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Happy Halloween



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Editorial

From first day at school to Graduation....

and Maynooth has had it all during the month of September. We wish all the boys and girls starting school the very best in this new phase of their lives. Congratulations to Junior Cert and Leaving Cert students on their successes. No doubt some thoughts have already been given to what to do next. For Junior Certs is it a case of Transition Year or go straight through to the Leaving Cert programme and for Leaving Cert is it a career straight after school, take a year out, or go on to third level. If you decide to go the last route and obtain a course at NUI Maynooth, you are joining the fastest growing University in the country and are among the ever increasing number that selected Maynooth as their number one choice on the CAO form. There was a 17% increase this year (more inside).

Whatever course is decided upon the return of fees (previously abolished in 1995 under the then Minister for Education Niamh Bhreathnach) will be of concern and is currently under consideration by Minister for Education, Batt O’Keeffe. Judging from the debate to date it appears to be a likely development despite opposition from the Labour Party, Fine Gael and the Students Unions to name a few. Concerns centre around access issues for lower earners, disadvantaged and nowadays an increasing number of mature students who by the way are taking on the mantle of lifelong learning, an aspiration encouraged by The Government. Whether the wealthy pay and lower income families do not, or the Australian model (giving loans to students who then pay it off when they start to work) is chosen it looks like it is not a question of no fees but rather how and when. The introduction of fees will bring further expectations and increasing demands from students regarding teaching and learning services and supports and rightly so as they will expect value for money which doesn’t seem to have crossed anybody’s mind. Here’s to lifelong learning!

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Clubs, Organisations And Societies



Maynooth Golf Society

Moore power to the fore in Athlone

At last after twenty four years trying I have won the Shay Moore trophy so said Terry Moore after receiving the cup named after his late brother Shay. Thirty three golfers had braved the inclement weather of wind and rain on Saturday 23rd August. Terry won with 29 points also (winning the nearest the pin and twos club prizes). Just one point ahead of Vice Captain Kevin Loftus on 28 points .

Congratulations also to Maura Moore on winning the ladies prize and brother Joe Moore on winning the visitors prize. The Presentation took place in Athlone certainly a case of Moore Power on a day to remember for the family.

Next outing John Tiernan cup at Dunmurray Springs on Saturday 20th September.

Shay Moore Memorial to Athlone

1st	T. Moore	(8)	29pts
2nd	K. Loftus	(17)	28pts
3rd	L. Farrelly	(8)	27pts
4th	S. Moore	(20)	25pts
5th	M.Fahey	(19)	23pts
6th	P. Connolly	(25)	22pts

F. 9	N. Byrne	14pts
B. 9	S. Farrelly	11pts

Ladies		
M.Moore	(22)	18pts

Visitor		
1st	Joe Moore	(15) 29pts
2nd	Damien Delaney	(7) 28pts B.9

Deuce ——— Terry Moore
 Nearest the pin ——— Terry Moore
 Next outing to Dunmurray Springs September 20th.

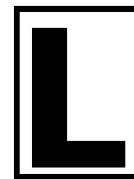
All Ireland Poetry Day

Poetry Ireland is promoting the first All Ireland Poetry Day on Thursday 2nd October with readings the length and breadth of Ireland.

The North Kildare reading will take place in Maynooth Library at 7:30pm. It will feature poetry written and performed by a diverse group of talented local writers including Kate Dempsey, Alison Maxwell, John Conroy, Emma Clarke Conway, Colm Keegan and James Lawless.

Come along and enjoy an evening of poetry and be part of a national phenomenon that is destined to become an annual event.

Kate Dempsey
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Poetry Corner

Back from Australia

Cocooned in Time, at this inhuman height,
The packaged food tastes neutrally of clay,
We never seem to catch the running day
But travel on in everlasting night
With all the chic accoutrements of flight:
Lotions and essences in neat array
And yet another plastic cup and tray.
"Thank you so much. Oh no, I'm quite all right".

At home in Cornwall hurrying autumn skies
Leave Bray Hill barren, Stepper jutting bare,
And hold the moon above the sea-wet sand.
The very last of late September dies
In frosty silence and the hills declare
How vast the sky is, looked at from the land.

John Betjeman
(August 28th 1906 - May 19th 1984)



Canal Bank Walk

Leafy-with-love banks and the green waters of the canal
Pouring redemption for me, that I do
The will of God, wallow in the habitual, the banal,
Grow with nature again as before I grew.
The bright stick trapped, the breeze adding a third
Party to the couple kissing on an old seat,
And a bird gathering materials for the nest for the Word
Eloquently new and abandoned to its delirious beat.
O unworn world enrapture me, encapture me in a web
Of fabulous grass and eternal voices by a beech,
Feed the gaping need of my senses, give me ad lib
To pray unselfconsciously with overflowing speech
For this soul needs to be honoured with a new dress woven
From green and blue things and arguments that cannot be
proven.

Patrick Kavanagh
(21st October 1904-30th November 1967)



School Days

Hurry up kids and go to school
There is so much to learn each day
A code of discipline is the golden rule
That each conscientious child must obey
Learn your subjects that is before you
For they will benefit you some way
Maybe you have nothing else to do
With ambition that will always stay.

You will be a scientist when you grow up
Or even a teacher like in your class
Learning your tricks like a pup
But time always will travel fast
A demanding world is yours to face
With your face to carry through
Don't fail or you'll be in disgrace
In this changing world that you grow.

Enjoy life the best you can
With your world and all your friends
In time to be a full grown man
With opportunities that never ends
But life not work out this way
Study with purpose and good aim
And if you fail exams anyway
Don't just remorse and be of blame.

There is an exciting world ahead
So live for it at your best
And as the old wise man said
Your just as good as the rest
Live in care and good heart
With many dreams never part
And prosperity will open the door.

Patrick Murray



Features

The Ghost of Halloween

It was dark as Sheila made her way home. It was spitting snow and she was finding it hard to see. She had another ten miles to go before she would get home. As she was coming around a narrow bend there was a tree over head swaying in the wind. How was she ever going to get home? She decided to make a call on her mobile but then discovered she had no credit left. Her feet were getting cold. She tried to turn on the heater and it was getting warm, but she was still out in the snow.

She was coming around a sharp bend in the road and the snow was getting heavier. She couldn't see far ahead. Then she heard a bump. Oh dear! she had hit something. She didn't know what to do. She pulled on her coat and got out to investigate. She opened the car door. Oh! it was cold. When she looked to see what she had hit it was a black cat. It was just lying there on the road. She looked at it.

She picked it up to see if there was any life still left in the poor little cat. She had a lovely shiny coat. She didn't look too bad. It was still alive anyway. What should she do with it? She looked for a name tag on the cat and there was one. The cat was called Kitty. What a lovely name for a black cat. They were supposed to bring good luck. Maybe she would get home tonight after all and she thought of the lovely supper she would have before going to a lovely warm bed. It was now approaching seven o'clock. Then she remembered that it was Halloween. The kids would be out playing trick or treat. She doubted anybody would be out in this cold. She didn't believe in ghosts or anything like that but tonight she had her doubts. She was feeling creepy now. Then she heard a rustling in the trees beside the car. She was frightened now. There was definitely something or someone in the trees. She couldn't speak. Then this person appeared dressed in black. Oh! was this a witch coming out of the trees. Suddenly her life flashed before her and she was sorry for all the trouble she had caused her mother when she was a young girl.

"Hello" said Sheila. "Who are you and is this your cat?" "Yes it is my cat". The woman took the cat from Sheila and stroked Kitty. "What are you doing out at this late hour in the snow?" she asked Sheila. Sheila replied that she was late finishing work and that she was now trying to get home. The woman in black asked her if she had seen anything except her tonight. "No I didn't" Sheila replied. The woman looked pensively and then told her that one Halloween night a girl was driving home when she was killed. It was at this very bend that she hit something, what it was nobody knows, and ever since on Halloween night something can be seen going around this very bend. It is not advisable that you should be here on this night.

"She was driving to see her fiancée the night when she was killed at that very spot". Sheila asked "what has this to do with me". "Well you see on this very night she is supposed to appear in the dark at this very spot, and that is why nobody drives on this night in the dark", the woman replied.

Well thanks for telling me your story mam but I have to get home and I am sorry for hitting your cat. I didn't see it in the snow. The woman told her "well you best get home now. Go through that road up there and you should reach the main road after about a mile". Sheila got into her car and started up the engine. She turned on the heat again before starting to move off. Wow that was some story about that poor girl who was killed on this very bend. Her family must have been heart broken. Sheila didn't see the ghost and she didn't believe in ghosts but tonight was different. Why did she hit that particular spot. She got around the bend in her car and drove up to the road that the woman told her to and then she got on to the main road and she was back in the real world.

She was home in half an hour. Tom was waiting for her with a bowl of hot soup. "Where were you until this hour of the night? You looked like you seen a ghost". "Well I didn't actually see one but I definitely heard all about one". "Do you believe in ghosts Tom?" "I didn't believe in one until tonight". Then Tom said "well my granny always spoke to us when we were small and told us that there were spirits and not be afraid of them, that they were real, and that there was such a thing as a spirit. Why did you ask?" "Oh! nothing but I think that your granny might be right in believing in such things". Then she tucked into her bowl of soup.

Enda Clavin

Features

Open Letter to Maynooth G.A.A. club.

May I through the medium of your Newsletter send an open letter to the Maynooth G.A.A. asking the club to revert to the traditional Maynooth Jersey consisting of a black jersey with a white sash. This letter is by no means a criticism of the club or any committee but a history outlining how the colours originated and have been worn with pride for over a century.

To the Secretary

Maynooth G.A.A.

A Chara,

I would like to appeal to you to revert to the traditional Maynooth G.A.A. Jersey consisting of a black jersey with a white sash. This jersey has represented the club for almost 120 years and originated from the tragic death of a young Maynooth footballer on the field of play in 1889.



The player's name was Tommy Cullen a native of country Wexford who was staying and working in Maynooth at the time of his death. His colleagues donated and collected sums of money and a monument in his honour was erected in Laraghbryan Cemetery, which can be still seen today in front of the old church. Many generations of boy's, young men and more recently girls have since worn the jersey with pride, while some have worn it with distinction, going on to represent the county and even by winning all-Ireland medals. Most of us who wore it just wore it for the honour of wearing it.

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Even the 15 men of Maynooth who walked to Dublin to accompany Padarig Pearse and the Irish Volunteers in 1916 would have been proud wearers of the Maynooth team jersey who won the Kildare Junior Football Championship in 1912 and went on to become the only Maynooth team ever to capture the Kildare Senior

Football Championship in 1913, the final was played on 22nd Feb. 1914 in Clane where Maynooth beat Kilcock.



Our unique jersey was respected in almost every football and hurling field throughout the county, from 7- a -side games in the Convent grounds to County finals in Newbridge, from the Harbour Field and the Moyglare Road to Castledermot, accompanied by the cry " the Crom Abus" which was the motto of the Fitzgeralds of Maynooth Castle, dating back to the 13th Century and which the Maynooth club was widely known by over the years.

The jersey and sash are as much a symbolic part of the town I believe as the Castle, the College, the Canal, the Band and the Lime trees in the Main Street all of which should be preserved as monuments to the people who have gone before us and as a legacy to future generations who hopefully will carry on our traditions. In 1966 the 50th Anniversary of the Easter rising took place and the Maynooth G.A.A played it's part by officially opening the newly built dressing rooms on the Moyglare road, some of the men who had marched in 1916 were proud of the tradition they passed on, enclosed is an extract from the 1966 souvenir programme and also a photograph of the 1913 championship winning team.

"It was in a game against the "Blunts" of Monasterevan on the 21st May, 1889, that Tommy Cullen, a relative of Cardinal Cullen, was fatally injured, and a monument to his memory was erected, and is still maintained by the Club, over his grave at Laraghbyrne, and the jersey worn by the Club also commemorates this great Gael, and it is to be hoped that future generations will continue to wear it"

It should be remembered that the young girls and boys of today , who have been born in Maynooth, gone to school in Maynooth and been raised in Maynooth, will become the mums and dads of tomorrow and will remember with the same pride their wearing of the Black Jersey with the white sash should they be allowed to do so, as they watch their children continue the tradition.

So let not this be the generation to break with the 120 year history of the club but start now to build and hopefully on the 200th anniversary of the first wearing of this significant and unique jersey the people of Maynooth will still turn out to see their sons and daughters carry on something that was started by the tragic death of a young man enjoying Gaelic Football 200 years ago.

Mise le Meas

Joey Murphy

"Lets not take away our past but be proud of it and carry our share of the load into the future".

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Maynooth I.C.A. Notes

At the September meeting our President Margaret Houlihan welcomed all members back after the holiday's. Congratulations to the Quiz team Rosemary Hanley, Veva Kearins, Mary Dunne and Mary O' Gorman who won the Federation Quiz and will now go on to represent Kildare in the National Final. The guild will help out with the Church Gate collection for arthritis on 4th and 5th of October. Next Federation meeting will be held in Ballymore Eustace on 8th September. The Federation Make and Model competition will take place on 30th October in Killeel Hall and the Craft Day will be held on 22nd November in Newbridge. The classes will be Glass Etching, Calligraphy, Flower Arranging, Stitched Cards, Parchment, Beading, Decoupage and Christmas Crafts. The Guild will travel to the I.C.A. College in An Grianán, Louth for their Christmas party in December. The Federation weekend party in An Grianán is 7th, 8th and 9th November and there are still some places available. The Guild will hold its Annual Auction next month and the money raised will go towards scholarships to An Grianán. Other competitions coming up for members are Photography, Patch Work, Cushion Covers, bake a light fruit cake, make a recipe for 4 course lunch, Design an I.C.A. Centenary Brooch, write a Short Story and finally the Guild of the Year Book for the Betty Manning Trophy.

As you can see there is plenty going on in the I.C.A. and something to suit all tastes, and members have a very busy year ahead. We will also be very busy with plans for the Centenary Year in 2010. The Guild handed over 166 knitted teddies for third world children and as many knitted hats for the hospitals Special Baby Units and this work will be ongoing. Craft Classes continue each Monday night in the I.C.A. Hall in the Harbour and Badminton classes have restarted in the College. Members will also start working on the Shoe Box Appeal and have their boxes ready for November. The Federation will host training days for Presidents Secretaries and Treasurers on 13th, 14th and 15th October in Larchfield. Naas Guild competition which was an Article made with Buttons was won by Veva Kearins, second place was a tie with Teresa Corcoran, Mary Dunne and Margaret Houlihan and third place went to Mary O'Gorman. The Raffle was won by Margaret Houlihan with Norah McDermott in second place and Eileen Flynn in third.

Our next Meeting will be held on **Thursday 2nd Oct at 8.p.m. in the I.C.A. Hall at the Harbour** and new members are always welcome.

Norah McDermott PRO.



**SUMMER TIME ENDS
Sunday
26th OCTOBER 2008**

**Clocks go back one hour
from midnight
Saturday
25th October**

Children's Colouring Competition



**Congratulations to Megan Diamond the
winner of the August Colouring Competition**

Puzzles—Sudoku

Easy

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	1				8			

Super Difficult

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Features



The Terrible 2s – Coping with Tantrums

Tantrums are something we've all seen, whether with our own child or other people's children. The sight of a child screaming, kicking and crying is very upsetting to the parent and can be a source of embarrassment if it happens when you are in a public place (such as the supermarket).

So what causes a child to have a tantrum? Most tantrums occur in children between the age of 2 and 3, hence the term "The terrible 2's". Your child is communicating anger or frustration by throwing a tantrum. Tantrums are a relatively normal stage of your child's development as they discover their will and independence. However, they are stressful for parents to deal with.

What can you do to cope when your child throws a tantrum? The main thing is to try and remain calm – it's not easy!! If you are stressed and react to the tantrum, you might make things worse. If you can remain calm, you help your child to calm down too.

Here are some things you can do to cope:

- Try ignoring the tantrum. If you're at home, do something else in the same room and wait for your child to stop. As soon as he does, give him some positive attention such as playing a game with him.
- Try to distract him out of the tantrum. If he's throwing a tantrum because you haven't given him something, give him something else.

Sometimes, giving your child a hug during the tantrum can soothe him. Use a sympathetic tone of voice as you try to comfort him.

The most important thing when dealing with a tantrum is to calmly ask your child why they're angry, and show them that you hear what they're saying. For example, your son is playing with his sister and conflict breaks out, he starts to scream. Instead of telling him to "stop" or "be quiet", try asking what is wrong. When he answers, show that you hear him and you sympathise with him. For instance, if he answers "she took my train" you can respond by saying "so you feel very angry because she took your train. When you calm down we'll try to sort something out." This demonstrates 3 things:

- You've allowed him to tell you why he's angry.
- You've clearly demonstrated that you were listening (by telling him what you heard).
- You've offered to help him sort it out but ONLY after he calms down.

Remember, tantrums are a normal phase of development. It does not mean that your child is badly behaved or that you are a bad parent for being stressed out when it happens. It's part of the parenting process!

Help Me To Parent Ltd offer parenting courses for parents of children from Age 1 to Teens. For more information visit: – www.HelpMe2Parent.ie

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Halloween Recipes

Brains on the Half Skull



Ingredients:

2 medium-sized potatoes
1 (8-ounce) package thin spaghetti
1 (14-ounce) jar spaghetti sauce

Preparation:

Preheat the oven to 200° C, Gas 6.
Wash the potatoes and cut them in half lengthwise.
Place the potatoes cut side up on a baking tray and bake for 40 minutes.

While the potatoes bake, prepare the spaghetti in a medium-sized pot according to the directions on the package. Carefully drain the cooked spaghetti in a colander over the sink. A few minutes before the potatoes are ready, begin to heat the spaghetti sauce (for blood) in a small pot. Remove the potatoes from the oven. Then, wearing oven gloves, scoop out the insides of the potatoes. (You won't need the insides for this recipe.) The empty shells will serve as skulls.

When the sauce begins to boil, remove it from the heat and combine it with the cooked spaghetti to make brains. Put a scoop of bloody brains in each skull, and enjoy!

Colcannon

Ingredients:

500g/1lb2oz mealy potatoes, cooked
250g/9oz cabbage, shredded and lightly steamed
2 tbsp cream
salt and black pepper
1 large or 2 small onions, sliced thinly
a little bacon fat, beef dripping or other frying oil

Preparation:

Sieve or mash the potatoes and mix with the cabbage and cream. Season well with salt and pepper.
Fry the onion in the fat over a moderate heat until it is soft and beginning to brown.
Using a spatula, press half the potato and cabbage mixture in an even layer on to the onion and fry for 4-5 minutes until it is well browned and crispy underneath.
Cut the mixture into 4 quarters with the spatula or palette knife and turn them over carefully so that the

crispy bit is uppermost. Press the remaining potato and cabbage mixture on to the first layer and after a few more minutes, cut and turn again.
When the bottom is again browned, you will have a crispy top too, a crispy bottom, and a crispy layer in the middle.

Pumpkin Pie

Ingredients:

For the pastry:

Sweet short crust pastry case
or a packet of ready made sweet short crust pastry with 40g/1½oz crushed pecans mixed in.

For the filling:

450 g/1lb prepared weight pumpkin flesh, cut into 1in/2.5 cm chunks
2 large eggs plus 1 yolk (use the white for another dish)
3 oz/75g soft dark brown sugar
1 tsp ground cinnamon
½ level teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
½ tsp ground allspice
½ tsp ground cloves
½ tsp ground ginger
10 fl oz/275 ml double cream

Preparation:

Pre-heat the oven to 180°C, Gas 4.
Use a shop bought sweet crust pastry case, about 9 inch/23 cm diameter and 1½ inches/4 cm deep.

To make the filling, steam the pumpkin then place in a coarse sieve and press lightly to extract any excess water. Then lightly whisk the eggs and extra yolk together in a large bowl.

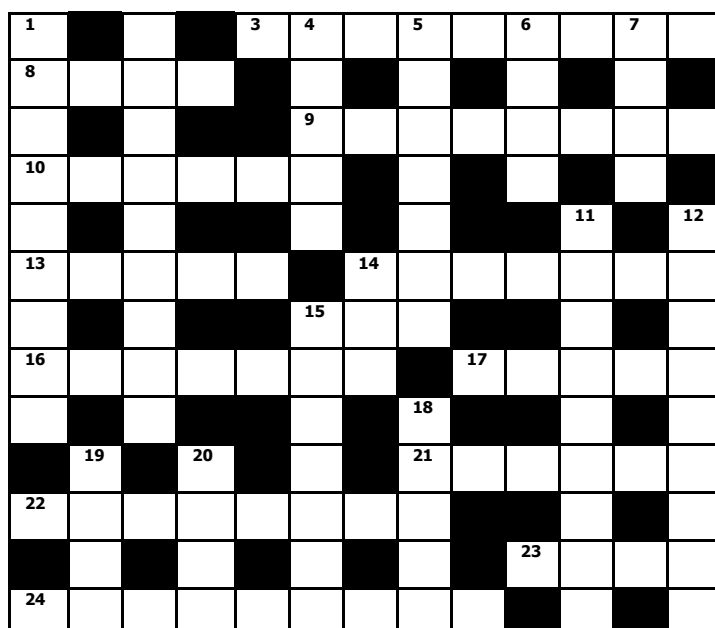
Place the sugar, spices and the cream in a pan, bring to simmering point, giving it a whisk to mix everything together. Then pour it over the eggs and whisk it again briefly.

Now add the pumpkin purée, still whisking to combine everything thoroughly. Then pour the filling into your pastry case and bake for 35-40 minutes, by which time it will puff up round the edges but still feel slightly wobbly in the centre.

Then remove it from the oven and place the tin on a wire cooling rack. Serve chilled (stored loosely covered in foil in the fridge) with some equally chilled crème fraîche, but warm or at room temperature would be fine.

Features

Crossword No. 71



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Across:

3. Extravaganza (9)
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9. Military unit (8)
10. Pendant (6)
13. Nicaragua's neighbour _ _ _ Rica (5)
14. Wall coating (7)
15. Bernard _ _ _ , actor (3)
16. Disloyalty (7)
17. Crucifix (5)
21. Asian wild ass (6)
22. Diabolical (8)
23. Evening Dress (4)
24. Cinema worker (9)

Down:

1. I tip camel (anag) (9)
2. Burt _ _ _ , US actor (9)
4. Australian city (5)
5. Waterproof overgarment (7)
6. Charity (4)
7. Solitary (4)
11. Safe (9)
12. First man on the moon (9)
14. Female swan (3)
15. Medicinal tablet (7)
18. For hire (2,3)
19. Social Insects (4)
20. Present (4)

Solutions to crossword No. 70

Across:

1. Samantha, 5. Diet, 7. Mist, 8. Turmeric, 9. Affray, 12. Stetson, 15. Vandyke, 19. Mastic, 21. Spinster, 22. Andi, 23. Slay, 24. Wolfgang.

Down:

1. Sampan, 2. Actor, 3. Tatty, 4. Abrupt, 5. Dreamt, 6. Tycoon, 10. Flan, 11. Andy, 12. Sue, 13. Elba, 14. Shot, 15. Versus, 16. Disney, 17. Kowtow, 18. Acting, 19. Moral, 20. Slang.

Doodle Box

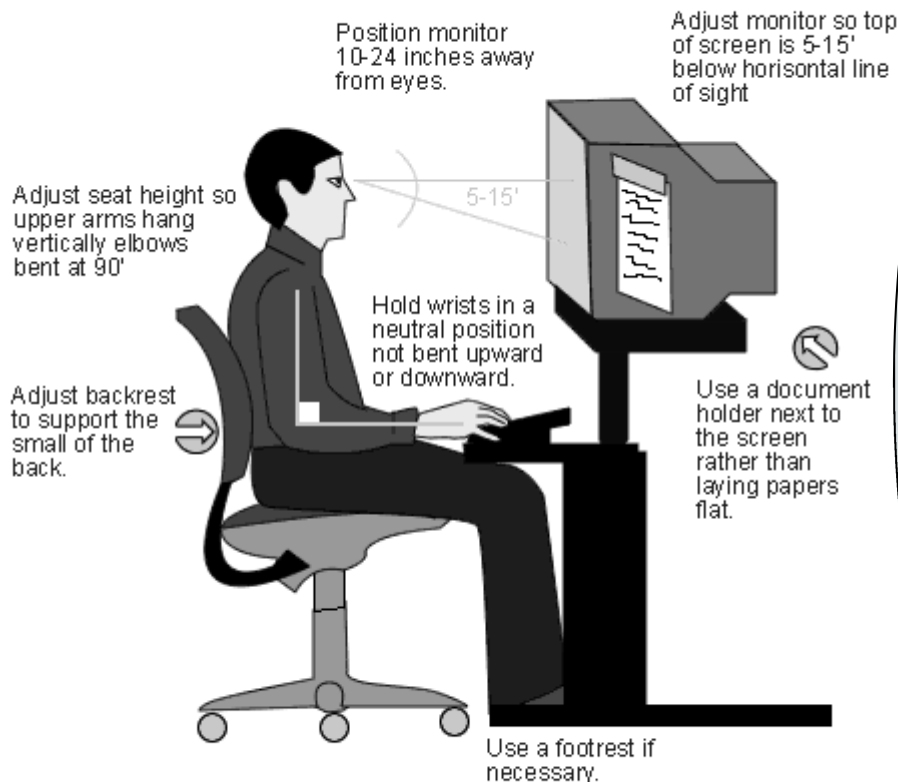
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Are you sitting comfortablyat your Computer?

It's amazing how many people are not aware of how the design and arrangements of our computer equipment can impact on our comfort, health, and productivity.

How to Sit at A Computer







Bifocal and trifocal wearers have to pay particular attention to the placement of their monitor. Wearers of bifocals and trifocals often unknowingly tilt their heads backwards so they can read the screen through the lower portion of their glasses. This can sometimes lead to neck, shoulder, and back discomfort. Potential solutions include either lowering the computer monitor or purchasing glasses designed specifically for working at the computer.



Keyboard: Many ergonomic problems associated with computer workstations occur in the shoulder, elbow, forearm, wrist, and hand. Continuous work on the computer may expose soft tissues in these areas to depletion and awkward postures.

The following recommendations can help increase comfort for computer users:

-  Dynamic sitting, don't stay in one static position for extended periods of time.
-  When performing daily tasks, alternate between sitting and standing or take small walking breaks throughout the day.
-  Adjust the height of the chair so that feet rest flat on the floor
-  Position the monitor directly in front of the user to avoid excessive twisting of the neck

It is important that breaks from working at the computer be taken every 20 to 40 minutes in order for your body to rest and recover.

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OVER 1,500 STUDENTS CONFERRED AT NUI MAYNOOTH

Over 1,500 students were conferred with a range of degrees in NUI Maynooth, from BAs, MAs and Postgraduate Diplomas to PhDs. Five different degrees were awarded for the first time, including the BSc Finance and Venture Management, BA Music Technology and BA Media Studies.

Among the large numbers in attendance was the Defence Forces Chief of Staff, Lt. General Dermot Earley who witnessed 18 Defence Forces personnel conferred with their MA degrees in Leadership, Management and Defence Studies (LMDS). This year saw the graduation of the first Irish female officer to take the course, Comdt Maureen O'Brien, who achieved first place in her thesis mark, and the highest mark ever awarded on the MA (LMDS). The MA, which has been running for seven years is a partnership programme developed and delivered by NUI Maynooth and the Irish Defence Forces. Graduates of the programme - which include officers from other foreign armies - are currently serving in postings overseas including Chad, Lebanon and Afghanistan.



Committ Maureen O'Brien; Professor John Hughes and Lt General Dermot Earley.



Mother and daughter, both Rosemary & Lindsay from Delvin, Co. Westmeath at the NUI Maynooth conferring ceremony where they both received BA Double Honours degrees!



Cllr Tony McEvoy (left) pictured with Dr John Sweeney as he received an Honorary Masters from NUI Maynooth for service to the community.

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Gardening in the month of October



As the leaves change into their brilliant autumn colours, and you awaken to a distinct chill in the air, you realise that winter is just around the corner. It's time to put the garden tools away for the year, settle back, relax, and wait for spring to arrive.....

WRONG!!!!

In most areas of the country, you will still have many tasks to accomplish... even after the first frosts.

Here are a few gardening tasks and projects that you can do this month to help keep your garden looking it's best for the rest of this season, and prepare for the long cold winter and upcoming spring.

☞Right now Spring may seem a long way off, and not really on your mind.

☞Remember the feeling you got as you went into your garden last Spring,,, and there it was... the first new growth of the new year??? Felt great, didn't it?

With a little planting effort now, you will speed the timing of that first new growth by as much as a month. During the autumn months, after soil temperature drops, the bulbs of spring flowering tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, , dwarf irises, Anemone, and crocus should be planted. Select healthy, disease free bulbs. Add Bone meal or Bulb fertilizer into the planting hole, as you prepare the soil.

Most spring flowering bulbs should be in the ground by the early part of this month, with the exception of Tulips which may be planted up until early November.

- Gladiolas, Dahlias and other tender bulbs should be dug before the ground freezes, and stored in a cool, dark area. Dahlia and Begonia tubers should be stored in a box of slightly moist peat moss. Gladiola corms can be stored in a paper bag without additional packing.
- There is still time to set out winter pansies, flowering Kale, flowering Cabbage, and autumn mums. Keep a little colour in the garden for as long as possible.
- Watch your thermometer on colder nights. A windless, cold, clear night usually means a killing frost.... You can keep your Chrysanthemums and Asters blooming for quite a while longer if you take the time to provide a little frost protection for them. A small, simple frame covered with cheesecloth or an old bed sheet placed over your plants on frosty nights, can add a month or more of garden blooms. *(Don't forget to remove the cover as soon as the danger has passed!)*
- Geraniums, begonias, fuchsias, and other tender plants should be brought indoors or moved to a coldframe before the first frost.
- Mulching fall planted perennials will keep the soil warmer longer, allowing root growth to continue, however, the plants do need time to harden off for winter. Spread a thin layer of mulch after fall planting, and then add a thicker layer once the ground has frozen.
- Collect and save seeds of wildflowers to sow next spring.
- Throughout the fall and winter months you can plant or transplant both evergreen and deciduous trees and shrubs. During these months of dormancy you can do your shrub and tree moving with only minimal shock to the plants.

House Plants

- Both Christmas Cactus and Poinsettias need to be kept indoors in a spot where they get ten hours of bright light and fourteen hours of **total** darkness, each day. Room temperatures should be around 65 to 70 degrees for the Poinsettias, but cooler *(around 55 to 60)* for the Christmas cactus. The longer your house plants were allowed to remain outside in the autumn, the more shock they will go through when they are finally moved indoors. If you haven't brought them in yet, do it now!!

1st Day At School

Presentation Girls Primary School & Boys National School



Horoscopes



ARIES—March 21—April 20

Things take a good turn this week when something you thought you had lost turns up again and you are happy at your find. Take better care of valuables.

Your lucky day is Tuesday, Number 4, Colour Black.



TAURUS—April 21—May 21

Life is changing far too fast for you to catch up at the moment. So you will have to make plans for the future if you are to keep things going smoothly. Keep smiling.

Your lucky day is Monday, Number 5, Colour Gray.



GEMINI—May 22—June 22

Take time to get things in order at work and at home. Get a plan and get things moving. Friends and family are only too willing to help. Your lucky day is Saturday, Number 6, Colour Yellow.



CANCER—June 23—July 23

Some good news you've received this week may have other outcomes for you as you only partly understand the messages and there is a lot for you to understand.

Your lucky day is Sunday, Number 7, Colour Lemon.



LEO—July 24—August 23

A chance meeting with someone will have you asking questions and not always getting answers you would like. Things are not always the way they seem. Talking is good. Your lucky day is Wednesday, Number 12, Colour White.



Virgo—August 24—Sept 23

Relaxation is the name of the game this week, Virgo. There are some tough times ahead at work and it's no better on the home-front. Never mind, things get better later on in the week when everything gets on a new footing.

Your lucky day is Monday, Number 9, Colour Orange.



LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23

You're thinking of change at the moment. You want a new start and more important a new you. It's a rainbow of new beginnings. Wait until tomorrow comes.

Your lucky day is Friday, Number 10, Colour Pearl White.



SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22

You are dealing with a situation that your conscious mind is not entirely sure how to cope with. So involve your unconscious mind, and think things through..

Your lucky day is Sunday. Number 14, Colour Indigo.



SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21

Work takes a while to reap its rewards. Be independent and work at things in your own time and you'll get a better outcome.

Your lucky day is Friday, Number 8, Colour Blue.



CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20

Channel your creativity into every good thing. Events will take shape in perfect time. Don't get bogged down by detail.

Your lucky day is Saturday, Number 11, Colour Brown.



AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19

Face your destiny. Don't resist the inevitable. A delayed message will reach you. Give someone the benefit of the doubt.

Your lucky day is Monday, Number 15, Colour Gold.



PISCES—Feb 20—March 20

Socially, you're in demand. Be careful not to leave old faces out of your plans.

Take things slowly.

Your lucky day is Tuesday, Number 18, Colour Silver.

Pet Corner

Pet Safety Tips for a Happy Halloween



- ◆ Unfortunately our pets are very vulnerable during the Halloween period. The bangers and fireworks start earlier and last longer than a few years ago. Most pets are scared of the noises that surround them during this period, and unfortunately can run off in fright and are lost.
- ◆ As soon as you hear the noise of the bangers keep your pet safely closed up in a room. I know it can be tough to lock up your beloved pet when they always have the run of the house. It's only for a few days and it will keep them safe and prevent possible problems.
- ◆ The ringing doorbell, shouting children, the noise and the constant activity can take its toll on your pet - especially timid or shy pets. In the excitement, pets may nip or bite someone or may run out the door.
- ◆ If you take your dog for a walk keep it on a short and tight leash.
- ◆ There's also the unfortunate fact of life that there are people who do not respect life - particularly if it's 'just' a pet. Black cats in particular are prone to malicious acts on Halloween.
- ◆ Have a safe and happy Halloween!

How to Care for Rabbits



Rabbits may be easy to love, but they're not quite as easy to care for. These lovable, social animals are wonderful companions for people who take the time to learn about their needs. Though providing care for these adorable creatures isn't difficult, rabbits have a long lifespan—more than 10 years—and many specific care requirements. Anyone considering adding a rabbit to their family should carefully research books and web sites on rabbit care before making a decision. Here are some quick tips to get you started:

Every rabbit owner should know that the safest place for a rabbit to live is indoors. Rabbits should never be kept outdoors! Domestic rabbits are different from their wild relatives—they do not tolerate extreme temperatures well, especially in the hot summer months.

If kept in a cage, rabbits need a lot of room to easily move around. A rabbit's cage should be a minimum of five times the size of the rabbit. Your rabbit should be able to completely stretch out in his cage and stand up on his hind legs without bumping his head on the top of the cage. Additionally, cages with wire flooring are hard on rabbits' feet, which do not have protective pads like those of dogs and cats. If you place your rabbit in a wire cage, be sure to layer the floor with cardboard or other material. When rabbits are kept in a cage, they need to be let out for several hours each day for exercise. Aside from running and jumping, rabbits also enjoy exploring their surroundings. This is an ideal time to play and interact with your rabbit. Make sure that he has a safe area to play and explore.

In addition to hay, the basic diet of an adult rabbit should consist of leafy, dark green vegetables such as romaine and leaf lettuces, parsley, cilantro, collard greens, arugula, escarole, endive, dandelion greens, and others. Variety is important, so feed your rabbit three different vegetables at a time. When introducing new veggies to a rabbit's diet, try just one at a time and keep quantities limited. Rabbits should always have an ample supply of fresh water available.

Rabbits are fragile animals who must be handled carefully. Never let a rabbit's body hang free, never lift by the stomach, and never pick a rabbit up by his ears.

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Maynooth GAA Hurling/Camogie Camp

Maynooth GAA held it's annual Hurling/Camogie camp this summer from 18th to 22nd August. Despite the inclement weather a huge number of children turned up to participate in the camp on the first morning. Unfortunately due to the volume of rain that had fallen over the previous weekend our pitches were not suitable for play on the Monday or the Tuesday. Luckily we received great support from our two local schools - B.N.S. and Maynooth Post Primary - and from NUI Maynooth. They stepped into the breach allowing us the use of sports halls and all weather training pitches. This allowed us to easily accommodate the 100 plus children enrolled.



Maynooth Hurling/Camogie camp is run by volunteers from the club who co-ordinate the coaches, equipment and supervision for the week. We had a fabulous team of coaches and assistant coaches from our senior, minor and u16 teams. They all did a fabulous job implementing the coaching programme and having great fun with all. They were so good they deserve to be mentioned by name: Elaine Mc Auliffe, Eoin Sinnott, Fiachra Lohan, Aisling Farrell, Michelle and Therese Doran, Kerry Faherty, Shane Delaney, John Comerford, Katie O'Dwyer, Sean Bean, Cian Forde and Jenny O'Dwyer. A special mention should be made of Martin Connolly who took a week off work to supervise the entire week.



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The week comprised of skills work, fun games and mini league matches. It finished on the Friday with a "Superteams" tournament and a barbeque. Amazingly after the summer we've had we actually got a lovely sunny day on the Friday to enjoy our burgers and sausages kindly sponsored by Delimeats. The camp was sponsored by Maynooth Credit Union.



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Were are they Now

Sean Kelly (Cyclist)



Seán James Kelly (born, May 21, 1956) is an former Irish professional road bicycle racer. Kelly was one of the most successful road cyclists of the 1980s, and one of the finest Classics riders of all time. His victories include a grand tour win, nine "Monument" Classics victories and a record seven successive wins in the Paris Nice stage race.

Kelly grew up in the townland of Curraghduff, County Waterford on the Tipperary border near Carrick-on-suir, County Tipperary. From the start of his professional career in 1977 when he was discovered by the, French directeur sportif Jean de Gribaldy, until his retirement in 1994, Kelly won nine 'Monument' Classics, and 193 professional races in total, a tally only bettered by Eddy Merckx of Belgium. Kelly also won the Paris-Nice stage race seven years in a row, and won the inaugural UCI Road world Cup in 1989. He has a Grand Tour victory to his credit in the 1988, Vuelta a Espana and multiple wins in the Giro di Lombardia, Milan- Sanremo, Paris- Roubaix and Liege Other victories include the Criterium International and many smaller tours, including the Tour De Suisse Vuelta al Pais Vasco and Volta a.Catalunya.

Notably missing from his list of victories is the World Cycling Championship rainbow jersey, which he almost won in a close battle against Greg Le Mond in 1989. When the FICP Road racers were first introduced in March 1984, Kelly was the first rider to be ranked world No.1, a position he held for over six years, which is the competition record. Kelly was known to be one of the hard men of professional cycling, achieving 33 victories in one season (1984).

While some sprinters prefer to remain sheltered in the peloton until the final few hundred metres of a race, Kelly was capable of instigating breaks and could climb well, proving this by winning the Vuelta a Espana in 1988. His victories in Paris- Roubaix (1984, 1986) showed his ability to battle against poor weather and terrible road conditions, while in the Tour de France he could stay with the climbing specialists in the mountains. He finished fourth in the Tour in 1985 and won the Maillot vert (Green Jersey) in 1982, 1983, 1985, and, 1989 becoming the first rider to win the Tour's points classification four times, a feat he repeated in the Vuelta a España. Kelly won 21 stages in Grand Tours, five in the Tour de France and 16 in the Vuelta a Espana..

Kelly is still involved in cycling; he is now a commentator for Eurosport on major cycling events and he has established and is still heavily involved in the Seán Kelly Cycling Academy in Belgium. In 2006 Kelly launched Ireland's first professional cycling team, the, Sean Kelly Team composed of young Irish and Belgian riders based around the Seán Kelly Cycling Academy and managed by Kelly.

He participates in long-distance charity cycling tours with the "Blazing Saddles", a cycling charity dedicated to raising money for the blind and partially sighted. Such tours have included a journey across America by bike in 2001. He also participates in charity cycling endurance events in Scotland (notably with the Braveheart Cycling Fund), England, France and his native Ireland.

The inaugural Seán Kelly Tour of Waterford was held on the 19 August 2007. Kelly was one of the 600 participants. The 2nd Seán Kelly Tour of Waterford was held on the 24 August 2008. Kelly was one of the 2048 participants. He continues to cycle to this Day and divides his time between Ireland and Belgium.



Halloween Crafts

The Perfect Carved Pumpkin

With a marker pen, draw a line around the pumpkin, about two inches from the top.

Put the pumpkin on its side and carefully cut along the line with a sharp knife. Do remember to be careful, though - Halloween's scary enough without the added gore of you slicing off your fingers by mistake. Maybe get someone to hold the pumpkin still while you hack away with your glinting knife. Remove the top of the pumpkin, and note the colour of the seeds: if they're green, the pumpkin's ripe; If they're not, then, well, it's not ripe is it?

Put the top of the pumpkin, back in place and wipe away the black marker line. Now with your hand, pull out the seeds, and all the fibrous innards. You can also use a teaspoon to aid with this.

Now cut out all the flesh from the inside and leave it aside for the scrumptious pumpkin soup you're about to make.

Cut a scary Freddy Kreuger-style face onto the pumpkin. You are going have to cut along these lines so make sure that what you draw is reasonably simple and not too fussy.

Carefully cut out the features. Do this slowly. You started this whole thing with ten fingers and, ideally, you should still have ten when you've finished.

After cutting out the features, wipe away any black marker ink and place a lighted tea-light inside the hollowed-out head.



Spooky Kitty Window Decoration

MATERIALS:

Black knit cap
1 pair of kids' or women's black socks
Child-size black tights (size 4-6 or 6-8)
1 black tube sock or knee sock
Polyester fibre stuffing
2 18-inch lengths of floral wire
Scissors
1 sheet of black felt
1 sheet of gray felt
Glue gun or double-sided tape
1 sheet of orange felt
Two 1-inch googly eyes
Mouse toy
Needle and thread
Duct tape



Then cut 2 small gray felt triangles and glue or tape them to the middle of each ear.

3. Cut whiskers and 12 claws from the gray felt and a triangular nose from the orange felt. Using the glue gun or double-sided tape, affix the ears, googly eyes, whiskers and nose to the top of the cap.

4. Sew the mouse toy to the cat's mouth. Attach the claws to the tips of the two shorter socks and the tights.

5. To assemble the cat, cut a strip of duct tape 6 inches longer than the width of the cap. Centre the tape over the opening of the cap and, standing outside your double-hung window, secure the cap along the bottom edge of the top window (see illustration).

6. Next, tape the front paws along each side of the head. Tape the open end of the tail to the opening of the tights, between the legs. From inside the house, tape the body to the top of the lower window (see illustration). Let the legs and tail flop down over the tape. If you like, wedge a rolled-up sock between the legs and the tape to give more arch to the cat's back.



1. To make the body, fill the cap, socks and tights with stuffing, leaving at least 2 1/2 inches of unstuffed fabric at the opening of each article. Twist the wires together and insert them into the tail (tube or knee sock). Fold under any extra.

2. Cut out 2 notched ears from the black felt.

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Tidy Towns Competition 2008

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Maynooth**
County: **Kildare**
Category: **F**

Ref: **377**
Mark: **263**
Date(s) **07/07/2008**
22/07/2008

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2008
Overall Development Approach	50	44
The Built Environment	50	35
Landscaping	50	40
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	26
Litter Control	50	29
Waste Minimisation	20	8
Tidiness	30	16
Residential Areas	40	26
Roads, Street and Back Areas	50	31
General Impression	10	8
Total Mark	400	263

Overall Development Approach:

Thank you for the completed entry form, very useful Map and comprehensive indeed overwhelming documentation submitted. The tabular five year plan sets out very clearly the progress achieved and the items still to be finalised. Your 16 members have been very energetic and you also have received excellent community support.

Maynooth projects a pleasant neat air. It is a youthful University Town and that vibrancy is reflected in many of its buildings and activities. The shop fronts on Mill Street are mostly attractive and well presented. The Castle and NUIM entrance is, as always, splendidly presented and imposing. We noted and applauded the profusion of little blue 'Don't Litter' signs. The canal, another major asset has potential for additional exposure and utilisation as a linear park.

The mature trees on Main Street are a delight. However, there is a profusion of directional and commercial signage which would benefit from rationalisation. There are 9 directional signs at the junction in front of the Castle! The work in progress on Courthouse Square, which seems to have been in progress for quite sometime, did not detract from the very splendid display of flowers on the restaurant and other premises surrounding the square. We note the vast Tesco Store in course of construction. The exceptionally heavy traffic throughout continues to be intrusive.

The Built Environment:

The Church closes the view in an ideal manner on the Kilcock Road approach. The University both North Campus and the main grounds were well presented. St. Mary's Boys National School grounds were somewhat overgrown and looked tired on the day of adjudication. The post primary large scale school was well presented with flying flags. The sizeable Dunne Stores complex was well maintained and makes good use of its proximity to the river. St. Mary's Church of Ireland exudes atmosphere but was diminished slightly by the weeds in the grounds. Newtown Inn Bed & Breakfast was well presented as was both the Care Centre

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and the fire station. The good traditional shopfront of McCormac's Pharmacy and the presentation of Maynooth Book Shop caught the eye. Hegarty's Solicitors were noted both for their pleasant presentation and their significant location, visually, on the approach from Dublin, their somewhat old fashioned hanging sign is a nice touch. The Glen Royal Hotel and Shopping Centre are a well laid out and splendidly presented and maintained location on the approach to Maynooth.

Landscaping:

With NUI grounds as a focal point, the amenity areas of Maynooth are substantial and universally well presented. The north campus approaching from Kilcock is a delightful introduction to Maynooth. There is modest planting at the junction from Kilcock. The grassed area and the treatment of the little river opposite the Castle is a delight. The Lounge and Restaurant in Canal Place is a profusion of flowers, baskets and window boxes. The hard landscape of the Courthouse Square although in part still a work in progress building site has a pleasant grandeur about it. The flower displays at the Bus bay for example and at the Catholic Church are ideal. The work on the roundabout and the flowerbeds utilising recycled railways sleepers all contributed to a fine green feel to the centre overall. We noted and applaud your stone seat on the Dublin road.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Although there are many options in the area we particularly draw attention to those provided by the Railway Canal Complex. Ducks and swans were to be seen in profusion in this setting. Wildlife is now recognised as an important integral part of the overall presentation of a centre and considerable emphasis is placed upon the creation of a suitable wildlife promotion programme perhaps stretching over a number of years. Many locations suggest themselves as suitable for wildlife habitats. Perhaps, a local bird watch enthusiast might assist in the drawing up of a suitable list of locations and suggest how best to proceed.

Litter Control:

Litter management generally was of a high order on the day of adjudication. Little bins were noted in several locations, each of an appropriate design and all appeared to be adequately serviced, cleaned and emptied. A disappointing extent of litter was observed between the canal bridge and the entrance to NUI.

Waste Minimisation:

This category has two objectives: The reduction of waste and energy expenditure in all its forms and the prudent disposal of material ideally by reusing where practical and recycling wherever possible. In that context we welcome the new cycle route and also the using of the rail sleepers as a very appropriate surround for the flowerbed at the North Campus Junction. Warm congratulations to the Gaelscoil, Presentation Girls and St. Mary's boys National School on achieving Green Flag Status. This is a great success and applause to all. The extensive recycling facilities available appear to be well used and suitably respected. The clothing recycling facilities are equally worthwhile. The enormous success of the WEE free electrical and electronic recycling day in November apart from its actual results on the day was a significant awareness raising exercise.

Tidiness:

Many factors come to be considered in this all embracing category. The significant Dunnes Stores complex was looking very neat and orderly as was the streets generally. The small overgrown river running between the canal towards Maynooth is very much overgrown and it offers a splendid potential additional vista of running water. Beyond the North Campus the former Parish Hall looks a sorry sight. While the HSE site is largely very well presented, the Keep Clear, Ambulance/Emergency sign clearly should be replaced forthwith as it is very badly stained, damaged and disfigured. A further sign that caught the eye was that at Genil

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Training Centre which is deserving of better presentation.

Residential Areas:

The Moyglare Estate, Meadow, Valley, Abbey were very well presented with mature planting. While Moyglare Hall is still in course of construction. Meadow Brook Court and Crescent were marred by an amount of weeds outside the kerbs. The Communal grassed area opposite the Moyglare Crescent presents opportunities both visually and for use as an amenity for the improvement of this Estate. The Woodlands Estate was very pleasant with excellent trees at Ashley Grove and Castle Dawson. The atmospheric and pleasant little houses on Charter School Lane and Convent Lane caught the eye. Silken Gardens houses are an excellent infill development. The development at Parklands continues to mature very well.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The Kilcock approach road featured the North Kildare touring routes and the Town nameplate both of which were well set off with flowers and pleasant grassed areas. Collectively they provided excellent first Impressions. The signage at the centre of the town was well presented but in the view of this adjudicator there is an overkill of signage at the Main Junction. The Welcome to Maynooth and nameplate on the Stud Farm Road together with speed limit signs were well presented.

All of the above roads were free of material blemish and road surfaces were of an acceptable standard. There remains the significant intrusion occasioned entirely by traffic volumes.

General Impression:

Maynooth is a pleasant University Town vibrant and colourful, progressive and well presented. It has a disproportionate, for its size, range of attractive facilities and locations. Broadly speaking the commercial sector is playing a significant part in the pleasant presentation. As adjudication demonstrated clearly the extent to which the Community at large has embraced and supported the Tidy Towns concept is both impressive and expanding. All involved with this year's entry are applauded for their efforts and wished well in 2009.

General Impression:

It is with pleasure that this adjudicator visits Maynooth having studied at the University for a number of years. The town has experienced many changes in the last decade in particular and the overall clean presentation of roads, cycle lanes and paths has been noted. Back Lane presents a mixture of good and bad with ongoing construction work being noted and graffiti. The completion of the improvement works at Bond Bridge is lauded. Mature landscaping was admired at Glenroyal Shopping Centre, Lidl, Maxol and Maynooth Business Campus. Planting to the fore of St. Mary's school looked great. However, it is a pity to see the parish hall boarded up. The Clock House, Fire Station, O'Neills, Garda Station, Elite Confectionary, The Roost, Newtown Inn and the Mill Wine Cellar all looked particularly well. Similarly, the Old Campus of the University is presented to the highest standard as always. Many residential areas were noted for their fresh appearance including Lyreen Park, Pebble Hill, Charter House, Moyglare Meadows and Parklands. New tree supports were noted at Kingsbry and landscaping at the entrance added a welcome splash of colour. The most spectacular floral display was admired at Cluain Aoibhinn. Doctors Lane was neatly presented with good surfaces and the rears of many of the Main Street properties tidy in appearance. The blue bi-lingual street signage was noted and similarly neatly presented bus stops had blue bins adjacent. Damaged and graffiti marked motorway signage on the Straffan Road was disappointing. A scattering of litter was noted on the Straffan Road and close to Bond Bridge. An outbreak was also noted close to the soccer pitch at Parklands Close.

Your committee is congratulated on reaching the upper level in the competition thereby receiving a second adjudication. Keep up the good work!

Party Political-Labour News



Emmet Stagg T.D.

Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Cllr. John McGinley has Submitted the Following Motions/Questions for the Consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

1. Removal of Ugly "Band Stand Sought:

"That the "Band Stand" at Pound Park/The Green, Maynooth be removed as scrap"

2. Return of Ancient Water Pump Sought:

"When is the green water pump going to be re-installed outside the Hula Bou Shop on Main Street, Maynooth? (It was removed by TESCO Contractors, PCL, some two months ago)"

3. Cllr. McGinley Wants HGV's Banned From Using Moyglare Road:

"What was the outcome of the survey on HGV's using Moyglare Road, Maynooth?"

4. Cllr. McGinley Questions the Delay of "Taking in Charge" Silken Vale Estate:

"That the Main access road in Silken Vale Estate, Maynooth be taken in charge now, in advance of the whole estate, as agreed at the Area Meeting of the 17th January 2008."

5. Cllr. McGinley Demands Action on the Flooding at Laraghbryan Cemetery:

"That immediate steps be taken to relieve the flooding at Laraghbryan Cemetery and that whatever action necessary is taken to prevent a recurrence."

RECOMMENDATIONS ON ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW KILDARE GARDA DIVISION BEFORE COMMISSIONER

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been in further contact with the Assistant Garda Commissioner in charge of implementing the Garda Divisional Boundary Changes as provided for in the Garda Policing Plan 2008.

In relation to the establishment of the new Kildare Division Deputy Stagg was advised that following receipt of proposals from the Chief Superintendent, the Project Board at Garda Headquarters has now submitted recommendations to the Garda Commissioner who will decide on the best policing service for the proposed Garda Division of Kildare.

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Deputy Stagg`s principle concern in relation to the setting up of the New Kildare Garda Division is the provision of a 24 hour Garda Station in North Kildare to serve the Towns of Celbridge, Maynooth, Leixlip and Kilcock who had a combined population of 50,033 people in 2006. Following communication with the Garda Commissioner last January the Commissioner referred Deputy Stagg`s request to the Project Board who in turn indicated that the adequacy of 24 hour cover in North Kildare would form part of their review.

Deputy Stagg stated that he was not privy to the final recommendations put forward to the Garda Commissioner by the Project Board but expressed the hope that his call for a 24 hour Garda Station to cover North Kildare was included. We will have to await with interest the final adjudication by Garda Commissioner Fachtna Murphy concluded Deputy Stagg.

TAGHADOE CROSSROADS AND WINDGATES JUNCTION TO BE LIT UP SOON

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been in further contact with the ESB in relation to the delay in lighting up Taghadoe Crossroads and the Windgates Junction, both on the Maynooth to Straffan road, with Traffic Route Public Lighting.

The Actual Lighting standards have been in place stated Deputy Stagg since the Ryder Cup was held in September 2006 and given the dangers at both locations it is essential that Public Lighting is provided.

The ESB have now advised Deputy Stagg that the overhead networks to provide electricity connections at both locations have been constructed and that once electrical compliance certificates are supplied by Kildare Co. Council, which are to be forwarded shortly, the ESB will then be in a position to switch on the lights.

Deputy Stagg has welcomed the response from the ESB and stated that he looked forward to the lights being finally switched on to increase safety at both junctions.

STAGG TO APPEAL DECISION TO ALLOW 3 & 2 STOREY APARTMENT BLOCK AT OLD GREENFIELDS JUNCTION WITH STRAFFAN ROAD

Deputy Emmet Stagg has expressed his disappointment at the decision by Kildare Co. Council to grant planning permission for 19 apartments in a 3 & 2 Storey Flat Roofed Apartment Block on the corner site of the junction of Old Greenfield`s Lane and the Straffan Road in Maynooth.

Deputy Stagg had along with his colleague Cllr. John McGinley objected to the proposal in September 2007 given the pivotal location of the site and the visually obtrusive building which had been proposed. The roofless structure would be in stark contrast to the character of buildings on the approach to the Main Street in Maynooth from the Straffan Road direction. In addition the proposal compromised seriously the amenities of existing residents living alongside the site.

Deputy Stagg stated that he would along with Cllr. McGinley appeal the decision to An Bord Pleanala as this was truly a horrible ugly proposal to inflict on the residents of Maynooth.

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Poets and musicians perform at Tara



On Sunday 24 August 2008 Save Tara campaigners presented an international gathering of poets and musicians at Tara to honour and celebrate the place and our heritage. It was organised by Susan McKeown and Paul Muldoon.

Nobel laureate Seamus Heaney and Paul Muldoon, Pulitzer prize-winner, read their poetry and were joined by Grammy award-winner Susan McKeown who was accompanied by Aidan Brennan. Laoise Kelly and Steve Cooney also playing at the event.

The event took place in the churchyard under a blue sky and a shining sun as 250 people listened to Ireland's most celebrated poets read for Tara and speak about the importance of place and heritage. The performers were introduced by Dr Muireann Ní

Bhrolcháin of the National University of Ireland Maynooth. Each act gave three pieces in honour of the importance of triplicity in early Ireland. Visitors to the Hill who were unaware of the event were astonished to see Seamus Heaney reading and reciting his poetry in this beautiful and informal venue.

The afternoon opened with Susan McKeown singing a mixture of her own compositions and some Irish songs accompanied by the guitar playing of Aidan Kelly. This was followed by Paul Muldoon who recited, among others, a poem about his own home place and the river Moy. Paul Muldoon wrote a poem 'Tara of the Kings' in 2006; it was put to music and played, for the first time, by his band Rackett in Navan in August 2007. He wrote in the New York Times in 2007: "the routing of a busy road slap bang through the Tara-Skryne Valley represents an act of vandalism with not only national, but international, ramifications". He also joined Susan McKeown in a musical harpers protest outside the Irish consulate in New York in September 2007 when harpers in Ireland played outside the Dáil. Laoise Kelly played Planxty Wilkinson; this was composed by the famous composer Carolan for the Wilkinson family of Meath in the eighteenth century. The family still live in the Skryne area and the hugely important monument of Baronstown was found on their land. Brendan Duffin, a long time campaigner and Tara warrior, sang his Call to Warriors, calling on all those associated with Tara in the past to come to her aid in this her time of need.

Then came the main performer, Seamus Heaney reminded the crowd of the importance of speaking out loud and enunciating the importance of things – if something is not said it will not be remembered. He read his poem on 'Bogland' – how many archaeological remains of the past have been found in bogs and also one of the Sweeney poems celebrating the landscape.



Seamus Heaney said in 2007: "for the past two millennia those generations regarded Tara as a place invested with sacred as opposed to secular value. Protest against the loss of this value remains an imperative". In an

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interview with Diarmaid Fleming for a BBC documentary in 2008 he said the motorway: "literally desecrates an area -

I mean the word means to desacralise' and, for centuries, the Tara landscape and the Tara sites have been regarded as part of the sacred ground". He referred to the 1916 Proclamation having summoned the Irish people "in the name of the dead generations" and said: "If ever there was a place that deserved to be preserved in the name of the dead generations from pre-historic times . . . it was Tara".

Then Susan and Aidan gave us another song, she spoke of Cú Chulainn's combat with Ferdia and his washing in



the rivers of Ireland and sang her own song about those rivers, including the Boyne. Steve Cooney sang his song 'The Money Mad Mile' and made apologies for the fact that Liam Ó Maonlaoi could not be with us. As he sang of 'Tara's sky so blue' the clouds separated, the blue sky appeared and the sun shone through. Surely another magical Tara moment. For those present and for the press who decided to come, it was an unexpected treat to have Seamus Heaney present. He stayed for a good while afterwards, posed for photographs, spoke to his many fans and signed autographs for all of us groupies. It was lovely to see so many friendly faces from the campaign at the event. Banners on the Meath Masterplan and on the petition to re-inter the bodies were clear to see. Campaigners were sitting at the gate to Tara and the petition was there for people to sign and hundreds of them did.

Tara will feature again at the Electric Picnic. A replica of Newgrange will be devoted to Tara. There is to be a cafe, merchandise stall, Tara information and pictures hung up all round the structure, talks and a Tara concert with Liam O Maonlai, Kila, Yap Political, Emma Harper and others from the album.



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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Know Your Rights

Question

What deductions is my employer allowed to make from my wages? How can I be sure they are correct?

Answer

Under the Payment of Wages Act 1991 you are entitled to receive a payslip which will show your total wage and any deductions made.

An employer can only make deductions from your wages if they are:

- required by law, for example tax and social insurance (PRSI)
- provided for in your employment contract, for example occupational pension contributions
- made with your written consent, for example, trade union subscriptions
- to recover an overpayment of wages or expenses
- required by a court order, for example, an attachment of earnings order in a family law case or
- due to your being on strike

An employer may also make deductions if they suffer a loss through your fault (for example, breakages or till shortages) or if they supply you with a service as part of the job (such as a uniform) but only if:

- they are allowed for in your contract
- they are fair and reasonable
- you have received a written notice of the deduction - a full week's notice if the deduction arises from your mistake
- the deduction takes place within 6 months of the loss/cost occurring.

Complaints about unauthorised deductions may be made to a Rights Commissioner within six months. You can contact the Rights Commissioner Service at the Labour Relations Commission, Tom Johnson House, Haddington Road, Dublin 4, Tel: (01) 613 6700, Lo-call: 1890 220 227.

If you are not receiving a payslip or if the information on your payslip is falsified, you may complain to the National Employment Rights Authority (NERA), Government Buildings, O'Brien Road, Carlow, Lo-call 1890 80 80 90.

Further information is available from your local Citizens Information Centre.

Question

I am regularly disturbed by excessive noise from a nearby building. Is there anything I can do to stop it?

Answer

As a first step you should approach the person or business causing the noise to explain that it is a nuisance and try to come to a mutually acceptable solution. If this is unsuccessful you may refer your complaint to your local authority, or take your complaint directly to your local District Court or to the Environmental Protection Agency, P.O. Box 3000, Johnstown Castle Estate, Wexford, Tel: (053) 916 0600.

Your local authority has the power to investigate complaints about neighbourhood noise and has equipment to measure sound levels. It can bring noise complaints to the District Court. In addition, local authorities have similar powers to the Environmental Protection Agency which can require a person or body to take specific measures to prevent or limit noise and can prosecute those that don't comply.

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If you wish to take a complaint to the District Court, you may engage the assistance of a solicitor but you are not required to. You should consult with the Clerk of your local District Court about an appointment for the hearing of your case, referring to the relevant law: Section 108 of the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 and the Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 (Noise) Regulations 1994 (SI No. 179 of 1994).

You must use a specific form of notice to inform the person or business that you will be taking them to court. The form 'Environmental Protection Agency Act, 1992 - noise form of notice' is available in the Court Forms section of the Courts Service website, www.courts.ie. You can contact the Courts Service at 14-16 Phoenix Street, Smithfield, Dublin 7, Tel: (01) 888 6000.

The District Court will call both parties together to hear both sides of the case. If the court finds in your favour, it can order the person or body to limit the noise, reduce the level of noise or stop the noise completely. Any orders made by the court must be complied with. The maximum fine for conviction on breach of noise regulations is €3,000 or 12 months in prison or both.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Question

I recently received a gift which was sent to me by a friend in the United States. I was charged duty and tax on the parcel but I thought that gifts were exempt. Am I correct?

Answer

You may receive a gift from outside the EU without liability to customs duty or Value Added Tax (VAT) if it meets the following conditions:

- ☐ The value of the gift is €45 or less and it is marked as a gift
- ☐ It has been sent to you from a private person abroad for your personal use and you have not paid for it

For alcohol and tobacco products an additional type of duty, called excise duty, applies. Gifts of alcohol, tobacco, perfume or toilet water may be exempt from customs duty if they meet the above conditions and the quantity is less than specific limits but there is no relief from excise duty or VAT for these products.

Relief is also available for goods that are not a gift if their total value is €22 or less but this does not apply to alcohol, tobacco, perfume or toilet water.

The value of postage, packing and insurance is included when assessing the value of goods for customs duty and VAT.

Further information is available from your regional tax office and from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Question

What social welfare support is there to help with heating costs in the winter?

Answer

The National Fuel Scheme, operated by the Department of Social and Family Affairs, is intended to help people who are dependent on long-term social welfare or Health Service Executive (HSE) payments as their sole income and who are unable to meet their heating needs.

The Fuel Allowance is a weekly payment of €18. If you qualify for the basic Fuel Allowance, you may also qualify for an extra €3.90 per week for smokeless fuel if you live in an area where there is a ban on smoky coal. The Smokeless Fuel Allowance may also be payable to those who do not qualify for the basic Fuel Allowance if they are receiving Illness Benefit, Occupational Injury Benefit or Jobseeker's Benefit/Allowance for at least three months, or receiving Family Income Supplement.

If you are already on a means-tested social welfare payment you will not be subject to another means test for the Fuel Allowance.

The Fuel Allowance means test requires that you and the members of your household do not have more than €100 per week in combined income, or savings/capital of €58,000 or more above the appropriate maximum benefit/assistance rate for your household. For example, someone without any savings receiving a Widow's or Widower's (Contributory) Pension of €203.30 per week should qualify if his/her weekly income does not exceed €203.30 plus €100, that is €303.30.

Where two or more people living in the same household qualify for the allowance, only one allowance is paid.

The allowance is paid for 30 weeks from the end of September to mid-April.

If you think you are eligible, you should apply immediately as the allowance will not be backdated. Application forms (NFS1) are available at your post office or your local Social Welfare Office or by telephone on Lo-call 1890 20 23 25.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre below.

Know Your Rights has been compiled byCitizens Information Service which provides a free and confidential service to the public.

Information is also available online at www.citizensinformation.ie and from the Citizens Information Phone Service, Lo-call 1890 777 121.



People's Movement to organise in north Kildare

Following a series of recent pronouncements by senior Government and opposition spokespersons, together with dominant elements of the Irish media, it has become increasingly clear that they have no intention of honouring the Irish people's decision to reject the Lisbon Treaty.

In August we had the Minister for European Affairs Dick Roche baldly assert that a new referendum on the Lisbon Treaty will be necessary – an assertion that prompted People's Movement and former Green Party MEP, Patricia McKenna, to respond: 'Minister Roche's comments that a second Lisbon referendum was needed has confirmed the public's fear that the government, despite claims that it would respect the result of the Lisbon referendum, intends to re-run the Lisbon vote when the time is right and an effective pro-treaty marketing strategy has been put in place.'

On 11 September, we were treated to a highly distorted interpretation by journalist Stephen Collins in the *Irish Times* of the results of an opinion poll commissioned by the Government into the electorate's NO vote of last June. He claimed 'a serious lack of public knowledge about what was in the Lisbon Treaty' doomed the Lisbon Treaty.'

Collins neither made any attempt to credit the electorate with its impressive performance in coming to terms with a Treaty that was deliberately voter-unfriendly, nor did he acknowledge that the Irish electorate is among the most sophisticated in Europe. This sophistication is rooted in the Irish experience of a series of referenda on the EU and for historical reasons the Irish electorate has developed a highly politicised awareness. The high turnout (53%) confirmed the electorate's firm engagement with the referendum. Furthermore, he ignored the electorate's concerns on the loss of Commissioner, Ireland's neutrality, workers' rights and – fundamentally – the democratic chasm between European nation states and their peoples and the institutions of the EU as critical factors in the Treaty's rejection.

Also, on 11 September Labour leader, Eamon Gilmore, qualified his categorical rejection of last June regarding a second referendum, when he then declared the Lisbon Treaty was now 'dead'. Regretfully, he stated that a further referendum on the "European issue" would now be needed. (*Irish Times*, 12 Sept.)

The People's Movement holds that a popular, democratic and organised campaign urgently needs to be undertaken nationwide to defend and promote the people's verdict. Accordingly, members in the north Kildare area are hosting a meeting to establish a regional branch to campaign at local level.

Public Meeting

The People's Movement

Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth

Wednesday, 8 October 2008

8:00 p.m.

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The People's Movement
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Maynooth
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Tel: 01-6285258

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Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick welcomes Childcare Funding Increase and Invitation For Applications Under The Community Childcare Subvention Scheme

The Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs (OMCYA) has invited applications for 2009 funding from childcare services participating in the Community Childcare Subvention Scheme (CCSS).

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick is urging all those participating in this scheme to complete their 2009 funding application in the coming weeks, and to return these to the OMCYA by 26 September.

The CCSS is a support scheme for community childcare services to enable them to charge reduced childcare fees to parents who are disadvantaged or on lower incomes.

All community childcare services participating in the CCSS are required to have approved fee policies in place which outline the various fee rates for parents for each of the services they provide, for parents in 4 Bands, comprised of (a) Parents in receipt of social welfare payments, (b) working families in receipt of Family Income Supplement (FIS), (c) lower income parents above the FIS Threshold, e.g. holders of a GP Visit Card, and (d) middle and higher income parents.

"The continuation and expansion of the CCSS is proof positive of the Government's commitment to the Programme for Government and the continued roll out of quality, affordable childcare in this country", said Deputy Fitzpatrick.

He also pointed to the fact that the level of support funding provided to community childcare services has increased from €37 million in 2007 to approximately €50 million in 2008 as evidence of the Government's continued commitment.

Information Campaign to Help People Get Back to Work

Minister launches Irish National Organisation for the Unemployed (INOU) booklet - Working for Work

The booklet draws together information from a wide variety of service providers and will serve as a valuable one-stop-shop for unemployed people who want to know what their entitlements are and what supports are available to them.

"Information on available opportunities is vital to helping people get back to work," agreed Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick, while welcoming the Minister for Social and Family Affairs, Mary Hanafin TD's launch of the booklet.

30,000 copies of "Working for Work" are to be distributed all over the country by the Irish National Organisation for the Unemployed (INOU).

"Becoming unemployed can be a great shock and a major source of distress", this information campaign is aimed at ensuring that people have access to the kind of clear information and helpful support that they need to figure out their options and hopefully get back to work as soon as possible."

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In addition, Deputy Fitzpatrick added, the Department of Social and Family Affairs has put in place a wide network of other information sources –

- A comprehensive range of information leaflets and booklets covering each social Welfare scheme is available from Social Welfare Offices, Citizens Information Centres and Post Offices nationwide;
- A LoCall Leaflet Request Line – 1890 20 23 25;
- Each of the Department's 130 local and branch offices has staff dedicated to providing information and explaining supports and services to people who visit them.

Details of all schemes and services are available on the Department's website, www.welfare.ie. Information leaflets can be downloaded from this site or a request can be made online for a booklet to be posted out.

The booklet 'Working for Work' is also available on the INOU's website (www.inou.ie).

Europe must reach out to Kildare's young people - Fitzpatrick



Minister for Foreign Affairs, Micheál Martin, T.D. & Michael Fitzpatrick T.D.

The commitment of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Micheál Martin, T.D. to continue consultations on our future within the EU is to be welcomed and will give people in Kildare an opportunity to have an input, according to local T.D. Michael Fitzpatrick.

"It is clear from the post-Lisbon research carried out by Minister Martin and his Department that there is a clear lack of knowledge about the EU in Kildare and throughout the country, and it is vital that this information gap is bridged."

"The Referendum campaign was marked by general public confusion. With 42% of No voters saying they voted that way because of lack of knowledge or information."

"Despite the fact that people are confused it is clear that Irish people remain positive about Europe, with 70% saying membership of the EU is a good thing. This result does not surprise me as it is in line to the

reaction I get towards Europe in my constituency."

"What is of concern is the large numbers of young people that voted down Lisbon. It is clear that in recent times people have become use to being members of the EU and may even be taking the benefits it has brought Kildare and this country for granted."

"I warmly welcome the consultation's Minister Martin has entered into with his colleague the Minister for Education with a view to ensuring that knowledge about Europe is taught effectively in our classrooms."

"The Government and the main opposition parties are now progressing with work on how we move forward following June's referendum. I welcome this initiative which gives all groups an opportunity to air their views. I

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believe it is only right that we continue to consult and debate a way forward and would encourage interest groups in Kildare to participate in this process. Details of how to participate will be made public shortly," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

Maynooth scores well in Tidy Towns Competition.

Again this year Maynooth has increased its points in The Tidy Towns Competition. The judges were sufficiently impressed with the standard this year, that Maynooth received a second adjudication.

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick congratulated the Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee for their excellent work and the wider community for embracing and supporting the Tidy Towns concept.

Michael would also encourage all towns and villages to participate in the competition. "Communities in which Tidy Towns is active are healthy communities where people respect their surroundings and help improve them for the benefit of locals and visitors alike."

Enormous time and effort is required from Volunteers and their commitment and dedication is to be commended.

Issued on behalf of Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick T.D.

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Aine Brady T.D.

Brady welcomes Guinness investment in North Kildare

Local Fianna Fail T.D. Áine Brady has welcomed the news that Diageo Ireland is to acquire a 73 acre site for a new state of the art brewery in Leixlip that will bring up to 170 jobs to the town.

"It is anticipated that the new brewery, will be the biggest Diageo brewery in the world and will be up and running by 2013 and will result in the growth of Guinness Ireland's domestic and global business. The new brewery, on a 73-acre site, is to be developed as part of a €650 million capital investment by Diageo. "

"Guinness is a very strong global brand and I am delighted that they have chosen Kildare for their new brewery. Leixlip was the location that Arthur Guinness started his own brewery in 1755 so it is a homecoming of sorts."

"I know that the IDA and Enterprise Ireland were very supportive of Diageo in making this move to Kildare. I would also like to compliment Kildare County Council, the County Manager and the elected members, for their efforts to bring the investment to Kildare. "

"In these challenging economic times we need to keep focused on highlighting what Kildare can offer investors and employers to maintain existing jobs and attract further employment."

"Kildare has a talented and highly educated workforce, good tax incentives for businesses and an improving road and rail Infrastructure all of which can help us to weather the current economic slow down."

"I will continue to work with my colleague the Tanaiste and Minister for Enterprise to highlight what Kildare can offer," concluded Deputy Brady.

Kilcock Rail Service set for improvement says Brady

Deputy Aine Brady has been informed by Iarnrod Eireann that it is reviewing its services for Kilcock with a view to expanding the services.

In welcoming the move Deputy Brady, who has been pressing for increased services for Kilcock added, 'Commuters will use public transport once it is regular and reliable. Kilcock Rail service needs improvement and I will continue to press for further improved services.'

'Iarnrod Eireann will review their current timetable with a view to increasing the number of frequency of trains serving Kilcock for 2009. The new timetable should be operational by early 2009. '

'Iarnrod Eireann have plans to provide a total of 262 car parking places. At present there is a planning problem to be resolved with Kildare Co Co and I will be urging all concerned that this issue be resolved as soon as possible.'

'We must also improve the Bus Service to Kilcock and I will continue to press for further service levels improvements.' concluded Deputy Brady.

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Fuel Allowance set to increase by 16% says Brady

'The Fuel Allowance is been increased by 16%, bringing the allowance to €540 per year. The Gas Allowance will also be increased to €540 per year. ' stated Deputy Brady.

'Further information on the Household Benefit Scheme and Fuel Allowance Scheme can be obtained from the Department of Social Affairs on 1 890 66 22 44 or 01 7043000.' concluded Deputy Brady.

Ends - Aine Brady TD - 087 2881000

Allowance Type	Current Annual Value €	Revised Annual Value €	Date applicable
Electricity Urban	465.05	539.42	1st August 2008
Electricity Rural (higher standing charge)	499.85	574.22	1st August 2008
Gas	465.00	540.00	1st August 2008

Back to School Allowance – Know your Entitlements

Eligible families who are planning for the next school year should be aware of the available assistance with Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance, according to local Fianna Fail T.D. Áine Brady.

"Parents may need to spread the cost of returning to school over the summer but eligible families should be aware that assistance in purchasing uniforms and footwear is available."

"Those eligible can receive €200 for each child between aged between 2 and 11 years and €305 for each child aged between 12 and 22 years, an increase of 15% from last year ."

"Parents can apply to their local HSE office for funding under the Scheme from now right until the end of September."

"Families who are eligible include those in receipt of certain social welfare and HSE payments, those who are in receipt of Family Income Supplement or taking in part in approved employment schemes or training courses."

"If parents or guardians are unsure if they qualify they should contact their Community Welfare Officer at the local HSE office for more information, check the website www.welfare.ie, or LoCall 1890 66 22 44," concluded Deputy Brady.

Amenity Grants – Support for Community Groups – Residents Associations.

Please check if your Community or Voluntary Organisation is entitled to any support:

- **Kildare Co. Co. - 045 980 535** - (Amenity Grant for **Voluntary Groups**).
- **Kildare Co. Co. - 045 980 588** – (Residents Association / Clean up Supports).
- **Pobail - (071) 9186761** (Support for **Older people**),
Pobail – (071) 9186758 / 9186759 (Programme of Grants for Locally Based **Community and Voluntary Organisations**).

Brady urges Kildare Small Businesses to check out Training Programmes

Deputy Aine Brady has been informed by Kildare County Enterprise Board that it will again role out its Autumn

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Training Programme this year, commencing in late September.

'Kildare Enterprise Board has introduced some new workshops / seminars in their training programmes this Autumn. New seminars include – An Introduction to doing Business in China, The Art of Negotiation, Saving on Energy Costs and Effective Leadership.'

'Small businesses are the backbone of our economy, currently employing 800,000 in the country. We must continue to support them by introducing measures to reduce red tape, role out of the Tech-Check programme and continue to implement the recommendations from the Small Business Forum report.' Stated Deputy Brady.

'Kildare County Enterprise Board (KCEB) and its Chief Executive Donal Dalton, deserve great credit for updating its programme so that their courses are relevant in a changing business environment. Details of all the courses available can be obtained from the Board on **045 861 707**.'

'Earlier this year the Government announced a revised Research and Development Grant Scheme which will be available to companies across all sectors, including construction and services companies. Details of the grants can be obtained from the Department of Enterprise (**01 631 2121** or www.entemp.ie).' concluded Deputy Brady.

Provision for Public Transport Infrastructure must form part of Local Area Plans

Deputy Aine Brady has urged all the Public Transport providers and Kildare Co Co to ensure that Infrastructure, to assist users of public transport, form a key part of Local Area Plans, as they go on public display later this year.

'In previous Area Plans, not enough emphasis was placed on Public Transport. In fairness in recent years, Iarnrod Eireann have provided 320 Park and Ride places at Louisa Bridge, an additional 200 at Sallins bringing the total to 408 places, 200 additional places at Hazelhatch bringing the total there to 400. In addition, there are plans to have 252 additional places at Kilcock rail station next year.'

'However, Maynooth or Confey have only seen marginal improvement in their Park and Ride Capacity. The Area Plans now give the local authority, Iarnrod Eireann and Bus Service providers an ideal opportunity to address this deficit.'

'While I understand that this is a significant challenge, relatively little investment would address many public

transport issues. For instance, Buses require Bus Parking Bays, an adequate Turning circle and Bus Stops that can cater for Bus loadings.'

'In the last year, I have been trying to get a service on the Moyglare Rd in Maynooth and an improved service for Glen Easton Leixlip. However, the lack of Infrastructure, due to poor planning, for dealing with Buses, is limiting what can be provided.'

'I strongly urge the Council to ensure that it uses the Local Area Plans to address these issues and provide adequate Infrastructure for our Bus and Rail Commuters.' Concluded Deputy Brady.

Building Energy Rating (BER) – What is it all about?

The **BER** is an indication of the **energy** (how much energy is required) **performance** of a dwelling. From the **1st of January 09**, all new and existing buildings when offered for sale of rent, domestic or non-domestic will have to have a **BER certificate**. **BER assessments** are carried out by **registered BER assessors**. A **BER** makes the **energy performance of a home visible** to prospective buyers and tenants and enables them to take energy performance (heating costs) into consideration when purchasing or renting a property. **'A' rated properties** are the **most energy efficient** and will tend to have the lowest energy bills.

If you have any queries regarding **Building Energy Rating** please call: **1890 734237** or you can e-mail us info@ber.sei.ie or visit www.sei.ie. Details of the **Green Homes Scheme** can be obtained from SEI (Sustainable Energy Ireland) on **1 850 734 734**.

Would you like to join Fianna Fail in Maynooth ? – please contact Gearoid Lohan – 086 2516639 or Brid Feely 087 205 2649.

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