, Niamh Krahn, Marina Moriman and Zara Finlay**

## **First Day at Presentation Girls' Primary School**



**L to R Holly Cronin, Katie McCormack and Leanne Sweeney**



**L to R Aisling Wilkes, Ellie Nolan, Kirsty Fitzpatrick, Sinead Troy, Synthyche Kingidila and Sabrina Bonanomi**



**L to R Imogen Cooney, Martyna Konecka, Elena Murray, Katie Monaghan and Amy Savage**

## **First Day at Presentation Girls' Primary School**



**L to R Ella Mahon, Lauren Condron, Hayley Lyndsey and Cara Phillips**



**L to R Sarah Jane Rudaru, Isobel Laragy and Kathleen Mocanu**



**L to R Megan Stanley-McKenna, Laura Stanley-McKenna, Britany Musat and Orharnait French**

## **First Day at Presentation Girls' Primary School**



**L to R Aisling O'Carroll, Tantoluwa Oduneye, Ciara O'Donnell and Farah Callaghan**



**L to R Faye Harrington, Ellie Durcan, Tara Crawford, Ann Louise Stokes, Keeley Lynne Geoghegan and Isabella Stefan**



## First Day at Presentation Girls' Primary School



**L to R Aine Dooley, Rebecca Webb, Isabelle Keeley, Tara Kavanagh, Eva Paturyan and Laura O'Dea**



**L to R Anastasia Zakharova, Clodagh Mayock, Aisling Hennelly, Simone Kelly, Amy Tighe and Alison Cummins**

## Useful Telephone Numbers

Name	Details	Telephone No.
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<b>ADULT CEILI AND SET DANCING</b>	Contact: Rita Doyle	<b>086-2862475/ 6286169</b>
<b>AN NUADA PLAYERS</b>	Contact: Terry Nealon	<b>086-8068068</b>
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<b>MORTALITY SOCIETY</b>	Contact: Paddy Nolan	<b>6286312</b>
<b>NORTH KILDARE JUNIOR TENNIS CLUB</b>	North Kildare Club	<b>6103909</b> <b>6287243</b>
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## Monsignor Stenson's Farewell Party



pproximately 300 people - parishioners, friends, guests and well-wishers - congregated in the Glenroyal Hotel on Friday night last to wish *au revoir* to Msgr. Alex Stenson. Msgr. Alex, having completed nine years as Parish Priest of Maynooth & Ladychapel, has recently moved to the Parish of Killester in North Dublin. He has been succeeded in Maynooth by Fr. Liam Rigney, P.P.

"Fr Alex", as he has become known affectionately to his flock, was in splendid form on the night, having been 'brought back' to his old Parish to formally mark the occasion of his departure.

The evening got off to a fine start in the spacious Connacht Ballroom of the Glenroyal with an ensemble of classical musicians who serenaded the assembled guests as they enjoyed an assortment of delicious canapé gastric delights!

Amongst the large attendance were members of the Monsignors family - sisters Ann & Maureen plus his brother Ciaran and sister-in-law, Angela. Others in attendance included Fr. Liam Rigney, P.P., Fr. Paul Coyle, C.C., Maynooth, The Rt. Rev. Msgr.. Dermot Farrell, formerly president of St. Patrick's Pontifical University & recently appointed P.P. of Dunboyne, Rev. Dr. Hugh Connolly, newly appointed President of St. Patrick's College, the Rev Janice Aiten, Church of Ireland Rector & the Rev. Keith McCrory, Presbyterian Minister.

The Faculty of the Pontifical University & the various religious order houses were all represented. The four schools of the parish were all represented by their respective Principals, Teachers & Students.

Following refreshments, glowing tributes were paid to Fr. Alex by delegates representing such organisations as the Pastoral Council, the Finance Committee, the Parishioners of St. Mary's & Ladychapel respectively & the Fund-raising Committee; Fr. Vincent, representing the order of St. Paul, gave a passionate address in homage to his brother Priest & friend.

The Master of Ceremonies for the evening was local parishioner, Mr. Des Walsh.



**L to R Noel Clarke, Monsignor Stenson  
and Tom Corcoran**

In a powerful & broad-ranging tribute to the Monsignor, the Chairman of the Fund-raising Committee, Mr. Pat O'Brien, speaking in Irish, English & Latin, wished Fr. Alex well in his new post as P.P. of Killester. He said that Fr. Alex was bequeathing to Maynooth many happy & treasured memories of his very special & dedicated ministry to his people in the Parish. He thanked him for his many personal gifts - his kindness, warmth, friendship, humility, wisdom, wit, his most cogent & inspiring homilies and, above all, his much cherished spiritual guidance .... "You touched all of our lives in various ways - through good times & bad times - in sickness & in health: ... we were truly blessed by your presence amongst us during those special years" He also reminded Mon. Stenson that there will always be a big CEAD MILE FAILTE for him in his beloved Maynooth.

Mr. O'Brien reminded his audience that Msgr. Stenson was "a man of many parts" ... Priest, University Lecturer, Canon Lawyer and, *inter alia*, a Classical Scholar. But despite his renowned intellectual & academic acumen &

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## Monsignor Stenson's Farewell Party (Cont'd)

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erudition, Mr O'Brien continued, Msgr. Stenson was essentially a shy & very modest individual with the common touch. He had the capacity to make everyone he came in contact with feel completely at ease; there was no pretentiousness – no airs or graces and he was not a man for standing on ceremony. He was a man of the people.

Socially, ..." he was an entertainer, par excellence.....he had a wit and a turn of phrase which were second to none .....and he was a story-teller & yarn-spinner of the first order." He was also, continued the speaker, a master of the 3-card trick & could make a pack of playing cards dance as well as make a card disappear up his sleeve!! These, continued Mr O'Brien, were but a few of the beloved Monsignor's multitude of talents. He was also a most accomplished & very competitive low-handicap golfer in addition to being a committed reader. Will there be room for all those books in Killester?, he wondered! Two other passions of his were an affinity for fine wine – of which he was, and is, an acknowledged connoisseur - especially Italian Red ...and, paradoxically, a great fondness for Country & Western Music and, in particular, an occasional rendition of Glen Campbell's RHINESTONE COWBOY!!

On completion of the speeches & many tributes, the Monsignor was presented with a cheque for a substantial sum on behalf of his beloved parishioners, by his friend & Curate, Fr. Paul Coyle, who said that he would resist the temptation to sing The Rhinestone Cowboy!! Fr. Paul spoke warmly and affectionately, in a most eloquent fashion, about his friend and colleague.

This was followed by the presentation of a magnificent and beautiful, framed photographic portrait - an impressive collage, incorporating key features of both St. Mary's & Ladychapel churches, the exterior of the Parochial House and a panoramic shot of his beloved 18<sup>th</sup> green @ Carton House Golf Club with a spectacular backdrop of the River, the Boat-House and a stunning view of the magnificent Club House in the background. An assortment of other gifts were presented to Monsignor Alex on behalf of Parishioners and other well-wishers, by the Boys & Girls of the four Schools in the Parish. The pupils also formed a guard of honour for the Monsignor.

The huge turn-out filled the large ballroom to capacity, with standing room only by the end of the evening- a fitting tribute to the esteem in which Fr. Alex was held by his people.

Guests included a large number of clergy, Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland and Presbyterian – a tribute to his total commitment to ecumenism – public representatives, Members of the Legal and Medical professions, the Teaching Profession, Academia and the Media.

An excellent evening of celebration & entertainment was enjoyed by all and the sadness of the parting of a much loved Pastor was diluted by the rich legacy which he left us in terms of practical accomplishment in the form of two beautifully renovated & re-furbished Churches, costing approximately 1.4 million Euro –and **NO DEBT!**

He will always retain a very special place in our collective hearts

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Guimis gach rá agus sear ar ina churam nua.



**L to R Ita Loughnane and Carmel Buckley**



**L to R Ann Gallagher and Claire O' Rourke**

## Feature

### *The Royal Canal Amenity Group*

**T**he Royal Canal Amenity Group during Heritage week in August 2007. The group took part in a guided walk from Dukes Harbour (Maynooth) to the 14th Lock at Jackson's Bridge on Saturday 25th August 2007.

Folk singer Danny McCarthy gave his rendition of the theme song from Brendan Behan's Drama ("The Quare Fellow") "Along the Banks of the Royal Canal".

Other contributors were Dr. Christopher O'Rourke, Declan & Bernadette O'Connor and Matt Kennedy.



*Danny McCarthy*



*Group photograph at The Harbour (Maynooth)*

# Gardening Tips for October

## **A**utumn

Autumn is the mellow season, all the hectic flowering and reproductive activity of the summer is over.

Seed-heads and berries look their best; and the changing colour of leaves signals the beginning of the end of the growing season. For the gardener, this is the time to start putting the garden to bed.

## **P**lanting Spring Bulbs

Pick a pot that is the right size and will complement your chosen bulbs.

- If you are using a clay pot with a large drainage hole in the base, cover it with a piece of broken pot.
- Mix up your compost. Use general-purpose compost and improve drainage by adding a good handful of horticultural grit.
- Fill the container with compost and plant bulbs, making a hole three times the size of the bulb.
- Although different varieties can be planted together, bulbs have more impact when the same variety is planted either singly or packed closely together for a bumper show.
- Water well and cover with a piece of chicken wire to prevent squirrels, mice and voles from digging them out.

## **V**egetables.

Vegetables-you can plant over wintering onions during September and October. Plant in well drained soil which has had an application of organic fertiliser prior to planting. Take advantage of dry spells with good ground conditions for planting. Check every few days until growth commences and re-plant any sets that are disturbed by birds etc. Avoid planting where onions grew in the previous season to prevent carry-over of disease from one season to another.

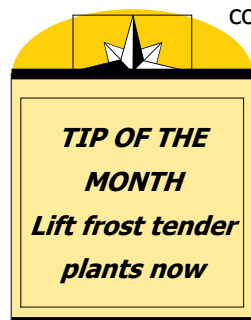
Spring cabbage can be planted out into its final quarters in late September and October. Protect against rabbits and pigeons.

Lettuce for early spring maturity may be sown in October and November under protection. Use a variety such as "Arctic King" for best results.

## **B**edding.

Bedding to provide Spring colour can be planted now. Brighten up your beds and borders with the fiery colours of Wallflowers and with that powerful, heady fragrance that is a true nostalgic reminder that Summer can't be far away! Always ensure soil is well limed for Wallflowers as they are members of the cabbage family.

Plant up containers with winter interest foliage plants. The following plants will give interest all winter: Heucheras with their bronze, copper and silver foliage Ivy's, Variegated Thymes, Sedums, Ornamental Cabbage and Kales. Don't forget also the invaluable winter flowering Heathers which are ideal in containers, long flowering resilient to the vagaries of the weather, great foliage interest. You can buy superb Irish grown Heathers this Autumn in anything up to a 3 litre pot and these really are stunning and will give instant and continuing colour. Look out for stunning varieties such as Estrella, Kramers Red, White Perfection, Mary Helen and Eva Gold. You can't miss them in the garden centres this Autumn in their colourful burgundy coloured hexagonal pots. These are not to be missed this Autumn.



## **S**eeding the Lawn.

- ♦ October is a great time to lime, seed and fertilize your lawn. You can seed a new lawn in early October or reseed an established lawn this month to make it thicker and healthier.
- If you need to, you can lime, fertilize and seed your lawn all in the same day. Otherwise, seed and fertilize the same day and then lime later in the fall.
- If needed, Autumn is a great time to aerate the lawn. If you decide to do this it should be done prior to seeding.
- If you do plan to aerate, thoroughly soak the soil a day or two before you start your project or perform your project a day or two after a good rain.
- Now is also a good time to control weeds growing in the lawn, however you cannot weed kill and seed the same day. If you choose to kill weeds in the lawn first, you must wait three weeks to seed your lawn. Or, if you seed first, you will need to wait until the new seed has germinated and been mowed at least twice before applying a weed killer.

## Features

### **COLLECTION FOR MSGR. ALEX STENSON, P.P.**

On behalf of the Fund-raising Committee, I wish to thank most sincerely all those who contributed to the recent collection for Monsignor Stenson on his departure from the Parishes of Maynooth & Ladychapel.

Also, to everyone who turned up on Friday night, Sept 14th, in the Glenroyal Hotel to give him such a magnificent send-off. It was a truly fabulous occasion with over 300 well-wishers.

I also wish to express the sincere gratitude of the Fund-raising Committee to all the people from the various Parish groups who gave so generously of their time to help with the collections outside the two Churches over the last number of weekends.

A special word of thanks and appreciation must be accorded to Martina Kennedy, Parish Office secretary, for all her unstinting help.

Also, sincere words of thanks to Mr. Peter Coakley Principal of B. N. S. and Rev. Fr. Paul Coyle C.C. for facilitating our committee meetings in the Primary School. Finally, thanks to Dominic Nugent, school caretaker, for all his help in the preparations in the staff room for our weekly meetings.

**Pat O' Brien,  
Chairman, Fund-raising Committee.**

**Your help is deeply appreciated.**

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# Maynooth Business Association

## Reply to John McGinley's Press Release re Parking in Maynooth

Cllr John McGinley in his most recent and predictably hysterical Press Release in relation to my comments on the parking situation in Maynooth and the Harbour Field and Pound Park, has rather dishonestly and deliberately chosen to create a political football out of the real and urgent issue of extremely poor parking facilities in Maynooth, in order to deflect attention from the obvious lack of parking provision in the town and indeed the obvious lack of proper planning in this regard for which he must bear his share of responsibility in his role as County Councillor for a long number of years actually living in Maynooth.

Cllr McGinley typically engages in a rant using emotive words such as "outrage", "an attack on the people of Maynooth", and "over his dead body". This pattern repeats the terms used most frequently by John McGinley to describe various issues such as planning applications in the area under terms such as "frightening", "horrific", "alarming" and "terrifying".

It would serve the people of Maynooth far better and our town would prosper and progress in a more cohesive fashion if Mr. McGinley would turn his attention to the core issues and tell us firstly that he acknowledges the abject failure to provide proper parking in Maynooth and therefore the failure of proper planning, and secondly what he proposes to do to rectify the situation.

I note that Cllr McGinley is not "outraged" by the lack of town centre car parking.

In his Press Release, Cllr McGinley refers to the comments made by me and misquotes that I "wanted to turn the Harbour Field and Pound Park into car parks". If one actually reads the original article in the Liffey Champion that is not what I said. I suggested that the possibility of using these areas should be considered, in other words it was something to be discussed and considered with proper consultation with the people of Maynooth and this was specifically in the context of a Public Meeting which the Business Association are planning. It is obvious that Cllr McGinley has chosen deliberately to ignore this, as it could not have escaped the attention of anyone reading the article.

Cllr McGinley decided to compound his attempt at ignoring the real issue of parking by resorting to the old tactic of raising the cloud of "Fianna Fail involvement". This is purely a smokescreen. Indeed he reached apocalyptic proportions imagining nightmare scenarios with houses and apartments being built on the Harbour Field, rezoning of Public Parks etc etc No doubt he can also imagine a Skyscraper in the middle of the Field !!!!

It is patently obvious as the nose on your face, that the article in which I was quoted was an interview between a professional journalist and members of the Maynooth Business community, specifically relating to the urgent need to address the pathetic lack of parking provision in the town and the detrimental impact to Maynooth of same. Therefore I was speaking as a member of the Business community, not as a member of Fianna Fail. That is quite clear.

Cllr McGinley has deliberately decided in tactical fashion to ignore the real and urgent damage being done to the economic well being of the town and the hardship being administered to its citizens by repeated failure to plan or provide adequately.

As a business woman in the town and a resident since 1966, I would ask John McGinley what are his ideas and locations for the proper and adequate provision of car parking in Maynooth, both in the immediate future and in the longer term which should be encompassed into the new Development Plan for Maynooth which will be drafted shortly? I would urge Mr. McGinley to address this issue specifically rather than indulge in political fob-offs, scape-goating and smear attempts.

**Brid Feely,  
Maynooth Business Association**

# Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location	Development Type
07/2061	Andrew Healy	P	24/08/07	Demolition of existing dwelling and boundary walls, construction of 2 and 3 storey residential development over basement car parking (30 no.) to comprise of 22 units with enclosed communal open space etc.	282 Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	HOUSING DEVELOPMENT
07/2083	Jackie Cousins & Godfrey O'Dowd	P	29/08/07	Extend opening hours from 8.45 am to 4.30 pm as a revision to condition no. 6 of planning permission ref no. 05/2558 for the existing Montessori/ Playschool centre which is part of the two storey extension to side of the house	41 The Steeples Moyglare Abbey Maynooth Co. Kildare	COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT
07/2086	Padraig Nevin	P	29/08/07	New two storey dormer house with basement, a new vehicular entrance, an effluent treatment unit and associated site works	Barrogstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	ONE OFF HOUSE
07/2092	Brenda Kelly	P	30/08/07	Change of use from a grocery shop/news agency to a tattoo studio	Sun View Main Street Maynooth Co. Kildare	COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT
07/2100	Dermot Coakley	P	30/08/07	Constructing a two storey house, detached garage, Aquamax treatment system and all ancillary site works	Old Carton Maynooth Co. Kildare	ONE OFF HOUSE
07/2130	Rory Moynihan	P	04/09/07	Construct a dormer bungalow style residence, garage, associated site works with Biocycle wastewater treatment system	Clonagh Maynooth Co. Kildare	ONE OFF HOUSE
07/2158	Robert Kearney	P	07/09/07	Construction of a dormer style dwelling, connection to an existing group water scheme, a Biocycle wastewater treatment plant and construction of an entrance onto the public road.	Smithstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	ONE OFF HOUSE
07/2225	Howley Civil Engineering Ltd.	P	19/09/07	Raising the levels of 7.2 hectares of low lying agricultural land (land reclamation) by approximately one meter, by placing on site of surplus construction materials i.e. inert soil and stone and alterations to existing entrance etc.	Taghadoe Maynooth Co. Kildare	QUARRY/LANDFILL /LAND RELAIMATION
07/2240	S & G Collins	P	20/09/07	Two storey house detached single storey domestic garage, 5 no. stableblock with tackroom, dungstead and effluent holding tank sand ménage, secondary effluent treatment system and all associated site works.	Ballycurraghan Maynooth Co. Kildare	ONE OFF HOUSE

# Maynooth Tidy Towns

In October each year we have to hand the result of Maynooth's performance in the National Tidy Towns Competition and as usual we release the judge's report to the Maynooth Newsletter. As usual we make little comment on the report as *you* could say that it speaks for itself. Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee is pleased with the result this year as it is up 26 points on the 2006 result. The biggest increase was 10 points for Landscaping, up six for Litter, 4 for Roads, Streets and Back Areas, 3 for Residential Areas 2 for Wildlife and 1 the Built Environment.

*Paul Croghan, PRO, Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee*

<b>TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION 2007 &amp; ADJUDICATION REPORT</b>		
Centre: <b>Maynooth</b>	Ref: <b>377</b>	
County: <b>Kildare</b>	Mark: <b>261</b>	
Category: <b>F</b>	Date(s): <b>18/06/2007</b>	
	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	44
The Built Environment	50	33
Landscaping	50	40
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	25
Litter Control	50	30
Waste Minimisation	20	7
Tidiness	30	16
Residential Areas	40	28
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	30
General Impression	10	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>261</b>

## Overall Development Approach:

Maynooth is welcome to the 2007 National Tidy Towns Competition; thank you for your submission with its many additional enclosures, which were helpful during the adjudication process. In the opinion of this adjudicator, landscaping is your greatest strength in the competition and the many stands of mature and specimen trees were very much admired. Your heritage buildings are of great value also and of course your location on the Royal Canal ensures fine recreational amenity potential for the community. We note your partnership approach with statutory bodies and other agencies together with schools and business interests, well done. We wish you every success in the implementation of your plan.

## The Built Environment:

Heritage buildings, schools and churches were beautifully presented during adjudication and have a well-cared for appearance. St. Mary's Boys National School was particularly admired in respect of its landscaping, both the Garda station and the Fire Station are neatly presented, and business premises enjoy a good level of maintenance particularly in the centre; the AIB premises on the main street, which has retained some of its traditional features, looks really well. The Leinster Arms premises is a fine old stone building and could be considered for an award, however its signage and the positioning of posters in its windows and doors detracts from an otherwise fine presentation. The Tattoo premises uses solid shutters which are unattractive

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# Maynooth Tidy Towns (Cont'd)

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and have a detrimental effect on the streetscape; encourage businesses to feature the open lattice type shutter together with internal lighting outside business hours to enhance the streetscape, it's also good for business as it encourages window shopping. Your tree lined main street has a most gracious appearance.

## **Landscaping:**

The landscaped verges on the Kilcock approach road looked wonderful and was rivalled only by the entrance to the university with its beautiful landscaping also. Stands of mature trees are a characteristic feature of Maynooth it seems and are complemented by mature shrubberies which were in full bloom at the time of adjudication, those that come to mind immediately include at the Aldi and Lidl premises. Of course the roundabout at Tesco was admired also and the roadside perimeter of Tesco cannot be forgotten either. The stretch of hedgerow along the Moyglare Road to St John of God's Services no doubt provide wildlife habitats to many species. The hard landscaped civic space at the junction with the Straffan Road has excellent visual amenity value and has been considered for a landscape award.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

Both the Royal Canal and the River Slade offer wonderful recreational amenity opportunities to the community in addition to being important for wildlife habitats. Well done on the creation of a wild flower and nature reserve at Joan Slade River with the installation of bird boxes along college walls. We look forward to the proposed report from the ecologist to identify areas that threaten wildlife. The small and large Pound Parks offer amenity potential also together with the woodlands of St. Patrick's College and the area that makes up the Carton Demesne. We wish you every success in projects planned under this heading.

## **Litter Control:**

Maynooth appeared to be litter free at the time of adjudication, which is no small achievement given your large population and number of visitors, well done. We note from your application your twice weekly litter collections. The students of primary and post-primary schools are to be congratulated for their involvement in the litter-free aspect of Maynooth and congratulations to those schools that have achieved Green Flag status, congratulations also on the appointment of a Tidy Towns liaison officer. We wish you every success in acquiring additional recycling facilities and some new litter bins.

## **Waste Minimisation:**

Projects undertaken for this year have been noted and no doubt all of these will bring about a reduction in the volume of waste produced by the community; of particular note is your proactive approach with business interests in the town, well done. Congratulations to the schoolchildren and residents associations for their segregation of waste as part of your cleanup campaign during National Spring Clean. Recycling centres were neatly presented.

## **Tidiness:**

Well done on your weed management plan, it is good to note that you use environmentally friendly weed killer; sporadic outbursts of weeds were noted along kerbs at intervals. Your awareness of superfluous signage and unused poles is noted. Your work on removing graffiti is a most valuable initiative and we appreciate the difficulties involved. Well done on the reduction in problems caused by through traffic with the reopening of Bond Bridge and the introduction of the new one-way system. A number of buildings appear to be vacant of which you are no doubt aware. Do try to keep outsized advertisement hoardings out of your lovely town.

## **Residential Areas:**

Roadside boundary walls and stretches of hedgerow at the Moyglare Road were admired together with the nicely painted terrace of houses on entering from the Parson Road. A charming row of single-storey dwellings along Carton Avenue looked splendid with their colourful hanging baskets. Well done on your liaison with residents associations on a number of issues and the assistance given; no doubt your Best Estate Competition plays an important role in a good presentation under this heading.

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## Maynooth Tidy Towns (Cont'd)

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### **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

Road and footpath surfaces are to a mixed standard throughout the town. The road and footpath and cycle path surface along the road to the N4 is really good while the road to Duke's Harbour is quite bumpy. The main street of the town features good footpath and road surfaces also and car parking is orderly. Your stone bridges and boundary walls add great character to your historic town. It was good to note the wire scape free aspect of your main street complemented by attractive lamp standards and coordinated with seating and litter bins. We wish you every success with your proposed Sli na Slainte route and your plans to install large bilingual name stones.

### **General Impression:**

The most important first impression of Maynooth is its landscaping most especially its stands of mature trees; your heritage buildings play an important role endowing, great character to the town. There are no serious problems in presentation of which you are not aware of are actively working on and we look forward to your achievements over the coming years.

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## Features

### Kingsbry Residents Association Who did this?

On Wednesday 12th of September there was more vandalism done in Kingsbry to the trees along the side of the road that leads down towards Meadowbrook. This is a scene that keeps repeating itself over and over again and everyone is fed up with this totally unnecessary destruction. It seems that this type of vandalism begins again around this time of year after a lull during the summer.

There were in total 6 trees broken on Wednesday night but as is the case in these situations the culprit, or culprits, were not seen breaking them and have so far not been caught. Patricia Moynan, a Kingsbry resident, explained to the newsletter that this a regular occurrence and that in the space of the last 18 months there have been 41 trees broken with only 23 trees left since the residents planted 64 a year and a half ago.

Kingsbry Residents Association have worked hard to keep their estate in excellent condition and this behaviour is unacceptable.



Some of the vandalism left behind.



Patricia Moynan  
Kingsbry resident.



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## Clubs, Organisations And Societies

### *Maynooth I. C A. News*

We resumed our meetings in September. Everyone was warmly welcomed by President Margaret Houlihan, who in turn was wished well for her three years in office. The Guild got "Thank You" letters from Brainwave Association and Alzheimer's Association for our kind donations. The Intel Volunteers Group will paint the inside of the Guild's Hall. Badminton has started back on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, and crafts every Monday night. Forthcoming demonstrations on "Lancôme" products, and also on "Energy" wipes will take place in October and November. These will be open nights for all to attend, so watch out for posters. We will have our usual Ecumenical Service at our November meeting. The I.C.A. have a trip organised to Prague in October, and the Council meeting will take place on 13th October in Buncrana, Donegal.

A craft day in the Federation has been organised by Mary McMahon for Saturday 17th November from 10 am - 4 pm in Sarsfield G.A.A. Centre, Newbridge. Crafts organised are Stitched Cards, Blackwork, Gingham Embroidery, Beading, Ribbon Embroidery and mixed Christmas Crafts.

Thanks was extended to Rosemary Hanley, Mary Dunne, Vera Kearins and Mary O'Gorman for taking part in the Federation Quiz. Next Federation Meeting will be held in Monasterevin on 19th October, and on 22nd October in Rathangan.

Kildare week - end in An Grianón will take place 5th October. The Guild Competition for October is, "A Bunch of Wild Autumn Growth".

Irish Classes will resume at a later date, and an International Night will also be organised. The Guild will once again, do "The Shoe Box" appeal this year.

There is no further news on our Hall or the development of the Harbour Area. It was stated that Castle-town House is now open to visitors, so it's possible we will make a visit there. The raffle was won by Betty Farrell, with 2nd prize going to Betty Moore, and 3rd going to Máiread Scanlon.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 4th October at 8 p.m. New members are always welcome to our hall in The Harbour, as there is something for everyone in the I.C.A.

**Norah McDermott PRO.**

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## Useful Tips



# Family Games for Hallowe'en



### BLACK CAT TREASURE HUNT

#### What you need:

Black paper cats or little black cat stuffed animals  
Silver or gold ink  
Clues

#### How to Play:

1. Before the party, think up a series of clues that will lead the players from one place to the next.
2. Then you can either use silver or gold ink to print the clues on black construction paper cats. Or you can write the clues on plain white tags and tie them to black cat stuffed animals that double as party gifts (be sure to use as many toys as there are guests).
3. Hide the clues in the appropriate spots.
4. To play, give the guests a clue that leads to the first cat, which will lead to the next one, and so on to the ultimate treasure: a stash of Hallowe'en candy to divvy up and take home.



### PIN THE WART ON THE WITCH'S NOSE GAME

#### What you need:

Home made or store-bought picture of a witch  
Rubber cement  
Blindfolds  
Labels/stickers

#### How to play

1. Hang the witch at kids' eye level on the wall.
2. Wad up rubber cement into gumball-size warts (one for each player). If necessary, use a glue stick to make them stickier right before the game.
3. Blindfolded, kids take turns trying to stick a wart on the witch's nose. You can use labels or stickers to keep track of whose wart is whose.



### WITCH'S STEW GAME.

#### What you need:

Straws  
Construction paper  
Bowl

#### How to play

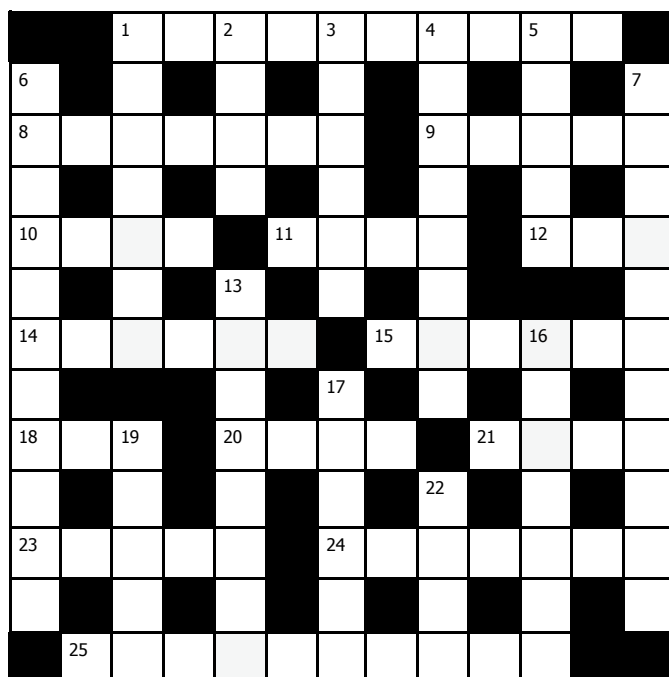
1. Before the party, ask your kids to help cut ten Hallowe'en shapes, such as ghosts, bats and pumpkins from construction paper. Each shape should be about the size of a 2 Euro coin. Place the shapes in a pile beside a small bowl.
2. Using the straw as a vacuum, each contestant tries to pick up a shape and place it in the bowl to create the witch's stew. Time the players to see who can get all ten in the bowl the fastest.

Tip: Cut out several sets of shapes and let the players race head to head.





# Crossword No: 60



Entries before Monday 8th October 2007

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## Across:

1. Awkward (10)
8. Book division (7)
9. Tory MP, - - - Lilley (5)
10. Leer (4)
11. Third son of Adam (4)
12. Deciduous tree (3)
14. 17th century dance (6)
15. Penitentiary (6)
18. Pair (3)
20. Raised platform (4)
21. Direction (4)
23. Taunt (5)
24. Wind from the desert (7)
25. Reference book (10)

## Down:

1. Star of the silent screen (7)
2. Parasitic insect (4)
3. Warranted (6)
4. Blue gemstone (8)
5. Bishop's hat (5)
6. Provide with lodgings (11)
7. Omen (11)
13. Tie (4- 4)
16. Vague (7)
17. Debacle (6)
19. Giraffe-like mammal (5)
22. Operatic melody (4)

## Solutions to crossword no: 59

### Across:

6. Conning tower, 8. Nairobi, 9. Shore, 10. Feed, 12. Voodoo, 14. Tunis, 15. Rotary, 16. Bali, 19. Until, 21. Epitaph, 22. Impersonated.

### Down:

1. Incident, 2. Simon, 3. Again, 4. Roussos, 5. Hero, 6. Coniferous, 7. Demolished, 11. Buy, 12. Vim, 13. Diamante, 14. Trolley, 17. Messy, 18. Giant, 20. Tomb.

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# Horoscopes



**ARIES—March 21—April 20**

The choices that you make are all about taste. What you like in some of your friends may not go down well. Trust your judgment: it is spot on. Keep your eyes and ears open. Sunday is your lucky day number 2, colour green.



**LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23**

You're up for some adventure this week. If you can't book a last-minute break, try a night out with some friends. You could try your luck in the casino? Saturday is your lucky day number 4, colour pink.



**TAURUS—April 21—May 21**

Someone who likes you may make their feelings known to you this week. A meal in a nice restaurant may impress you but they will have to do more than this to win your heart. Monday is your lucky day number 5, colour orange.



**SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22**

Prepare for a new perspective and fresh start. You perhaps need to modify your plans and perceptions. You will gain greatly from a review. Sunday is your lucky day number 12, colour brown.



**GEMINI—May 22—June 22**

Things are going very fast for you at the moment. Like it or not, small worries and questions are still in the front on your mind. Put them to the back of your mind and get on with what you have to do. Tuesday is your lucky day number 16, colour black.



**SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21**

Save up your special requests for Monday when mercury will give you the words and tenacity you need to make a point. Communication holds the key. Friday is your lucky day number 6, colour white.



**CANCER—June 23—July 23**

Things may be a little crazy at the present time but they will be made clearer next week when a black cat crosses your path. Your luck is in your own hands. Wednesday's your lucky day number 4, colour grey.



**CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20**

If you feel restless or out of sorts, blame it on the heavens. Mars continues to bring challenges your way. Never mind, things will take a turn for the better sooner than you expect. Tuesday is your lucky day number 3, colour navy blue.



**LEO—July 24—August 23**

Pay attention as your vision may be a tad muddy. Don't assume you know what's what: be vigilant. Don't pull the wool over your own eyes! Your lucky day is Monday number 7, colour orange.



**AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19**

Venus is about to introduce a few worries on the relationship front. Tap into new things and places: you will be surprised at the result and may even be attracting the attentions of someone influential. Thursday is your lucky day number 9, colour copper.



**VIRGO—August 24—Sept 23**

There may be a power struggle at work this week: deal with it diplomatically and someone in authority will be impressed. All thoughts of work will vanish at the weekend. Friday is your lucky day number 11, colour green.



**PISCES—Feb 20—March 20**

Sadly, you cannot run your own show. At the moment, someone else has too much to say. Take time out and reassess your needs and goals and you should be alright. Monday is your lucky day number 8, colour black.

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### **Maynooth Labour News**



*Cllr. John McGinley*

#### **Cllr. John McGinley Will Not Allow Fianna Fail to Turn the Amenities of The Harbour Field and Pound Park, Maynooth in to Car Parks**

The recent statement from Fianna Fail's Maynooth representative, Brid Feely ( Liffey Champion dated 1<sup>st</sup> September) that she wanted to turn The Harbour Field and Pound Park into car parks has been described by Cllr. John McGinley as an outrage and an attack on the people of Maynooth.

Cllr. McGinley stated that converting these two public parks into car parks would happen over his dead body. Their arrogance knows no bounds. Fianna Fail are not just happy with re-zoning every agricultural green space, they now want to rezone our public parks.

Cllr. McGinley stated that the Harbour Field was transferred by Mr. David Nall Cain, a Director of Carton Properties Limited, to Kildare County Council on the basis that it would be preserved for recreation and amenity use. It is incredible that Fianna Fail would even suggest ignoring a legally binding document. No doubt if they had their way they would also build houses and apartments on The Harbour Field.

The Maynooth Harbour Action Area Plan was agreed by the people of Maynooth in a public consultation process and approved by Kildare County Council in February 2006. Following on this, Maynooth Community Council agreed in March 2007 on landscaping of The Harbour Field to include a playing pitch, running track, scouts hall, all weather mini sports facilities and a teenagers' recreation area.

Fianna Fail now want to abandon all of these much needed community facilities and concrete over The Harbour Field. They also want to turn the small Pound Park beside Leinster Cottages into another car park. A very angry Cllr. McGinley stated he would resist these outrageous proposals for as long as he is alive.

#### **Maynooth Harbour Action Area Plan**

The second Planning Application by P. & G. Dormer, 07/1711, was declared invalid on 15 August 2007. Unfortunately, he resubmitted it on 23 August. The File Number is 07/2044 and the closing date for objections is 27 September.

In line with Cllr. John McGinley's proposal Council Officials have met all of the interested parties, with a view to agreeing to having the Harbour Action Area Plan implemented as one project and by one major developer. John believes that it is essential that this sensitive area is developed to 5 \* standards, and this will not happen if individual developers go their own way. The Council have only have one shot at it, and if they get it wrong the people of Maynooth will have to live with it for the next 100 years. Hopefully the landowners and developers will recognise this and agree with the Council's proposals.

## Party Political

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### Re-building of the Stone Walls at Pound Park and at the Small Pound

Despite the fact that Cllr. John McGinley's motion, to re-build the two walls, was agreed at the Leixlip Area Committee on 20 April, no progress appears to have been made. As a result John has submitted the following motion for the next Area Meeting:

"When are the walls going to be re-built at Pound Park and at the Small Pound, Maynooth, as agreed at the Area Meeting on 20th April 2007?"

### Doctors Lane and New Footpaths

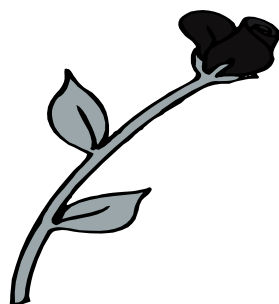
A very fine job has been carried out on Doctor's Lane, and on the new footpath from top of Main Street to Leinster Park. Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council for a yellow box at the junction of Main Street/ Doctor's Lane to make it easier for cars from Convent Lane to access Doctor's Lane.

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