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*1st Year Post Primary Talent
Show*

Gardening in February



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Editorial

Maynooth Newsletter – Editorial for February 2008.

A very brief editorial this month as it's a busy time just after the great break at Christmas and we all have to knuckle down to making up for lost time.

Firstly I would like to congratulate the Business Association and in particular those individuals who organised the collection of the monies from the businesses and ensured that Maynooth was looking bright and beautiful over the festive period. I think from all the comments and feed back I have received that the people of Maynooth appreciated the display and were very happy with the feel good factor they obviously brought to the town in terms of spreading the cheer and happiness of the period. No doubt the residents found that the children of the town were very happy to see them up and after all it is the children to whom Christmas has the greatest effect.

Sometimes a minority of people can become engrossed in being overly critical in terms of whether there were enough lights up, what the display was like versus other towns etc. and also of course I would have to say that I myself thought that some towns had a " crazy " display of lights, which in my opinion was over the top and maybe not taking into account the real true meaning of Christmas. But whatever your perspective, great credit must go to those individuals who went to the trouble of organising collection of monies, those individual businesses in Maynooth who contributed and it is great to recognise the positive proactive force of those people in the Business Association who didn't just sit back and do nothing but took decisions and successfully acted.

As an active member of the Executive of the Business Association, (among many other hats), I sincerely thank Freddie O Melia, Michael Corcoran, Declan Kennedy, David Geoghegan and Gerry Gorey for their time, efforts and successful achievement.

Brid Feely,
Maynooth Newsletter.

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

The December meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on 10th December in the Glenroyel Hotel.

Park and Ride Facilities for Maynooth.

A meeting has taken place in the Department of Transport Ref: to our Park and Ride facilities for Maynooth. Brid Feely, John McGinley, and Paul Croghan attended.

Sub- Committees

Maynooth Development Plan

Colm O'Cearuil gave a report and noted some of the most important issues that face Maynooth.
Harbour Action Plan.
Recommend that Plan be implemented in full.
Expressed concern over current planning applications concerned over current planning applications.
Need to know full extent of what to expect.
Voluntary community accommodations need to be ascertained.

Maynooth Development Plan

Concerns raised by the lack of infrastructure.
Any re-zoning to Residential areas is capable of sustaining developing communities.
Any development to be of an aesthetic nature in keeping with the town.
That land is socially gained for new Gaelcholaiste
That there be no rezoning of currently zoned agricultural land until these issues are addressed.

Tidy Towns

Sean Cushan said that Peter Keegan has now retired, and wished him well in his retirement, and congratulated him on all his great work done for Maynooth. Congratulations were also extended to Peter by Brid Feely and Matt Callaghan.
Sean said that they were cleaning up around the Rye River and that some parts of the walls were in need of repair. Cllr. John Mc Ginley said that this work would be done.

Phone Mast at Maynooth GAA Club

Phone Mast at Maynooth GAA Club: Paul Croghan said he was disappointed that An Board Planala had over turned Kildare County Councils on this.

Paul also commented that Al Gore was awarded the Noble Peace Prize for environment issues. The environmental issue and connection with Prof. John Sweeney, N.U.I. Maynooth was noted.

Christmas Lights

The question regarding Christmas Lights was raised by Colm O'Cearuill. Colm wondered if Maynooth was getting lights this year. He was assured by Brid Feely that Maynooth would indeed have lights this year. Brid Feely reported the difficulty in getting support and that there was also an element of criticism. The more lights the more cost and also the need for more people to put them up. She said the ESB bill would be well over €3,000.

TD'S and Councillors meeting

T. Mc Mullan said we should appeal again for our representatives to contribute to the Newsletter. More meetings should take place during the year as it can only be good for Maynooth. While Paul Croghan said that from fed back he got indicated that separate meetings might be better. However this is something that will have to be worked on said B. Feely.
It was explained that the two Councillors who attend the Community Council meeting do so in their capacity as Community Councillors.
Colm O'Cearuil congratulated the Chairperson and Executive for calling this meeting.

Presentation

A very Special Presentation was made to Peter Connell in recognition of his long involvement with Maynooth Community Council since 1983.
Paul Croghan said Peter was always there with good advice and always very helpful.
He was very involved with setting up M.A.S. and continued to be involved 10 years later. T. McMullan said that Peter had done so much work with the Newsletter and for MCC over the years. He was also very involved in getting Maynooth set up as a Fair Trade Town. John Mc Ginley thanked Peter for all his work with the St Patrick's Day Parade. Thanks were also extended from Matt Callaghan for Peter's sensible advice over the years.
Peter thanked everyone for a very nice Presentation, and for all the nice things that was said about him, and said that one is normally dead before nice things are said about them.

The Glenroyel Hotel was thanked for putting on a generous spread of Wine and Mince Pies.

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

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Next Maynooth Community Council meeting will take place on 14th January

The January meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on 14th January in the Glenroyal Hotel

A Vote of Sympathy

A very sad and tragic event happened over the Christmas, when we learned of the death of one of our staff. Gerard Stokes was one of our work colleagues.

Gerard worked in the office with us for about a year and we all enjoyed his lovely company very much. He enjoyed his work on the Newsletter, and he brought a sense of fun and humour to the office on a daily basis. Gerard was an Arsenal fan and we were all kept up to date with their progress.

All in the Office were very shocked to lose such a nice and lovely fellow.

We would like to send our Deepest Sympathy to Gerard's family and friends.

Christmas Lights

Overall there was a positive response to the Christmas Lights this year. There was a view that if the trees were better lit up it would be a big improvement. The street would be much better if businesses made a bigger effort to do more with their Shop Fronts.

Tidy Towns

I-Bal report is now out. Maynooth has seen an improvement on last years results, with score of 46 out of 50 marks. 10 areas were judged. A lot of areas were judged moderately littered. A lot of effort is put in by the Tidy Towns working right up to October and later. This is not a Tidy Towns competition, it should include all businesses to put in a huge effort and the general public should be more aware of this. Deidre Cullen felt that you never see anybody picking up litter now. Again it was said that since Peter retired the town is the worst for it as Peter put in an extraordinary effort and took great pride in his work. Cllr John Mc Ginley said that there are two Co. Council employees working in Maynooth, but that they only work on different time shifts, the big cleaning truck still works cleaning the town. Margaret Clinch remarked that Westport set a great

example; they have set a Rota System that includes Residence Associations to do clean –up work. This is a real Community effort and this is what we need here. Colm O'Cearuil wondered was it not possible, for Kildare County Council to bring in more people to do this. However it was suggested that this could lead to some Industrial problems.

It was pointed out that people involved in working to keep Maynooth clean should be praised for the wonderful work that they do.

The point was well made by Deidre Cullen and Colm O'Cearuil that Maynooth needs a good public service and that we should make this known to Kildare County Council, It was agreed to write to both Kildare County Council and all Area Councillors. M. Callaghan said that Maynooth has a huge Student population which adds to the problem. Business people should get behind and support the I-BAL Competition. This would make a great difference.

Newsletter

The Newsletter is looking for people to send in Stories and Articles. The Newsletter is there for all of the Community to use, so send in all your sports results , Club results, birthday wishes. It was remembered when Gerard McTernan who had a great interest in Maynooth and would always report on local and interesting things going on in the town. Everyone please feel free to send in your news.

Festival

The Festival will be held in June this year with the launch on the 25th June, with a concert by the Garda Band and St Mary's Brass and Reed Band, also An Nuada Players would be hoping to put on a play for the Festival.

The Castle is a lovely venue for events for the people of Maynooth and it was hoped that the President of NUIM and the Castle Committee would want the community to get the most out of the Castle.

St Patrick's Day Parade

Work is progressing well. Letters will be going out to all participants. Applications forms will be in the Newsletter and further information can be got from the Community Council Office. There will be a new category for schools this year

Local Matters

Paul Croghan commented that cars queuing to get out of the car park at Manor Mills are causing fumes because they are moving so slowly, and it could make people sick he said. This should be brought to Manor Mills attention.

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Maynooth P.T.A. Pay Tribute To Mr. Senan Griffin

Maynooth Post Primary Chairman, Michael Durkin presented Senan Griffin with a painting of Maynooth school in memory of his retirement as principal. It was appropriately painted by a past pupil of the school, Emma Boyce. The celebrations took place at Barberstown Castle. His wife Mary Griffin was presented with a bouquet of flowers.



Michael Durkin, right, presents a painting of Maynooth Post Primary to Senan Griffin



L to R John Nevin, Senan Griffin, Michael Durkin (Chairman), Mary Griffin, John Flynn (Secretary), Mary Molloy, Gerry Quinn (Treasurer), Mary Oliver

Maynooth Community Council Notes

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Six trees have been broken on the Meadowbrook link road. Sean Cushman wants to know what if anything is going to be done about it and requested that a letter be sent to the Garda to see if there was any reports on this. It is dreadful that one has to put in very high supports to protect trees and this adds a huge expense. The point was also made that there are less Garda per population in Kildare.

Pay-Parking and other changes in Maynooth

Margaret Tyrell said we have one of the oldest Streets in the Country (Parsons Street) and we should do everything we can to keep the Streetscape as much as possible.

Another interesting point was raised that the only perseveration order on Buckley's House applied to the railings only. Another point raised by Paul Croghan was the change of sign at Kennedy's yard which could mean a change to planning.

Pay parking while still only at Draft level will have a huge effect on Residents living in the town. Cllr. John McGinley said Maynooth Community Council should have a say in what goes into this. Residents Associations are having an input as are the four Councillors.

Deidre Cullen said that full consultation should take place and a safe pedestrian area should be put in place. Also needed was permanent parking for residence areas no meter parking.

Colm O'Cearuill supported pedestrian only access at the Back Lane area and to have no traffic there at all. Anybody that has any ideas on this please send to the Community Council Office before next meeting.

Next Community Council Meeting 11 February 2008

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XMAS UNDERGROUND

An urban packed show brought to you by URBAN ESSENCE DANCE and NUIM's UNDERGROUND.

Both children and students came together to bring some street flavour to Maynooth. A show with hip hop, breakdancing, rapping, r'n'b singing, and beat boxing



took over two nights of NUIM's venue, broadcasting some of the best talent in the area.



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Talented young dancers from URBAN ESSENCE worked hard for the last few months in preparation for the XMAS UNDERGROUND show and it all seemed to have paid off. Friends and family in the audience clapping, screamed along, friends in awe and parents so proud.

Then dropping their own beats from NUI Maynooth beatboxer MC bob, Bernie-G, Trix, Disaster, Clodhna and N.K raised the crowd off their seats with cover versions and original hip hop tunes. Also from NUIM's dance society VANITY (intercity winners) brought the xmas spirit to the stage with a dance to JINGLE BELL ROCK.

To finish the show off two members of LOST SOULS breakdance crew showcased how its done street style as seats got pushed to the back audience stood at sidelines and cheered them along.

The show was hosted by the best MC's around AOIBHEANN and PEADER who held the show together, along with Brian working sound and lights. Without them the show wouldn't of went along looking so professional. A huge thanks from Aidean (shorty).love you all.

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MAYNOOTH TAEKWON-DO CLUB TAKE HOME GOLD



Michelle O'Connor, Ciaran Hickey, Richard Judge, Seán Stoll, Suzy Farrell, Kevin Molloy, Patrick Hickey

Students from the Maynooth Taekwon-do school picked up nine medals including three golds at the ITF Irish Open on Saturday 8th December. The event is the Republic of Ireland Taekwon-do Associations premier event. Celebrating its 5th year anniversary in 2008, the school marked the run up to the event with Kevin Molloy winning a gold medal in the 15-17 red belt sparring while Seán Stoll picked up bronze in the same section. The final of the female 15-17 sparring was an all Maynooth contest with Michelle O'Connor narrowly defeating Suzy Farrell in a close match. Suzy went on to win bronze in the junior red belt patterns before seeing her teammate, Ciaran Hickey, win the last gold medal of the day with an impressive performance in 12-14 male sparring category. Patrick Hickey won a silver medal in the adult yellow and green belt sparring and Richard Judge won bronze in the junior black belt sparring. Instructed by 6th degree black belt Stephen Doyle who is also the National coach, the Maynooth Taekwon-do school holds classes in St Marys Boys School Maynooth and NUI Maynooth on Wednesdays and Fridays.

For more information contact Stephen at 087 6986491 or e-mail oldebawn@rita-irf.org



**Gold medal winner
Kevin Molloy**

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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Know your rights

Question

My doctor has told me that I need to start a regular course of prescription drugs. They are quite expensive and I am not eligible for a medical card. Is there any other assistance available to help with the cost?

Answer

The Drugs Payment Scheme applies if the cost of the approved prescription drugs, medicines or certain appliances used by an individual or family is above a certain amount. From 1 January 2008, the most that an individual or family unit is required to pay in a calendar month is €90.

Family expenditure covers the nominated adult, his/her spouse or partner and children under 18 years or under 23 if in full-time education. A dependant with a physical or mental disability or illness living in the household who does not have a Medical Card and who is unable to fully maintain himself/herself, may be included in the family expenditure regardless of age. Medical Card holders are entitled to approved prescribed drugs and medicines free of charge, so they are not eligible for this scheme.

In order to qualify, you must be ordinarily resident in Ireland. That is, you must be living here and intend to continue to live here for at least a year.

You may register for the scheme by completing a registration form which is available from pharmacies or from your Local Health Office. Your Local Health Office will then issue a plastic swipe card for each person named on the registration form. You should present this card whenever you are having prescriptions filled.

Your application for a new card can take up to four weeks to process. If you incur any expenses during this period, you should retain your receipts until you receive your card and forward the receipts to the Drugs Payments Scheme Division of your Local Health Office.

If you pay tax, you can also claim tax relief on money that you spend on prescribed drugs and medicines for yourself or another person. The relief applies at your marginal rate of tax (that is 41% of expenses if you pay income tax at 41% or 20% if that is the highest

rate of tax that you pay). This relief can be claimed on other medical expenses also you can contact your regional Revenue Office to apply for this relief at the end of the tax year.

Question

At the time of this Budget, I heard that a payment called the Early Childcare Supplement was being increased. What is this payment and who is able to receive it?

Answer

The Early Childcare Supplement is a State payment to families with children under six years of age. It is intended to help families with the cost of raising children, providing childcare, etc.

The payment was increased in the Budget for 2008 to €1,100 per child, per year. It is paid every three months as a payment of €275. The first payment in 2008 will be in April and this will cover the period January to March.

If you are applying for Child Benefit, for a child under six years, then you will automatically also be paid the Early Childcare Supplement you do not apply separately.

If you are applying for Child Benefit, you should do this within six months of the child's birth, or of the month in which the child became a member of your family or in which the family came to live in Ireland. You can obtain the application form (CB1) from your local social welfare office or by calling Lo-call 1890 20 23 25.

Child Benefit and Early Childcare Supplement are non-taxable, so you do not have to pay tax on this income.

Question

Who is entitled to the Home Carer's Tax Credit and how much is it worth.

Answer

A tax credit reduces your tax total by the amount of the credit. The Home carer's Tax Credit applies to married couples (who are jointly assessed for tax) if one spouse works in the home caring for a depend-

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ent person who:

- Is a child for whom Child Benefit is payable or
- Is aged 65 or over or
- Has a disability that requires care.

The dependent person cannot be a spouse. He/she must normally live with you in the tax year for which you claim the credit. But a dependent person who is a relative may be cared for outside your home if he/she lives on the same property, lives next door to you or lives within two kilometres.

The Home carer's Tax Credit is €900 for 2008 9 it was €700 in 2007. To Obtain the full credit, the home carer's income must not exceed €5,080. If the home carer's income is between €5,080 and €6,620, a reduced credit is paid. The credit is not available if the home carer's income is over €6,620 in the tax year.

If both spouses of a married couple have income, there is an increase available in the amount that they can earn before paying the higher rate of tax. The Home Carer's Tax Credit cannot be claimed in addition to this increased standard rate tax band. You can choose whichever is more beneficial in your circumstances; your local tax office can advise you which is better. In general, if the combined (2008) taxable income of both spouses is less than €44,400, the tax credit for home carers will be more beneficial. If it is over that amount, the best option will depend on the amount of income of the home carer.

You can get an application form for the Home Carer's Tax Credit 9form IT 660 by phoning LO-call 1890 306 706 or from the Revenue Commissioner's website at www.revenue.ie.

Question

I heard that a Widowed Parent Grant was increased in the Budget, Is this the same as the Bereavement Grant?

Answer

No, the Widowed Parent Grant is a once-off grant that is available in addition to the Bereavement Grant if you are a widow or widower with dependent children, and your spouse died after 1 December 1999.

In the recent Budget, the Widowed parent grant was increased from €4,000 to € 6,000.

To be entitled to the grant, you must be eligible for one of the following payments:

- Widow's/ Widower's Contributory Pension (including those from a country in the EU or with which Ireland has a bilateral social security agreement)
- One-Parent Family Payment
- Death Benefit under the Occupational Injuries Scheme
- Bereavement Grant payable on the death of a spouse

The Bereavement Grant is a payment of €850. Eligibility for the Bereavement Grant usually depends on the number of PRSI (Pay-Related Social Insurance) contributions that have been paid by either the deceased

person or his/her spouse or partner. You may also be eligible based on entitlement to certain social welfare payments.

To apply for the Widowed Parent Grant or Bereavement Grant, contact your local social welfare office, or you can obtain application forms by calling Lo-call 1890 20 23 25.

There are also extra tax credits available to a widowed parent in the year that a spouse dies and for the following five years.

Further information is available from your local Citizens Information Centre.



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Maynooth Golf Society

15th December 2007

Christmas Four Scramble at Knockanally in aid of Maynooth Senior Citizens

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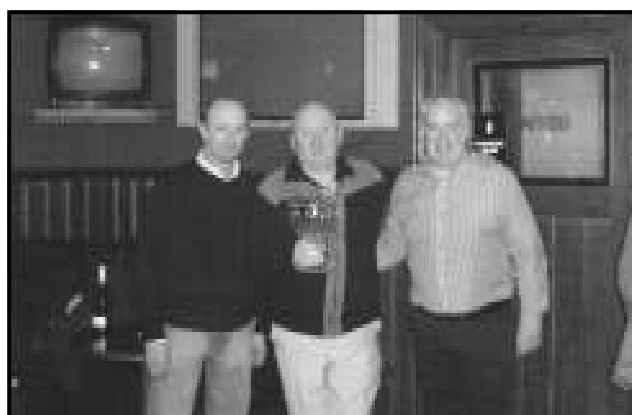
Declan Kennedy Clock House

Golfer of the year	- -	Liam Farrelly
Senior Golfer of the year	- -	Gerry McTernan

1st	Gerry McTernan Joey Edwards Barry Farrell Norman Kavanagh	65.6 Net
2nd	Kevin Loftus Colm Loftus Barry Maloney Mick Fahy	65.7 Net
3rd	John Saults John Byrne Tom Nolan	66.3 Net
4th	Paddy Foy Liam Farrelly Pat Connelly	66.5 Net



Pa Conway Capt. Gerry McTernan



Norman Kavanagh, (Treasurer) Liam Farrelly, (Golfer of The Year) Kevin Loftus (Secretary)



At Brady's Pub
Declan Kennedy (Owner & Main Sponsor) Presenting cheque to Pa Conway (Captain) for Old Age Pensioners

First Year Post Primary Talent Show

With a panel of 4 judges to impress, the students knew they would have to be at their best to make a lasting impression. With 12 acts on the day, the competition was fierce, but if anything it made everyone raise their game and certainly each person gave it their all. Certainly most would have been nervous getting up in front of their fellow students but in fairness to the audience they gave every act equal support.



**L to R Laura Donaldson, Sarah Howell,
Jenny Moore**



L to R Emma , Rebecca , & Muriel

At the end 3 acts were decided to have been the best. These were Laura Donaldson, Stephen Carter and Lauren Tracey. Lauren had recited a piece from Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, Stephen was amazing on the drums and almost definitely got the loudest cheer after his performance and Lauren Tracey was brilliant on the tin whistle. With the standard being of a very high quality those who missed out should not be disappointed as the judges had some tough decisions to make.



L to R Anna Lavelle and Emma Brady



Lauren Tracey with her tin whistle

February in the Garden

Fruit and vegetable garden

Fruit

This is the last month to prune apple and pear trees.

Prune autumn raspberries, cutting all canes down to the ground before mulching and top dressing with fertiliser over the roots.



Summer raspberries can be cut back to one or two buds above the tops of their supports (if they have overshot them), or they can be arched over and trained back down again, sometimes in attractive patterns.

Check ties on cane, cordon and fan fruit. Tighten or loosen as necessary, and replace those that are broken or damaged.

A wide range of fruit trees, including apples and pears, can be grafted at this time.

This month bundles of bare-root cane fruit plants are available for sale. Only autumn raspberries can be planted without support. All other cane fruits need supports in place before planting. Posts with at least three tensioned wires stretched between them, is the commonest system.

This is a good time to plant new fruit trees and bushes, as long as the ground is not too wet, or frozen. Incorporate lots of well-rotted organic matter into the ground before digging the planting hole or trench.

Protect the blossom of early-flowering apricots, peaches and nectarines from frost damage by covering plants with fleece.

Hand pollinate flowers of apricots, peaches and nectarines if insects are scarce. A soft paintbrush or a rabbit's tail, are the best tools for transferring pollen.

Check that newly planted fruit trees and bushes have not been lifted by frost. Re-firm them in if necessary.

Apply a general-purpose fertiliser to all tree, bush and cane fruit, at the manufacturer's specified rates. Fertiliser is best applied over the whole root area of the plant (roughly equivalent to the spread of the branches, but on the ground). Extra potassium can be beneficial in addition to the balanced feed.

Mulch all fruit crops with well-rotted manure or garden compost.

Pot-grown strawberries that have been in a cool greenhouse all winter should be placed outside, as they flower only after exposure to the cold. However, outdoor strawberries (already exposed to the cold) can be brought into the greenhouse to force them into fruit at warmer temperatures. Hand pollination may be necessary in cold weather.



Place cloches or fleece over outdoor strawberry plants for an early crop. Make sure to lift the sides of the fleece during the warmest part of the day, to allow pollinating insects to enter. High potassium feeds (such as tomato fertiliser) will also help to encourage flowers and fruit. Hand pollination may be necessary in very cold spring weather, when insects are scarce.

Continue to force rhubarb before it comes into natural growth towards the end of February, or March. Place a large bucket, dustbin or forcing jar over the crown to encourage the fresh, pink shoots to form in the darkness. A few shovels of manure, straw and poultry manure pellets thrown over the top will create extra warmth to speed up the process.

Vegetables

Plan a crop rotation system for your vegetable plot, to ensure that the same crops are not grown in the same

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February in the Garden

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beds year after year. This helps to prevent disease build up.

Cultivate and prepare seedbeds, covering them with clear polythene, cloches or fleece to warm up the soil before sowing.

Finish any major digging and weeding if you have not done so already. Try to avoid digging in wet weather, but if gardening on top of wet soil, work from a plank of wood, to avoid treading on the bed and compacting the soil.

You can rake in lime this month - if you have acid soil, or have had previous problems with club root, and wish to grow brassicas - but remember that the ground will not be ready for planting out until April or May, as an interval of two months is needed between liming and planting.

Continue to harvest any remaining winter crops (e.g. broccoli, Brussels sprouts, leeks, parsnips, swede, celeriac and turnip).

When spring cabbages are ready to harvest, cut them off the stem and make a cross in the top of the cut stem. Sometimes mini-cabbages, or 'spring greens' will grow from the cut stems.

Continue to force chicory and seakale. Dig up selected chicory roots, pot them up, and position them in a dark, warm place (10-13°C; 50-55°F), with an upturned pot over them to exclude light. The tasty chicons will appear in three to six weeks. Seakale is best forced outside at seasonal temperatures, with an upturned pot or cardboard box/tube over the top to exclude the light.

From mid-February onwards sow greenhouse-grown tomatoes and cucumbers. Use a heated propagator or warm room at 21°C (70°F) to encourage germination, and then keep them potted on at a lower temperature of 15-18°C (60-65°F).

If you have light (sandy) soil and live in a mild part of the country, you can sow broad beans, carrots, parsnips, early beetroot, bulb onions, lettuces, radish, peas, spinach and summer cabbage outside under cloches, in soil that has been covered for a few weeks to pre-warm it. If the weather in your area has been very cold, then wait until late February. If you have heavy (clay) soil, it is best to wait until March. Seeds can always be sown in pots or modules, under cover, if you are eager to get started.

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PRESENTATION OF PROCEEDS OF TONY SMITH MEMORIAL WALK 2007



Pictured from Left to Right are as follows:
Deputy Emmet Stagg, Josie Moore (Chairperson Senior Citizens Committee),
Ellen Leavy (Highest Sponsored Walker), and Cllr. John McGinley.

The proceeds of the Tony Smith Memorial Walk 2007 were handed over to the Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee on Sunday December 16th by Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley during the Annual Christmas Dinner for Maynooth Senior Citizens in the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth.

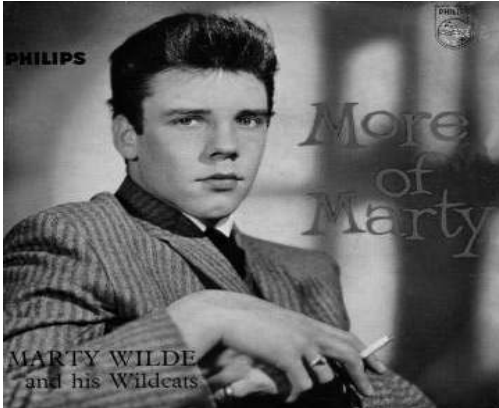
A Record sum was raised this year of €9,771 up from €7,617 in 2006.

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Features

WHERE ARE THEY NOW

MARTY WILDE



Marty Wilde was born Reginald Leonard Smith, on 15/4/1939 in Greenwich, South London. He is an English singer and song writer. He was among the first generation of British pop stars to imitate American rock'n'roll.

He was performing under the name Reg Patterson at London's Condor Club in 1957 when he was spotted by impresario Larry Parnes. Parnes gave his protégées surnames like Fury, Power Gentle and Pride etc. hence the change to Wilde. The Marty came from the commended 1955 film, Marty.

From mid 1958 to the end of 1959, Wilde was one of the leading British rock'n roll singers along with Tommy Steele and Cliff Richard. Wilde's backing group was called the Wildcats. He appeared regularly on the BBC television show 6.5 Special and was the main regular artiste on the Saturday ITV popular music shows 'Oh Boy! and Boy meets Girls. There he met and married Joyce, one of the Verons Girls who were also show regulars. The courtship was highly public but after the marriage, Wildes popularity as a teen idol declined.

He moved partly into all round entertainment, appearing in musicals such as the west End production of Bye Bye Birdie and several films.

He enjoyed success as a song writer in the late 1960s and early 1970s. He penned the virtual one-hit wonders, The Casuals "Jesamine", plus Lulu's "I'm a Tiger", and the early Status Quo's "Ice In The Sun". Later on, as songwriter and/record producer, he masterminded a string of 1980s hits for his daughter Kim Wilde. In the 1980's Wilde's daughter Kim Wilde emerged as a star vocalist in the burgeoning new wave field and enjoyed two decades of success.

Wilde himself never entirely gave up performing and in the 1990s enjoyed a fresh wave of interest in his music. In 2003 and 2004 in his mid 60's and backed by the current lineup of wild cats he was maintaining a full performing schedule for half the year, more than 40 years after his last charting single like many of his contemporaries, Wilde continues to perform in nostalgia tours in the UK and beyond. In 2007 he celebrated 50 years in the business with another UK tour and the issue of a compilation album born to rock and roll The-greatest hits included a duet with Kim Wilde of Elton John's "Sorry Seems to be the hardest Word", which was released as a promotional only single.



Horoscopes



ARIES—March 21—April 20

Things are not as they first appear on paper like all the best stories, the best is left to last and you may have to make different plans. Your lucky day is Tuesday and your number is 8, colour Green.



TAURUS—April 21—May 21

Life is good for you now and you want to make the most of it. It's time to do new things and meet new people. Enjoy the moment. Your lucky day is Monday, number 4, colour Red.



GEMINI—May 22—June 22

Life is good for you now and you want to make the most of it. It's time to do new things and meet new people. Enjoy the moment. Your lucky day is Monday, number 4, colour Red.



CANCER—June 23—July 23

You bring your own style and experience to a new project and your pleased with the outcome. Your willing to try new things. Your luck day is Saturday, number 6, colour Indigo.



LEO—July 24—August 23

Jumping in to a new project at work brings surprising results next week and you wonder where it will lead. Only good can come from all your hard work. Your lucky day is Monday, number 8, colour Gold.



VIRGO—August 24—Sept 23

Anything goes the next few weeks and you will be here, there and everywhere if your not careful. Things will get back on track soon. Your lucky day is Thursday, number 7, colour Blue.



LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23

Your all set for a new move, one way or the other in the next few weeks. Be careful how you juggle home and work as the two could get confused. Your lucky day is Friday, number 65, colour Red.



SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22

It's time you took some time for yourself. Follow your instinct and things will work out midweek. Make it look after myself week. Your luck day is Sunday. Number 3, colour Purple.



SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21

Your luck is in, it's all about being in the right place at the right time. You may be on to a winner, keep your eyes and ears open. Your lucky day is Friday, number 9, colour Blue.



CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20

You could be in the know or hear some news this week. Be careful, don't put your foot in it and say the wrong thing. Your lucky day is Wednesday, number 7, colour Red.



AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19

It's all in the stars this week, so you can do no wrong. Your feeling good and are enjoying all life has to offer, a small win is likely. Lucky day Tuesday, number 5, colour Pink.



PISCES—Feb 20—March 20

You could be booking a holiday now for later in the year for yourself and a loved one. Watch for a bargain. Your lucky day is Sunday, number 13, colour Yellow.

Clubs, Organisations And Societies

Maynooth Tidy Towns

Maynooth achieves major improvement in IBAL Litter League

Maynooth has competed in the IBAL League of fifty towns for the past three years. IBAL (Irish Business Against Litter) run the league as a way of monitoring the litter quantity in the centres that are judged. It rates each area according to the quantity of litter and general appearance and then publishes the results. It is essentially a league table for rating the performance of local authorities rather than Tidy Towns groups.

Maynooth Tidy Towns as a group take an active part in caring for our Environment and we wanted to share the detail with you on how Maynooth performed in the league. In fact, Maynooth Tidy Towns committee members carried out clean-ups three times a week between May and November 2007 and we feel that we made a considerable contribution to securing a much improved score for the town in the final judging for 2007 which was carried out in October. The process for the IBAL judging is that An Taisce staff undertakes the judging on behalf of IBAL and they select the ten locations in each town that they judge. In a place like Maynooth, the ten locations can be easily identified as the town is still a small area. The judge's comments were as follows:

Maynooth: 25th out of 50 towns / cities surveyed.

There has been a big leap in the performance at Maynooth – this time around there were no sites with a serious litter problem. Most noticeable improvements were recorded at the Man Street, Public Park and Leixlip Approach Road. Maynooth Railway Station (Inside) and Leixlip Approach Road could easily be improved and get the highest litter grade with a little extra effort / attention.

Kilcock Approach Road: Moderately Littered.

There were scatterings of a wide variety of litter along this busy approach route into Maynooth. A more thorough approach to cleaning is required to make a noticeable difference.

Maynooth College – West Campus (Outside): Clean to European Norms. The very high standards of previous litter surveys have been sustained. Clearly the area is very carefully looked after by those responsible for maintenance and respected by the users.

Maynooth College – West Campus (Inside): Clean to European Norms. As with previous site, this was also in excellent condition. This was a well cared for and respected site.

St. Mary's School - Outside: Moderately Littered. This site would have got the highest litter ranking if it wasn't for the number of plastic bottles scattered about – and there were three litter bins in the area surveyed. The casualness of a few took away from an otherwise very good site.

St. Mary's School – Inside: Clean to European Norms. This was an excellent site. Not only was it clear of litter but it was very well maintained.

Main Street: Moderately Littered. There was some improvement in the overall appearance of this street. Cigarette butts / chewing gum were the most common litter types, with lesser levels of fast-food wrappers. There were plenty of litter bins in the area surveyed – many of them were grubby and dirty.

Public Park: Moderately Littered. This park has also seen some improvement. However, there was just one litter bin in the area surveyed and it would appear that it is insufficient considering the wide variety of litter throughout the park. There were heavy levels of graffiti on the band stand.

Maynooth Railway Station - Outside: Moderately Littered. All of the litter at this site was food related – cans, fast-food wrappers and plastic bottles. There appear to be insufficient litter bins considering the high passenger numbers through this busy station.

Maynooth Railway Station – Inside: Moderately Littered. This area was better served by litter bins and there was just a small scattering of litter which took away from an otherwise good site.

Leixlip Approach Road: Moderately Littered. A more thorough and sustained approach to cleaning would improve this approach into Maynooth even more. There has been some improvement but it still needs a concerted effort.

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Maynooth Tidy Towns

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Maynooth Tidy Towns is concerned that this improvement in IBAL could be short lived and the evidence in some recent photographs taken by us would yield a very different result.

Tidy Towns is fifty

Maynooth Tidy Towns will be celebrating the Golden Jubilee for Tidy Towns in 2008. National Tidy Towns Competitions have been running annually since 1958 and whilst we are yet unclear of when Maynooth first entered the competition we will be marking the anniversary for the national competition. Over the years many National Tidy Towns judges have stated that Maynooth has the natural environment of historic buildings and waterways to be the national competition winner. Maybe with your help Maynooth could take a major step towards national honours in 2008. We are meeting shortly to plan the celebrations and we will advise the details in a later Maynooth Newsletter.

Paul Croghan,

Pro Maynooth Tidy Towns

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Clubs, Organisations And Societies

Hurling at Streete Parish Park



Kieran Fahy, captain St Fintan's, being presented with the Maurice Lawlor Memorial Cup by Maurice's widow, Aine

Local side St Fintan's took on an All Counties selection in the annual Maurice Lawlor Memorial hurling game in Streete Parish Park, Co. Westmeath, on 8th September 2007. Maurice Lawlor played in the very first challenge game in 1999, played by St Fintan's and a selection of ex-pats living in Maynooth, the adopted home of organiser Mattie Callaghan, but sadly took ill during the game and died.

The game is now dedicated to his memory, and his widow Aine, presented the trophy to the winning captain from St Fintan's, Kieran Fahy.

It turned into a 12-a-side game with All Counties borrowing five players from the local club and despite a poor start Fintan's came back to win by 8-9 to 5-7 in a highly entertaining game of hurling.

The game was videoed by Gerrard Boland and pictures taken by Steven Keary. The national anthem was played by Denise Fulham and assisted by Steven Keary. Also there was a minute's silence

for the deceased members. The game was refereed by Mick Ward, Galway.

Commentator for the game was Martin Gaynor and on hand with Martin was Ned Flynn from Midland Radio 3 Sport. Before the game there was a visit from Monsignor Patrick Earley PP. The night ended up with a social evening in the Devine Family Pub in Lismacaffrey and we thank them for their continual sponsorship.

Umpires were John Dunne, James Barker, Michael Dolan, Anne-Maire Dolan. On the sidelines were Kieran Keary, Pauline Barker. The hurler's prayer was read by Mick Ward, Karen Keary and Pauline Barker.

Shinty challenge at Streete Parish Park

30th December, 2007

The U21s played the over 21s in a shinty challenge game on the penultimate day of the year, with the older crew emerging winners by 13 goals to nine.

The national anthem was sang by Mairead Kiernan, accompanied by Steven Keary on the organ. There was also a minute's silence for all deceased members. The match was a 10-a-side game and the youngest player on view, Christopher Kiernan from Ringtown club, whose mother sang the national anthem, came on in the second half. Westmeath's Christy Ring Cup winning captain, Darren McCormack, played in the game and chipped in with plenty of scores. The man in the middle was referee Jody Murray from Castlepollard. The next man travelled the long journey to take part was Matthew Callaghan, from Maynooth, who played a stormer, scoring the best goal of the game into the bargain.

The game was played at a fast pace considering the time of the year and the pitch was in fine condition considering it was the penultimate day of the year.

Although there were plenty of players we still need more spectators to come along and enjoy this fine game. The money raised is for social services and the local meals on wheels.

Elizabeth Callaghan presented the winning medals to over 21s, who were captained by Darren McCormack and under 21s captain was Matthew Callaghan.

Sponsors were Mattie Callaghan, Elizabeth Callaghan, Savior Kiernan, Brian Nurney, Paddy Tierney, Martin Gaynor and Steven Keary.

Monilea Mullingar provided the specialised hurls for the event.

Teams:

U21s: James Parker, Adrian McLoughlin, Paul Smith, Ian Kennedy, David Stell, Graham Rynne, Christie Kiernan, Paul Dermody, Connor Mulligan, Jamie Ward, Kevin Duffy, Laurence McHugh.

O21s: Darren McCormack, Derek Murray, Mark Smith, Paddy Boyhan, John Keary, Ciaran McLoughlin, Padraig Lynch, Stephen Hynes, Matthew Callaghan.

Valentine Recipes

Raspberry Crust

Ingredients

- 175g/6oz Cream Plain Flour
- 50g/2oz Icing Sugar
- 125g/4oz Butter (at room temperature)

Topping

- 225g/8oz Fresh Raspberries
- 1 x 225g Jar of Raspberry Jam

Method

1. Pre heat oven to 190°C/375°F/Gas 5. Lightly grease a 23cm/9" flan dish.
2. Place the flour, icing sugar and butter into a mixing bowl. Beat until mixture comes together.
3. Press evenly into the prepared dish and bake for about 10 minutes or until pale brown in colour. Remove from oven and allow to cool.
4. Arrange raspberries on the cooled crust or base. Heat the jam in a microwave until it begins to boil. Spoon jam over the fruit. Cover and refrigerate for about an hour before serving.
5. Serve with whipped cream, ice cream or crème fraiche.

Quick Pavlova

Ingredients

- 3 large Egg Whites
- 1 tablespoon Cornflour
- 1 teaspoon White Vinegar
- 1 teaspoon Vanilla Essence
- 4 tablespoons Boiling Water
- 350g/12oz Sugar
- 300ml/1/2 Pint cream (for decoration)

Method

1. Put all the ingredients into a bowl and beat until thick. Shape meringue into a ring on baking parchment. Bake in preheated oven at 120°C/250°F/Gas Mark 1/2 for 1 hour. Reduce heat to 110°C/225°F/Gas Mark 1/4 for a further 30 minutes.
2. Allow to cool. Place on serving dish and fill with whipped cream and fruit of your choice.



Plum Pie

Ingredients

- 200g/7oz Cream Plain Flour
- 1 Tablespoon Sugar
- 1 Teaspoon Baking Powder
- 125g/4oz Butter
- 170ml Carton Fresh Cream
- 2 Eggs
- Plums (halved and pitted)
- 75g/3oz Caster Sugar
- 1 Teaspoon Vanilla Essence



Method

1. Preheat oven to 180°C/350°F/Gas 4. Lightly grease a tin or pyrex dish 25cms x 18cms/10" x 7" approx.
2. Put the flour, sugar and baking powder into a mixing bowl. Rub in the butter until mixture resembles breadcrumbs.
3. Stir in 2 tablespoons of the cream and 1 egg. Bring together to form a dough.
4. Press into bottom of prepared tin and arrange plums over the top.
5. Bake initially for 25 minutes. While cake is baking, in a bowl combine the remaining cream, caster sugar, vanilla essence and egg together. Beat well.
6. Pour liquid over the plums and bake for a further 20 minutes until custard is 'set'. Serve warm or cold. Store in a fridge.

Pineapple Upside-Down

Ingredients

- 1 (15 ounce) can crushed pineapple
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 5 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 cup shortening
- 1 1/2 cups white sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract

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Valentine Recipes

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(Pineapple Upside Down Cake)

Method

1. Grease a 9x13 inch pan and preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. Drain crushed pineapple and reserve juice. Combine margarine, brown sugar, pineapple and 2 tablespoons pineapple juice. Spread onto the bottom of a 9x13 inch pan. Add enough water to remaining juice to make 1 1/3 cup of liquid. Set aside.
3. Combine flour and baking powder. Set aside.
4. Cream shortening and white sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs and vanilla, and beat for 1 minute. Add flour mixture alternately with juice, beginning and ending with the dry ingredients.
5. Pour over pineapple mixture in pan. Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for 40 minutes or until toothpick inserted in centre comes out clean.

Orange & Apricot Bars

Ingredients

- 250g/8oz Porridge Oatflakes
- 125g/4oz Margarine
- 125g/4oz Brown Sugar
- 75g/3oz Golden Syrup
- Grated Rind of 1 Orange
- 50g/2oz chopped Dried Apricots
- 50g/2oz chopped Nuts (optional)

Method

1. Melt the margarine with the sugar and syrup in a large saucepan. Simmer until sugar has dissolved.
2. Stir in the oatflakes, orange rind, apricots and nuts, if used.
3. Turn into a greased and lined Swiss roll tin (20cm x 30cm/8" x 20"). Smooth top and press down firmly in tin.
4. Bake in a preheated oven at 150°C/300°F/Gas 2 for 20 - 30 minutes until golden brown.
5. When baked, cool in tin for 2 minutes. Cut into fingers.
6. Cool completely before removing from tin.

Classic Love Poems

There can be no good-byes

I think that I have found
Upon this wondrous ground
A friend for life, a love
Who is a touch above

Life's mediocrities
That blow in different seas
These special ones on earth
Who've been that way since birth

They touch lightly your heart
And never must you part,
For when you see their eyes
There can be no good-byes

So walk this way with me
Along this pathway free,
I shall not bind or tie
Our love or it would die

A Never Ending Love

The way you turn me on
Is like the switch of a light
Because when I see you
I think: What a sight!
You brighten things up
Throughout the whole day
And when you're about to leave
I say to myself: Please stay

Some day you might be my lover
Some day you might be my friend
Whichever one comes first
I hope will never end
Although I don't really know you
You mean a ton to me
A ton as big as heaven
Is what I want you to see.

Now I'm not sure you're single
You might be happily in love
Whomever he might be
He is very lucky
If there's no one to fulfill
That great big happiness
That brings such great a feeling
Of sweet and joy and bliss
I would be the one
To bring that all to you
I'll always do you right
If you want me to.
A rose for you

Clubs, Organisations And Societies

Maynooth I.C.A. Notes

Members collected €563 for the Arthritis Foundation. Some members attended a Christmas Lunch in Castletown House and this was enjoyed by all who attended. Our Christmas Dinner was held in the Westgrove Hotel in Clane and again another good outing. The ICA was also represented at the Senior Citizens Christmas party and our thanks to that committee for the invites. The guild provided 50 boxes for the shoe-box charity and thanks to all the members who got involved. The guild held a Strategic Plan Meeting which entailed a complete review of the ICA and are in favour of major change in the future. A delegation attended the national meeting in the Burlington Hotel to put forward our plans for the future of the ICA nationwide.

Mary O'Gorman organised a county craft day and this was fully booked out and enjoyed by all who attended. Some members also attended a European Day and a gala music night in An Guanán. We extend our thanks to Eillis O'Mally and Fr Liam Rigney for attending our memorial service in November. This was very much appreciated by all the members. The guild also hosted a Lancôme night fund raiser which was well supported by guild members and visitors. The Christmas Hamper was won by Irene Matthews and the Mary McNamara Prize was won by Betty Farrell, other prizes were won by Imelda Delaney, Jo O'Connell, Mary Rochford, Margaret O'Reilly, Teresa Corcoran, Peggy Brown, Susan Deane, Deirdre Stynes, Mary Dunne and Maura Brown.

The Federation Dinner Dance will take place on Friday the 15th of February in the Keadeen Hotel and the next Federation meeting will take place on Monday the 31st March in Prosperous. The council meeting will be held on Saturday the 8th in Cork and the next guild meeting will take place on Thursday the 7th February at 8pm. In the ICA Hall at the Harbour. So members, plenty of dates for your 2008 diary. Next months competition will be "on the spot". The winners of the January Plum Pudding competition were (1) Mary O'Gorman (2) Mary Halton (3) Mary Dunne and the raffle winners were (1) Mairead Scanlon (2) Mary McNamara (3) Bernadette Raftery.

Closing date for the Book Mark competition is 08/02/08. Crafts continue each Monday night with Bog Oak and Fabric Painting starting in April. Kildare week in An Grianán is 23rd—27th June 2008. Badminton will start again in mid February in the College.

We would love to see some new members as our next meeting on 7th February 2008 in ICA Hall.

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Features

Valentine's Day History



St. Valentine

There are varying opinions as to the origin of Valentine's Day. Some experts state that it originated from St. Valentine, a Roman who was martyred for refusing to give up Christianity. Under the rule of Emperor Claudius II Rome was involved in many bloody and unpopular campaigns. Claudius the Cruel was having a difficult time getting soldiers to join his military leagues. He believed that the reason was that Roman men did not want to leave their loves or families. As a result, Claudius cancelled all marriages and engagements in Rome. The good Saint Valentine was a priest at Rome in the days of Claudius II. He and Saint Marius aided the Christian martyrs and secretly married couples, and for this kind deed Saint Valentine was apprehended and dragged before the Prefect of Rome, who condemned him to be beaten to death with clubs and to have his head cut off. He suffered martyrdom on the 14th day of February, about the year 270. Legend also says that St. Valentine left a farewell note for the jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and signed it "From Your Valentine".

In ancient Rome, February 14th was a holiday to honour Juno. Juno was the Queen of the Roman Gods and Goddesses. The Romans also knew her as the Goddess of women and marriage. The following day, February 15th, began the Feast of Lupercalia.

The lives of young boys and girls were strictly separate. However, one of the customs of the young people was name drawing. On the eve of the festival of Lupercalia the names of Roman girls were written on slips of paper and placed into jars. Each young man would draw a girl's name from the jar and would then be partners for the duration of the festival with the girl whom he chose. Sometimes the pairing of the children lasted an entire year, and often, they would fall in love and would later marry.

Gradually, February 14 became the date for exchanging love messages and St. Valentine became the patron saint of lovers. The date was marked by sending poems and simple gifts such as flowers.

Miss Esther Howland of the United States is given credit for sending the first valentine cards. Commercial valentines were introduced in the 1800's and now the date is very commercialised.

Afternoon in February

*The day is ending,
The night is descending;
The marsh is frozen,
The river dead.*

*Through clouds like ashes
The red sun flashes
On village windows
That glimmer red.*

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



Valentine Postcard 1910

Be My Valentine My Love.

*Be my Valentine, my love,
As I will be for you,
And we will love the whole day long,
And love our whole lives through.*

*For love has no parameters
And does not end with time,
But is the gift of paradise,
A pinch of the sublime.*

*So let us take this holiday
To resubmit our love
To those within that know no sin
And with the angels move.*

Clubs, Organisations And Societies

MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES

Maynooth Community Games got off to an early start for the season 2008.

A Table Quiz for Kildare County was held on November 30th in Kilteel Hall. Maynooth was represented by four teams two east & two west.

EAST 1

Niamh Feeney
Róisín Fanthom
Sarah Jennings
Eoin Bonass
Anthony Barrett

EAST 2

Michael Carton
Darragh Burgess
Thomas Feeney

Fergal Stack
Subs Connor Gorhan
David Moynon

WEST 1

Seoirse Murray
Ross O'Connor
Austin Dunne
Michael Jones

WEST 2

Darren Maguire
Gerard Hegarty
Samuel Miller

Well done to all the boys and girls who competed. Thanks to Brian O'Malley and Colm Murphy for all the help with training.

Forthcoming events:

Art	Boys National School Friday 8th February at 3-5p.m.
County Final	8th March (venue to be set).
Swimming	Maynooth College pool Sunday 13th April at 3 p.m.

All boys and girls under 16 are welcome. Events 2 Euro per child.

Parents please note next meeting in Maynooth GAA centre at 8 p.m. on Tuesday 5th February. Come along and give us some help to run the events.

Features

A New Life in Winter

There comes a time when new life comes to everybody. Gone are the ghosts of Christmas and January brings frost and icy weather and then spring. It was cold and a very frosty day when little Bobby King ran out of the front door in his new boots and overcoat. His Mummy Patricia and Dad John followed him out of the house. Bobby was delighted to get out as he hadn't been out all Winter only in the bright light of day. Bobby was only three years old and it would be very cold for him. Dad had not been out the whole weekend because of the cold weather. Mum had only been out in the yard and it had been cold. They wrapped up well and went out of the house. Bobby was jumping around in the snow.

Bobby asked his mother. "Where shall we go this afternoon?" "How about the three of us walk down the road to see your granny". Bobby got all excited about going to see his Granny. He wanted to show her his new boots that he had got from Santa. He also got a train set, some colouring books and clothes. The three of them walked down the road. The road was slippery from the frost. Granny King lived about a mile from her son John. She had only two sons, John and Michael. John was living on the farm while Michael and his wife were living in Australia. John and Patricia were married five years ago.. They were expecting their first baby and they would come home when it was born.

Bobby's Granddad had died only two months before he was born so Jim had never seen his first grandchild. He was buried two months when Bobby arrived. Everybody was wild with excitement when he had arrived. Isabel bonded straight away with Bobby and Bobby had liked his granny too. Isabel had been sitting by the fireside when she heard a knock on the door. She got up to open it. It was just after midday. She went to the door to open it. She was delighted to see them. Come in out of that frosty day. You must be perished with cold. Did you walk all the way. I don't see the car. Oh! We enjoyed the walk. Didn't we Bobby. Isabel took their coats and hung them in the hall. She noticed Bobby's new boots. Bobby had only been two thrilled to show them of. What else did Santa bring. Well I got a train set. A colouring book and some clothes. Well you must have been a very good boy for Santa to come. Then she turned to the grown ups. Go in and sit by the fire and I will put the kettle on.

John would you like something strong to drink. After all it is very cold and you want something to warm you. I will have a glass of whiskey. Isabel went into the kitchen to get the refreshments for her visitors. She poured John a glass of whiskey. She made some tea for herself and Patricia and she had a glass of lemonade for Bobby. She put the drinks on a tray with some sandwiches and biscuits. She came into the living room and she laid the tray on the coffee table. They stayed in the living room talking and chatting beside the fire. The time flew and it was beginning to get dark. Isabel got up to pull the curtains. It was snowing when she looked out of the window. It has been forecast to be very cold and frosty but now it was snowing. It would be very cold now. They would be back up the road in twenty minutes, before the snow got heavy on the ground. So they put on their coats and scarfs and wrapped up well. They said their goodbyes and left the warmth of the kitchen. Bobby gave his granny a kiss and said goodbye to her.

On the way back up the road they met their old Neighbour old Mr, Browne. He was a very old man who lived with his dog, Rover. Rover went everywhere with him.. Rover kept him company. He also kept some horses on his land. He never married in life. When he was young he had a nice girl friend but she contracted typhoid and she died during the illness. He had never bothered about getting a girl again. His father had left him the stud farm. So he had remained on in the farm looking after his horses. He recognised Bobby and John and Patricia on the road. Even though it was very cold they stopped to talk. Mr Browne said it is nearly spring now. Winter is an awful time of the year. You can't do much in the dark evenings. No you can't, Christy can you. I was just going out to see a Mare. She is ready to foal. Good time of the year and all. Maybe I will come and help you with the Mare. Oh! That would be much appreciated John. Then John said Patricia, go back up to the house and bring Bobby with you. She went back to the house with Bobby.

The Mare will have to be brought inside. Old Christy and John brought the mare inside where it was warm. After the mare had gone into labour the mare had foaled a lovely young colt. He was beautiful. He had a black coat. Christy was delighted with his new colt. What will we call him John? How about Frosty?

Well one good thing came out of this winter. Yes there did. And now you are coming up to the house for a drop of whiskey to wet the colt's head. When Springtime came Christy let the young colt out with his mother. Bobby was allowed to stroke the colt by the fence. Now it was really Springtime.



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Contact Person: _____

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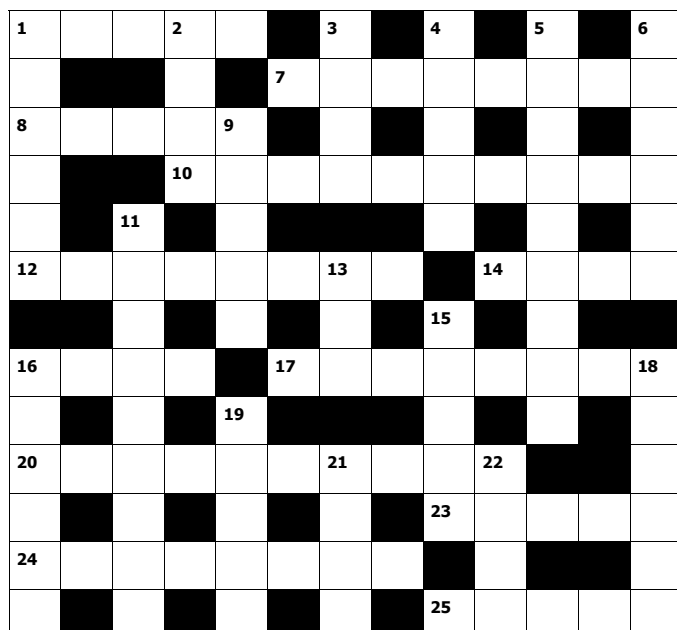
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The categories for which prizes will be awarded are as follows:

1	Best Commercial Float	Trophy	2	Best Club Float	Trophy
3	Best Band	Perpetual Cup	4	Best Portrayal of Irish Culture	Trophy
5	Best Portrayal of International Culture	Trophy	6	Best Portrayal of Environmental Awareness	Trophy
7	Best School Float	Trophy			

Applications with entry fee to be sent to Community Council Office before Friday 29th February or phone Marie Gleeson (office hours - 6285922 or 6285053) or

Crossword No: 63



Entries before Friday 8th February 2008

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Across:

1. Hooded fur coat (5)
7. Route indicator (8)
8. Mass of insects (5)
10. *White Christmas* singer (4,6)
12. Mock (8)
14. Come across (4)
16. High bed! (4)
17. Cocktail wine (8)
20. Threefold (10)
23. Franz Joseph _ _ _ , Austrian composer (5)
24. Large snake (8)
25. Beneath (5)

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Maeve Moloney,
Woodlands,
Maynooth

Down:

1. Harass (6)
2. Pavement edge (4)
3. Fish of the cod family (4)
4. Sleepy sound (5)
5. Awake (9)
6. Remained (6)
9. Ground meat (5)
11. Alike (9)
13. Falsehood (3)
15. Harvey _ _ _ , showjumper (5)
16. Officer's servant (6)
18. Hugh _ _ _ , *Playboy* creator (6)
19. Blossom (5)
21. Give in (4)
22. Deserve (4)

Solutions to Crossword No. 62

Across:

6. Psychiatrist, 8. Naivety, 9. Dirge, 10. Code, 12. Annual, 14. Saint, 15. Larder, 16. Eden, 19. Ingot, 21. Foxtrot, 22. Frankenstein.

Down:

1. Cylinder, 2. Cheek, 3. Daryl, 4. Prudent, 5. User, 6. Penicillin, 7. Wellington, 11. Mar, 12. Ant, 13. Underfed, 14. Sextant, 17. Often, 18. Exist, 20. Girl.

Doodle Box

Poetry Corner

This Enchanting Love

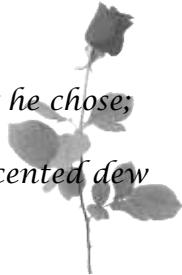
*A cry of want from a lovely heart
Deep in passion with a love so pure
This enchanting ecstasy that never will
depart
To achieve your dream a lot to endure
I stare into this ladies lovable face
Then sense the anguish her heart desire
A modern lady of the human race
With a hot love just burning like fire
Such joy of wealth warming gives to me
Enriches me with her beautiful warming
eyes
A Moment of intense pleasure for all to see
Knowing that she is number one with all
the boys
I know that her love will guide my way
This love that will never falter or fall
May her presence be forever more to stay
To enrich our love forever more to call*

Patrick Murray

One Perfect Rose

*A single flow'r he sent me, since we
met,
All tenderly his messenger he chose;
Deep-hearted pure, with scented dew
still wet - -
One perfect rose.*

I know the language of the floweret.



*"My fragile leaves," it said, "his heart
enclose."*

Love long has taken for his amulet

One perfect rose.

Why is it no one ever sent yet

*One perfect limousine, do you sup-
pose?*

Ah no, it's always just my luck to get

One perfect rose.

Dorothy Parker



How do I love thee?

*How do I love thee ? Let me
count the ways.
I love thee to the depth and
breadth and height
My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight
For the ends of Being and ideal Grace.
I love thee to the level of everyday's
Most quiet need, by sun and candle-light.
I love thee freely, as men strive for Right;
I love thee purely, as they turn from Praise.
I love thee with the passion put to use
In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith.
I love thee with a love I seemed to lose
With my lost saints,--I love thee with the breath,
Smiles, tears, of all my life !--and, if God choose,
I shall but love thee better after death.*

Elizabeth Barrett Browning



Acknowledgement

The staff of the Maynooth Newsletter would like to express our deepest sympathy to the family of the late Gerard Stokes. Gerard was a member of our staff for the past year and he would have been familiar to a lot of people in the area, as one aspect of his post was to photograph functions and events in the locality.

As the youngest member of staff, he brought a vibrancy and energy into the office and was always very willing to assist in any way he could to improve our Newsletter. Gerard was great fun and had the most beautiful smile and a winning personality. He was a young man any parent would be proud to call their son.

His tragic death has left a void. We will always remember Gerard with great affection.

Puzzles—Sudoku

Easy

7		6			1		8	
8			7				4	9
	1	3		5	4	2		7
		4	3		7		5	
6	2		9		5			1
	3		6		2	8		
2		5	4	3		9	1	
3					9			8
4	8		1	2		7		

Medium

	3				5	6	8	2
	1	6			2	4		5
7		2		6	4	9	3	1
				5				
3			6		9			8
				1				
6	9	7	2	4		8		3
2		3	5			1	6	
5	8	1	3				4	



Difficult

			8			3	2	
			4		6			
	9	1						6
7		9		6	4	1		
	4		1		7		5	
		6	2	3		7		4
5						2	6	
			9		5			
	8	2			3			

Super Difficult

	4						9	
			6	3				1
		1		9	2		8	7
				7	5			9
1								2
9			8	6				
8	6		9	2		5		
5				8	3			
	7						2	



Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location	Development Type
07/1923	David & Ann Mahoney	P	03/08/07	Demolition of existing bungalow and shed, construction of a dormer bungalow, garage and boiler house and provide for revised site entrance and connection to existing public services	Elm Lodge Moyglare Road Maynooth, Co. Kildare	One Off House
07/2229	Iona Equine	P	18/09/07	Construction of (a) an exercise shed (b) a 12 box barn including canteen, w.c. and stocks/vets room with concrete effluent holding tank, © a lunging ring and all associated site works	Iona Park Stud Newtownmacabe Maynooth Co. Kildare	Commercial Development
07/2287	S Collins	P	03/01/08	Construction of two storey house, detached single storey domestic garage, 5 no. stableblock with tackroom, dungstead and effluent treatment holding tank, sand ménage, secondary effluent treatment system and all associated site works	Ballycurraghan Maynooth Co. Kildare	One Off House
07/913	Peter Comerford	P	27/04/07	For erection of a new two storey granny flat with separate entrance two bedrooms kitchen living room utility room and bathroom with associated site and drainage works to side of house	16 The Green Moyglare Abbey Maynooth	One Off House
08/25	Louise & Connor Gannon	P	14/01/08	2 No. Semi detached bungalows with ancillary site works	Newtown Maynooth Co. Kildare	One Off House
08/26	Cathrine & Grahm Gannon & Rooney	P	14/01/08	Retention of existing dwelling house with associated services on revised site boundaries	505 Newtown Maynooth Co. Kildare	One Off House
07/2362	Glenkerrin Homes Ltd	P	11/10/07	Modification to previously permitted development planning reference No. 99/2073 & 07/73 as follows: the installation of windows and doors to the north and east elevations, expansion of the first floor by 560sq.m over the existing warehouse etc.	Block K, Unit K8 Maynooth Business Campus Moneycooley, Maynooth	Commercial Development
07/2897	NUI Maynooth	p	10/01/08	Development consisting of single storey seating accommodation extension to existing restaurant at sports hall	NUI Maynooth Kilcock Road Maynooth	Commercial Development
07/921	Springwood Estates Ltd	P	15/01/08	Amendments to already approved housing development (ref 03/2430, pl 09.208205 & 06/210) to included (1) construction of 7 No. 3 storey duplex/apartment buildings (total 102 units) comprising of 2 No.1 bedroom apartments, 3 No.2 bedroom apartments, etc	Newtown Hall Newtown Townland Maynooth	Housing Development
08/45	Fergal Kelly	P	16/01/08	Development consists of proposed alternations to previously approved planning application ref:07/821 for (1) proposed extension of existing garage and (2) change of use from garage to self contained flat bedroom with (3) minor internal etc.	No. 3 Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	Extension

Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location	Development Type
08/41	Sighle Flynn	P	17/01/08	Development consisting of a single storey extension to rear and proposed single storey store to side of existing bungalow, and adjustment to front boundary wall, together with all associated services and site works etc.	2, Woodlands Maynooth Co. Kildare	Extension
07/1644	Pat Comerford	P	13/07/07	Construction of works to existing detached building which comprises of 2 no. existing 1 bedroom apartments as follows: (a) change of building from storey and half to two storey by construction of first floor extension and new roof etc.	3 & 4 Buckley Court Back Lane Maynooth	Extension
07/2272	Maynooth Credit Union	P	24/09/07	Upgrade and extension works incorporating minor alterations to shop front and to provide additional office/storage space for Credit Union, plus new passenger lift to provide disable access to first floor	Main Street Maynooth Co. Kildare	Extension
07/2403	Michael & Helen Furlong	P	17/01/08	Two storey extension to side of existing dwelling with single storey bay window extension to front and single storey extension to rear	130 Kingsbry Maynooth Co. Kildare	Extension



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Maynooth Band Bulletin



St. Mary's Band has come to the end another year in it's long history. It was founded in 1795 and apart from an enforced break in the 1920's due to " the troubles" it has managed to survive where many bands in larger towns have fallen victim to the plethora of activity options now available to the youth of the recent past. The band reformed in 1931 and 77 years later is still a thriving force in Maynooth which is a tribute to a small number of members from the Boy's Band of 1954 who took up the baton (if you will pardon the pun) and kept the momentum going. These stalwarts have been joined by a small number of like minded musicians from the mid seventies who together will hopefully maintain the long tradition of bands in Maynooth. To coincide with the 50th anniversary of the reforming of the band a history of the band was published in 1981 and it is hoped to have an updated version printed before the end of this year.

December, as usual, is one of the busiest months for the Band and included the Church of Ireland Carol Service, the Annual Christmas Concert, recitals in the Manor Mills Shopping and the Square in Maynooth and Climaxing with the annual carol recital outside St. Mary Church on Christmas morning.

The Band has been an integral part of the Church of Ireland Carol Service for the past number of years where both the size and acoustics of the Church are ideally suited to their particular sound. The Church again was a most suitable venue for the latest recruits to their ranks made their public appearance. The Band's varied programmes was greatly appreciated by probably the largest audience ever to attend this annual event.

December saw a first ever visit to the Manor Mills Shopping Centre for Christmas Carols and this indeed would prove a very suitable location for outdoor recitals with it's fantastic outdoor area overlooking the Castle so keep an eye out for one of these during the coming Summer. The Saturday before Christmas found the Band in the square with a hardy group of loyal members " frozen to the marra" dispensing a wide range of Christmas music all in the cause of fundraising to help pay the bills (including heating oil would you believe) for 2008. They would like to thank all who subscribed to the cause. Unfortunately the cold weather followed the band to St Mary's Church on Christmas morning for their short carol recital after 11.30 a.m. Mass. It was good to see so many massgoers braving the cold also and showing their appreciation of what has been a tradition for more years than they care to remember.

Glad to say that the members are now fully recovered and back training for this year with the immediate Targets of St. Patrick's Day parades and the National Band Championships in Limerick (this event usually depends on the availability of members, coming as it usually does during the mid-term school break).

The Band would again like to welcome with open arms any brass, reed or percussion players who are living in the greater Maynooth area to join them at their weekly rehearsals (Monday nights excluding Bank Holiday's) in the Band Hall at Pound Lane. Whether you are male or female, ten or one hundred and are reasonably proficient (the Band competes at intermediate level) you will be well received and the rehearsal are most enjoyable.

For further information you can contact the Secretary at 087 970 4910 at any time.



Party Political

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Emmet Stagg T.D.

Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Broken Seats at The Square, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

"That the 6 wooden seats in the Square and the 2 seats at Ulster Bank, Maynooth be replaced as they are now rotten and broken having been installed by the Council 13 years ago. Furthermore that funding from the Community Development Contributions Scheme be used for this work."

Water Charges on Schools:

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of Kildare County Council:

"That Kildare County Council hereby resolves not to charge National Schools for a water supply until such time as the Government decide how and when this issue is to be handled and funded. Furthermore that the Council asks the Minister of the Environment to provide grants so that schools can provide rainwater storage facilities so that they can get 95% of their water requirements (all except drinking water) from this source."

Domestic Refuse Collection:

At the Council Budget meeting on 12 December it was agreed that the recycling bin would be collected once every two weeks (instead of once per month) and that the landfill bin would also be collected once every two weeks. Unfortunately, stickers that were issued in December advised that the recycling bin would still only be collected once per month. As a result Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion:

"That the 2 + 2 Domestic Refuse collection be introduced immediately and that the public be advised of this improved service by letter to each household in order to counteract the confusion caused by the introduction of the increased tag rate in late December and the 2008 Bin Sticker which shows monthly collection of the recycling bin."

Cllr. John McGinley Pursues Provision of CCTV System at the Children's Playground at The Harbour Field.

Despite the fact that cabling was installed for the CCTV System a year ago Council Officials have advised John that they won't erect the CCTV cameras until the pilot scheme at the playground in Celbridge is evaluated and this will take another 6 months. John stated that the CCTV System should be put in place now as we already have experience from the CCTV System at the re-cycling centre in Maynooth.

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Cllr. John McGinley Wants the Ban on HGV's to be Extended to the Moyglare Road, Maynooth.

John was advised that the Council will carry out a survey as a result of his motion:

"That the successful scheme banning HGV's from Main Street, Maynooth be extended to cover the Moyglare Road in order to reduce the risk of accidents to the residents of the 620 houses on the road and the 1,500 pupils of the Secondary and Primary Schools on the Moyglare Road."

Cllr. John McGinley Calls for Safety Measures for Rathcoffey Road:

John Submitted the following motion to the Leixlip Area Committee:

"That the Council's Road Safety Officer conducts a Health & Safety audit of the Rathcoffey Road, Maynooth, from Parsons Hall to the Maynooth Town Soccer pitches in the interests of the safety of the 300+ children (U18) who train and play there and that the recommendations be implemented and funded from the "Deficit in Infrastructure" Fund."

The Council Officials replied that *"Roads Design will examine the road to assess if any remedial works are required or feasible on this road."*

Cllr. John McGinley stated that the reply did not answer the motion and he asked that the Council's Road Safety Officer conduct a joint Health and Safety Audit with the Roads Design people. The Director of Services agreed to this proposal.

Commuter Parking in Silken Vale, Maynooth

In order to overcome the problem Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following to the Area Committee:

"That the main road in Silken Vale, Maynooth be taken in charge by the Council and thereby enable the painting of double yellow lines in order to improve public safety."

(There is a precedent for this action as the Council agreed to a similar motion of mine on the 26th April 1999 in relation to Parklands & Castlebridge estates.)

Council Officials replied as follows:

"Development Control Section will be requested to enter discussions with the developer to see if this proposal can be progressed." Cllr. John McGinley formally put his motion to the meeting and it was agreed unanimously.

Pay Parking in Maynooth

A Special Meeting of the Leixlip Area Committee will be held in January to initiate discussions and proposals on this issue.

Cllr. McGinley's Motion for Cycle Lanes between Maynooth/Leixlip and Maynooth/Celbridge:

John got the following reply to his motion:

"Funding for DTO schemes is subject to the completion of traffic management plans, which will be completed in early 2008."

Landscaping for the Bottom of Old Greenfield, Maynooth

The Council have agreed to Cllr. John McGinley's proposals and €20,000 has been allocated to carry out the work during the coming planting season.

Pound Park (The Green) and the Little Pound Wall Repairs

As a result of Cllr. John McGinley's motion €50,000 has been allocated for the re-building of these walls.

Additional Litter Bins and Bin Repairs

Following representations from Cllr. John McGinley that Council have installed two additional bins at the Meadowbrook Link Road. John has also asked that the bins that have been vandalised, through forced removal of the lids, be repaired.

Infiltration of Sewage into the Meadowbrook Stream

Cllr. John McGinley asked the Council what steps were being taken to stop the infiltration of sewage from the pumping station at Straffan wood, Maynooth, into the Meadowbrook Stream. He got the following reply from the Council:

"Following a recent site inspection, Kildare County Council have again found a discharge of effluent emanating from this location into the surface water system of the housing development and then on to the Meadowbrook Stream. This discharge impacts the water quality of this stream, a tributary of the Lyreen River and generates foul odours in the culvert that runs under the Meadowbrook Relief Road."

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KCC Environment and Building Control Sections have been in contact with the developer--Albany Homes-- who has been warned that this constitutes pollution under the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act and advised to take appropriate remedial action immediately.

We will continue to monitor the situation closely."

Tony Smith Memorial Walk Raises Record Amount

The proceeds of the Tony Smith Memorial Walk 2007 were handed over to the Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee on Sunday December 16th by Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley during the Annual Christmas Dinner for Maynooth Senior Citizens in the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth.

A Record sum was raised this year of €9,771 up from €7,617 in 2006.

FEASIBILITY STUDY ON ADDITIONAL CAR PARKING FOR MAYNOOTH RAIL COMMUTERS TO BE CARRIED OUT

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been in contact with Dr. John Lynch, Chairman of C.I.E., in relation to the provision of additional car parking spaces at Maynooth Rail Station given the serious deficiencies that now exist and the difficulties posed in a number of Housing Estates for residents by indiscriminate parking daily by commuters in their estates.

The Chairman has now advised Deputy Stagg that a number of innovative solutions including the provision of an underground car park in the Harbour Field are being considered. The Chairman further advised Deputy Stagg that Iarnrod Eireann plan to work in conjunction with Kildare Co. Council on a feasibility study on the various options that have been identified and in due course the Chairman stated that a firm plan will be produced for planning approval. Finally the Chairman advised Deputy Stagg that a new station car park will be provided in Kilcock in 2008.

Welcoming this move forward in the right direction Deputy Stagg stated that it was critical for commuters and the residents of Estates near the Rail Station and in Maynooth Village Centre that further additional car parking was provided at the Rail Station in Maynooth.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg indicated that he would keep up the pressure on Iarnrod Eireann on this issue until we had concrete plans.

ALL PEAK PERIOD TRAINS ON MAYNOOTH SUBURBAN LINE WILL HAVE 8 CARRIAGES BY FEBRUARY 2008

Deputy Emmet Stagg has continued to press the Minister for Transport in relation to improving capacity on the Maynooth Suburban Rail Line.

The Minister for Transport has now advised Deputy Stagg that all peak period trains on the Maynooth Suburban Rail Line will be extended to 8 carriages by February 2008 following the transfer of carriages currently being used on the Sligo Line.

Welcoming the news Deputy Stagg stated that doubling the capacity of all the peak period suburban trains will relieve the present overcrowding being experienced by rail commuters and will attract additional commuters to Public Transport.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that further improvements to the Maynooth Suburban Line including the electrification of the line, the removal of level crossings and resignalling the line will be the next stage in increasing capacity on the line and he indicated that he would keep pressurising the Minister on these improvements.

STAGG ACCUSES GOVERNMENT OF STALLING REGULATION OF MANAGEMENT COMPANIES

Deputy Emmet Stagg has accused the Government of stalling on the Regulation of Management Companies in traditional housing estates and apartment complexes following the raising of the issue by Deputy Stagg with the Taoiseach in the Dail.

Raising the issue in the Dail on November 13th last Deputy Stagg stated that the Government had promised Legislation to deal with the Regulation of Management Companies. He went on to state that management companies were springing up like mushrooms in a field of horses and that they were abusing residents and tenants because they were not regulated and that high charges and little services was the General Rule.

The Taoiseach responding to Deputy Stagg indicated that there were 3 or 4 Departments involved including the Department of Justice and the Department of Environment but stated that he was not sure what the situation was but that they were working on it and intended to bring forward legislation. Following further questioning by Deputy Stagg the Taoiseach was unable to give a timescale for the publication and

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enactment of the Legislation.

The Taoiseach was further questioned on the issue on November 14th in the Dail by the Deputy Leader of the Labour Party and the Taoiseach indicated that a high level interdepartmental committee had been established to assist in the identification of the legislative and administrative actions to be taken in response to definitive recommendations for legislative reforms and to determine a timeframe for that. He concluded by stating that the report from the interdepartmental committee was due to be published by the end of the year.

Reacting to the Taoiseach's responses Deputy Stagg stated that for nearly 3 years now the Government has failed to bring forward legislation to protect homeowners from unscrupulous builders who set up Management Companies to bleed them dry for a second time with massive Annual Service Charges.

Deputy Stagg stated that the Governments stalling on this issue was because of the cosy relationship between Fianna Fail and their Builder friends who were milking homeowners and tenants dry.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg vowed to continue to raise this matter in the Dail until the Government took action to protect people caught in this unregulated business.

CHILDREN MUST WAIT BETWEEN 3 TO 6 MONTHS FOR HEARING TEST – FURTHER 3 MONTHS FOR HEARING AID

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Health in relation to the waiting times for Hearing Tests for Children in Co. Kildare.

The Health Services Executive advised Deputy Stagg that the approximate times for children in Newbridge and Tallaght Health Centres was 3 to 6 months for initial testing and less than 3 months for the actual fitting of a hearing aid. The HSE further advised Deputy Stagg that the waiting times were due to a delay in filling a vacancy for an Audiological Scientist when the person offered the job subsequently decided not to take up the job.

Deputy Stagg described the response as extremely disappointing stating that in June 2006 waiting times had been reduced to 3 to 4 weeks when additional clinics were scheduled. We are now back to a situation where a child who needs a Hearing Aid must wait for up to 9 months to be tested and fitted with the Hearing Aid. That he declared is nothing short of a 3rd

World service and is a disgrace given the damage caused to children in their development by hearing difficulties.

In his question Deputy Stagg also requested that consideration be given to expanding the number of Health Centres who provide Hearing Tests as at present Newbridge covers the bulk of Kildare while Tallaght serves Celbridge and Leixlip. In response to this the HSE advised that they are considering approaching Local Health Managers in Kildare to expand the service but that adequate sound proof facilities are a requirement in Health Centres to provide this service.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he would continue to pursue the inadequate service provided to children until more resources were put in place and more Health Centres were brought into the service.

MINISTER CONFIRMS SUGGESTION OF CHANGES IN GARDA DIVISIONAL BOUNDARIES TO STAGG – 24 HOUR STATION FOR NORTH KILDARE MUST FOLLOW FROM THIS DEMANDS STAGG

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Justice in the Dail on November 6th in relation to proposals to transfer Leixlip from the Dublin Metropolitan Area West Garda Division and Kilcock from the Louth/Meath Garda Division into a new Kildare Garda Division.

The Minister advised Deputy Stagg that the realignment of Divisional Boundaries was a matter for the Garda Commissioner in the first instance, in the context of his Annual Policing Plans and that the Garda Commissioner had recently submitted proposals to the Department to align Garda Divisions with local authority boundaries which will lead to greater efficiencies and effectiveness for the force. The 2008 Annual Policing Plan which will include the specific aspects of the proposals to be implemented next year will shortly be laid before the Houses of the Oireachtas. The Minister concluded by stating that it would be inappropriate to comment on specific matters raised by Deputy Stagg prior to the documents being laid before the Dail and Senate.

Welcoming the positive indications from the Minister, Deputy Stagg stated that the current position where the 3 towns in North Kildare of Maynooth, Leixlip and Kilcock were in different Garda Divisions was inefficient and unworkable in modern policing terms.

In tandem with this move Deputy Stagg demanded that it was now time for the Garda Commissioner to

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agree to the opening of a new 24 hour Garda Station in the North of the County to serve the towns of Celbridge, Leixlip, Maynooth and Kilcock who have a combined population of 50,033 people according to the 2006 Census. It would stated Deputy Stagg be inconceivable to cover these towns from Naas and given the statement of the Commissioner in December 2006 that '*In time and in conjunction with the increasing population in North Kildare, local Garda Management assess that one of the Garda Stations referred to will be required to open on a 24 hour basis*' now is the time to put in place a dedicated 24 hour Garda Station in one of the North Kildare Towns.

Deputy Stagg indicated that he would contact the Commissioner directly on this matter.

STAGG RAISES PROVISION OF INTERCHANGE/ UNDERPASS AT PALMERSTOWN JUNCTION ON N4

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been in contact with South Dublin Co. Council in relation to the provision of an Interchange or underpass to allow for free flow of traffic at Palmerstown Village on the N4.

With the completion of the N4 upgrade works by March 2009 which will provide an Interchange on the Lucan Bypass at the Lucan/Newcastle Junction Deputy Stagg pointed out that the removal of the Traffic Lights at Palmerstown would allow traffic to flow freely and would be particularly beneficial for outward bound traffic. In effect Kildare motorists would have no further hold ups on the outward journey once on the Chapelizod Bypass.

South Dublin Co. Council have now advised Deputy Stagg that the National Roads Authority have recently approved funding to carry out a detailed traffic assessment of the junction at Palmerstown and that consultants with a detailed brief will be employed shortly.

Welcoming this news Deputy Stagg stated that removing the traffic lights at Palmerstown Village would be an additional improvement for hard pressed motorists travelling into and from Dublin on a daily basis. If there is not enough room for an Interchange at this location then an Underpass should be seriously examined.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg indicated that he would continue to monitor progress on this issue.

337 CHILDREN AWAITING ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT IN KILDARE

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Health in relation to the number of children awaiting Orthodontic Treatment in Co. Kildare.

The HSE have now advised Deputy Stagg that there are currently 339 children from Kildare awaiting Orthodontic Treatment. The HSE further advised that at present nine specialist orthodontists are working in the unit on a part time basis and that their diaries are full and it is unlikely that any further children will commence treatment until March 2008. In addition to looking after Kildare children the Orthodontists also have 720 Dublin based children on their waiting list.

Commenting on the response Deputy Stagg stated that the waiting list was scandalous and had deteriorated significantly since June 2006 when there were 171 children awaiting treatment. Additional Resources are required in this area and its time we had full time orthodontists hired as children awaiting orthodontic treatment can be in distress.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he would raise the issue further with the Minister for Health as it was high time we had a first class service for children awaiting orthodontic treatment.

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Comments from Aine Brady TD

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Proposed new arrangements of policing Kildare - Brady

The new proposed arrangements for reforming how Kildare is policed will reflect the county's growing population and changing demographics according to Kildare North Fianna Fail T.D. Áine Brady.

"The Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform, Mr Brian Lenihan T.D., has published the Garda Síochána Policing Plan for 2008 and it is proposed that Kildare will become one Garda division."

"This proposed single Garda division for Kildare makes sense as our population grows and the demographics of our county changes. It is proposed that the existing Divisional Headquarters in Naas will operate over the new Kildare division."

€1.4m for Agricultural Research in Maynooth says Brady

Deputy Aine Brady has welcomed the announcement that NUI Maynooth will receive €1.4m in Government Grant Aid under the 2007 Research Stimulus Fund Programme.

'It is part of a €21 million investment with 38 research projects receiving grant assistance under the 2007 Research Stimulus Fund Programme (RSFP),' stated Deputy Brady who was informed of the investment by the Minister for Agriculture, Mary Coughlan TD.

'Earlier this year 67 applications were received by the Department and these were evaluated by expert panels and submitted to the Research Stimulus Fund Committee for consideration and approval. Maynooth NUI were successful with three projects, namely; a project enhancing management practices to maintain the sustainability of current potato systems will receive €576,328; Willow selection for resistance to herbivore damage using predictive climate change and Geographic Information System modelling will receive €365,000 and a study of New biodegradable hydrogel materials for the delivery of nitrification and urease inhibitors will receive €430,378,' stated Deputy Brady.

Applications now invited for Sports Capital Programme - Brady

Kildare North Fianna Fáil TD Áine Brady is encouraging local sports groups to apply for funding under the 2008 Sports Capital Programme before the deadline on February 29.

"Applications are invited from all local sports organisations, clubs, community groups, VEC 's and local authorities for the development of sports facilities and/ or the purchase of sports equipment."

Application forms can be sought from the website of the Department of Arts, Sport, and Tourism at www.dsat.gov.ie or by telephoning 064 27372/27338 or Lo-Call 1890 273000."

Broadband Coverage for Kildare raised with Minister

Fianna Fail's North Kildare TD, Aine Brady, has raised the issue of Broadband Coverage in Kildare with the Minister for Communications Eamon Ryan TD.

'The Minister has informed me that the procurement process for a new National Broadband Scheme (NBS) has commenced to address the remaining gaps in the service. The scheme will provide broadband services to areas that are currently unserved and the contract should be awarded in Quarter 2 2008,' concluded Deputy Brady who added that a dedicated website www.broadband.gov.ie can be accessed to ascertain the availability and pricing of the different Broadband Providers for Kildare.

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Support for Commuter Feeder Bus

I carried out a survey of Commuters using the Maynooth Rail Service to see how many would leave their cars at home and use a feeder bus, in order to help alleviating the Car Parking problem at the Maynooth rail station. We received a positive response and I believe that a feeder bus would be supported. I will continue to press for such a service to be provided.

School Extension - Girls School Maynooth

Construction has started to the extension of the Girls Primary School in Maynooth. When completed extra facilities will be available for the children of Maynooth.

Maynooth Commuter Services see improvements in Timetable

Deputy Aine Brady has been informed by Iarnrod Eireann that new services on the ever-growing Maynooth line are being introduced in January.

'The new services include (from 21st January 2008) 06.38hrs Maynooth-Connolly; 08.10hrs Maynooth-Connolly (non-stop to Drumcondra), and extra evening services at 16.20hrs (from Connolly) and 19.29hrs (from Pearse).'

This year will also see increased Car parking at Kilkenny railway station (an additional 125 spaces) and an additional 50 at Maynooth Rail Station. However, we need more car parking capacity at the Maynooth Rail Station and I received a commitment from Iarnrod Eireann earlier this year that they will consider a range of solutions.

Major Sections of the M50 Upgrade nearing completion says Brady

Major sections of Phase 1 of the M50 upgrade will be completed in early 2008 according to Deputy Aine

Brady who raised the issue with the CEO of the NRA, Mr. Fred Barry.

'The Ballymount Interchange will be completed this month. The M50 mainline, between the Westlink Toll Bridge and Ballymount, and the N4 Interchange will be completed early next year.' stated Deputy Brady who added that the N7 (Red Cow) Interchange will be completed later in 2008.

'Once Phase 1 mainline is completed, the motorway will comprise of three continuous lanes in each direction. Completion of the N4 (Palmerstown) Interchange will provide free flow conditions for all traffic movements at this junction with the removal of the traffic lights.' stated Deputy Brady.

'The full benefits of the free-flow will not be realised until the removal of the barriers at the Westlink Toll Plaza which is planned for August 2008. The upgrade of the N7 Interchange also provides for the diverting of the Luas Track so that there will be no conflict between the Luas line and the road traffic.'

'The upgrade of the M50 between Westlink Toll Plaza and the N3 Interchange is also planned for completion in early 2008. Phase 2 of the upgrade, between M1 and the N3 and Ballymount to Sandyford, will be completed in phases with final completion by 2010.' stated Deputy Brady.

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Older People and Young Parents.

Kildare North Fianna Fáil TD, Áine Brady, says the pension increases announced in the Budget are testament to a Government that has social inclusion

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at its heart.

In recent years, there has been significant social welfare increases for the 5,000 pensioners in Kildare.

The Government will further build on these achievements by increasing the full personal rate of the State (Contributory) Pension by €14 per week and that of

the State (Non-Contributory) Pension by €12 per week.

This will bring the State (Contributory) Pension to €223.30 per week and the State (Non-Contributory) Pension to €212 per week.

"I am also delighted that qualified adults of pension age, mainly women whose lives were committed to home-making, are being recognised. Many may not have a record of social insurance contribution and so we are now raising the rate for the qualified adult allowance for those of pension age up €27 to €200 per week."

"All other personal weekly social welfare rates will be increased by €12 per week. This will bring the lowest full adult social welfare rate to €197.80 per week."

Young Parents

This year's budget has delivered for young parents according to Fianna Fail T.D. for Kildare North, Áine Brady with increases in Child Benefit and the Early Childcare Supplement.

"This Government is continuing to prioritise young families with practical measures that improve their lives by increasing financial supports."

"The Child benefit rates have increased €6 to €166 per month for the first and second children and up €8 to €203 for the third and subsequent child."

"Maternity and Adoptive benefit is also increasing to €221.80."

Works on Moyglare Road complete says Brady.

Deputy Aine Brady has been informed by Kildare Co. Co. that the footpath along the Moyglare Road to Moyglare Hall, in Maynooth, has been completed following her representations last year.

'The Council is now waiting for the ESB to connect the lights on the road, which will hopefully be done within the next few weeks. In addition the speed limit signs are now in place on the Moyglare side of the entrance to Moyglare Hall.' stated Deputy Brady.

'At a time when we are trying to encourage more people to use public transport or walk to school, we should also be provide a safe access to facilitate the people to walk to their school or public transport point.' concluded Deputy Brady.

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Press Release – Issued on behalf of Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick T.D. 20/12/2007

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick has been informed by Mr John Mc Gormley, Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government Funds Allocation for 2008

Please see below –

Local Government

fund Allocations 2008

Dear Michael,

I am pleased to let you know that I am now in a position to notify local authorities of their 2008 Local Government Fund general Purpose grant allocations amounting to almost one billion Euro. All authorities will receive increases which, in addition to the funding they will get from local income sources, will enable them to meet the demands on them in 2008.

Kildare County Council has been allocated a 6.42% increase.

Nass Town Council has been allocated 7.55% increase.

I know that all Councils are facing increased costs next year; however I expect that the increased funding being provided will enable them to make further improve the services they provide to their communities while keeping increases in commercial rates and charges to an appropriate minimum.

John Gormley T.D.,
Minister for the Environment, Heritage
And Local Government.

Over €17,000 granted to Kildare Groups in Community Support for Older People

Press Release issued by Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick T.D.

11TH December 2007

The Scheme of Community Supports for Older People provides funding for Initiatives to improve the security and Social support of older Individuals by means of a community-based grant scheme.

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick warmly welcomes this

scheme which is run under the auspices of the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs. "This is a most welcome initiative, in this day and age when households security is essential", he said, and sent his congratulations to the Kildare Groups who are benefiting from this Scheme, Celbridge Community Alert, Nass & District Community Alert and the Evergreens.

Security devices included under this scheme are as follows,

- Window locks, door locks and door chains designed to strengthen points of entry to the dwelling
- Security lighting and smoke alarms
- The once off cost of installing socially monitored alarm systems
- Smoke alarms

Interior emergency lighting for qualifying older people living on or off shore islands.

SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS TO NEW CHILDCARE SCHEME ANNOUNCED

Review of Community Childcare Subvention Scheme ahead of schedule allows for key improvements

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick today warmly welcomes the news from the offices of the Minister for Children, Mr Brendan Smith T.D. that the review of the Community Childcare Subvention Scheme 2008-2010 (CSSC) has been completed ahead of schedule and approved by the Government. Revisions include significant increases in direct subvention rates, a new band of funding targeted at low income working parents and a minimum grant of €20,000 for services which will particularly benefit small rural providers.

Community services are grant aided to provide childcare to children from all social backgrounds by charging reduced fees to parents based on their ability to pay.

Deputy Fitzpatrick notes that the following key changes have been made to the initial provisions of the Scheme which were announced in July 2007 and include substantial increases in the Subvention rates which form the basis for assessing the level of grant funding payable to community childcare services :

- The subvention for Band A parents (those in receipt of social welfare related payments) has been increased from €80 to €100 per week, (€5,000 p.a.).

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- The Subvention in respect of Band B parents (those in receipt of Family income Supplement (FIS) or certain childcare subsidies e.g. under FAS/ VEC schemes has been increased from €30 to €70 per week (€3,640 p.a.).
- Services will also be grant aided to provide childcare fees for parents who are above the family income Supplement (FIS) threshold. Low-income parents C are expected to benefit by €45 per week (€2,340p.a.)
- A minimum subvention of €20,000 per week which will be of particular benefit to small providers, especially in rural areas and the islands.
- Special provisions will apply in the case of some childcare services (e.g. women's refuges, special services for children of drug misusers).

For further information regarding the Scheme, Deputy Fitzpatrick advises those interested parties to log onto www.omc.gov.ie www.pobal.ie. The information currently available will be updated as soon as possible. In the meantime, community childcare services which are not already in receipt of grant aid and which to apply for funding under the CCSS, should contact their local or County Childcare Committee.



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Editorial

MAYNOOTH NEWSLETTER EDITORIAL MARCH 2008.

Without doubt the main event this month will be the national celebration " St. Patricks Day ". Throughout the world, not only in Ireland, the feast day is celebrated in style – a day during which we can all focus on what makes us distinguishable from all the other nationalities and cultures throughout the world. It is a day in which we should focus on all the positive things of being Irish – our rich history, our proud traditions of generosity, kindness, hospitality, spirituality etc etc.

Throughout the world, particularly evident in the large countries, such as the United States of America, South America, the Far east etc, there are large communities of Irish descent, who celebrate proudly and who have a very personal connection and identity with their Irish heritage even though it may be 2nd, 3rd generation etc.

We here in Ireland should reflect that pride, and ensure that we all contribute in a positive manner to making modern Ireland the best Ireland we can and one that our forebears would also be proud of.

We in Maynooth can start by attending our St. Patrick's Days Parade with our children and the next generations of young modern Ireland.

Brid Feely,
Editor.

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

The February meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place on the 11th of February in the Glenroyal Hotel.

Pay Parking In Maynooth:

Lyreen Residence Association is looking for support regarding pay-parking being introduced in the town. They have a lot of concerns and would want to meet with KCC before any decisions are made. They were assured that Maynooth Community Council would give any support necessary and it was felt that there would be no decisions made soon. Deirdre Cullen stressed that they would love to see residence parking only introduced as this would help keep people living in the town, she said that they are very concerned about this and that something will have to be done about it. It was noted that €5 would allow a resident to park all year.

Cllr. John McGinley pointed out that both Kildare County Council and CIE are involved in talks regarding parking in the Harbour Field. It was suggested by Margaret Clinch that the supermarkets could become pay-parking areas. This would involve a lot of co-operation with the appropriate authorities. There is just no place to park and this would alleviate the problem for a while.

Dublin Bus is to introduce a new service to Moyglare Hall and Meadowbrook. This would be a huge relief for people said John McGinley. It was also felt that there is a need for park and ride facilities and that maybe it's now time for multi-story car parking. It was pointed out that the underground car park in Clane works well. Margaret Clinch noted out that Celbridge and Newbridge have benefited greatly from permanent parking. It was pointed out that there is no parking outside residences doors in Newbridge. Places like Silken Vale would benefit from double yellow lines.

Theatre and Community Centre for Maynooth:

Terry Nealon said that the An Nuada players had put on eight Pantomimes and are a very successful group. He said that they had a wonderful after pantomime party which was attended by both adults and children. Terry thanked Martina O'Reilly for her great work with the children, but he was fearful that there is nothing in the town for kids and teenagers have no place to go. He said that he was in touch with the organisation Kelt that supports groups like this. He said that they love what they were doing, but could not help. Terry felt that things are really bad for young people and that there was an urgent need for a theatre in Maynooth. Maynooth

Community Council fully supports a Theatre and Community centre for Maynooth. The Geraldine Hall site was proposed for this project. Proposals were agreed and sent to Kildare County Council. While it was noted NUIM had plans for a regional theatre. It was felt and hoped that this would not affect plans for a local theatre. It was indeed hoped that with all developments planned for the Harbour Field area that Maynooth would prove successful in gaining a theatre and community centre.

Tidy Towns:

Paul Croghan said that they are at the planning stages now and have started to clean up and plant the approach roads into the town. Pound Park is in need of a clean up, cars are being driven into the park and this is tearing the place up. A group from Maynooth Tidy Towns and other Tidy Towns went on a fact finding trip to Aughrim in Co. Wicklow to see how things are done there. The trip was well worth while. Tidy Towns will celebrate their 50th year this year. They will be looking for more help this year. It is understandable that people find it hard to get out, what with weather etc, but just a little more support would make all the difference. Matt Callaghan suggested that we need a Special Olympics feel to this to get people out.

Festival:

The Festival will take place in June this year on the 25th with a performance by the St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band, and the Garda Band. Plans are still in the making.

St. Patrick's Day Parade:

John McGinley said plans are going well. He said local business is very good with sponsorship and thanked Paul Hand for all his work on this. He said that they would be looking for help on the morning of the Parade and asked for people to come forward.

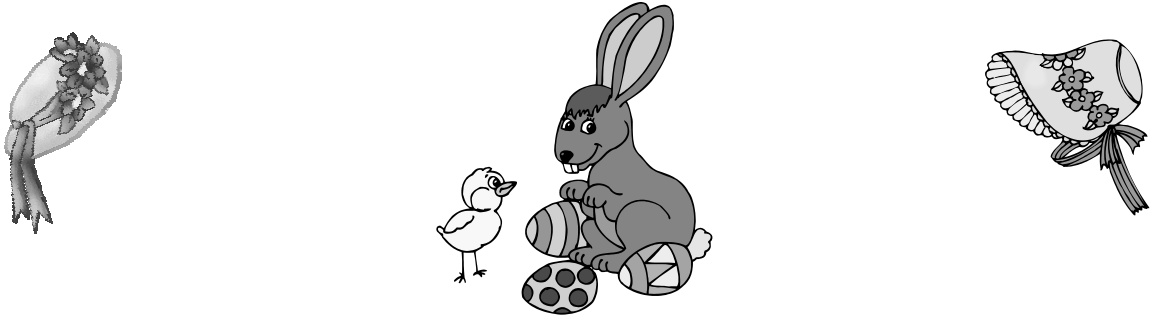
The St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place on Monday 17th march. Starting at the Greenfield Shopping Centre at 11.00 p.m.

The next Community Council meeting will take place on 11th March.

PRO Marie Gleeson

Features

THE EASTER BUNNY



The Easter Bunny has its origin in pre-Christian fertility lore. The Hare & the Rabbit were the most fertile animals known and they served as symbols of the new life during the Spring Season.

The bunny as an Easter symbol seems to have its origins in Germany, where it was first mentioned in German writings in the 1500s. The first edible Easter bunnies were made in Germany during the early 1800s. They were made of pastry and sugar.

The Easter bunny was introduced to American folklore by the German settlers who arrived in the Pennsylvania Dutch country during the 1700s. The arrival of the "*Oschter Haws*" was considered "childhood's greatest pleasure" next to a visit from Christ-Kindel on Christmas Eve. The children believed that if they were good the "*Oschter Haws*" would lay a nest of coloured eggs.

The children could build their nest in a secluded place in the home, the barn or the garden. Boys would use their caps and girls their bonnets to make the nests. The use of elaborate Easter baskets would come later as the tradition of the Easter bunny spread throughout the country.

***Easter is a time of love,
A time of death and pain undone,
So we may know the power of
The love that lives in everyone.
Each love we feel, unstained and
free,
Redeems us-as with you and me.***



Features



ST PATRICK MYTH OR LEGEND

Author Vera Phelan

There are many stories about St. Patrick, but its hard to separate the myth from the legend. We do know there was not a lot written about him from his time in Ireland as records were not kept before then. Its been said he came from England, but the Welch and the Scottish have claimed him too. What does seem to be true is that he was captured by Niall of the

Nine Hostages in a raid on his home when he was just sixteen, on arrival in Ireland he was sold to a farmer in either Antrim or Mayo.

He was a shepherd on a remote hill on his masters farm for six years.

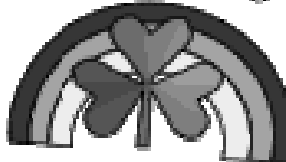
Its not known if he was religious before he came to Ireland, but he soon found it to be a great source of comfort to him. One night in a dream a voice told him to escape and go to Waterford where a boat was waiting for him, he walked for two hundred miles and sure enough a boat was there waiting.

Its not clear where he went, England or France, but it is known he trained as a priest, he had another dream telling him to return to Ireland to convert the barbarians who enslaved him. It took fourteen years to train and he asked to be allowed to return and teach the pagans about God. There is a story of Patrick lighting a fire to get the attention of the High King of Tara, he then showed him the shamrock and used it to explain the Trinity, with his permission he then set up missionaries all over Ireland.

The story of Patrick banishing all the snakes from Ireland is a myth as there were no snakes in Ireland and this seems to relate to the druids who used snakes as symbols in paganism, so it was the pagan religion that St. Patrick banished and Christianity slowly came about



Happy St.
Patrick's Day!



St. Patrick's Day Parade

The St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place on

Monday 17th March,



Starting at the Greenfield Shopping Centre
at 11.00p.m.



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Fairtrade in Maynooth

This year Maynooth celebrates its first anniversary as a Fairtrade Town. Maynooth gained its Fairtrade status last spring following a campaign promoting the use of fair trade products in its shops, schools, offices and organisations. Maynooth is Co. Kildare's first Fairtrade town and one of twenty five in Ireland. NUI Maynooth is also Ireland's first Fairtrade university.

Fairtrade Fortnight this year runs from Monday, February 25th to Sunday, March 9th and the Maynooth Fairtrade Steering Committee is encouraging the people of the town to choose Fairtrade products when doing their shopping. Many of the town's shops now stock these products, ranging from tea and coffee to bananas and chocolate.

The FAIRTRADE Mark is the independent guarantee that products carrying the Mark have been produced according to internationally agreed Fairtrade standards. In Ireland the FAIRTRADE Mark is supported by all the main overseas development agencies and by the Irish Congress of Trade Unions.

Fairtrade has improved the lives of millions of people - farmers, workers and their families - in developing countries. Governments, corporations, and consumers have roles to play. The major corporations involved in the coffee, cocoa and tea trades cannot continue to pay extremely low prices, if they are to make their Corporate Social Responsibility more than just a boardroom buzz-word. Consumers can demonstrate their solidarity with marginalised farmers, by insisting on purchasing FAIRTRADE Marked products.

Some quotes –

- "Coffee is second only to crude oil as the world's most highly traded commodity"
 - "70% of the world's coffee is grown on farms of less than 10 hectares. The vast majority is grown on family plots of between one and five hectares"
- "A bag of coffee bought for US\$50 in the Third World can retail in Irish coffee shops for between US\$15,000 and \$20,000"

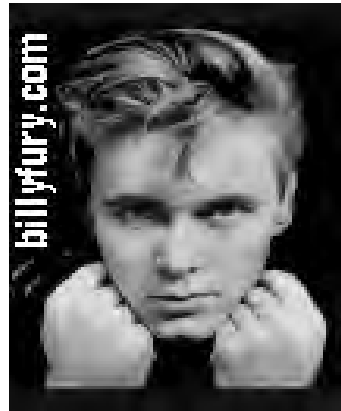
Maynooth Castle Keep Art Group forthcoming exhibition



The Castle Keep Art Group will be holding its
10th Annual Art Exhibition
in Maynooth Post Primary School
on Saturday March 29 and Sunday March 30
12 noon to 6pm
Admission Free
All welcome

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IDOL OF THE 1960s



Billy Fury was a member of the Larry Parnes stable of singers in the late 1950s/early 1960s. He was born at 8.45am on April 17, 1940, in Smithdown Hospital, Liverpool, now Sefton General Hospital, weighing 6lbs 15oz.

In May, 1958, he cut six tracks on a 78rpm acetate at Percy F. Phillips' recording studio in Liverpool. He also sent a tape of songs to impresario Larry Parnes, together with a photograph of him at the Star Studio, Bold Street

Billy's first recording, "*Maybe Tomorrow*" (one of those he offered to Marty Wilde) went into the Top 20.

Billy's good looks made him a natural for television. His first appearance was in a drama, Ted Willis's "*Strictly For The Sparrows*", in which he sang one song. He made his debut in Jack Good's "*Oh Boy!*" in February, 1959, then he and Marty Wilde became two of the favourite performers on Jack Good's "*Boy Meets Girls*", which ran from September 1959 to March 1960.

He became unable to undertake much promotional work after signing with EMI's Parlophone label in 1967, playing cabaret when his health allowed.

Billy found peace whenever possible at his home in Ockley, Surrey, to which he moved after fans plagued him at his homes in London. At Ockley, he had a mock-Tudor mansion with ten acres, where he could assemble a considerable menagerie and play host to the greats of the show business world.

He re-recorded his old hits for K-Tel in 1978 as part of an arrangement with his creditors, after being declared bankrupt, owing the Inland Revenue £16,780. Billy always blamed Larry Parnes for the problem, as in the early days, Parnes paid Billy a wage but did not take care of the tax. He was discharged from bankruptcy a year later.

On 7th March, 1982, he collapsed at his farm, suffering partial paralysis and temporary blindness. He was driven to hospital in London, and he made a good recovery.

A live TV show and a national promotional tour followed, but at 2.10pm on 28th January, 1983, he was pronounced dead on arrival at St Mary's Hospital, London, after being found unconscious in his flat in Cavendish Avenue, St John's Wood. He apparently died in the ambulance.

The heart weakness that had dogged him throughout his life finally claimed him.

Many years after his death, the original guitar was discovered, broken in his attic, it has been repaired, but it has never been retuned to his family for preservation to prevent it being stressed.

By Kevin Shannon.

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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre

Question:

I am starting a new job shortly and, due to a disability, I need to buy a car to get to work. Is there a grant available to help with the expense?

Answer:

The motorised Transport Grant is a means—tested Health Service Executive (HSE) payment for people with disabilities who need to have a car or other vehicle adapted in order to enable them to drive and, as a result, earn a living.

A grant of up to 75% of the cost may be paid, up to a maximum of €5,020.50.

You can apply to the Disability Service Manager in your Local Health Office. To be eligible to receive this grant, you must:

- Be over 17 years and under 66 years of age.
- Have a disability that impedes your use of public transport.
- Hold a driving licence.
- Be physically and mentally capable of driving.
- Require a car or other vehicle in order to obtain or retain employment or, because you live in a very isolated location.

It may be possible to get a grant if you are currently unemployed but, could take up work if you had a car. Self—employed people may also be able to get a grant.

Normally, the grant is payable where you drive yourself. It may be possible to get approval to have a grant paid where you own the car, and arrange for its adaptation, but another person drives it because, you are not physically or medically able to drive.

If you receive a Motorised Transport Grant while getting the Mobility Allowance, you will become ineligible to receive the Mobility Allowance for a period of three years. You will become eligible again after this period.

If you are paid a grant towards buying a car, it will normally be three years before you can get a grant towards replacing it.

You may also be eligible for tax relief from The Revenue Commissioners under the Disabled Drivers and Disabled Passengers Scheme.

Question:

What can I do if I need representation in a Civil Law Court Case, but I can't afford to hire a solicitor or barrister?.

Answer:

You may be able to get civil legal aid, if you meet certain requirements. This type of aid gives legal representation in non—criminal cases. Examples include: - Separation, divorce, maintenance or child custody proceedings, or disputes about contracts or hire—purchase agreements.

For you to qualify, The Legal Aid Board must be satisfied that your case is legitimate and advisable. You must also pass a means test, having disposable income of less than €18,000, and disposable capital of less than €320,000 (this does not include your home). In calculating disposable income, deductions are allowed for expenses such as childcare, dependants, accommodation and other items.

Unlike legal aid in criminal cases, civil legal aid is not free of charge. If you qualify, you will have to make some contribution towards the cost. Except in cases of extreme hardship, there is a minimum fee of €50. the minimum applies if your disposable income is less than €11,500 or if your only income is a social welfare payment.

If your disposable income is over €11,500, your contribution will be calculated as €50 plus one quarter of the difference between €11,500 and your disposable income. You may also have to pay a contribution based on a means test of your disposable capital. The actual cost of providing your legal services is also taken into account. Your local law centre can tell you the contribution that applies in your case. Local law centres are listed under Legal Aid Board in the phone book.

If you simply want to seek legal advice at this stage, rather than a solicitor or barrister to represent you in court, the same means test applies, but the required contribution will be between €10 and €150

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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre—Know Your Rights

If your application for legal aid or legal advice is refused, you may appeal the decision.

There are a number of areas that are not covered by civil legal aid, including defamation claims, land disputes, conveyancing, and matters covered by Small Claims procedure.

Question:

I am having difficulty meeting some of my bills after Christmas. Where can I get help?

Answer:

The Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS) provide support to people who need help and advice in coping with debt problems. It provides confidential advice free of charge.

MABS money advisors can help you to assess your financial situation, and make a budget plan for the future and deal with your creditors.

You can access the service in a number of ways. There are 65 MABS offices around the country which provide a face-to-face service. You can find their addresses and contact details on the website or by phoning the helpline.

The MABS national helpline number is Lo-call: 1890-283-438 or (1890 BUDGET) and operates Monday to Friday from 9.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.

The MABS website is: www.mabs.ie, and it includes an online money management facility.

You can also find useful information about managing your money at: www.itsyourmoney.ie. The website is produced by the Financial Regulator and includes information about budgeting, tackling your debts and starting to save.

**Further information is available on any of the above questions
from your local Citizens Information Centre**

Telephone: 01 - 6285477

Lo - call: 1890 - 777 - 121

Maynooth Ladies golf Society Call For New Members

Maynooth Ladies Golf society was founded in 2003 and has gone from strength since then. Over the years many women have joined us and taken up golf for the first time. To facilitate members who have never played before group lessons are organised at the Celbridge Golf Range. Those intimidated by playing in our monthly outings organise among themselves to some of the local Par 3 courses before progressing to the main outings.

The 2008 seasons kicks off with a 9 hole outing to Kilcock in February. This will be followed by 18 holes at the R and R in Dunboyne.

The remainder of the season is as follows:

April:	Dunmurray Springs
May:	Rathcore
June:	Kilkee Castle
July:	Craddockstown
August:	Woodlands
September:	Bodenstown (Captain's outing)
October:	Knightsbridge (weekend away)



Further information can be had from Deirdre Glynn
Telephone: 086-8509725

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MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES

Maynooth Community Games held their annual Art Competition on Friday 8th February. Results are as follows:-

Well done to all the boys/girls who took part, and good luck to all in The Kildare County Final on Saturday 8th March in the Curragh at 10 a.m.

Many thanks to The Boys National School for the use of the classrooms to host the event.

Next event Swimming in The Maynooth College Pool on Sunday 13th April from 2 p.m. to 4 p. m. Please come along.

Next meeting in Maynooth G.A.A. on Tuesday 1st April at 8 p.m.. Anyone interested in helping, please attend to help run the event.

Maynooth West	
Boys - Under 8	Girls - Under 8
NAME	NAME
1st. Thomas Jones	1st. Caoilin Fleming
2nd. James Carroll	2nd. Kathryn Duff
3rd. Cathal Quinn	3rd. Anna Loftus
Boys - Under 10	Girls Under 10
NAME	NAME
1st. Conor Duff	1st. Aideen Horgan
2nd. Clint Simon	2nd. Ma. Marielle R Montego
3rd. Sean Ledwidge	3rd. Órlaith Meehan
Boys Under 12	Girls Under 12
NAME	NAME
1st. Ross Kavanagh	1st. Katie Geraghty
2nd. Andrew Kelliher	2nd. Catherine Jones
3rd. Andrew Corrigan	3rd. Kristen Orumoa
Maynooth East	
Boys Under 8	Girls Under 8
NAME	NAME
1st. Colm Tracey	1st. Lara Feehan
2nd. Charlie McMyler	2nd. Jessica Sheridan
3rd. Brian Gallagher	3rd. Sophie Cronin
3rd. Jak Ub Muraruke	
Boys Under 10	Girls Under 10
NAME	NAME
1st. James Sheridan	1st. Aine Feeney
2nd David Davitt	2nd. Erin Cleary
3rd. _____	3rd. Maria Cleary

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Maynooth Community Games Cont'd

Boys Under 12	Girls Under 12
NAME	NAME
1st. Rory Feehan	1st. Emma McCullagh
2nd. David Davitt	2nd. Sarah Fanthom
3rd. _____	3rd. _____
	Girls Under 14
	NAME
	1st. Sarah Jennings 1st. Sarah Curran
	2nd. Niamh Feeney
	3rd. _____



The Staff of The Newsletter

Wish

All Our Readers

A Very Happy Easter



Horoscopes



ARIES—March 21—April 20

It's a week of a lot going on for you one way or another. A new friendship at work, and an unexpected visitor mid week could be making you a good offer or deal. The week ends with an night out with family.

Your lucky day is Tuesday, Number 1
Colour black.



TAURUS—April 21—May 21

Your at your best right now and you wonder how far you can go. A new job may come your way. A small win fall is also likely. Everything is fine for you now.

Your lucky day is Monday Number 3
Colour white.



GEMINI—May 22—June 22

The sun has come out and shines for you. A secret you hide comes out in the open and you may be left red faced. A new romance is also likely and the beginning of a new chapter starts.

Your lucky day is Wednesday Number 2
Colour yellow.



CANCER—June 23—July 23

Your in winning form so cherish that dream. Blow your own trumpet: it is important to recognise your own talents and your own worth. Bring your own flare to a new project.

Your lucky day is Friday Number 8
Colour green.



LEO—July 24—August 23

You're at a cross roads at this time and you wonder where to go next.

Go ahead and make plans that are right for you. Good luck!

Your lucky day is Tuesday Number 9
Colour red.



VIRGO—August 24—Sept 23

It's as if you're like a rocket ready to take off and you don't know where you might land. Look closely at where you are going.

Your lucky day is Thursday, Number 12
Colour orange.



LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23

You're all set for a new move one way or the other this week and changes will have to be made to meet this new move. Get things back on course and ever thing will go fine.

Your lucky day is Saturday Number 5
Colour Brown.



SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22

A Spring clean is what you should be doing at the moment and get things back in their rightful places. Sort out any underlying problems. Take a gamble at the weekend.

Lucky day Saturday
Number 9 Colour Indigo.



SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21

It's time to make a change now. You could change your image: get a new hairdo! Meet new people and get out and about. Things will work out fine for you soon. A trip overseas is also likely at some point this year.

Your lucky day is Friday Number 14
Colour Bright Blue.



CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20

Your health is what you should be taking care of this week. You know what they say: "an apple day keeps the doctor away". Things are changing for you so look forward to bright new beginnings.

Your lucky day is Monday Number 10
Colour yellow.



AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19

You feel life is good so don't be afraid of any new challenges. You cant put a foot wrong this month! Happy days..

Your lucky day is Sunday number 15 Colour gold.



PISCES—Feb 20—March 20

Spring is all round you and travel is likely this week. Take advantage of any opportunities that come your way. Monday sees something exciting happening.

Your lucky day is Wednesday Number 18
Colour green

March in the Garden



It's March. Depending on where you live, the weather can be a lovely, early spring opportunity to get out in the garden and get to work. One thing is sure, it's no time to dawdle because there's plenty to do this month.

Caution is the keyword this month. It may look warm and inviting, but unless you live in the lower latitudes, you could be courting disaster if you try to plant before your last frost date. Suit the work to the weather.

If you haven't been monitoring it, turn your compost pile now. Dampen it and begin turning it regularly to get it to heat up so you can enjoy the production of good compost faster. If you haven't started a compost pile, start one this month.

Deal with pests now. A lime sulphur spray is organic and protects against scales, mites, and borers on fruit trees, roses, and shrubs as well as black spot and powdery mildew. It's a dormant spray, so apply before the middle of the month when many plants begin to bud out. (Protect your house; it can spot brick, stucco, and leave spots on paint.) After they begin to bud, a Bordeaux mixture of copper dust can be used. Always use any compound—organic or otherwise—cautiously according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Get those weeds while they are little. Use a flame gun to spot kill weeds while they are small or pull by hand. Vinegar or boiling water will also work to kill weeds and won't leave problems behind. Avoid using salt, because it will ruin the soil.

If you haven't already planned your season's plantings, do it now. Take advantage of companion planting that can strengthen and reinforce plant vigour while repelling pests. For example, nasturtiums and marigolds repel white flies and aphids.

March is the best time to make corrections and improvements to lawns including reseeding. Adding a layer of compost mixed with wood ash can reinvigorate poor soil and cut down on moss. Build a cold frame to acclimatise seedlings and tender plants to ready them for transplant in April and May. Finish other structural projects like trellises before planting.

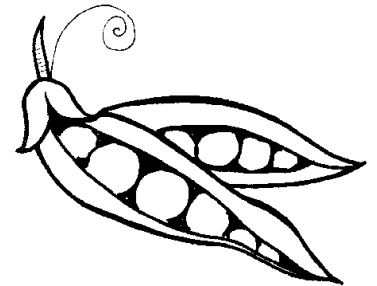
Plant early spring vegetables and flowers. These include spinach, lettuces, peas, and leeks as well as sweet peas.

Depending on your region, early spring is also a good time to divide and transplant if the soil isn't too wet. Re-spacing existing favourites can give them extra wiggle room to get bigger and healthier.

Mulch early bulbs especially if you live in less temperate areas where freezing temperatures hang on.

Dahlia tubers stored last fall can be started late in the month. Lay on a bed of sand and begin watering. (Avoid over watering and too much warmth.)

Prune roses just before they start to bud out.

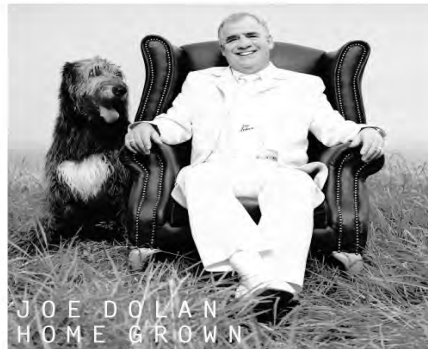


Attend to your indoor plants too. They've just come through a long winter and need a bit of fertilizer. Re-pot those that are root bound. Avoid over watering as weakened plants are more readily subject to disease and root rot. Dig out clumps of violets to bring indoors. Keep them cool.

If you've not pondered the idea, you might consider getting some chickens. March is the ideal month to brood a few chicks (check local planning for numbers allowed in your area) to raise hens for egg laying, bug catching, and weeding. (You'll need to keep them out of your tender plants though.)



HEAVEN'S GOT ANOTHER STAR



Joe Dolan was born in Mullingar, County Westmeath. The youngest of eight, his Father died when he was 8 and his Mother when he was 15. Joe was left at home with brother Ben, as the rest of the family had either emigrated or settled down. On Ben's advice, Joe started work as an apprentice newspaper compositor with the local newspaper, the Westmeath Examiner.

The Dolan household was always noted for music, Joe was to be seen in those early days playing the washboard accompanying his sisters' singing in the house. Indeed, it was no surprise that Joe and Ben decided to put a band together and play the local dancehall circuit.

Joe finished his apprenticeship with the Westmeath Examiner and decided to embark on a fulltime career in the music business. If the Band didn't work out he'd always have his skill to fall back on. The Drifters Showband was formed and Joe was the Guitarist and Lead Singer.

It was 1964, Joe cut his first record an old Del Shannon song called "The Answer To Everything", which answered his prayers by shooting straight to the No.4 spot in the Irish Charts. He was on a roll, hit followed hit, "I Love You More And More Everyday", "My Own Peculiar Way", "Aching Breaking Heart", "Pretty Brown Eyes", "Tar And Cement", "The House With The Whitewashed Gable", "Love Of The Common People", and "The Westmeath Bachelor". The rest, as they say, is history.

Joe was taken ill at his home in Foxrock, Christmas Night and died just after 3pm St. Stephen's Day from a suspected brain haemorrhage. Joe passed away peacefully surrounded by his family and friends.

He was buried after funeral mass in Walshestown Cemetary, just outside his hometown of Mullingar.

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THE YEAR OF THE RAT, 2008

7 February 2008 - 25 January 2009 (Earth)



According to the Chinese Zodiac, the Year of 2008 is a Year of the Rat (Earth), which began on 7 February 2008 and ends on 25 January 2009. First in the cycle of 12 Animal signs, Rat Year begins the sequence and recurs every twelfth year. It is a time of renewal in so many ways. From New Year to Valentine's Day, to the arrival of spring, may all the blessings and delights of the New Year be yours.

A Rat Year is a time of hard work, activity, and renewal. This is a good year to begin a new job, get married, launch a product or make a fresh start. Ventures begun now may not yield fast returns, but opportunities will come for people who are well prepared and resourceful. The best way for you to succeed is to be patient, let things develop slowly, and make the most of every opening you can find. People born in an Earth Rat are said to be logical realists, shrewd, charming, ambitious, and inventive. Of course, the entire horoscope must be considered when making any personality assessment.

In Chinese, the Rat is respected and considered a courageous, enterprising person. People born in the Year of Rat are clever and bright, sociable and family-minded. They have broad interests and strong ability in adapting to the environment and able to react adequately to any changes.

They are gifted in many ways and have an easy going manner. They are active and pleasant, tactful and fantastic, and are able to grasp opportunities. They seem to have interests in everything and hope to participate in doing it and usually do it very well.

The Sign of the Rat

An opportunist with an eye for a bargain, Rats tend to collect and hoard, but are unwilling to pay too much for anything. They are devoted to their families, particularly their children. Quick-witted and passionate, they are capable of deep emotions despite their cool exteriors. Their nervous energy and ambition may lead them to attempt more tasks than they are able to complete successfully. Rats are blessed with one of the best intellects going.

The sign of the Rat is the first one in the cycle, giving Rat people great leadership qualities and they are

usually good at taking the lead.

They don't mind a lot of responsibility and they demonstrate a strong presence that other people respect. For those with the Rat nature, status and monetary satisfaction are the greatest motivation.

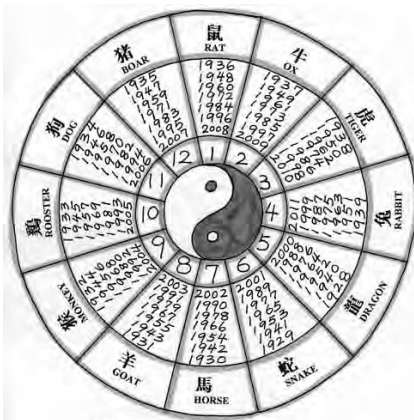
The affect of the sign of the Rat is energetic, and demonstrates enough endurance to fight almost any sickness. Yet, all Rats tend to be tense, full of nervous energy, and prone to stress. Yoga and meditation would benefit Rats by calming their aggressive natures and helping them manage stress.

Rats make good homemakers who are always willing to do household chores. Because this is a sign of acquisition, the Rat person's house is presumably bursting with various knick-knacks collected over the years. Most Rats are cheerful, domesticated individuals who find happiness at home with their family.

The Chinese say others should always listen to the advice of the Rat. Because of their intellect and observatory powers, Rat people possess prudence and perception. They can anticipate problems, and are always able to see the big picture. Status, money, title and recognition are important to the Rat. They have a keen sense of observation that allows them to foresee upcoming business opportunities as well as potential occupational problems. The Rat makes a better boss than an employee. Rats work better in flexible situations where they can be freely creative.

Cunning and thrifty, Rats have a knack with money and are apt to save for rainy days. When capable, the Rat is a great money saver, and in strapped times he knows how to make something out of nothing or how to make things advantageous for himself.

Generally friendly and sociable, the Rat is one of the extroverts of the 12 Animal signs. They have a special gift for easing the minds of others. It is not surprising that Rats have a lot of friends. To the people they love, Rats can be amazingly charitable, popular and supportive. Although Rats like to be in the driver's seat, they do need partners who can keep up with their active lifestyles. Rat people are romantic, and are always happier to have someone to share with.



Chinese Zodiac

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The 25th Anniversary Of An infamous Act The Kidnapping of Shergar

On the evening of Feb 12th 1982, a number of vehicles, driven by armed masked men entered the gates of Ballymany Stud near Newbridge Co. Kildare. The stud farm, owned by the Aga Khan, housed the dual Derby winner, the brilliant Shergar, who was in the infancy of his stud career. The gates were unguarded as this was a different Ireland than we have today. The vehicles drove through the darkness up a long winding drive to a small cluster of barns and cottages at the centre of the stud. At least two armed men knocked on the door of the house belonging to Jim Fitzgerald, the head groom at Ballymany. Bernard, Jim's son, opened the door to be greeted by masked men armed with automatic pistols. Having pushed their way into the living room they immediately intimidated the other six members of the family. Jim, hearing the commotion came running from another part of the house and was also taken captive. The father and son were taken to the stallion barn and forced at gunpoint to identify Shergar. The horse was loaded into a horsebox and Jim was taken as a hostage to be released four hours later somewhere along the Naas dual carriageway. The horse was never seen alive again.

Jim Fitzgerald advised the Gardai that the kidnappers had requested a two million pound ransom for the safe return of the horse. This ransom demand was repeated two days later by a phone call to Ghislain Drion, who looked after the Aga Khan's interests in Ireland. His owner had syndicated Shergar for ten million pounds and thirty-four individuals took up the shares offered. The names of the shareholders represented "a who's who" of racing. Captain Tim Rogers and John Magnier from Ireland, Lord Derby and Lord Howard de Walden from the UK and Paul Mellon and John Gaines from the United States. With so many people involved there was always going to be difficulties in getting agreement as to how the matter should be handled. There was no clear idea who was involved. There was little evidence available as to who carried out the abduction of the horse. It was reported at the time

that initial Garda and Special Branch investigations indicated that it was not an IRA operation. It was also reported that His Highness, the Aga Khan, as spiritual leader of his people, had powerful enemies who would have had motive to commit the crime.

One who stood up and identified himself was Wayne Murty, an American who had purchased the Boussac Estate including fifty-six horses from Marcel Boussac. Later, a French court declared elements of the sale invalid and the Aga Khan ended up with the horses. Wayne Murty was livid and freely admitted, at the time, he was prepared to get justice from His Highness. He denied involvement in the kidnap and no evidence was ever produced linking him with those who kidnapped Shergar.

The sheer number of shareholders involved put a block on attaining agreement on how the matter of ransom money was to be dealt with. Lord Derby in particular was not in favour of making such a payment. It was reported at the time that Superintendent Jimmy Murphy, the Senior Garda in charge of the operation, did not get the full disclosure of information or full co-operation from a number of parties involved. Despite the thousands of words written and claims of some journalists to have contact with people on the "inside" of the abduction, the trail went cold. The expert opinion now is that the horse was probably slain within days of his kidnap. Expert opinion also states some elements of an IRA gang helped a group of criminals to carry out this crime. Someone knows where he lies. It is hoped that a day will come when his remains will be finally laid to rest in the green pastures of Kildare, marked by a granite headstone where all good racing men can meet and reflect on the

life of a great racehorse.

Tribute from Richard Stone Reeves (Renown American Equine Artist)

"Shergar was one of the kindest horses I ever knew. He first posed for me at Michael Stoute's yard in Newmarket after he had completed his racing career at the end of his three-year-old season. I then

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proceeded to Ireland ten days later to do my final studies at his home at the Aga Khan's Ballymany Stud. He was such a pleasant horse that when the stud manager, Monsieur Drion had brought him out of his stall, he allowed my wife Martha to come up and stroke his head and muzzle. He loved the attention. When we arrived earlier that day at the farm and looked in on Shergar, Monsieur Drion's two young sons were in the stall with him. I have never seen a young stallion just out of training so gentle and friendly. He would be one of the most memorable commissions that I ever undertook".



Piggott rides Shergar as Walter Swinburn suspended

Shergar's Racing Record

19th September 1980	Newbury	Kris Plate	1 mile. 1 st
25 th October 1980	Doncaster	Futurity	1 mile. 2 nd
25 th April 1981	Sandown Park	Classic Trial	1 st
5 th May 1981	Chester	Chester Vase	1 1/2 miles. 1 st
3 rd June 1981	Epsom	Epsom Derby	1 1/2 miles. 1 st
27 th June 1981	Curragh	Irish Derby	1 1/2 miles. 1 st
25 th July 1981	Ascot	King George	1 1/2 miles. 1 st
12 th September 1981	Doncaster	St. Leger	1 3/4 miles. 4 th

Conferring of Mark Jennings



The photo shows left to right : Mary Jennings, Mark Jennings and Kevin Jennings of Moyglare Abbey, Maynooth at the recent conferring on Mark of an Honours Degree in Business Economics and Social Studies in Trinity College. Mark is also Honourary Secretary of one of the Fianna Fail Cumannns in Maynooth and plans to pursue a Career in Law.

Clubs, Organisations And Societies

Maynooth Tidy Towns

It's March already and Maynooth Tidy Towns is gearing up with activities as the grass and weeds are growing and litter has gathered in the usual black spots because nobody has removed it over the winter months. Here are some of the things that we are getting up this month.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

We have taken part in the parade for many years and it is a good opportunity to highlight our voluntary work and indeed environmental issues in general. We have been a regular prize-winner for our float and in 2008 our message is "Make Maynooth Great in 2008". This year is the fiftieth anniversary of the "National Tidy Towns Competition" and the St. Patrick's Day Parade will be the first occasion that we will be celebrating Maynooth's participation in the competition, honouring the local people who have kept the Tidy Towns ideal alive in a place which has changed very significantly in the period.

National Tree Week 3-7th March

Much recognition has been given to Maynooth over the years for the wonderful wide Main Street with the mature trees. Unfortunately, more recently new trees planted by residents and others in Maynooth have been vandalised. Despite this trees must be planted and "National Tree Week" is a time to consider the possibility of planting new trees in your area. If you do so make sure to check that they are appropriate for where you are planting and of course try to protect them from both human and weather damage. Maynooth Tidy Towns will be planting trees in the town and we will give more details next month.

Cleaning up is ongoing

Maynooth Tidy Towns' members spend a significant amount of time removing litter from areas not serviced by Kildare County Council and in other areas where there is a litter collection service but only on certain days of the week. Last year (and more than likely this year) at the peak summer period when the judging for the national competition was happening we collected litter on two evenings a week and on a Sunday morning. Whilst our main priority is enhancement projects they would count for little if we did not involve ourselves in maintenance as well. Whilst we know that many people work away quietly in their own areas and this is appreciated, we have arranged two clean up days in March and you would be most welcome to join us for whatever time that you can give, details as follows:

Saturday March 8th – Meet at Supervalu Car Park at 9am

Friday March 21st (Good Friday) – Meet at St. Mary's Boys School at 9am

April is "National Spring Clean" month which is run by "An Taisce" on behalf of the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. Maynooth Tidy Towns would encourage residents associations, schools and other groups to organise special cleanups in your area during April. You can contact on "An Taisce" who will provide bags and other equipment to help you with this work.

Maynooth doing well but could do better

See below a table showing the summary results on how Maynooth scored in the National Tidy Towns Competition 2007. In many of the categories we are only achieving half or less of the available marks. For example Maynooth only scored thirty out of fifty points available for Litter Control or seven out of twenty for waste minimisation. There are two ways in which you can help:

1. If you are running projects that would benefit Maynooth in the competition please let us know and we will include it in our presentation to the judges. One example might be a waste minimisation scheme that your business or group has put in place .
2. Another way that you could help would be if you could assist us to develop projects around judging categories and we could work on them together. An example might be the devising of wildlife and natural amenities project on your property or in your residential area.

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Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Maynooth** Ref: **377**
 County: **Kildare** Mark: **261**
 Category: **F** Date(s): **18/06/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	44
The Built Environment	50	33
Landscaping	50	40
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	25
Litter Control	50	30
Waste Minimisation	20	7
Tidiness	30	16
Residential Areas	40	28
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	30
General Impression	10	8
TOTAL MARK	400	261

Just two years ago Maynooth was ranked in the higher scoring levels of the competition and received a second judging because of this. However, when the overall marks available was increased from 300 to 400 we slipped out of the top part of the league. An ambitious target would be to increase our score in 2008 to 280 marks bringing us up to 70% of the total mark. This is achievable with your support and efforts.

REMEMBER MAKE MAYNOOTH GREAT IN 2008

Paul Croghan PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns

Have you some spare time?

Maynooth Tidy Towns is one of the biggest and most successful community groups in the town. It has a clear focus and ambition for Maynooth to win the National Tidy Towns Competition. It promotes good environmental practice and engenders pride in the place we live.

Members of the committee and volunteers bring many different ideas and skills to our work. If you would like to join us and be part of this positive movement in our town you would be very welcome. You can give as much as you are available for and everyone's efforts are appreciated

To get involved just simply text us at 087 3153189

St. Patrick's Day & Easter Recipes

Saint Patrick's Porter Cake

Ingredients

- 450g / 1lb Cream Plain Flour
- Pinch of Salt
- 1 level teaspoon Baking Powder
- 1 level teaspoon Mixed Spice
- 225g / 8oz Sugar
- 225g / 8oz Butter
- 375g Packet of Sultanas
- 100g Carton Candied Peel
- 300ml / 1/4 pint Guinness (Porter)
- 2 Eggs (beaten)

Method

1. Preheat oven 180°C/350°F/Gas 4.
2. Line a 20cm/8" round cake tin with greaseproof paper.
3. Sieve the flour, salt, baking powder and mixed spice into a bowl and add the sugar.
4. Rub in the butter and add the fruit and mix.
5. Add the porter to the beaten eggs and add to fruit mixture.
6. Mix well.
7. Transfer to the prepared tin and bake for approximately 2 hours.
8. Place on a low shelf position in the oven.
9. If browning too quickly cover with greaseproof paper.

Easter Egg Cakes

Ingredients

- 1 packet Quick Cake Mix Plain or Chocolate
- Up to 225g of leftover Easter Egg (broken into pieces)
- Any Smarties or Buttons or chopped Mars Bars!

Method

1. Preheat oven to 180°C/350°F/Gas 4. Put paper cases in the bun tins.
2. Prepare mixture as per instructions. Finally, stir in the broken Easter egg and sweets. If liked some sweets may be placed on top of buns before baking!

Dairy-Free Chocolate Cake

Ingredients

- 200g/7oz Cream Plain Flour
- 175g/6oz Sugar
- 2 tablespoons Cocoa
- 1 teaspoon Bread Soda
- 5 tablespoons Sunflower Oil
- 1 teaspoon White or Cider Vinegar
- 1 teaspoon Vanilla Essence
- 225ml/8 fluid oz Water

Method

1. Preheat oven to 180°C/350°F/Gas 4. Lightly grease a 19cm/8" round cake tin and line the base with greaseproof paper.
2. Put the flour and sugar into a mixing bowl, sieve in the cocoa and bread soda and mix well.
3. In a small bowl, beat the oil, vinegar, vanilla essence and water.
4. Add the liquid to the dry ingredients and mix until well blended. Immediately transfer to the prepared tin.
5. Bake for about 40 minutes until 'firm' to the touch and well risen.
6. Allow to cool in the tin for about 15 minutes, then transfer to a wire tray.
7. Serve warm with cream or ice cream.

Open Fruit & Apple Pie

Ingredients

- 275g / 10oz Cream Plain Flour
- 150g / 5oz Margarine
- 5-6 tablespoons cold water

Filling

- 4 Eating Apples and Mixed Berries
- 50g/2oz Brown Sugar
- 2 teaspoons Ground Cinnamon
- Grated Rind and Juice of 1 Lemon
- 25g / 1oz Butter
- 3 tablespoons Honey

Method

1. Preheat oven to 200°C/400°F/Gas 6 and lightly grease a 23cm/9" pie dish.

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Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location	Development Type
08//54	Noel Tracey	P	21/01/08	The development consists of 1) the retention of renovations to the existing house and retention of new sunroom at the rear of the house 2) the erection of porch at the front of house 3) the erection of a shed and greenhouse in the back garden	73 Maynooth Park Maynooth Co. Kildare	Extension
08/55	Niall Gillick	P	21/01/08	Permission for change of use from retail unit to café(56sqm), extension of opening hours to 9.30p.m. and minor internal alternations comprising 2 no. new openings through parting wall to enlarge existing café previously granted under ref. 01/1882	2 Fagans Lane Maynooth Village, Maynooth Co. Kildare	Commercial Development
08/85	Liam & Susanne Tilly	P	25/01/08	Development consisting of to erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion, erect a porch to front of existing dwelling house and also widen existing entrance at etc.	15 Parklands Rise Railpark Maynooth, Co. Kildare	Extension
07/1270	Tadhg Molloy	P	06/06/07	Minor window and door alteration to south, east and west elevations and internal alternations within dwelling to form a self contained granny flat unit in new rear extension	345 Old Greenfield Maynooth Co. Kildare	One Off House
07/1644	Pat Comerford	P	13/07/07	Alternations which comprises of 2 no. existing 1 bedroom apartments as follows: (a) change of building from storey and by half to two storey by construction of first floor extension and new roof etc.	3 & 4 Buckley Court Back Lane Maynooth	Extension
07/2272	Maynooth Credit Union	P	24/09/07	Upgrade and extension works incorporating minor alternations to shop front and to provide additional office/storage space for Credit Union,	Main Street Maynooth Co. Kildare	Commercial Development
07/2473	Nicholas & Caroline Byrne	P	23/10/07	Construct a first floor extension to rear of existing dwelling house	16 Rockfield Grove Railpark Maynooth	Extension
07/1419	Merr Development Ltd	P	06/02/08	Development consists of the construction of a road of total overall linear length of approximately 1400m and width of 17.8m containing two traffic lanes with grass margins footpaths cycle tracks and junctions including internal roundabouts. Etc.	Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	Other
07/177	Earthridge International Ltd	P	05/02/08	(1) Demolish 2 no. private dwelling houses, (2) demolish adjacent workshop and warehousing, (3) construct new wholesale warehouse, (4) Alter existing vehicular entrance to adjoining premises (Barrett Heating) to provide vehicular access etc.	Dowdstown Maynooth Co. Kildare	Commercial Development

Recipes continued

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2. Sieve the flour into a bowl, add the margarine and rub in until the mixture resembles coarse breadcrumbs.
 3. Stir in just enough cold water to bring to a dough. Form into a ball, wrap in Clingfilm and leave in the fridge for approx 20 minutes.
 4. Peel core and slice the apples. Combine the sugar and cinnamon in a bowl, add the apples, mixed berries, lemon rind and juice and stir.
 5. Roll out the dough on a lightly floured surface to a circle about 30cm /12" in diameter. Transfer to the prepared dish, leaving the dough hanging over the edge. Fill with the apple mixture.
 6. Fold in the edges and crimp loosely for a decorative effect. Dot the apples with diced butter.
 7. Bake in the centre of the oven until the pastry is golden and apples are tender, approx 45 minutes.
 8. Melt the honey in a saucepan and brush over the apples to glaze.
- Delicious served warm with vanilla ice cream or custard.

Quick Baked Cheesecake

Ingredients

- 75g/3oz Cream Flour
- 125g/4oz Brown Sugar
- Pinch of Cinnamon
- 4 Eggs
- 75g/4oz Ground Almonds
- 225ml/8 fl oz Soured Cream
- 225g/8 oz Cream Cheese
- 2 tablespoons Grand Marnier & Rind of 1 Orange

Method

1. Liberally grease a 23cm/9" spring-form cake tin and sprinkle the base with the sugar mixed with cinnamon and half the orange rind.
2. Put eggs, ground almonds, flour, soured cream, cream cheese, 2 tablespoons of Grand Marnier and the remaining orange rind into a food processor and count to 20 while blending!
3. Pour into the tin and bake in a pre-heated oven at 180°C/350°F/Gas 4 for 40 minutes approximately until set. As this is quite a runny mixture, it is best to place the cake tin on a baking tray in the oven.
4. When baked, carefully remove from tin.
Serve warm or cold.



The Staff of The Newsletter

Wish

All Mothers

A Very Happy Mothers Day



Useful Telephone Numbers

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ADULT CEILI AND SET DANCING	Contact: Rita Doyle	086-2862475/ 6286169
AN NUADA PLAYERS	Contact: Terry Nealon	086-8068068
BRIDGE CLUB	Contact: Joan Howard Williams	6289239
CASTLE COMMITTEE	Contact Tony Bean Sec. Gerald &Joan Howard Williams, Carton Demense	087-949459
CASTLE KEEP ART GROUP	Contact: Susan Durack Sec.	6289349
CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTRE		6285477
COMMUNITY GAMES	Contact: Joe Geraghty Margaret Houlihan	087-6181235 087-2054854
DENTIST	Dr. G.B. Glass Dr. G.A. O'Reilly Dr. J.G. Merrick	6289284 6286318 6286318
DOCTORS	DR. D. Gaffney DR. D. Nolan DR. C.D. O'Rourke DR. J. Cornish DR. N. Wilson DR. M. Cowhey	6291169 6285943 6285210 6292556 5052135 6289044
FAS OFFICE		6290556
FLOWER CLUB	Contact: Moira Baxter, Applewood, Laraghbryan ,Maynooth	6289102
FOLK GROUP	Contact: Elaine Bean	087-9704912/6274714
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HEALTH CENTRE		6285415
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LARAGHBRYAN CEMETRY COMMITTEE	Contact: Breda Holmes, Barrogstown, Maynooth Sec. Helen Johnson	6289757
LIONS CLUB	Contact: Freddie Melia,	6289555
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MARTIAL TAEKWON-DO	Contact: Gerard McCelland	087-279621/6280868
MAYNOOTH ADULT DAYTIME EDUCATION (MADE)	Contact: Bernadette Duffy	6016179

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MAYNOOTH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION	Contact: Brid Feely	087-2052649
MAYNOOTH FAIR TRADE	Contact: Dr. John Sweeney	087-2476516
MAYNOOTH JUDO CLUB	Contact: Mary Mc Donald	087-9677596
MAYNOOTH PHYSIOTHERAPY CLINIC & LEINSTER CLINIC		6290895
MORTALITY SOCIETY	Contact: Paddy Nolan	6286312
NORTH KILDARE JUNIOR TENNIS CLUB	North Kildare Club	6103909 6287243
PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP	Contact: Bronwyn Mooney	6289405
PARISH	Fr. Paul Coyle Fr. Liam Rigney Parish Office	6290553 6286220 6293018
POST OFFICE		6286259
MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY LIBRARY	Librarian: Bernadette Gilligan	6285530
ROYAL AMENITY AND RESTORATION GROUP CANAL	Office Contact: Mark Kennedy, 83 Maynooth Park Maynooth	6290980 6286443
SCHOOLS	Boys' National School Presentation Girls' Primary School Post Primary School Scoil Ui Fhiaich	6293021 6286034 6286060 6290667
SCOUTS	Scouting Ireland Contact: Johnny Dowling	086-1017492
SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE	Contact: Patricia Cusker, Silken Vale, Maynooth. Josie Moore, Greenville, Straffan Road, Maynooth.	087-2982455
SOCCER CLUB	Contact: Edel Pat Moynihan	087-2680405 087-9078861
ST. MARY'S BRASS AND REED BAND	Contact: Melanie Oliver	087-9704910
SWIMMING CLUB	Contact : Catherine Carton	6290479
TIDY TOWNS	Contact: Secretary	087-3153189
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VIOLENCE IN THE HOME		1800-341-900

Features



Cds and DVDs make it easy to store and share photos, music, videos and files you need to keep safe. We will show you how to take full advantage of optical discs.

At first, it's easy to overlook the CD or DVD burner in your computer. Almost every PC these days comes with one and it's hardly the most glamorous piece of kit, but put it to good use and you'll find that this simple computer can revolutionise the way you watch and listen to movies and music, help you create your audio and video discs, and that's just the start.

In this feature we'll show you how to take advantage of your PC's disc burning features, but before we get down to the nitty-gritty we'll explain why your CD/DVD drive is so important and exactly what it can do.

Modern DVD writers can be used to create a wide range of disc types. You can, for instance, create DVD video disc of your own home movies or convert old video tape recordings to DVDs. And don't forget that all DVD burners can record to blank CDs too, making them perfect for putting together music compilations or for converting your record and tape collection to audio CD or **MP3** format.

On top of that CDs and DVDs can be used to store virtually any kind of data you want to put on to them – whether you're backing up important documents, photos and other files or you just want to transport data from one PC to another.

CRACKING THE CODE

To start creating CD and DVD discs, you'll need to purchase some blank discs. Annoyingly, though, CDs and DVDs come in a bewildering number of formats, and both blank media and disc drives are often labelled with unhelpful jargon. We'll explain the various types available, and the advantages of each.

There are two types of recordable CD, each capable of holding around **700MB** of data. This equates to around 400 high-resolution photos or 140 songs

Create CDs and DVDs

stored in the compressed MP3 format. On a CD-R disc the R stands for "**recordable**". CD-R discs are sold blank and you can record to them **once**. A CD-RW disc, where RW stands for "**rewritable**", can be written to (recorded to) over and over again. DVD discs can hold far more than CDs but they come in many more formats. Like CDs recordable and rewritable, DVDs are labelled with the letters R, for recordable, and RW, for rewritable. They all hold around **4.7 GB** of files – that's enough for around 2,000 photos.

PLUS POINTS

The key difference with DVDs is denoted by a plus (+) or minus (-) symbol. These show which of the two types of recordable DVDs, invented by two different companies, a disc or writer is compatible with. So, a DVD format's name is split into three parts. Taking "**DVD+RW**" as an example, the DVD indicates that it is a DVD, the "**+**" means it is in the **plus** format and the "**RW**" shows that it is a **rewritable** disc.



You can, for instance, create DVD video disc of your own home movies or convert old video tape recordings to DVDs.

Pick DVD discs that use the same format as the writer in your computer. The majority of computers made over the past three or four years have writers that support both + and -DVD discs, but check the symbol on the front of the CD drive.

Recently, DVD disc types have been made more confusing by the arrival of **double-layer** discs. These discs can store up to 8.5 GB of files. Double-layer versions of DVD+R and DVD-R discs are available. Double-layer discs are indicated by the letters "DL", so a DVD+R DL disc is a double-layer, + format, writable DVD. Double-Layer discs are ideal for storing extremely large files, such as video footage, but to use them you'll need a compatible DVD writer.

If your DVD writer does not support double-layer discs and you really need to store large amounts of data, the simplest option is to add a new, external double-layer drive. External drives that connect to a USB port cost as little as €35.

More next month!

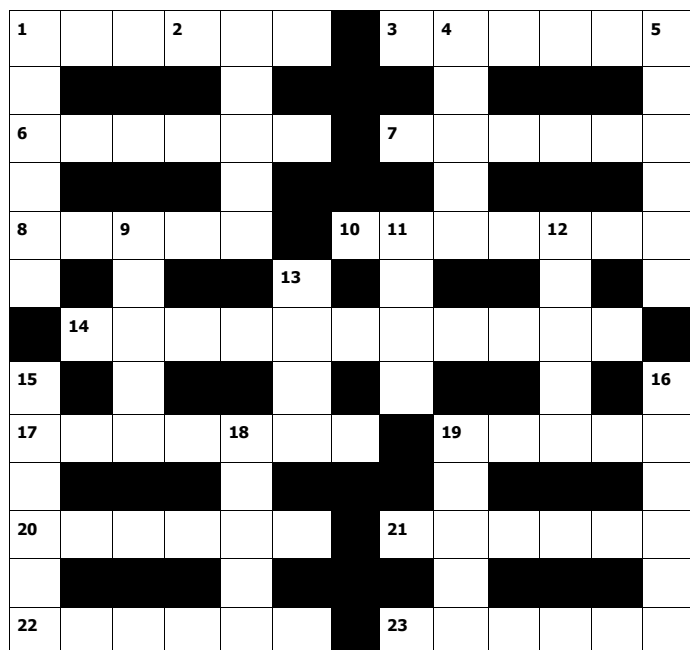
Jane MacNulty, Swift Computer Training

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TIDY TOWNS PROJECT



Crossword No: 64



Entries before Monday 10th March 2008

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Across:

1. Ailment (6)
3. Flatten (6)
6. Noisily (6)
7. Coarse (6)
8. Famous clipper, the ___ Sark (5)
10. Hit recorders of Eternal Flame (7)
14. American footballer (11)
17. Raise (7)
19. Last of the Summer Wine Character (5)
20. Sound intensity (6)
21. Channel (6)
22. Fashionable (6)
23. Heraldic dragon (6)

Down:

1. Ill- will (6)
2. Singer, ___ Parton (5)
4. Grieve (5)
5. Pester (6)
9. Peace pact (5)
11. Crooked (4)
12. Deputising doctor (5)
13. Printer's term, let it stand (4)
15. Rich-piled fabric (6)
16. Rule (6)
18. Pointed (5)
19. Film, ___ on Doctor (5)

Special prize

BOOK VOUCHER

Give yourself the luxury of browsing and choosing the book(s) which take your fancy from the wide selection available in the store

of our sponsor

The Maynooth Bookshop
 68 Main Street, Maynooth

Winner

Bernadette Duffy
 175, Kingsbry,
 Maynooth

Solutions to Crossword No. 63

Across: 1. Parka, 7. Signpost, 8. Swarm, 10. Bing Crosby, 12. Ridicule, 14. Find, 16. Bunk, 17. Vermouth, 20. Triplicate, 23. Haydn, 24. Anaconda, 25. Under.

Down:

1. Pester, 2. Kerb, 3. Ling, 4. Snore, 5. Conscious, 6. Stayed, 9. Mince, 11. Identical, 13. Lie, 15. Smith, 16. Batman, 18. Hefner, 19. Bloom, 21. Cede, 22. Earn.

Doodle Box

Puzzles—Sudoku

Easy

	1		3		4		5	7
7			8	6				
3		4				6	9	1
9			6		5	4	1	2
1		8				9		6
4	2	6			9			8
5	3	1		7		2		9
				3	8			5
	4	9	1		2	7		

Medium

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7			5			8	4	
5		8	4					3
			3	5				
4	5	9				3	2	1
				4	9			
1					8	2		5
	3	5			4			8
8	6	2			5	4	7	9



Difficult

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4								7
5	6	7		3		4		
		4	5	7				3
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9				1	3	2		
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8								9
		6						

Super Difficult

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7				3	5	2		9
		5				7		
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		9		4			5	
4	3		1					
	6							





~ Have Fun While Advertising Yourself ~

Take Part in:

Maynooth's St Patrick's Day Parade!

Application Form for Parade

Name of Business: _____

Organisation, Club or Band: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Contact Person: _____

- All vehicles entering **must have a float**, preferably a **live band** with **traditional, rock or pop music**.
- HGV's, lorries or cars ***without a float will not be accepted***.
- Do you wish to do a demo (3-4 mins) at Reviewing Stand? Yes ☐ No ☐

Entrance Fee:

- **Commercial Float ~ €50**
- **Club/Organisation ~ €20**
- **Bands ~ Free**

The categories for which prizes will be awarded are as follows:

1	Best Commercial Float	Trophy	2	Best Club Float	Trophy
3	Best Band	Perpetual Cup	4	Best Portrayal of Irish Culture	Trophy
5	Best Portrayal of International Culture	Trophy	6	Best Portrayal of Environmental Awareness	Trophy
7	Best School Float	Trophy			

Applications with entry fee to be sent to Community Council Office before Friday 29th February or phone Marie Gleeson (office hours - 6285922 or 6285053) or John McGinley (6285293 (H) or 7026536 (W))

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Maynooth Band Bulletin For March

St. Mary's Band held a very well attended Annual General Meeting on Monday 28th January which saw some new faces joining the committee elected to steer the Band through the challenges of the year ahead.

St. Mary's Brass and Reed Committee 2008

Chairperson: Michael Dempsey
Asst Chairperson: Cliff Murphy
Secretary: Melanie Oliver
Treasurer: Elaine Bean



Committee Members: Paddy Boyd, Mick Brophy, Seamus O'Reilly, Catherine Heslin, John Curran, Peter Brazil, & Kevin Boyd.

The very mention of March in Ireland and in Maynooth in particular, can only mean one thing: St. Patrick's day parades, and once again St. Mary's Band acts like a magnet for parade organisers far and wide. In fact up to recently we have still been getting an entry form for the St. Patrick's Day parade in Kansas City Missouri, USA where we had the honour of being awarded the Best Band in the 1998 Parade. Sadly the cost of that operation (25,000 Irish Pounds in that year) puts a repeat of that trip into the realms of fairytale.

Because of the changing make-up of the Band in recent years we have decided to limit our National Feast Day schedule to two parades this year as a starting time of 10 a.m. preparing for the Maynooth Parade and a return time of 5 p.m. from a third parade more often than not resulted in strained bodies, strained family relations and sometimes saturated uniforms. In fact last year many members returned from the third parade with fume filled lungs courtesy of their thoughtless placing immediately behind an articulated truck which was not exactly belching eau de cologne. This year the Band will lead both the Maynooth and Kilcock parades where the familiar blue and white uniform is much more appreciated.

The Band are also looking forward to a parade with a difference on Sunday 16th March when they travel to Delvin in Co, Westmeath for a Parade to beat all parades. This pageant represents the very best in country life with floats containing the full range of farm animals, fantastic comedy floats, donkeys and many other creative entries. Two years ago the Band had the "honour" of being photographed with the bold Michael O'Leary (a local resident) of Ryanair fame with the Cheltenham Gold Cup (he'd do anything for a bit of publicity). For those of you with nothing to do on the 16th it's a trip well worth making. The income from this parade is one of the events which helps to keep the Band running throughout the year but of course we are always on the look out for a major sponsor to help with our overheads and are open at all times to discuss returns for your money. All enquires should be directed to our :

Secretary, Melanie Oliver at 087-9704910



Features

Jenny's Robin

It was a beautiful Spring morning. The flowers were beginning to bloom and the leaves were coming out on the trees. Jenny and Amy walked home from school together. They chatted along the path leading them home. Jenny stopped at her gate and said goodbye to Amy. "See you tomorrow in school". Amy said goodbye too and walked home the rest of the way to her gate. Jenny's mother was taking an apple tart out of the oven as she came through the door. Jenny threw her school bag on the chair and hung her coat there too. Pat asked her did she have a good day at school. "Yes, I did. I got a C in my French test that I did at the beginning of the week. The one I was telling you about last weekend. The one I studied for all Sunday night".

"What's for tea she asked her Mom". "Shepherds pie and peas and a slice of apple tart and then you can do your homework". Yes! That would be great. "Listen Mom there is a school dance on at the school for the pupils. It is to raise money for the school. Amy and myself would like to go". "Well, you will have to ask your dad if you can go. He will be home from work in an hour. You can ask him then". "Oh! Alright I will". Pat busied herself getting the tea ready. She poked up the fire in the sitting room ready for when Declan came home. Then she went back to the kitchen to set the table.



Jenny was reading a magazine when her dad came home. She took his coat and hung it in the hall and took his briefcase and put it in under the stairs. "What's all this about? Am I after winning the sweep". Then her mother said Jenny had something to ask him. "Well you see, there is a school dance on next weekend at the school. It is to raise money for the school. I was wondering if Amy and myself could go together". "If you promise to behave and you don't drink or take drugs and I can pick the two of you up afterwards". "Yes daddy. I promise we will behave". "If you don't behave like adults you won't be going again". So Jenny went to ring Amy and said that she could go to the dance. Amy said she could go too. After tea Jenny did her homework and then went to bed. She dreamt of a tall dark handsome boy coming over to her and asking her to dance. Amy was with the girls talking and laughing in the corner when Jenny would be enjoying herself. The following morning Jenny was pulling back the curtains and saw a robin out in the garden. It had a lovely red breast. It stayed there for a few minutes and then it flew away. She got herself ready for school and came down to breakfast. Pat had the breakfast ready. They all sat down at the table eating and talking. Then it was time for her dad to leave for work. Her dad worked in the local bank and her mother kept the house. So off he went to work and Jenny went to school. All the girls could talk about was the dance on Friday night. The dance was being held in the village hall.

So on Friday night all the girls put on their best dresses and went to the dance. "I will pick the two of you up at one o'clock". They went into the hall. The girls from her class were already there. A crowd of boys stood in a corner of the hall talking. The dance took off with a waltz. After a few tunes the boys and girls started to dance. Jenny and Amy started to talk. Then a tall dark handsome boy came over and asked Jenny to dance. She accepted straight away. They danced to a slow set first. Then they started to talk and unwind with one another. "What's your name" he asked. "My name is Jenny. I was wondering what's yours". "My name is Robin. Pleased to meet you Jenny". Of course his name would be Robin. He had a lovely red rose in his button hole. "So would you like a drink or something. Sort of a refreshment"? They made their way to the tea room and ordered some tea and cream cakes. The two of them stayed together all night. When the dance was over Robin asked Jenny if he could see her again sometime. "Yes! You can. I'm sure my dad won't mind". He was waiting for her and Amy. They said goodbye in the garden.

BY Enda Clavin

D. I. Y. Beauty Tips

Clay Mask



Something that really works for blemish prone skin is a Clay mask. Sounds weird, but, go in your backyard, and dig up some dirt. Then, feel for clay (you can tell because it feels squishy.) Take the clay inside, put it in a colander, and rinse it out. Put it in a container, and add water. Massage the clay onto your face, and leave it on until it hardens. The clay reduces pores, tones your face, and gets rid of pimples. use it at least three times a week. You will love this!!

Use Toothpaste



Toothpaste is for the pimples, if you do use it for blackheads it will burn a whole in your face, because it actually goes into your skin, pimples aren't holes (well they are but they are covered) So use toothpaste ON YOUR PIMPLES ONLY!

Face

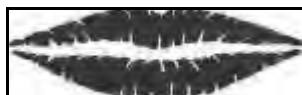
Everyone is always saying to mix baby oil with other stuff but you should not use any type of oil on your face because it can cause acne. The best thing for pimples I have heard of is toothpaste and visine, so if you every do break out use one of those! Just remember no OIL.

Wrinkles

Wrinkles generally are due to age, Stress and dry skin. You should always keep the areas around the eyes mouth and nose and also the neck well cared for and moisturized.

Take 1 tbsp of cold milk and add 3-4 drops of lime juice. Rub this paste well into the wrinkles before going to sleep. The next morning wash with warm water and dry with a rough towel firmly. Once again rub in the cream - in the direction opposite to the wrinkles. Wait for ½ an hour and wash, avoid using soap.

Lips/Pores/Nail Polish



If you scrub your lips with a toothbrush (not too hard) it plumps them a bit and gets rid of the dead skin for really soft lips.

Egg whites tighten pores.

And putting your hands in cold water will dry nail polish.

Poetry Corner

St. Patrick's Day

*Three leaves of Shamrock
Held firmly in your hand
A symbol not to mock
Of St. Patrick on this land*

*Glory to our Patron Saint
Of Ireland's truth we follow thee
Without any further complaint
Made Old Eireann so free*

*You show us the way to live
Of Christianity and of love
A prayer to you I give
A saint from Heaven above*

*Just a humble shepherd you are
On the hill of Tara you pray
You travelled in faith so far
To make Ireland as it is today*

*You greeted everyone with a smile
The world will remember you
King of Eireann's Green Isle
A Patron Saint so true.*

Patrick Murray.

Blessed Mother

*I see you there full of care
My very own sweet heart
There is nothing can compare
In the very world you take part
Your eyes have seen a lot
Reared each child from birth
A precious heart you have got
My mother of this earth*

*I loved you real deep inside
Although it may not show
My emotions I tend to hide
But deep down I cherish you so
Your caring ways and familiar voice
Is so very nice to hear
If I had riches of any choice
To have you forever mother dear*

*Bless those caring hands
Have toiled at our call
You may search over many lands
But your Mother is best of all
Praise be to your presence now
Lady of your gentle grace
There is no other way how
Anyone can take your place*

Dedicated to my mother Nancy Murray

Patrick Murray

Daffodils

*I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills.
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.
Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the Milky Way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance
The waves beside them danced, but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay
In such a jocund company;
I gazed--and gazed--but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:
For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.*

Williams Wordsworth

Features



Random Quotations



The belief in a supernatural source of evil is not necessary; men alone are quite capable of every wickedness.

Joseph Conrad (1857 - 1924), *Under Western Eyes*, 1911

California is like an artificial limb the rest of the country doesn't really need. You can quote me on that.

Saul Bellow (1915 - 2005)

I bought a cactus. A week later it died. And I got depressed, because I thought, Damn. I am less nurturing than a desert.

Demetri Martin, *New York Magazine*, October 3, 2005

RECONCILIATION, n. A suspension of hostilities. An armed truce for the purpose of digging up the dead.

Ambrose Bierce (1842 - 1914), *The Devil's Dictionary*

He who knows does not speak.
He who speaks does not know.

Fernando Tapple

Never be haughty to the humble; never be humble to the haughty.

Jefferson Davis (1808 - 1889)

I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

Noel Coward (1899 - 1973)

The more I study religions the more I am convinced that man never worshipped anything but himself.

Sir Richard Francis Burton (1821 - 1890)

Do not speak of your happiness to one less fortunate than yourself.

Plutarch (46 AD - 120 AD)

No one party can fool all of the people all of the time; that's why we have two parties.

Bob Hope (1903 - 2003)

Education has for its object the formation of character.

Herbert Spencer (1820 - 1903)

With regard to excellence, it is not enough to know, but we must try to have and use it.

Aristotle (384 BC - 322 BC), *Nichomachean Ethics*

A bit of fragrance clings to the hand that gives flowers.

Chinese Proverb

The best effect of any book is that it excites the reader to self-activity.

Thomas Carlyle (1795 - 1881)

If it's true that our species is alone in the universe, then I'd have to say that the universe aimed rather low and settled for very little.

George Carlin (1937 -)

Acting is merely the art of keeping a large group of people from coughing.

Sir Ralph Richardson (1902 - 1983),
quoted in New York Herald Tribune, May 19, 1946

This hath not offended the king.

Sir Thomas More (1478 - 1535), *As he drew his beard aside upon placing his head on the block*, *From Bacon*

There is no expedient to which a man will not go to avoid the labour of thinking.

Thomas A. Edison (1847 - 1931)

Ever tried. Ever failed. No matter. Try again. Fail again. Fail better.

Samuel Beckett (1906 - 1989),
"Worstward Ho", 1983

Magazine A classic is a book that doesn't have to be written again.

W. E. B. du Bois (1868 - 1963)

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Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Maynooth Labour News

Provision of a Teenage Play Facility at the Harbour Field, Maynooth

When Cllr. John McGinley secured funding for the existing Children's Playground in the Harbour Field three years ago he was given a commitment by Council officials that the development of a Teenage Play Facility would follow. In mid 2007 the Council undertook consultation with the Chairperson of Maynooth Playground Action Group, Deirdre Bristow, and her Committee. Deirdre and her Committee undertook consultation with teenagers in the local schools to ascertain the play elements that should be included in the provision of such a facility. The elements requested as a result of this consultation were youth shelters, mini all weather facility for basketball & football, monkey bars, lookout posts and climbing rock. These elements have now been included in plans that will go on public display shortly as part of the Planning process. It is hoped to begin construction on the €140,000 project in the summer.

Cllr. John McGinley would like to warmly thank Deirdre and her Committee for all of the work they put in to make the project a success.

Provision of a Fit Zone in the Harbour Field, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley got the following response to his motion to provide such a facility in the Harbour Field:

"It is proposed that the exercise area for the Harbour Field can be located adjacent to the site for the teen play area. The design for the area will be based on the layout used in Dunshaughlin Park, which involves the provision of three semi circular areas with three pieces of equipment per area. The semi circular areas will be surfaced with safety rubber surfacing and an access path to the areas will also be provided. The cost of the Dunshaughlin Fit Zone was €50,000 and it is estimated that the cost of providing the facility in the Harbour Field will be €50-60,000."

Council Officials advised Cllr. John McGinley that a source of funding needed to be identified and as a result John has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

"That the proposed Fit Zone exercise area in the Harbour Field, Maynooth be funded from the €377,000 allocated to Community & Enterprise under the Supplementary Budget adopted at the Monthly Meeting on 28 January 2008. The €50,000 to €60,000 estimated cost can be used as matching funding as the Mid East Regional Authority have paid for the exercise equipment."

Safety Measures at Boys National School

At the request of the Parent Teacher Association Cllr. John McGinley has allocated money from his Discretionary Grants in order to install black decorative bollards on the footpath adjacent to the Moyglare Road. (In order to prevent cars from parking on the footpath). John has been advised that the Council will do their best to install them on 14/15 February when the school is closed.

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Cllr. John McGinley has also submitted the following motions for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee:

"That traffic signals or preferably a roundabout be put in place at the junction of the Straffan Road and the new Meadowbrook Link Road in the interest of public safety."

"What steps are being taken to replace the 9 trees that were vandalised on the Meadowbrook Link Road, Maynooth?"

"That the Back Lane, Maynooth, be resurfaced from 1 Leinster Cottages to 28 Leinster Cottages, as it is in a very dangerous condition as a result of numerous diggings for construction work."

MINISTER ASSURES STAGG THAT NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL IN MAYNOOTH WILL NOT AFFECT PROPOSED EXTENSION TO MAYNOOTH BOYS N.S.

On foot of the news of the New Primary School for Maynooth, Deputy Emmet Stagg sought assurances from the Minister for Education that the New School would not affect the agreement to provide an Extension to St. Mary's Boy's National School in Maynooth.

Deputy Stagg stated that Maynooth Boy's N.S. had 440 pupils at present with 17 classrooms and that an extension comprising 8 additional classrooms had been agreed between the school and the Department to relieve overcrowding.

The Minister has advised Deputy Stagg that *'The proposal to open a further primary school in Maynooth will not affect the planned expansion of this existing school (Maynooth B.N.S.) to a 24 classroom school'*.

Welcoming this assurance from the Minister Deputy Stagg stated that the parents of pupils attending Maynooth B.N.S. will be relieved at the Ministers commitment.

Whilst Capital Funding was not provided by the Minister for the Extension in her initial announcement of the School Building Programme on Friday 1st February Deputy Stagg stated that a further tranche of projects will be given the go-ahead after Easter and he vowed to keep the pressure on the Minister to sanction capital for the extension to St. Mary's Boy's National School.

TWO ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS TO BE ASSIGNED TO KILDARE PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Deputy Emmet Stagg has continued to question the Minister for Education in relation to the provision of additional Educational Psychologists to National Schools in Co. Kildare.

At present stated Deputy Stagg only 50% of National School's in the County have a direct service with the remainder of schools being covered under the Scheme for Commissioning Private Assessments.

The Minister for Education has now advised Deputy Stagg that two Educational Psychologists appointed in December have now been assigned to the Kildare Service and following the requisite induction and work shadowing process they will be assigned to schools within Kildare shortly.

Deputy Stagg has welcomed the provision of additional Educational Psychologists to Kildare Primary Schools and has indicated that he will continue his campaign until all Primary Schools in Co. Kildare had a direct service because the service provided by the Psychologists was critical in improving and helping children with learning difficulties.

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NEW MAYNOOTH AMBULANCE BASE EXPECTED TO BE IN OPERATION IN APRIL 2008

Deputy Emmet Stagg contacted the HSE in relation to the delay in relocating the Maynooth Ambulance Base to the Unit specifically purchased for its use in the Maynooth Business Campus.

The HSE have advised Deputy Stagg that a Revised Fire Certificate is expected from Kildare Co. Council within the next fortnight. The HSE further advised Deputy Stagg that the plan for the interior adaptations to the Unit have been agreed and costed and all being well with the Fire Certificate work on the adaptation of the Unit will commence later this month with an expected completion date in March/April.

The new Site, stated Deputy Stagg, is excellent given its location near the M4, the direct access it affords to all parts of Maynooth and its proximity to Celbridge, Leixlip, Clane, Straffan and Kilcock which are served from Maynooth.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that the area would shortly have the most Modern Standard for an Ambulance Station with better facilities for Paramedics working with the Ambulance Service.

WATER LEVY ON PRIMARY PUPILS IS NOTHING BUT A STEALTH TAX – STAGG

Reacting to the decision by The Government to impose water Levies on Primary School Pupils between 2007 and 2009 with full commercial cost being applied in 2010, Deputy Emmet Stagg has stated that The Government has a Statutory Responsibility to provide a Primary Education for all the Children of the Nation and attendance is compulsory.

They also, stated Deputy Stagg, have a bounden duty to provide funding for the costs involved in running Primary Schools and this should be provided from general taxation funds available abundantly to the Government. This must cover not only the teacher's salaries but the cost of heating, maintenance, insurance, electricity and cleaning and most essentially a supply of clean water for use by the children and staff.

Before the Election last May, Fianna Fail promised to double the capitation grants available for the above costs to School Management Boards – instead they increased the grants for inflation purposes only and

now they want to worsen the position by clawing back €3-50 per pupil in 2008 in the form of a stealth tax (New Water Charges).

'I call on F.F. to now live up to their undertaking and make the money available. The days of depending on Charity and cakesale's to fund essential services such as Education should be long past. Parents pay their taxes and are entitled to have services provided'.

STAGG SLAMS SCANDALOUS WAITING TIMES FOR ASSESSMENT FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Deputy Emmet Stagg has slammed the Government over recently disclosed figures which show that 496 people are awaiting assessment by an Occupational Therapist in Kildare while at the same time there are 8 vacant posts for Occupational Therapists left unfilled in the County.

Deputy Stagg stated that these are truly shocking figures that reveal the full impact of last years HSE embargo on the recruitment or replacement of staff and point to the urgent need for the early filling of all outstanding posts.

Occupational therapists play a vital role in assessing the needs of people with mobility problems. There are a whole range of services that will only be provided after an assessment by an OT has been done. Typically people needing assessment might be stroke victims, people with disabilities or elderly people recovering from the effects of a fall or those seeking approval for a Disabled Persons Grant.

The situation in regard to assessment by an OT has now reached such a stage that, in some cases, people are having to wait for over a year before being assessed and our Government – distracted by their appearances at Tribunals – don't seem to give a damn.

I understand that there was a national recruitment campaign for occupational therapists in the early part of last year. More than 180 applicants were interviewed and a panel of 150 was established. Most of these posts were never filled and were put on hold because of the recruitment embargo. The result of this is that there are now 183 vacant OT posts nationally, with shortages in every HSE area.

This has been the reality of the HSE recruitment embargo. While Minister Harney and Prof. Drumm denied that the embargo caused any suffering for patients, the reality on the ground is very different.

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The reality is needless pain and suffering for elderly people and others with mobility problems – suffering that is still continuing.

REPLACEMENT AUDIOLOGIST TO BE HIRED SHORTLY TO ASSIST IN REDUCING WAITING TIMES FOR HEARING TESTS FOR CHILDREN

Deputy Emmet Stagg has continued to pressurise the HSE in relation to the unacceptable Waiting Times for Hearing Tests for Children in Co. Kildare.

The Waiting Time for a Test in Newbridge and Tallaght Health Centres is at present 3 to 6 months for initial testing and it can take 3 further months for the actual fitting of a hearing aid. Compared with the situation in June 2006 when additional clinics were scheduled and waiting times had been reduced to 3 to 4 weeks, Deputy Stagg described the present position as a disgrace given the damage caused to children in their development by hearing difficulties.

The HSE have now advised Deputy Stagg that they intend to advertise for a Replacement Audiologist in the coming weeks and that when this person is recruited the option of additional clinics will be reviewed to help reduce waiting times.

Whilst welcoming this move Deputy Stagg stated that last October the HSE indicated that they would be advertising for an Audiologist as soon as possible. Why it has taken 3 months to advertise for the post is to say the least puzzling but was probably as a result of HSE cutbacks forced on them by the Government.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg vowed to continue to raise the issue of waiting times for children with the HSE until improvements were made.

ADDITIONAL SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPISTS TO BE MADE PERMANENT

Following on from the successful campaign to hire 3 additional Speech and Language Therapists for the Kildare Area on Temporary contracts Deputy Emmet Stagg raised the issue of making the posts permanent with the Minister for Health.

The HSE have responded to Deputy Stagg indicating that due to operational issues and in terms of priority being given to the speech and language service a decision was taken to fill the posts on an interim basis by way of temporary contracts. The HSE further advised Deputy Stagg that it is their intention to fill

these posts on a permanent basis at the earliest opportunity and subject to a derogation under the current employment controls process.

Welcoming the commitment to make the posts permanent Deputy Stagg stated that Government neglect of the Speech and Language Therapy Service in Kildare through the imposition of staff ceilings had led to a waiting list of 20 months for children to even get an assessment.

Deputy Stagg indicated that he would continue to monitor progress on making the posts permanent and he also intended to seek additional speech and language therapists for Kildare which were promised last October.

GARDA COMMISSIONER REFERS STAGG`S CALL FOR 24 HOUR GARDA STATION FOR NORTH KILDARE TO BOARD OVERSEEING CHANGES IN DIVISIONAL BOUNDARIES

The Garda Commissioner Fachtina Murphy has responded to Deputy Emmet Stagg`s correspondence making the case for the provision of a 24 Hour Garda Station for North Kildare covering the Towns of Celbridge, Leixlip, Maynooth and Kilcock, who have a combined population of 50,033 people.

The Garda Commissioner advised Deputy Stagg that the issues raised will be brought to the attention of the Programme Board that he has established to oversee the boundary revisions outlined in the Garda Siochana Policing Plan 2008.

Welcoming the move Deputy Stagg stated that the Board who will oversee the creation of the New Garda Division for the County of Kildare will now look at the operation and effectiveness of the Force in the Revised Division. They will want to ensure that the North Kildare area has adequate 24 hour cover given the huge geographical area which Naas Divisional Headquarters has to cope with. Naas is also at a distance from the North Kildare Area and Deputy Stagg is convinced that a 24 Hour Station is required to cover Celbridge, Leixlip, Maynooth and Kilcock Towns.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that New Division is likely to be created by this Summer and all going well the case made by Deputy Stagg for the 24 Hour Station will arrive at a successful conclusion.

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STAGG CALLS FOR ADDITIONAL GARDA RESOURCES TO TACKLE SERIOUS CRIME INCREASE IN KILDARE – UP 12% ON 2006

Deputy Emmet Stagg has called for the provision of additional Garda Resources for Kildare following the release of the Provisional Headline Crime Statistics for the Carlow/Kildare Division for 2007 which show an increase in Serious Crime of 12% in 2007 compared to 2006.

This increase of 12% stated Deputy Stagg compares very unfavourably with a 2% increase Nationally in the same period. Also worryingly the 2007 figure is up 94% on the number of serious crime incidents recorded in 2000.

Some of the key areas where increases and decreases occurred in the Carlow/Kildare Division are as follows:

- Aggravated Burglary up 78%
- Theft from Private Motor Vehicles up 11%
- Burglaries up 8%
- Theft from shops up 7%
- Arson up 75%
- Assault causing harm down 12%
- Robbery of Establishments down 18%.

There was 1 murder in 2006 and 3 in 2007

Deputy Stagg stated that the Gardai in the Carlow/Kildare Division are doing their best but they are seriously undermanned with the worst ratio of Gardai to people in the State at 1 garda for every 558 people. This compares with the Clare Division which has 1 Garda for every 311 people and the Donegal Division with 1 Garda for every 312 people.

If we are to tackle this serious increase in Crime which is against the National Trend then more Gardai must be assigned to our area.

Deputy Stagg concluded that the creation of the New Kildare Garda Division by Summer 2008 and the provision of a 24 hour Garda Station in North Kildare gives us the opportunity to resolve our manpower and infrastructural deficiencies and he insisted that his campaign for the 24 hour station in North Kildare would continue.

INITIAL 2008 SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAMME BRINGS LITTLE JOY

The announcement by the Minister for Education of the First Phase of her 2008 School Building Programme brings little joy to the Pupils, Teachers and Parents of Primary Schools throughout North Kildare, stated Deputy Emmet Stagg.

The only announcement's in relation to North Kildare stated Deputy Stagg comprises the provision of as expected a Temporary Educate Together School at Railpark, Maynooth comprising an 8 Classroom prefabricated building and the relocation of St. Patrick's National School in Celbridge from the Old St. Wolstan's Secondary School to a 16 classroom prefabricated building at Celbridge G.A.A. Grounds on the Hatch Road. There is also provision for a New 8 Classroom School in Naas and the location of same has as yet to be decided I am informed by the Department of Education.

There is nothing stated Deputy Stagg confirming Capital Allocations in relation to the following projects:

- The New School for Kill
 - The New School for Ardclough
 - The Permanent Building for Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich in Maynooth
 - The Required Extension to Scoil Choca Naofa in Kilcock
 - The Required Extension to St. Mary's Boy's National School in Maynooth.
- The Required Extension to Scoil Phadraig in Clane.

Deputy Stagg stated that the Minister indicated today that she expects to make a further announcement after Easter in relation to other Building Projects and he vowed to continue to apply pressure on the Minister to ensure that the above projects were included for Capital Funding in 2008.

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Michael Fitzpatrick

New energy-saving tax incentive for Business

January 31, 2008

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick together with Energy Minister Eamon Ryan welcomed the introduction in the Finance Bill published today of a new scheme aimed at supporting investment in new energy-saving equipment by companies.

Section 42 of the Finance Bill introduces a new section into the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997. Capital allowances of 100% of the cost will be available to those companies investing in high energy-efficient equipment.

Expenditure on high energy-efficient equipment above a minimum figure in the three categories listed below will qualify for 100% accelerated capital allowances in the year of purchase.

<u>Equipment covered by this incentive:</u>	<u>Min. expenditure amount</u>
Building Energy Management Systems	€5,000
Lighting	€3,000
Motors and Drives	€1,000

This new tax incentive will encourage business to invest in energy-saving equipment. The scheme allows businesses to write off the whole cost of designated equipment against taxable profits in the year of purchase.

Investing in energy-saving equipment will reduce annual running costs through increased efficiency and lower energy bills every year for the lifetime of the equipment. It is also a straightforward way for business to improve its cash flow through accelerated tax relief.

In welcoming this new incentive, Deputy Fitzpatrick said, "Irish businesses face serious competitiveness challenges in the marketplace. Reducing energy costs is a key factor in improving Ireland's competitiveness."

Also speaking as a new member of the Committee on Environment, Heritage and Local Government, I have become acutely aware that saving energy is also one of the quickest and cheapest ways to reduce carbon emissions. Currently, we use far more energy than is required. This scheme will assist the business community in becoming more energy conscious and in reducing their overall environmental impact.

Now, businesses wishing to improve their cash flow, save in long-term energy costs and reduce their carbon emissions can do so in one fell swoop by availing of this new incentive.

It's good news for the environment, for competitiveness and for the bottom line."

Please note:

The list of equipment will be established, and may be amended, by order of the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources. Sustainable Energy Ireland will be responsible for maintaining the list.

The scheme will be confined to new energy-efficient equipment purchased by companies and will not apply to equipment that is leased, let or hired.

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Michael Fitzpatrick

Martin announces €60m Growth Fund to boost Small and Medium Sized Firms.

"New Enterprise Ireland fund will support Irish jobs by increasing competitiveness, driving exports and supporting innovation in Small and Medium Sized Enterprises"

Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Micheál Martin, TD has today (Wednesday 6th February 2008) announced a €60m growth fund to support Ireland's Small and Medium Sized companies.

The Growth Fund, operated by Enterprise Ireland, will help secure new jobs in Irish firms by supporting investments in staff, equipment and technology to increase competitiveness and encourage new exports.

Eligible companies will be able to receive €650,000 from Enterprise Ireland to support business plans that meet the main criteria of the scheme.

Welcoming this new fund, Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick who is a member of the Committee on Enterprise, Trade and Employment agreed with Minister Martin's assertion that "Innovating to improve competitiveness has become a national priority in the face of growing international pressure. I too welcome Enterprise Ireland's Growth Fund which will help our SME sector to increase productivity and export whilst also creating new jobs". This Enterprise Ireland fund underlines the determination of Government to continue supporting Irish firms as they prepare to meet the challenges of the future" Deputy Fitzpatrick said.

Deputy Fitzpatrick is urging all small and medium sized companies to take time to study the full range of excellent supports which are available through Enterprise Ireland."

Full details of the Growth Fund including eligibility criteria, grant rates and the application form are available on www.enterprise-ireland.com/growthfund

Revised arrangements for the transfer of the Special Housing Aid for the Elderly Scheme.

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick has welcomed the statement by Mr. Batt O'Keeffe, T.D., Minister for Housing, Urban Renewal and Developing Areas, in which he outlined that revised arrangements regarding the transfer of the Special Housing Aid for the Elderly (SHAE) Scheme from the HSE to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, have been made. The SHAE Scheme which was established to provide assistance by way of necessary emergency repairs, to improve the housing conditions of older people living alone in unfit or unsanitary conditions. The scheme is administered by a Task Force under the aegis of the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and is operated at local level by the HSE.

In order to facilitate the transfer of the SHAE scheme from the HSE to

The Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, the

Department introduced, in November 2007, a new scheme of Housing Aid for

Older People with the aim of providing targeted support to improve the housing conditions of older people.

A transfer date of the end March 2008 was set, but has been postponed and the SHAE

Scheme will continue to operate, and be administered by the HSE, until such time as all outstanding issues are resolved.

According to Deputy Fitzpatrick. "It is essential that the needs of our older community are not compromised in any way as a result of the transfer".

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Party Political

Comments from Aine Brady TD

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Aine Brady T.D.

Applications now invited for Sports Capital Programme - Brady

Kildare North Fianna Fáil TD Aine Brady is encouraging local sports groups to apply for funding under the 2008 Sports Capital Programme before the deadline on February 29.

"Applications are invited from all local sports organisations, clubs, community groups, VECs and local authorities for the development of sports facilities and/ or the purchase of sports equipment." Application forms can be sought from the website of the Department of Arts, Sport, and Tourism at www.dsat.gov.ie or by telephoning 064 27372/27338 or Lo-Call 1890 273000."

Quality Bus Corridors should be available for Special School Transport says Brady

Deputy Aine Brady has suggested that the Quality Bus Corridors should be available to Hackneys/Cabs, that are employed by Bus Eireann, to transport Special Needs Children to Special Schools.

'I have come across an example where 4-5 children with special needs are being transported by Hackneys/Cabs to Special Schools and they are not allowed use the Bus Lanes. In effect children are spending hours in traffic every week and I believe that we should allow the use of the Bus Lanes for this specific form of transport.'

'Quality Bus Corridors are a key piece of Infrastructure to improve the efficiency of Public Transport and I do not want to negatively effect the capacity of these Bus Lanes. However, given the small number of vehicles involved, allowing Hackneys, CABS, employed by Bus Eireann use the Bus Lanes would not in view , and from the information that I have received, negatively effect the performance of the lanes.'

"Given the children's special needs, the long time that they are spending in traffic and the fact that Hackneys/ Cabs are the most cost effective way of bringing the children to school, we should give this group Bus Lane Priority.' concluded Deputy Brady who has also requested that the Minister for Transport to investigate such a proposal.

Speed Tables suggested on the Rathcoffey Road

Deputy Aine Brady has suggested that Kildare Co. Co. consider the installation of Speed Tables or Ramps close to the entrance of Castle Dawson and Parsons Hall given the speed of vehicles on this road.

'Over the last number of years, I have highlighted the speed on the Rathcoffey road and the need for measures to improve safety. New Speed Limits were introduced. There has been increased Garda Presence and I understand from the Gardai that further speed checks will be carried out in the coming weeks.' stated Deputy Brady.

'I have now asked Kildare Co. Co. to consider the installation of Speed Tables or a Ramp on this road to put a physical reminder to drivers to reduce speed.' concluded Deputy Brady.

Lands at Castletown, Celbridge, acquired by state says Brady

Deputy Aine Brady has been informed by Noel Ahern, T.D., Minister of State at the Department of Finance with special responsibility for the Office of Public Works (OPW) that the OPW has now acquired, from Coillte, lands at Castleton, County Kildare. Deputy Brady was informed of the decision following regular contact with both the Minister and the OPW regarding Castletown Estate.

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"I welcome this announcement that the OPW have acquired the 100 acres of Woodland from Coillte. Since the re-opening of Castletown House to the public last July (2007) a large number of events have taken place and we have witnessed over twenty five thousand visitors enjoying the new and improved facilities." stated Deputy Brady who praised all those involved in the restoration works.

'Following on the success of the restoration works to the main house and immediate surrounds, we can now begin implementing our stated aim of restoring the landscaped demesne of parkland, woodland and riverscapes for the benefit of the people of Celbridge and of North Kildare. Castletown House is now a Tourist Attraction for the area and is an amenity that will benefit all North Kildare residents - especially in Celbridge.' concluded Deputy Brady who worked, with others, to ensure that Castleton Estate was brought back to public ownership.

New Maynooth Rail Services went Live says Brady. Deputy Aine Brady has reminded Rail Commuters on the Maynooth Line that new services officially went live on Monday 21st of January, who has campaigned, with others, for better rail services in recent years.

'New services on the ever-growing Maynooth line include a 06.38hrs Maynooth-Connolly; 08.10hrs Maynooth-Connolly (non-stop to Drumcondra), and extra evening services at 16.20hrs (from Connolly) and 19.29hrs (from Pearse).'

'Additional Sunday evening services will also operate.' stated Deputy Brady.

'Furthermore, Iarnód Éireann will also operate an additional 07.30hrs service from Connolly Station, serving all stations to Maynooth, and an 08.08hrs non-stop service from Connolly to Maynooth..' who raised the issue with Iarnrod Eireann following a request from staff and Students at NUI Maynooth that required to be in Maynooth for work at 9.00am.

'Some Trains on the Maynooth Rail Line will also be extended to 8 carriages following the transfer of carriages currently being used on the Sligo Line to improve capacity on the line.'

'As a user of Public Transport myself, I am firmly of the belief that once we have a reliable and frequent service, we will continue to attract more rail users. We have seen improvements in recent years and I am committed to working with all the stakeholders to see

further improvements.' concluded Deputy Brady who has held meetings with OK Transport in an effort to get a Commuter Feeder Bus to Maynooth to alleviate the Car parking issue at Maynooth.

Kildare businesses to benefit from Research & Development funding - Brady
Kildare North TD, Aine Brady, today has welcomed the launch of a revised and simplified Research and Development Grant Scheme which will make €500 million available to companies across all sectors, to support R&D and continue to secure jobs in all parts of the country.

'I would urge companies of all sizes, across Kildare, to apply for funding. This funding will be used to support R&D and continue to secure jobs and maintain businesses.' stated Deputy Brady who also highlighted NUI Maynooth's efforts to support R&D projects.

'The R&D Grant Scheme, which has just been launched, has been revised and simplified to ensure that companies across all sectors can access the funds.'

'Kildare has a strong reputation as being a location for research and development. Our Food Industry in Naas, Companies such as Intel and HP and the college in Maynooth all contribute to Kildare's quality profile. NUI Maynooth recently received funding of €1.4m for Agricultural Research adding further to the profile of the county.'

This funding will be made available over the remainder of the Government's Strategy for Science, Technology and Innovation (2008-2013).

'It is vital that we continue to ensure that Irish companies remain at the cutting edge of research and development into the future and promote an innovative economy which will continue delivering jobs. By being at the cutting edge, it will help us maintain our employment and assist in growing further high quality jobs.' said Deputy Brady.
'I would encourage all local businesses to use this opportunity to check if they can qualify for Government support for R&D projects by contacting the Department of Enterprise (01 631 2121 or www.entemp.ie),' concluded Deputy Brady.

Parson Hall Estate - Taken in Charge

Kildare Co Co will be taking in Charge Parsons Hall Estate following their council meeting in January.

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Old Greefield - €20,000 for Landscaping

Kildare Co Co will allocate €20,000 towards landscaping in Old Greenfield - Deputy Brady raised this issue with Kildare Co Co last year.

Submissions on Bus Transport and Congestion sought

Deputy Aine Brady, Convenor of the Oireachtas Committee on Transport, has urged North Kildare Commuters to make submissions on the development of a reliable Bus Transport Network and measures on how to solve the traffic congestion problems to the Oireachtas Committee.

'The Committee is anxious to consult with all the stakeholders, including the Commuters of Kildare, on how best we can provide a reliable and efficient Bus Transport Network. While we have made significant progress on the improvements to our rail service, we have not made enough improvements for our Bus Commuters.' stated Deputy Brady.

'The Transport Committee is anxious to come up with proposals to improve the Bus Service. This request for submissions is an ideal opportunity for the commuter or other interested parties to come up with proposals to ensure that we improve our Bus Service and help solve our traffic congestion problem in Dublin.'

'Last year, I met with the Quality Bus Network Office and they have assured me that Maynooth, Celbridge and Naas will be included in their programme to roll out adequate Bus Corridors and assist with the provision of an infrastructure for Buses. For an efficient Bus service to operate, we must reduce the travel time for them.'

'Submissions should be made to the Clerk to Joint Oireachtas Committee on Transport, Leinster House, Kildare St, Dublin 2 or e-mail to submissions.transport@oireachtas.ie . The closing date is 3rd of March next.

Traffic Safety at Girls Schools

Deputy Aine Brady raised the issue of Traffic Safety at the Girls School in Maynooth with An Garda Síochána. She has also asked that Kildare Co. Co. install footpaths adjacent to the school.

Events

Local Events

**Exhibition of Paintings
Of local & other scenes**

BY

Brian Tuohy

In

The Mill Wine Cellar

Now on view.

Maynooth Flower & Garden Club

**The March meeting of the club
will be on March 18th, in Loftus
Hall St. Patrick's College @
8.p.m.**

**The demonstrator will be
Lorcan Burke from Fabulous
Flowers, Celbridge.**

**Everyone is welcome to come
along for an enjoyable night of
fantastic flowers and lots of
ideas for use at Easter.**

Admission €5.00

**Refreshments served and all of
the arrangements will be raffled
at the end of the night.**

Features

Mothering Sunday



Mothering Sunday, often called "Mothers' Day" in Ireland falls on the fourth Sunday of Lent (exactly three weeks before Easter Sunday). It is believed to have originated from the 16th century Christian practice of visiting one's mother church annually, which meant that most mothers would be reunited with their children on this day. Most historians believe that young apprentices and young women in servitude were released by their masters that weekend in order to visit their families.^[1] As a result of seculariza-

tion, it is now principally used to celebrate and give thanks for mothers, although it is still recognized in the historical sense by some churches, with attention paid to Mary the mother of Jesus as well as the traditional concept 'Mother Church'

Men who adored their mothers

James Wilson Savile was born on Hallowe'en, 1926, the youngest of seven children born to Vincent Joseph Marie Savile and his wife, Agnes Monica Kelly, who were married in 1911 at St Cuthbert's Chapel, Lanchester, County Durham. Agnes was to play an important part her son's life; he called her "The Duchess" and continued to live with her up to and, somewhat bizarrely, five days after her death. Even today, her bedroom and wardrobe remain just as they were when she died, and her clothes are dry-cleaned each year.



JAMES McNEILL WHISTLER was an American artist, wit and society figure, who lived for most of his life in London and Paris. He trained as an artist in Paris in the studio of Charles Gleyre but his early work was inspired by the paintings of the Realist painter Gustave Courbet and by the work of older masters such as Velázquez, Rembrandt, and Thomas Gainsborough. Later he absorbed the influences of Japanese and classical art to create works that were decorative and virtually subjectless. He was one of the central figures in the Aesthetic Movement. He was a man who liked to live his life in the public eye and was very concerned about his personal appearance and the critical reception of his his paintings.

His most famous painting is that of his mother.

In 1934 the U.S. Post office issued a stamp engraved with a stylized image of "*Whistler's Mother*," accompanied by the slogan "In Memory and In Honour of the Mothers of America."



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Editorial

MAYNOOTH NEWSLETTER EDITORIAL April 2008

First, I would like to take the opportunity to say that the Community Council Annual General Meeting will take place this month (April). Apart from giving the annual reports from the Chairperson, Secretary and the Treasurer, this gives the members a chance to elect a new executive committee. Attendance is confined to members of the Council and it is not open to the public.

The past year has seen a repeat of many issues within the community and town of Maynooth and these are similar to those that beset the commuter belt around Dublin everywhere. The commuting problem, traffic and parking were among the most discussed topics in recent months along with anti-social behaviour and youths drinking in public areas throughout the town.

The Community Council has been dealing with a discussion document on pay parking in the town in line with what operates in Leixlip and Celbridge.

There is an increasing problem with train commuters parking all day throughout the town due to the lack of park and ride facilities in Maynooth. Parking is also taking place in the housing estates adjacent to the railway station. People want to use public transport when it is available, attractive and reliable – this is clear from the number of people who use the buses and trains. But a balance is required between the needs of the commuter and those people who live and work in Maynooth in the area of parking and the rights of house owners in the town must be respected. This is a particular problem in the back lanes where people park so close to the front doors of the houses that the residents can hardly enter their houses never mind find a parking place for their cars. There is an urgent need for a proper park and ride facility near the railway station itself.

The Parade went very well as usual and there will be a full report inside. It is great to see in this day of high technology, computers, mp3s and video games of all kinds that families still support their own parade in their own town. Long may it last and perhaps the attendance for the events of the Festival will improve this year. This will be launched this year on the 25th June – so mark that weekend in your calendar, diary or mobile phone.

Muireann Ní Bhrolchain
Maynooth Newsletter

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

The March Meeting of Maynooth Community Council took place in the Glenroyal Hotel on 10th March 2008

April Meeting A.G.M.

Pay & Public Parking Issues

This issue has taken up a lot of discussion time at this meeting, and subsequent meetings, as it is considered one of the most important issues that face Maynooth and needs to be dealt with now. Cllr John McGinley submitted a report that was only for our information. It noted that Leinster Street is a highly pedestrianised street, and there are no footpaths. There is €670.00 available for "Pay Parking". There is some reason to believe that Kildare Co. Co. may do away with some of the parking along here, with all the foot traffic and the dreadful state of the road, there is an urgent need for a foot path here. He also said that this would come under "The Harbour Action Plan", but that this could take up to two years or so, and this work is required to be done now.

Another area that could loose spaces is along the Dublin Road, and this could be in the region of 85 – 90 spaces. Another 50 spaces could be made available if Water Ways Ireland would make parking spaces here at the Harbour. Also suggested was, that if Tesco would lease spaces it could alleviate pressure for the short term.

It is proposed that a new Pedestrian Crossing is to be put in place at Tesco's. The area on front of the Carton Avenue Gates was in a bad state, and with the removal of the parking there, this area could be paved and landscaped. Kelly's Lane can take parking on both sides he said, and noting that Manor Cabs would have their own parking space, but people parking at resident's gates are causing huge problems for them. "Pay Parking" should be introduced here, and residents should have their own spaces.

There are 315 parking spaces in the town; there are 50 in the Mall and 30 in the Leinster Arms. Kildare Co. Co. and CIE are in talks with the government on underground car – parking , and these are at an advanced stage. 310 spaces would be adequate here, but if we have major retail in Maynooth this would not be enough. It was noted the private site behind Caulfield's could provide underground car parking, with one under and over ground. A new bridge is to go over the canal, this is in conjunction with the Harbour Action Area Plan. Paul Croghan suggested that we should be aware of people's needs also. Paul also wondered could the Co. Co. yard be

made available for parking, but it was pointed out that this area is still in use. So, it's now up to all of us to get thinking and get your ideas to our four Counsellors, and to the Community Council, and this will go on display when all submissions are in and we submit our plan. This is only at draft stage at present.

Sub – Committees

Tidy Towns

Paul Croghan said they have started back doing their regular work now, and plan a "Big" clean – up. There main working period will start in April for the year.

Festival

Andrew McMullon said the Launch will be on the 25th June, with The Garda Band and St. Mary's Brass Reed Band performing in the square, and if it rains this will take place in the Church. While it is still at planning level, the Historic Group will be putting on a night of great variety in the castle. An Nuadha Players are also putting on entertainment for the Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. With quizzes for adults and children, fun day in the square with music etc., and the 7 – a – side Soccer as usual.

Planning & Development Committee

John O' Connor gave an outline on what they would be looking at. Applications Re: Moygaddy - Parking in the town, Tesco effect on town traffic, possible meeting with Planners, Heritage Office – What is its role on planning?, Planning guide lines, Green areas - looking at possibility of having these fenced or railed off, suggested that entire Harbour area be fenced off. All these things and more up for discussion.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

We will be looking forward to a great display from The Vintage Car Club and also The Morris Minor Club; these will lead off the Parade. Our own St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band, The Howth Pipe Band and The Fintan Lawlor Pipe Band will provide lots of music, as well as a great show from all the clubs and floats. John McGinley thanked all the business's for their wonderful support and sponsorship and Mr. Paul Hand for his hard work on this.

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

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Local Matters

Traffic Calming on Moyglare Road

John O' Connor – Resident of Moyglare Abbey brought to the Council's attention the very serious situation on the Moyglare Road. He said that if traffic calming is not introduced, there is every possibility of a very serious accident. He said the reason for this is, the extra traffic and HGVs using the road. He said the dangerous driving and speeding, and no law enforcements are also to blame. John said that the residents feel the only way to ensure safety was for calming measures to be introduced on the Moyglare Road in particular, where the direction of Moyglare cross roads enters the urban speed limit of 50 KMPH, on the northern side of Moyglare Estate. He also stated that monies should be available from levies collected on developments, such as Moyglare Hall for this purpose. Paul Croghan also agreed with this, as the residents of Moyglare Village experience the same difficulties.

Children's Play Ground

John O' Connor said he visited the Play Ground on a Sunday afternoon, and he found it to be in a very bad state. The entire area surrounding the play ground is a mass of filth and broken bottles. The seating in the area was completely misjudged, and would need to be supervised at all times. He felt that on this visit, he was leading the children into a den of iniquity, rather than a safe place to play. There is graffiti of a pornographic nature on the furniture, and there was a sense of menace about a group of boys playing football in the play ground. John said it was the worst experience of a playground he has seen to date, and asked the Community Council to address the matter, and the people responsible for the upkeep of the playground.

This was met with some shock as the play ground was not always seen in such a state. It was hoped that this was a one off thing. It was agreed to have it looked into. John McGinley said he was involved in getting a Fit Zone installed in the Harbour area, and Kildare Co. Co. has agreed a cost of €50.000 for the project, and the area now has been deemed not suitable for the project, and also the cost has now risen to €100.000.00

Just to remind all that our next meeting will be our AGM, whereby the election of the executive will take place.

The meeting will take place in the Glenroyal Hotel at 8.30 p. m. on MONDAY 14th April.

PRO Marie Gleeson

Features

A Special Thank You

Sylvia Deschaine
(formally Dunne,
292 Greenfield.)

A special thanks to all my friends, neighbours and people in Maynooth who sent me flowers, get well cards and mass bouquets during my illness. It was a great comfort to hear from so many people after my accident especially as I am so far away. I just wanted to let you all know that I am getting stronger and better everyday and you will always be in my thoughts and prayers . Again, thank you so much and hopefully I will get to see you sometime soon personally to express my true gratitude.

Children's Colouring Competition

Winner Of the February Edition



Orlaith Elliott

Features

SMILE AND WORLD SMILES WITH YOU, CRY AND YOU CRY ALONE

It is inevitable. There are just some times, in the course of an entire day, that something will pop up to get us down. It could be anything, any thing at all. It could be that your car would not start, you discovered bits of your lunch sticking in between your teeth right after a very important client presentation, or you found a long and nasty run along your stockings in the middle of a dinner date. It could be a reprimand from your boss, a missed deadline, a lost business opportunity. Whatever it is, there is always something that is guaranteed to get a frown forming on our faces.

But instead of pitching a hissy fit, or sulking in a corner – or worse, reaching out for some comfort food, and thus ruining your diet – there is actually one thing you can do to make you feel better, and that is to **smile**.

This does seem a little ironic, doesn't it? After all, how can you smile after something bad happened to you? It seems an unnatural way to react, to smile after an awful event, and people around you might get to thinking that you lost your marbles.

But you see, smiling is the best way you can relieve yourself of negative emotions, of anxiety, anger and nervousness. A smile is programmed to exercise the facial muscles, making the face glow and become more firm and supple. A smile also coaxes the brain to produce endorphins, which are hormones designed to reduce physical and emotional pain and to bring a general feeling of well-being to the body.

If you don't feel like smiling, just look around you; you will always find something to look at, or something to do, that can make you smile. Here are a few:

Go for a leisurely walk. A leisurely walk allows you to get a breath of fresh air and exercises your body. The exercise that you get from a walk can be invigorating, and the energy you get from it helps you relax and relieve anxiety.

Keep pets. If you have the time and can afford one, keep a pet, either a dog or a cat. Pets are good companions, and taking care of them allows you to form an emotional bond with them, which lets you express your pent-up feelings. Like, when you need a hug, you can always hug your dog.

Take the time to appreciate things. Sometimes, being in a rush not only leaves you stressed out but also makes you forget to look at the simpler but finer things in life. Take a brief pause from work, get some coffee and stare out at the sky from your window. If you have a day off, savour it. Linger in bed and catch up on some sleep, read a book or give yourself a foot spa. Maybe you can go out and watch a movie or have brunch with your friends.

Discover new skills. There is nothing like a great achievement to bring a smile on one's face. And what else can bring this sense of victory other than excelling on something, especially on a skill that you have just learned? Get yourself a hobby and learn new things. Perhaps you can take up painting, photography or sketching. Maybe you can try your hand at needlework, knitting or crocheting. Your finished work will definitely make you smile.

Pay someone a compliment. If you are feeling low, you can uplift yourself by uplifting others. Smiling is contagious and seeing other people smile can get you smiling too. A compliment does not have to be flowery. Something as simple as "You look nice" will do, as long as it is done with sincerity.

Another thing we ladies have to remember about smiling is that when we smile even though something untoward has happened to us, it shows us to be poised and self-contained. A poised and confident woman is always an admirable one.

Puzzles—Sudoku

Easy

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	5	4	9	6		7		
5		1	6	8			7	4
4	2			5				
		9			1		3	2

Medium

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6	5		7	1	2			
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	7	4				1		
	8	9	1		3	4	2	
		1				5	9	
7			2			3	8	1
			3	7	1		6	5
1		6		5			7	



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Super Difficult

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			3					5



Tidy Towns

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Features

St. Patrick's Day Parade 2008

We had 18 entries for the Parade this year. What it lacked in numbers it made up for in quality and with many children taking part everyone agreed that it was a great success. Despite the threatened showers the Parade drew a very big crowd.

On behalf of the Parade Committee I would like to thank the participants and all those who helped with the organising of what was yet again a very successful Parade.

I would like to thank all the businesses who contributed to ensure that we were not at a financial loss. In particular I would like to thank Willie Kiernan who provides, erects and operates his state of the art Public Address System every year free of charge.

Our other major sponsors were:

Tesco, Thornton's Recycling, Derrinstown Stud, Brady's Clockhouse, George O'Connor, John Merrick, Dentist, Glenkerrin Properties, Caulfield's Pub, Allied Irish Banks, O'Neill's Pub, Airlie Stud, The Roost, Mulcahy's Butchers, Just the Biz, Maynooth Fireplaces, O' Sullivan's Auctioneers, St Patrick's Chemist, Hegarty's Solicitors, Bank of Ireland, Gerard Brady Estate Agents.

I would also like to thank the following:

- Paul Thornton of Thornton's Recycling for providing the reviewing stand and for sponsoring the Fintan Lawlor Pipe Band .
- Tesco for sponsoring the Howth Pipe Band
- Mattie Callaghan and Seamus Kennedy for providing the new steps for the Reviewing Stand.
- Elaine Bean, Melanie Oliver, Willie Saults, Andrew McMullon, Pat Farrell and David Moynan for helping with the reviewing stand and putting out the crowd control barriers.
- Peter Connell for taking on the task of Master of Ceremonies.
- George O'Connor for again providing the crash barriers free of charge.
- The Boys National Primary School for providing chairs for the Reviewing Stand.
- Flolin from Mizzoni's for the power supply for the public address system.
- Our guests on the reviewing stand.
- Emmet Stagg T.D. for being our guest speaker.
- All the stewards who yet again performed their tasks very professionally.
- The Parade Committee and Marie Gleeson and the staff of the Community Council for their great help.
- The residents of Greenfield Estate for their continued co-operation.
- Larine House for the beautiful Flower Display.
- All of the business people who did such a splendid job of decorating their shop windows.
- Finally, a special word of thanks to the Gardai for controlling the traffic.

The Parade Prize Winners were:

Best Commercial Float.....	Thornton's Recycling
Best Club Float	Scoil Rince Ui Dhubaill
(The Owen Byrne Memorial Trophy)	
Best Band.....	St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band
Best Portrayal of Irish Culture.....	Tully School of Dancing
Best Portrayal of Environmental Awareness	Maynooth Tidy Towns

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Two Special Prizes were presented to Maynooth GAA Club and to Maynooth Town Football Club in recognition for the way they look after the young people of the Town.

The Shop Window Prize Winners were:

1. **Vincents (Vincent de Paul Shop at Greenfield Shopping Centre)**
2. **Allied Irish Banks**
3. **Just The Biz**

John McGinley,
Organiser, Maynooth's St. Patrick's Day Parade 2008

Maynooth Community Council would like to thank most sincerely the following local businesses whose contributions made the Parade possible:

- M.E.C.C.
- The Barbers, Main Street
- The Square Barbers
- Linenberry
- The Coffee Mill
- Twist Café
- Maynooth Veterinary Centre
- Maynooth Jewellers
- McCormack's Pharmacy
- Permanent TSB
- Vitality Health Shop
- The Mill Wine Cellar
- Paddy Neligan, Solicitor
- The Flower Mill
- Jim's Shoe Repairs
- Conroy's Chemist
- Bruton Dempsey & Co.
- C.P.L. Motor Factors
- Maynooth Auto Electrical
- O'Sullivan Auctioneers
- Hula Bou
- Mystique
- K.N.B. Music
- Gerry Flood, Maynooth Photo Centre
- News-4-U
- Coonans Auctioneers
- Moulin Rouge

- Sayblu
- Je' Meills
- Masterson's Fruit & Veg
- Avenue Café
- The Bronzed and the Beautiful
- Ted Keogh Restaurant
- Paddy Power
- Dr. G. B. Glass, Dentist
- Maynooth Bookshop
- Launderette—Nicola Percival
- 3-Pin Electrical
- Maynooth Credit Union
- McManus, Architects
- Dawsons Menswear
- Monaghans Menswear
- Joe Wall, Imprinta
- Gerry Brady, Estate Agents
- Easons

St. Patrick's Day Parade 2008

Three Generation's of Farrells Enjoying the Parade.

Brian on the left, with his son Darren, his wife Robyn and their three children, Killian, Kirsten and Niamh



St. Patrick's Day Parade 2008



***St Mary's Brass & Reed
Band***

***Emmet Stagg TD
On the Viewing Stand***



***Scoil Rince Uí Dhubhaill
(Rita Doyle)***



***Performing in front of the Viewing
Stand***

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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre

Question

What tax relief is available for medical expenses and how can I claim it?

Answer

If you pay medical expenses that are not covered by the State or some other source such as private health insurance, you may be entitled to tax relief. This relief now applies to expenses that you pay for yourself or on behalf of others (for expenses before the start of 2007, the relief only applies in respect of relatives).

The amount of tax relief you get is either 20% or 41% of your expenses, whichever is the highest rate of tax you pay. Relief can now be claimed on the full amount. For expenses incurred before the 2007 tax year, the first €125 was not eligible (or €250 when claiming for more than one person).

You can claim relief on fees charged by doctors and consultants and many of the items or treatments prescribed by them. This includes drugs, diagnostic procedures, physiotherapy, chiropody, podiatry, hearing aids, orthoptic treatment, orthopaedic beds or chairs, and wheelchairs.

Other eligible expenses include: an educational psychologist or speech and language therapist for a qualifying child; routine maternity care; maintenance or treatment in a hospital or nursing home; kidney patients expenses; in-vitro fertilisation; gluten-free food for coelias.

Routine dental and ophthalmic care is not eligible but some dental treatments are: crowns; root canals; gold posts or inlays; periodontal treatment; wisdom teeth extraction in hospital; bridgework; dental implants; tip replacing.

You can claim tax at the end of the tax year by completing the form MED 1 which is available from your regional Revenue office or can be download from www.revenue.ie. If you are claiming relief on dental expenses, you will need to keep the form MED 2 as evidence of the expenses incurred. The MED 2 form is completed by your dentist.

Since the start of this year, it is now also possible online for tax relief on your medical expenses.

Question

I have a medical card for myself and my family. Is the card valid for a certain period? Do I have to do anything to renew it?

Answer

A medical card is usually issued for a period of one year and then reviewed, although it may be issued for a longer period depending on your circumstances.

You must still meet the eligibility requirements during this period so if, for example, your income or family circumstances change, you may no longer be eligible.

The Health Service Executive (HSE) will usually ask you to confirm your circumstances each year by sending you a review form that you must fill in and return to your Local Health Office. It is important to return this form otherwise your card may not be re-issued. The same process applies to the GP Visit Card.

If you have dependent children who are covered on your medical card, they should apply to get their own card when they reach 16 years of age. If you don't automatically receive a form to do this, you can obtain one from your Local Health Office. To ensure that there isn't a gap in coverage, it is important to allow sufficient time so that the application can be processed before their 16th birthday.

Question

Am I entitled to time off work for Easter?

Answer

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

Good Friday is not a public holiday. While some schools and businesses close, you have no entitlement to time off work on that day.

There are nine public holiday's in Ireland each year:

New years Day (1 January)
St Patrick's Day (17 March)
Easter Monday
First Monday in May, June and August
Last Monday in October
Christmas Day (25 December)
St Stephen's Day (26 December)

Easter Monday is the only Holliday with a date that varies significantly from year to year. It falls between 23 March and 26 April each year. In 2008 it falls on 24 March.

Public Holiday entitlements apply to staff even if they are not usually scheduled to work on the day of the

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public holiday. In this case the entitlement for part-time staff is pro-rata (one-fifth of weekly pay or hours). Part-time staff must have worked more than 40 hours in the five weeks before a holiday to be eligible for public holiday entitlements.

Information about public holiday entitlements is available from the National helpline on 1890 80 80 90.

Complaints in relation to holiday entitlements may be referred to a rights Commissioner at the Labour Relations Commission. Tom Johnson House Haddington Road, Dublin 4, Lo-Call 1890 220 227. www.irc.ie

Question

I recently applied for a loan but the application was refused. Is there a credit History record that banks use in deciding whether or not to approve a loan? Can I check my credit history to make sure that it is accurate?

Answer

The Irish Credit Bureau (ICB) is the main consumer credit reference agency in Ireland and most lenders in Ireland subscribe to it. They submit information to the ICB about their borrowers and apply to it for details of the credit-worthiness of individuals who may have loans with credit lenders. This information may influence a lender when deciding whether to give a loan. A borrower's credit record holds details of repayments made on loans, missed payments or failure to clear off a loan. Records remain on the ICB database for five years after a loan is closed.

You are entitled to get a full copy of the information held about you by contacting the ICB at (01) 260 0388. The completed form should be sent with payment of €6 to the Irish Credit Bureau. ICB House Newstead, Clonskeagh Road. Dublin 14. Alternatively, you can apply online at www.icb.ie.

If you find a mistake in your credit record, ask your lender to write to the ICB with details and ask them to send you a copy of the letter. The ICB cannot change your record unless a lender request it to do so. If you have problems getting your lender to do this you can make a complaint to the Data Protection Commissioner, Lo-call 1890 252 231. www.dataprotection.ie.

**Further information is available on any of the above questions from your local Citizens Information Centre
Telephone: 01 - 6285477
Lo - call: 1890 - 777 - 121**

Maynooth Flower & Garden Club Spring Show



On **Saturday April 19th**

in Loftus Hall, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth

Open to public from 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Plants for sale, raffle.

Details from 086 4041927



Prayer to The Virgin Mary (never known to fail)

BEAUTIFUL FLOWER OF MOUNT CARMEL. SPLENDOUR OF HEAVEN. BLESSED MOTHER OF THE SON OF GOD. IMMACULATE VIRGIN, ASSIST ME IN THIS MY NECESSITY. O STAR OF THE SACRED HEART HELP ME AND SHOW ME HERE YOU ARE MY MOTHER. O HOLY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, QUEEN OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, I HUMBLY BESEECH YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART TO SECURE ME IN MY NECESSITY. THERE ARE NONE THAT CAN WITHSTAND YOUR POWER, O SHOW HERE YOU ARE MY MOTHER. O MARY, CONCEIVED WITHOUT SIN PRAY FOR US WHO HAVE RECOURSE TO THEE. (THREE TIMES). HOLY MARY I PLACE THIS CAUSE IN YOUR HANDS. (THREE TIMES). SWEET MOTHER I PLACE THIS CAUSE IN YOUR HANDS (THREE TIMES). O THANK YOU FOR YOUR MERCY TO ME AND MINE. AMEN.

THIS PRAYER MUST BE SAID FOR THREE DAYS AND AFTER THAT THE REQUEST WILL BE GRANTED AND THE PRAYER MUST BE PUBLISHED.

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Maynooth Golf Society

Affiliated to GUI
Founded 1979

**President: Paddy Foy, Vice President: Declan Kennedy, Captain: Norman Kavanagh
Vice Captain: Kevin Rafter, Secretary: Marty Maguire, Treasurer: David Weafer**

Result Sheet Outing to Millicent GC 2nd March 2008 Sponsored by David Weafer Glenmore Electrical

1st Prize	Don O'Sullivan	40pts
2nd Prize	Gerry Kelly	39pts
3rd Prize	Joe Edwards	36pts
4th Prize	David Weafer	35pts
5th Prize	Marty Maguire	33pts
Front 9	Barry Desmond	19pts
Back 9	Norman Kavanagh	18pts
Visitors		
Nearest the Pin	Philip Doyle	

Next Venue: Moate Golf Club on Saturday 12th April

QUOTES TO FEED THE IMAGINATION

The man with insight enough to admit his limitations comes nearest to perfection.

Happiness does not depend on outward things, but on the way we see them.

Say not that you know another entirely, until you have shared an inheritance with him.

The hardest arithmetic to master is that which enables us to count our blessings.

Never let your failures go to your heart or your successes go to your head.

Take the world as it is, not as you think it ought to be.

He is not well bred, that cannot bear ill breeding in others.



Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.

Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers.

Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.

Takers ultimately lose, but givers win forever. This is a rule the universe never breaks.

The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up.



Idol of the 60s



Gene Pitney (1941 – 2006)

Be In Love, and I'm Gonna Be Strong.

Gene Pitney was born in Hartford Connecticut in 1941, but spent most of his youth in Rockville, He formed a band while a student at Rockville high school, then headed for New York city and the Brill Building. In 1959 Gene Pitney joined with a young singer named Ginny Arnell and recorded some songs for Decca. Under the guidance of Phil Spector, Gene recorded a song that was to be his break-through hit. *Town Without Pity*, a song from the film of the same title, was a smash hit record in 1962, and the record-buying public began to take notice.

Burt Bacharach and Hal David were churning out songs in the early 60s and Gene turned many of them into hits (*The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance*, *Only Love Can Break A Heart* – his biggest hit ever, and *Twenty Four Hours From Tulsa*).

And he wasn't just singing. Some of the songs he wrote or co- wrote were just as popular as those he sang—the Crystals with *He's A Rebel*, Ricky Nelson with *Hello Mary Lou*, Bobby Vee with *Rubber Ball*, Roy Orbison with *To Days Teardrops*, and the list goes on. As the 60s wore on, Gene continued to be successful, recording hits for: Mecca, like, *It Hurts To*

As big a star as he had become in the United States, Gene Pitney was an even bigger star in the United Kingdom. His publicist, Andrew Loog Oldham, acted in the same role for the Rolling Stones and Gene did some things with them. A song written by Mick Jagger and Keith Richards, *That Girl Belongs To Yesterday*, was recorded by Gene and went to number seven on the UK chart.

Gene always had a strong voice and was well liked in the music business. He was inducted into the rock and roll hall of fame in 2002.

In later years Gene sang mostly country music, and also made some recordings in Italian. Pitney continued touring and performing throughout his life. On April 4, 2006, during a tour of the UK he performed at St. David's Hall in South Wales and received a standing ovation following the show. His final song that night

was *Town Without Pity*. The following morning he was discovered dead in bed at the Hilton Hotel in Cardiff, Wales. He died from natural causes.

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*Maynooth Band, preparing for the
St Patrick's Day
Parade in Kilcock*

BAND BULLETIN

One of the busiest times of the year for St. Mary's Band is St. Patrick's week-end and this year saw a return to Delvin in Co. Westmeath on Sunday 16th March where we were blessed with a fine, dry if somewhat cool day. It was a single honour for us to lead what is one of the largest and most entertaining parades in the country for the first time, which we take as a compliment to both our musical and visually colourful appearance. An added bonus was a further compliment from the colour party for the parade who remarked on our perfect marching timing (probably something to do with Micheál Dempsey, our stand-in Staff Major for the day). It certainly means a great deal more to us when opinions like these come from those outside Maynooth.

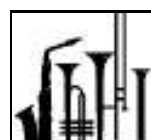
St. Patrick's Day in the Band Hall began with a little nostalgia when someone remarked that "this time ten years ago we were preparing to play the American National Anthem before the start of the Kansas City St. Patrick's Day Parade". Ah, how time flies. However this year was a red letter day in a different way, when our young beginners marched behind the band (with their instruments) for the very first time. They were really excited and are eagerly looking forward to playing with the Band next year.

We would like to say a special thank you to the parents who so kindly volunteered to march with them. The icing on the cake was winning the cup for the best band in the parade, something we always strive for because although we take part in a number of parades around this time, the Band ALWAYS makes a special effort for the Maynooth parade.

Following a quick bite to eat in Brady's Lounge we headed off to our near neighbours Kilcock to again lead the parade. This year was a slightly different affair, being placed immediately behind St. Patrick leading a real live pony and cart. While it was great for spectators the poor band members in the centre row felt more like Michael Flatley with their dancing feet trying to avoid the pony's "deposits" on the middle of the road. They passed the test with flying colours thanks to the efforts of our stand in Staff Major for both parades Christopher O'Reilly who's identical twin Seamus marched right behind him on Euphonium. Christopher was previously an excellent trombone player with the band until his work with the Dublin Fire Brigade brought his musical career to a premature end but hopefully we might see him back on the "slush pump" in the not too distant future.

We hope to see many of you at our next engagement, a first for us, when we share the stand with the Dublin Welsh Male Voice Choir in St. Mary's Catholic Church on Thursday 3rd April in aid of the Lions Club Senior Citizens Sheltered Accommodation. It should be a most entertaining evening.

Again can we extend an invitation to any musicians living in Maynooth or the surrounding areas to join us in the Band Hall any Monday night (except Bank Holidays) from 8 to 10pm where you will be made most welcome, and if there are any beginners hoping to "take the plunge" please call our Secretary Melanie Oliver at 087 9704 910 and we can include your name for the next series of classes.



Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location	Development Type
08/313	John William Mulhern	P	27/02/08	The development will consist of the construction of two storey dwelling, attached garage, Envirocare effluent treatment system, percolation area and all associated site works. Granted under pl.reg.05/1254	Timard Maynooth Co. Kildare	One Off House
08/314	P.G. Mulhern	P	27/02/08	The development will consist of the construction of a two storey dwelling, attached garage, Envirocare effluent treatment system, percolation area, and all associated site works. Granted under pl.reg.05/1253	Timard Maynooth Co. Kildare	One Off House
08/330	NUI Maynooth Campus	P	28/02/08	Construction of a 185 square metre extension to third floor level of existing John Hume building, constructed over the existing external terraced area, to accommodate additional cellular open plan office space, an extended computer laboratory	NUI Maynooth Kilcock Road Maynooth	School
08/417	Dermot Leahy	P	11/03/08	Single storey extension to side at front, with single storey extension to the rear and two storey extension to side at rear of semi detached two storey dwelling	165 Rockfield Walk Maynooth Co. Kildare	Extension
08/434	Dara and Patricia Keogh	P	14/03/08	To erect a first floor extension to the side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion and a porch to front of existing dwelling house	12 Parklands Lawns Railpark Maynooth Co. Kildare	Extension
08/440	Helen & Jim O'Hara	P	14/03/08	The development will consist of a 18.5sqm ground floor extension to the North West elevation with roof terrace of 17.7sqm over at first floor with access from bedroom no. 3 and enclosure of 7.6sqm to existing stairs serving basement storage etc.	1 Leinster Wood South Carton Demesne Maynooth Co. Kildare	Extension
08/450	A. & M. Cahill	P	14/03/08	Demolish existing single storey dwelling and construct two new detached dormer style dwellings with Velux windows, two new vehicle access locations and 2 metre high front and side boundary wall	Leinster Park Maynooth Co. Kildare	One Off House
08/465	Lisa Holton	P	19/03/08	Revisions to previous approved planning Ref 02/1669 to include reduction in gross ground floor area and the addition of 3 no dormer windows to the side and rear	Threadstown Laragh Maynooth Co. Kildare	One Off House
08/470	Glenkerrin Homes Ltd	P	19/03/08	Change of use of existing unit previously permitted plan Ref 99/2073 & 07/73 from light industrial and or enterprise unit with ancillary office accommodation to use as gymnasium with ancillary areas	Block K, Unit K6 Maynooth Business Campus Mooneycooley Maynooth	Commercial Development

Horoscopes



ARIES—March 21—April 20

Blue skies ahead for you if you make the right decision, with planning going into your work. You move quietly before someone else jumps in before you. Mid week is a good time to make your point of view known. Your lucky day is Monday, number 3, colour green.



TAURUS—April 21—May 21

Your numbers are likely to come up in the Lotto this week, but will it be the jackpot? only time will tell. You are on a roll at the moment but don't take all your good luck for granted enjoy the moment. Your lucky day is Thursday, number 2, colour silver.



GEMINI—May 22—June 22

You are in two minds at the moment. So what's new Gemini? We all know you are famous for changing your mind, but at the moment you can't make up your mind at all and you need to think hard about where you are going - good luck. Your lucky day is Friday, number 7, colour pink



CANCER—June 23—July 23

A chance meeting brings its own rewards mid week. You hear news from abroad and also get a letter in the post that changes plans made yesterday. Things will be alright in the end, look forward to tomorrow and all it brings. Your lucky day is Sunday, number 10, colour brown.



LEO—July 24—August 23

The time is now, to do something you always wanted to. Take time out this weekend and head for the hills. Its time you moved on, don't stop until you get there. Your lucky day is Sunday, Number 19, colour dark green



Virgo—August 24—Sept 23

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



LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23

Make the most of the moment. Value the time spent with family and friends next weekend when they pay you a visit and a good time is to be had by every one. You will enjoy a special day mid week. Your lucky day is Thursday, number 13, colour orange.



SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22

Life is good in spite of everything you feel. Life is passing you by and you wonder what's left for you. Your life will change if you remember that bad things happen to good people all the time. Don't worry things will work out ok. Your lucky day is Friday, number 12, colour ruby red.



SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21

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



CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20

A letter comes for you through the post with some good news for the whole family and its contents could change the way you see things. Be careful not to leave it lying about the house or forget where you leave it. Your lucky day is Monday, number 18, colour gold.



AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19

.A night out with friends turns out to be the best of times all round. Venus and Neptune suggest romance will blossom. Work looks good also but avoid family rows at any cost. Your lucky day is Tuesday, number 20, colour white.



PISCES—Feb 20—March 20

Wonderful, wonderful Pisces, a love affair looks good despite a partner's ups and downs. A hint or two sets your heart racing. Take time out together and don't take life too seriously. Your lucky day is Wednesday, number 21, colour navy.

Recipes

Smoked Fish Pie

Ingredients

- ♦ 4 large potatoes, cooked and mashed
- ♦ 1 kilo fish of choice i.e. smoked fish, cod, coley, haddock, also prawns, mussels and other shellfish
- ♦ 110g butter
- ♦ 110g flour
- ♦ ½ litre milk
- ♦ 1 leek or 6 spring onions, roughly chopped
- ♦ Salt and pepper

Method

- ♦ Heat a little oil or butter in a pan and gently fry leek or spring onions until cooked
- ♦ Cut the fish into large cubes, and poach in the milk over a medium heat for 5 minutes
- ♦ Remove fish from the milk and place in an oven proof pie dish. Sprinkle with the cooked leek or spring onion
- ♦ Use the milk to create a white sauce - Melt the butter over a low heat, and stir in flour gradually. Slowly whisk in the warm milk, and allow to cook over a low heat for a couple of minutes until it has thickened to desired consistency
- ♦ Pour the sauce over the fish until it is covered. Spread the mashed potatoes over the filling, and score the surface with a fork, which helps to give a crispy topping
- ♦ Place in the oven and cook for 30 – 45 mins until golden brown.

Lamb Pie with herbs

Ingredients

- ♦ 1 tbsp sunflower oil
- ♦ 200g smoked streaky bacon , preferably in one piece, skinned and cut into pieces
- ♦ 900g lamb neck fillets, cut into large chunks
- ♦ 350g baby onions , peeled
- ♦ 5 carrot , cut into large chunks
- ♦ 350g small button mushrooms
- ♦ 3 tbsp plain flour
- ♦ 3 bay leaves

- ♦ small bunch thyme
- ♦ 350ml red wine
- ♦ 350g lamb or beef stock
- ♦ large splash Worcestershire sauce

For Topping

- ♦ 350g self-raising flour
- ♦ 4 tbsp chopped mixed herbs , including thyme, rosemary and parsley
- ♦ 200g chilled butter , grated
- ♦ juice 1 lemon
- ♦ 5 bay leaves
- ♦ beaten egg , to glaze

Method

- ♦ Heat oven to 180C/fan 160C/gas 4.
- ♦ In a flameproof casserole, heat the oil, then sizzle the bacon for 5 mins until crisp. Turn up the heat, then cook the lamb for 10 mins until brown.
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- ♦ Remove meats with a slotted spoon, turn the heat up to maximum, then add the onions, carrots and mushrooms. Cook for about 5 mins until starting to colour, then stir in the flour. Return the meat to the pan with the herbs, and pour over the wine, stock and Worcestershire sauce.
- ♦ Season, then cover and braise in the oven, undisturbed, for about 1 hr 20 mins.

After about 1 hour make the topping. Tip the flour and herbs into a large bowl, then season with salt and pepper. Add the butter and mix using a fork. Make a well, then add the lemon juice and 3 tbsp water. Gently bring together to make a soft dough. Roll out on a lightly floured surface to about 5mm thick, then cut into rounds using a 7.5cm pastry cutter.

Re-roll the trimmings, then cut out more rounds until the dough is used up. After 1 hr 20 mins, take the casserole from the oven, remove the lid, then arrange the circles of dough, overlapping, around the edge of the dish, sticking bay leaves between them. Brush with egg and bake for 45 mins until golden.

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Herb Vinegar

- ♦ 25g Fresh Herbs, plus extra sprigs for bottling.
- ♦ 600ml red or white vinegar
- ♦ Put the fresh herbs and vinegar in a pan and bring to boil. Pour into a bowl, cover and leave overnight.
- ♦ Strain through a muslin-lined sieve and bottle with herb sprigs. Store for one week before using.

Spiced Vinegar (Perfect for Pickling)

- ♦ 500ml malt vinegar 1 tsp mace, 1 tbsp allspice berries, 1 tbsp cloves, 18cm cinnamon stick, 6 peppercorns, 4 dried red chillies, 1 small bay leaf
- ♦ Put all the ingredients in a pan and bring to the boil. Remove from the heat, cover and leave to infuse for about 2 hours.
- ♦ Strain the vinegar through a muslin-lined sieve to remove the herbs and spices.
- ♦ Pour the vinegar into sterilised bottles or jars and seal tightly. The vinegar can be used straight away or stored until required.

Fruit vinegar

- ♦ 1lb Raspberries and blackberries, plus extra for bottling, 600ml wine vinegar.
- ♦ Break up fruit with back of spoon and add vinegar. Cover and leave to stand for 3 days, stirring now and then.
- ♦ Strain through a muslin-lined sieve and bottle with extra fruit. Store for two weeks before using.

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ICA Notes Maynooth

We had a very successful Dinner Dance in the Keadeen Hotel in February and was attended by many of our members. The next federation meeting will take place in Prosperous on Monday 31st March. The national Council meeting will be 8th March in Silver Springs Hotel in Cork and members will attend. The guild Members will be working hard on Daffodil Day. Congratulations to Rosemary Hanley who took 3rd prize in the National Bookmark Competition. Thanks to Bernie Boylan from Leixlip Guild who did Fabric Painting with the Guild and was enjoyed by all. The On the Spot Competition in February was won by Norah McDermot with Rosemary Hanley in second place and Margaret Houlihan in third place. The Raffle Winner was Vera Kearins, 2nd Betty Farrell and 3rd Ursula Walsh.

A Guild of the Year Competition will be held again this year in Sarsfield G.A.A. In Newbridge and the theme will be Our Heritage and will take place on 24th April. Most Guilds in the Federation will take part. Competitions will take place in Traditional Cookery, 1910 Hat for the Races, Cushion Cover in Different Stitches, Foliage Display and short Variety Show.

Lots of teddies are being knitted by the members of the Craft Class and these are sent to children in war torn countries. We are planning an open night on Asthma in the near future. The March competition was won by Rosemary Hanley, Vera Kearins and Mary Halton - second prize went to Mary Dunne and Margaret Houlihan and third place to Jo O'Connell. The raffle was won by Mary O'Gorman, second prize Madeline Stynes and third Betty Farrell. Kildare Walk takes place in An Griannán from Monday 23rd June to Friday 27th June.

New members are always welcome to join our Guild. We meet every 1st Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. in our ICA Hall in the Harbour, so please feel free to call. Other information can be had from Sec. Rosemary Hanley at 086-369098. Craft Classes take place each Monday night in our Hall and Badminton each week in Maynooth College.

PRO Norah Mc Dermot.

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Short Story by Enda Clavin

April Visitor



It was a nice spring morning. The lambs were playing in the fields and the flowers were blooming in the garden. Fiona was out in the garden picking flowers for the centre of the dining room table, she thought that they would be nice there. She brought in some daffodils and some lilac and they did look lovely as she put them in her basket. Tina, Fiona's four year old daughter, was out playing with her dog Fluffy in the garden.

Suddenly the dog started to bark quite loudly. Tina was a bit afraid of Fluffy as he never got cross with her. Her mother came running out of the house to see what was happening. She picked Tina up in her arms first, so that she would not run out on to the road away from the dog. Fluffy continued to bark. But they didn't know what he was barking at, as he ran over to the front gate.

Tina looked out and it was then she saw what the Fluffy was barking at. There was a man walking down the road with a stick in one hand, and a bag over his shoulder. When she saw him she started to cry but she was safe in her mothers arms. The man stopped at the gate, "Good morning to you mam, but could I trouble you for a cup of tea" he said. Tom, Fiona's husband was up in the fields mending fences. He would not be down from his work until lunch time, so she didn't know what to do. "What is your name". She said. He replied, "Jonathan Swift." She looked at the man for a few seconds and then she felt sorry for him. He must have walked for miles, as the nearest town was ten miles away. "You must be hungry" said Fiona to him. "Come on into the house and I will see what I can get you" The man opened the gate and followed Fiona and Tina. By now Fluffy had stopped barking. She brought him into the kitchen and she told him to sit at the table while she got something ready to eat.



Jonathan Swift sat down at the corner of the table nearest to the fire as Fiona busied herself making soup and rolls and then a fry for her weary traveller. Tina hugged her mother's skirt, while she watched the stranger, who made her dog bark at her. Just as Fiona was laying the soup on the table, Tom came into the kitchen, he started to say something when he saw the man sitting at the corner of the table. He was about to ask the man what he was doing at the table when Fiona told him to be quiet. Then she told him, the man was passing by the gate when we were out in the garden picking flowers and he asked for a cup of tea. Then Tom sat down at the other end of the table opposite the man. "How far have you walked without something to eat", he said. "It was yesterday since I ate." he replied. "Then you must be

hungry, well eat up and Fiona will make sandwiches for you when you go on your way" Tom said. He noticed that the man spoke with a nice accent and his hands and nails were clean.

Jonathan sat drinking the soup and eating the roll, Fiona had given him. He finished that and she laid down the fry of bacon, sausages and eggs with some homemade brown bread. Tom started to talk

to the man again. It turned out that he was from a well to do background and he was very well educated. His wife had died about two years ago and he had lost everything since her death and had been on the roads for six months just wandering the countryside on his own. When he came on a friendly homestead he would beg a bit of food, the people always gave in and gave him a bit to eat. Tina wasn't afraid of the man any more, as she got down the shortbread that her mother had baked and put them on a plate to give them to him. "Would you like to pat my dog, he's called Fluffy?" she said. The man got up and went to the door, the dog was sitting wagging his tail, he patted the dog for a few minutes. "Well I best be on my way and thanks very much for the meal Mrs, it was much appreciated" he said, Fiona came to the door with the sandwiches. "Here take these". She handed the sandwiches to the man and a flask of tea with a cup to drink out of. He thanked them again. "Sweet blessings on ye kind folk" he said as he walked off down the road .

End

Poetry Corner

Peaceful Sunday

Another Sunday has arrived
As I wander from place to place
Another week I have survived
With a week ahead again to fall
Sitting down all on my own
In my solitude I think away
Feeling contented but alone
With the world and me this very day
Thinking thoughts that are not so real
As so much enters within my mind
So aware of things I feel
With new realisations for to find
My dreams wander from within
That I wish some day to come true
So as each new day begin
Each sincere thought my mind renew
Just another Sunday to contemplate
In my mood I express my thought
Feeling in quite a peaceful state
With numerous questions to be sought
Daily routine can get you down
With boring ways for to endure
Familiarity makes me frown
I only dwell on lives that's pure
A day of rest each Sunday fall
In dreamy and lazy days
My passive life to recall
When a new future ahead lies
I say a prayer this very day
That all the world will be in peace
For peace there is a lot to say
And may it never ever cease.

Patrick Murray



April

At morn when light mine eyes unsealed
I gazed upon the open field;
The rain had fallen in the night
The landscape in the new day's light
A countenance of grace revealed
Upon the meadow, wood and height.

The sun's light was a smile of gold,
Ere shut by sudden fold on fold
Of surging, showering clouds from view;
No sooner hid than it broke through
A tearful smile upon the world
Where earth reflected heaven's blue.

Each separate divided part
Of day, was as the threefold art
Of God, who dreamed three dreams and made
The morning, noon, and night parade
In ever changing guise athwart
The day's hours, in His dreams arrayed.

The sky was as a canvas spun
To paint the new spring's nocturnes on;
A blended melody of tints
The sea's hue, and the myriad hints
Of garden-closes, when the sun
Hath stamped the work of nature's mints.

William Stanley Braithwaite



You and Me

We will live a life together forever more
Plan our future with the best of love
It is of our love we will open the door
To a new life as true as Heaven above
May we have the strength to cope with our lives
Find many of our dreams to come true
We will take care of any of our strifes
With a union together the best we ever knew
Everything will happen as long as love is there
With want and care united in our hearts
What a great world both of us will share
A new life together that never departs
We have found the true formula to get along
That grows as the years pass us bye
Together we will live in harmony as any song
A world of passionate desire that will never die
Hear my cry My Lady from this lovely room
My heart yearns for your precious touch
It is you that will release me from my glory
A precious love I yearn for so very much.

Patrick Murray

April in the Garden

The garden really comes alive in April and the number of tasks to be carried out is considerable. Making the best use of the lengthening days is a bonus and, providing the weather stays fair, it can be a brilliant gardening month.

Do watch out for sudden air frosts, keep an eye on your local weather report and place any plants that you may be worried about in your conservatory or shed. Alternatively, you can wrap your plants up with some fleece or even bubble wrap to safeguard them.

Now is a good time to plant evergreen shrubs, bamboos and conifers. Water them in well, then mulch the root area with bark or compost. Protect them from drying winds with screens of polythene or sacking supported by bamboo canes. They also benefit from syringing with water in dry weather.

Clematis and other pot-grown climbers can also be planted out now. These also need lots of water and protection from slugs and snails, alternative methods of pest control are available from your local garden centre from garden chemicals to the more organic . . . you choose!

Climbers make vigorous growth and will almost certainly flower well in the same year and are perfect for framing a doorway or porch to give your garden a more interesting and enticing entrance.

10 Minute Tasks . . .

- ✿ Try planting hardy cyclamen under trees which can add interest during the autumn and winter months. Cyclamen hederifolium produce their flowers in autumn, followed by very attractive leaves. Prepare the site well by incorporating lots of well-rotted organic matter and keep them well watered until they are established.
- ✿ Plant up climbing plants such as Jasmine and Honeysuckles. These climbing plants look stunning in deep blue or contemporary steel containers especially when placed around your patio or balcony areas. What's more they will not only climb over unsightly fences or trellis but will even disguise your dustbin area and the give of a wonderful fragrance!

Benefits for You... ..How can plants help?

There are lots of ways in which plants and greenery can help improve and enhance your lifestyle, not only do they make you feel relaxed after a busy day but can also help to **reduce noise and air pollutants**.

Research has shown that having regular exposure to plants and green spaces can radically reduce your stress levels and put you in a better mood! After a long day at the office or a hectic day with the kids it's great to be able relax and enjoy our own green space.



From time to time we all feel anxious, under pressure or stressed. Vegetation and natural scenes can have a very positive effect and help you with these feelings. It may sound surprising but as little as 2 or 3 minutes in the company of plants and trees or natural environments can be enough to provide measurable stress relief! The same effect can be made in the workplace with houseplants or outside pots and containers making staff more productive and less likely to take time off sick.

**Plants are very important for our quality of life,
our mood and our emotional,
psychological and physical health.**

St. Patrick's Day Parade 2008



Maynooth Fire Brigade



***Girls from the Maynooth
Town
Football Club***



***Members of the Maynooth
Tidy Town's***

***Thornton's
Showing how to do it***



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The 8th Kildare Maynooth Scout Group



Scoil Rince Ui Dhubhaill



Maynooth GAA Club



Urban Essence School of Dance

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Pet Corner



Coconut Oil's Effect On Dogs

Tests on coconut oil's effect on dogs in clinical trials are not readily available, but anecdotal evidence is impressive. Internet forums describe how overweight dogs become lean and energetic soon after they begin eating coconut oil, or their shabby-looking coats become sleek and glossy, and dogs with arthritis or ligament problems grow stronger and more lively. Even some serious diseases have responded. In one case, a Doberman Pinscher with severe Wobblers made a dramatic recovery in less than a week while taking coconut oil. Other reports involve itchy skin, cuts, wounds, and ear problems. Dogs with flea allergies, contact dermatitis, or other allergic reactions typically stop scratching soon after coconut oil is added to their food, and dogs treated topically for bites, stings, ear mites, ear infections, cuts, or wounds recover quickly. One dog was stung by a bee, causing her mouth to swell. An hour after her owner applied coconut oil to the sting and gave her a tablespoon to swallow, the swelling disappeared and the dog was herself again.

There is the story of two collies who suffered from bad breath, poor skin condition with some mange, and their coats were not good. Their owner heard about the health benefits of virgin coconut oil for humans and had bought some from the local Health Food Store. More by chance than intent, he gave some to his dogs. They lapped it up so he began to give them a couple of spoonfuls with each meal. The result has been remarkable: the bad breath has gone, their mange has disappeared and their coats are glossy.

Behaviour Problems in Dogs

Destructive behaviour

Destructive behaviour is one of the most common complaints from dog owners, and hence necessitates the most in-depth discussion. A dog quickly ceases to be 'man's best friend' when he/she scratches up a prized rug, chews up a favourite jumper, or eats an expensive pair of shoes. Destructive behaviour is due to many causes, including separation anxiety. Many owners are gone from the house for many hours during the day, and the result is that the dog has more opportunity to develop destructive behaviour. The problem with this is that owners come home and see the chewed object and will punish the dog at that time. The dog will not associate the act of destruction to the punishment because they will not understand exactly why you are upset. They will act 'guilty' because they know you are upset, but they will not associate your anger with their act of destroying the object. Therefore, do not punish a dog for its behaviour unless you catch him in the act.

Another reason for destructive behaviour is lack of environmental stimulation. Boredom may be a cause, or at least a contributing factor, especially in young or large animals that do not receive adequate exercise. Animals need environmental stimulation. Obtaining a second pet or providing interesting and interactive toys for the dog may help. For example, a hollow toy filled with solid treats or peanut butter encourages the dog to interact with the ball to get at the treats.

To treat destructive problems, one must determine the exact cause of the behaviour and remedy the cause accordingly. For example, a young dog that is chewing furniture but not doorways is most likely in need of more environmental stimulation. Increasing exercise, providing another animal companion, putting the radio on, decreasing anxiety, or giving a chew toy only when the owners are away.

Local Useful Telephone Numbers (Cont'd)

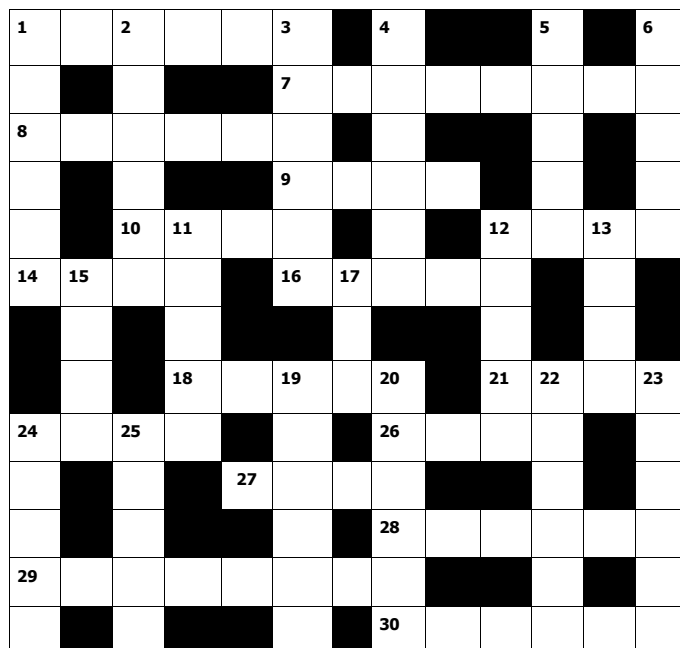
MAYNOOTH ADULT DAYTIME EDUCATION (MADE)	Contact: Bernadette Duffy	6016179
MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY	Contact: Rita Edwards	087-6387687
MAYNOOTH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION	Contact: Brid Feely	087-2052649
MAYNOOTH FAIR TRADE	Contact: Dr. John Sweeney	087-2476516
MAYNOOTH JUDO CLUB	Contact: Mary Mc Donald	087-9677596
MAYNOOTH PHYSIOTHERAPY CLINIC & LEINSTER CLINIC		6290895
MORTALITY SOCIETY	Contact: Paddy Nolan	6286312
NORTH KILDARE JUNIOR TENNIS CLUB	North Kildare Club	6103909 6287243
PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP	Contact: Bronwyn Mooney	6289405
PARISH	Fr. Paul Coyle Fr. Liam Rigney Parish Office	6290553 6286220 6293018
POST OFFICE		6286259
MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY LIBRARY	Librarian: Bernadette Gilligan	6285530
ROYAL AMENITY AND RESTORATION GROUP CANAL	Office Contact: Mark Kennedy, 83 Maynooth Park Maynooth	6290980 6286443
SCHOOLS	Boys' National School Presentation Girls' Primary School Post Primary School Scoil Ui Fháich	6293021 6286034 6286060 6290667
SCOUTS	Scouting Ireland Contact: Johnny Dowling	086-1017492
SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE	Contact: Patricia Cusker, Silken Vale, Maynooth. Josie Moore, Greenville, Straffan Road, Maynooth.	087-2982455
SOCCER CLUB	Contact: Edel Pat Moynihan	087-2998661 087-9078861
ST. MARY'S BRASS AND REED BAND	Contact: Melanie Oliver	087-9704910
SWIMMING CLUB	Contact: Edel	087-2680405
TIDY TOWNS	Contact: Secretary	087-3153189
U3A	Maynooth Town Library	6285530
VIOLENCE IN THE HOME		1800-341-900

Useful Telephone Numbers

Name	Details	Telephone No.
A.C.R.A	National Association of Resident Associations Contact Michael Quoin, 3 Laurence Avenue, Maynooth	6285258
ADULT CEILI AND SET DANCING	Contact: Rita Doyle	086-2862475/ 6286169
AN NUADA PLAYERS	Contact: Terry Nealon	086-8068068
BRIDGE CLUB	Contact: Joan Howard Williams	6289239
CASTLE COMMITTEE	Contact Tony Bean Sec. Gerald &Joan Howard Williams, Carton Demense	087-949459
CASTLE KEEP ART GROUP	Contact: Susan Durack Sec.	6289349
CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTRE		6285477
COMMUNITY GAMES	Contact: Joe Geraghty Margaret Houlihan	087-6181235 087-2054854
DENTIST	Dr. G.B. Glass Dr. G.A. O'Reilly Dr. J.G. Merrick	6289284 6286318 6286318
DOCTORS	DR. D. Gaffney DR. D. Nolan DR. C.D. O'Rourke DR. J. Cornish DR. N. Wilson DR. M. Cowhey	6291169 6285943 6285210 6292556 5052135 6289044
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FLOWER CLUB	Contact: Moira Baxter, Applewood, Laraghbryan ,Maynooth	6289102
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GATEWAY WRITER GROUP	Contact : Kate Dempsey	086-8583316
GOLF	Maynooth Golf Society Contact: Kevin Loftus	086-8261221
HEALTH CENTRE		6285415
I.C.A.	Contact: Norah Mc Dermot	6244695
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LARAGHBRYAN CEMETRY COMMITTEE	Contact: Breda Holmes, Barrogstown, Maynooth Sec. Helen Johnson	6289757
LIONS CLUB	Contact: Freddie Melia,	6289555
MAHER SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING	Contact : Catherine Maher	6285739 087-8222740
MARTIAL TAEKWON-DO	Contact: Gerard McClland	087-279621/6280868

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Crossword No: 65



Entries before Monday 7th April 2008

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Across:

1. Frozen subarctic region (6)
7. Off-guard (8)
8. Undamaged (6)
9. Loosen (4)
10. Paper Measure (4)
12. Part of the hand (4)
14. Thread (4)
16. Girl's Name (5)
18. Scope (anag) (5)
21. LECTERN (4)
24. Walkway (4)
26. Greenish blue (4)
27. Inner bone of the forearm (4)
28. Outer bone of the forearm (6)
29. Reproduce (8)
30. The Man Who Came to __ __ __, film (6)

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175 Kingsbry,
Maynooth

Down:

1. Auditions (6)
2. Disposition (6)
3. Season (6)
4. Prison guard (6)
5. Play (5)
6. Religious verse (5)
11. Remarkable Period (5)
12. Endangered animal (5)
13. Minus (4)
15. Singer __ __ __ Turner (4)
17. Undivided (3)
19. Column (6)
20. Afraid (6)
22. Flag (6)
23. German emperor (6)
24. Fend off (5)
25. Scott & Virgil __ __ __, Thunderbirds characters (5)

Solutions to Crossword No. 64

Across: 1. Malady, 3. Smooth, 6. Loudly, 7. Vulgar, 8. Cutty, 10. Bangles, 14. Quarterback, 17. Elevate, 19. Compo, 20. Volume, 21. Groove, 22. Trendy, 23. Wyvern
Down: 1. Malace, 2. Dolly, 4. Mourn, 5. Harass, 9. Truce, 11. Awry, 12. Locum, 13. Stet, 15. Velvet, 16. Govern, 18. Aimed, 19. Carry

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April Fools Day



The origin of April Fools Day seems to be set in the fourteenth century when Charles IX of France officially made January 1st new years day, this was in 1564 even before the adoption of the Gregorian Calendar in 1582. The story goes that it took so long for news of the change to travel all over the country, that years later people were still celebrating new year on April 1st and they were mocked and called fools for not knowing about the change.

Well-known pranks

- **Spaghetti trees:** The most famous one being when BBC's Panorama ran a hoax in 1957 showing the Swiss harvesting spaghetti from trees. They went on to say that the dreaded weevil pest had been eradicated and a large number of people rang in to find out how to cultivate their own trees.
- **Left Handed Whoppers** In 1998 Burger King ran an ad in 'USA Today' saying that people could get a Whopper for left-handed people whose condiments were designed to drip out of the right side. Not only did customers order the new burgers, but some specifically requested the "old" right-hand burger.
- **Smell-o-vision:** In 1965 the BBC said it was conducting a trial of new technology allowing the transmission of odours over the airwaves. Many people rang in to report it a success.
- **Tower of Pisa:** The Dutch television news reported once in the 1950s that the Tower of Pisa had fallen over. Many shocked people contacted the station.
- **Annual BMW Innovations** see a new "cutting edge invention" advertised in British newspapers every year, examples including:
 - ☺ Warning of counterfeit BMWs (the blue and white parts were reversed.)
 - ☺ The "Toot and Calm Horr" (after Tutankhamun) which calms rather than aggravates other drivers, so reducing road rage.
 - ☺ SHEF ("Satellite Hypersensitive Electromagnetic foodration") Technology which sees the cars GPS synchronise with home appliances to perfectly cook a meal for the instant you return home.
- **German Pound** BBC Radio 2004 reported that Germany had pulled out of the Euro and wanted to join the British pound, prompting outraged listeners to ring in complaining it would be an assault on British Sovereignty
- **Dead fairy hoax:** In 2007, an illusion designer for magicians posted on his website some images illustrating the corpse of an unknown eight-inch creation, which was claimed to be the mummified remains of a fairy. He later sold the fairy on eBay for £280.
- **Water on Mars:** In 2005 a news story was posted on the official NASDA website purporting to have pictures of water on Mars. The picture actually was just a picture of a glass of water on a Mars Candy Bar.

Party Political



Emmet Stagg T.D.

Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Parson Street:

When the Developer began his demolition and earth removal at Parson Street Cllr. John McGinley contacted the Council asking them to take action. The Council carried out an inspection and as a result they issued an Enforcement Notice on Mr. Paul Dormer, 54 Marrowbone Lane, Dublin 8

Lack of Reinstatement of Red Cycle Track on Rathcoffey Road at Castledawson:

Cllr. John McGinley got the following reply on his representations to the Council:

"The Area Engineer has advised that this matter will be referred to the offending contractor again, with a view to having the red tarmac reinstated. The matter has been referred to waterworks also as they are responsible for some of the reinstatements."

Dumping in the Field Beside Blacklion Halting Site

Cllr. John McGinley got the following reply from the Council in response to his representations:

"I wish to advise that the Council intends proceeding with removing the dumped material from the site in question and sealing off the site to prevent further illegal dumping in this area."

Bollards at the Boys Primary School

Cllr. John McGinley allocated €9,500 from his Discretionary Grants for the installation of these bollards. They look well and will improve public safety.

Vandalised Litter Bins

Following representations from Cllr. John McGinley the Council have replaced the 3 vandalised litter bins (2 at Straffan Road and 1 at the Church)

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motions for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee at its next meeting on 28th March:

Safety Issues on Main Street Footpath :

"That the following works be carried out on the footpaths at Main Street, Maynooth in the interest of public safety:

1. That the cycle track lines be repainted without any further delay and that the dirty signs be cleaned. That the loose, broken and sunken paving slabs be replaced as they are extremely dangerous for pedestrians."

Progress on the Harbour Action Plan;

"That a progress report be given on what has happened to the Harbour Area Action Plan since our last briefing on 21 September 2007"

Re-building of Walls at the Small Pound and at Pound Park (The Green)

"When will the work, for which 50,000 has been allocated in the Capital Budget, be carried out on the walls of the
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Small Pound and The Pound (The Green) in Maynooth?"

Re-cycling Centre at the Public Car Park

"How many fines and prosecutions have there been as a result of dumping at the Bottle Bank in the Council car park, Maynooth?"

The Square, Maynooth

The Council has agreed to repair the seats in the Square and at the Ulster Bank as a result of Cllr. John McGinley's motion.

They have also agreed to carry out maintenance work on the wooden beams and to take measures to encourage the creepers onto the pergola.

Health & Safety on the Rathcoffey Road, Maynooth

Council Officials will present a report to the next Area Meeting on 28th March in response to Cllr. McGinley's motion.

Provision of Teenage Activity Area at the Harbour Field, Maynooth

The Council intend advertising the Part 8 Planning Permission for the Teenage Activity Area in the Harbour Field in Mid March.

Provision of a Fit Zone in the Harbour Field, Maynooth

At the Area Meeting in January Cllr. McGinley was advised by Council Officials that the Fit Zone for adults would be located adjacent to the Teenage Activity Area and that the only outstanding issue was where to get the €50-60,000 required to install the equipment. When Cllr. McGinley identified a source of funding at the February Area Meeting he was presented with a long report which stated that the Harbour Field was unsuitable as "a more secluded location would be more appropriate." John stated that this was blatant nonsense as they are located on Street Corners in China, where President McAleese first saw them and she then arranged to have them introduced to Ireland through the Mid-east Regional Authority.

The Council report also stated that the installation cost would now be €100,000, double that of the previous month. The only place in Ireland where they are installed is Dunshaughlin Park and the cost was €50,000. President McAleese officially opened this Fit Zone last September. Cllr. McGinley made the point that our President would not be too pleased at the obstructionist tactics of Kildare Council Officials in

relation to installing the units, which were bought for the county, in the Harbour Field.

Junction of Straffan Road/Meadowbrook Link Road

Cllr. John McGinley got the following reply to his motion asking for a roundabout at this dangerous junction:

"The Traffic Management Section is examining the options to control traffic using the junction of the Straffan Road/Meadowbrook Road in Maynooth. The primary objective is to improve the safety of pedestrians and cyclists and taking into account proposed developments. Proposals will be distributed to the Area Committee when available."

Resurfacing of Back Lane, Maynooth, from 1 to 28 Leinster Cottages

In the reply to his motion Cllr. McGinley was advised that "there was no funding to surface this Lane in this years budget." When John made the point that pay parking could not proceed on the Lane without it being resurfaced the Council Official agreed that it could be done as part of the Pay Parking Scheme.

Drop in Serious Crime Detection Rate further evidence of Garda undermanning

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been advised by the Central Statistics Office of the Provisional Figures for the Detection Rate of Serious Crime in the Carlow/Kildare Division which worryingly show a decline in crimes detected.

Of the Total of 6,029 Serious Crimes in the Carlow/Kildare Division in 2007 only 1,841 were detected, a mere 30.5%. This compares to a detection rate in 2006 of 34.4%.

Whilst the detection rates for Thefts and Robberies were 32%, Deputy Stagg stated that the detection rate for Burglaries was only 14.5%. In other words 86 out of every 100 burglaries, including House Burglaries resulted in no prosecution.

These figures stated Deputy Stagg provide further evidence that the Gardai in the Carlow/Kildare Division are under-resourced and he has reiterated his call for further gardai to be assigned to the division given Kildare's proximity to Dublin Criminal Gangs.

Discussions ongoing in relation to proposals to increase capacity on Maynooth suburban line through removal of level crossing

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Transport in relation to Iarnrod Eireann's Review of its Resignalling Project for the City Centre and broader plans for the upgrade of Infrastructure on

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the Maynooth Suburban Line including the removal of level crossings.

The Minister has advised Deputy Stagg that Iarnrod Éireann are currently in discussions with the Local Authorities concerned regarding the removal of Level Crossings on the Maynooth Line. Crossings along the line are at Blakestown, Clonsilla, Porterstown, Coolmine, Ashtown and Reilly's and the most critical crossings are from Clonsilla to the City Centre.

In relation to the City Centre Resignalling Project Deputy Stagg was advised that this scheme is now included in Iarnrod Éireann's Capital Investment Programme and is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2011, disappointingly 2 years behind the Transport 21 Timeframe of 2009 for this scheme.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that increasing capacity on the Maynooth Line was critical in providing improvements in Public Transport and if in addition to the electrification of the line, resignalling of the City Centre and the Maynooth Line, that agreement could be reached on the removal of level crossings we would have a greatly improved service for the Public.

Gormley refuses to say Yes or No on establishment of New Town Councils for Maynooth & Celbridge by 2009

Deputy Emmet Stagg has continued to question the Minister for Environment in relation to the Establishment of New Town Councils in Maynooth and Celbridge.

Deputy Stagg has been critical of the decision by the Minister to embark on a further Consultative Process on Local Government Reform describing it as a delaying tactic given the fact that Legislation exists under the 2001 Local Government Act allowing for the Establishment of New Town Council's in Towns with a population in excess of 7,500 people.

Deputy Stagg recently questioned the Minister in relation to the completion of the Green Paper on Local Government Reform, when he anticipated the follow up White Paper would be published and whether or not New Town Council's would be established in time for the Local Elections due in June 2009.

The Minister responding to Deputy Stagg stated that the Green Paper on Local Government Reform would be published shortly and The White Paper would be published later in 2008. Issues to be considered include the provision of directly elected Mayors and

the establishment of New Town Councils in Towns that have shown significant growth in recent years. However the Minister refused to state categorically whether these New Town Councils would be in place in time for the 2009 Local Elections. If there was any hope that they would be then the Minister would have said so.

Reacting to the Ministers response Deputy Stagg stated that it is clear that the Minister has no intention of providing New Town Councils in 2009. This means that Maynooth with a Population of 11,476 people and Celbridge with a population of 19,024 people will continue to be governed by Councillors in some instances 40 miles away. This was clearly Anti-Democratic and a denial of the rights of the public in both towns to determine how their towns were developed into the future.

Garda Division Boundary Board will examine adequacy of 24 hour Garda Station Cover

Following on from the referral by the Garda Commissioner Fachtina Murphy, of Deputy Emmet Stagg's correspondence making the case for a 24 Hour Garda Station for North Kildare covering the Towns of Celbridge, Leixlip, Maynooth and Kilcock, to the Programme Board overseeing the Divisional Boundary Changes, the Assistant Commissioner in charge of implementing the changes has responded to Deputy Stagg.

The Assistant Commissioner has advised Deputy Stagg that in developing the new boundary changes, The Programme Board established to manage the changes will be examining and looking at ways of improving the service, and included in this will be the examination of the opening hours of garda stations to ensure appropriate 24 by 7 opening hour facilities in each garda division.

Deputy Stagg has welcomed the response from the Assistant Commissioner and reiterated his firm belief that if the North Kildare Towns, with a combined population of 50,033 people, are to be properly policed then a 24 Hour Garda Station will have to be opened in one of the Towns. It is inconceivable that Naas Divisional Headquarters would give 24 hour cover to North Kildare.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that New Division is likely to be created by this Summer and all going well the case made by Deputy Stagg for the 24 Hour Station will arrive at a successful conclusion.

Minister not bothered at low take up of places in Gaelcholaiste from North Kildare

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for

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Education in relation to the fact that only 31% of pupils who attended Gaelscoils, in the catchment area for Colaiste Cois Life in Lucan, went on to study Secondary Education through Irish, whether or not a study had been carried out into the low take up, and whether the fact that there was no Gaelcholaiste in North Kildare was a contributory factor for pupils from Maynooth, Kilcock and Leixlip Gaelscoils not going on for further education in Irish.

The Minister responded to Deputy Stagg stating that her Department has not carried out an examination to establish why pupils from the designated feeder gaelscoils do not continue their second level education through the medium of Irish.

Commenting on her response Deputy Stagg stated that the Minister simply doesn't care less about the low take up and isn't even bothered about carrying out a study to examine the issue. After refusing to fund a Gaelcholaiste in North Kildare this shows the lack of concern by the Minister for the Pupils in North Kildare who wish to study in Irish.

It is obvious to a blind person that one of the reasons for the low take up from North Kildare is the distance and time required in travelling to and from Lucan. This places further stress on Secondary Pupils and can only be resolved by the provision of a Gaelcholaiste in North Kildare.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that the False Hope raised by F.F. during last May's General Election in relation to the provision of a Gaelcholaiste in North Kildare would not deter him in continuing his campaign for the Provision of An All Irish Secondary School in North Kildare and he indicated that he would seek further statistics to back up his claims on the low take up figures.

Study on provision of interchange/underpass at Palmerstown junction on the N4 to be completed in 2008

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been in further contact with South Dublin Co. Council in relation to the provision of an Interchange or Underpass to allow for free flow of traffic at Palmerstown Village on the N4.

With the completion of the N4 upgrade works by March 2009 which will provide an Interchange on the Lucan Bypass at the Lucan/Newcastle Junction Deputy Stagg pointed out that the removal of the Traffic Lights at Palmerstown would allow traffic to flow freely and would be particularly beneficial for outward bound traffic. In effect Kildare motorists would have no further hold ups on the outward

journey once on the Chapelizod Bypass. At present peak time waiting time at this junction can be anything up to an hour.

South Dublin Co. Council have now advised Deputy Stagg that they currently have a contract in place with a Consultant Engineer to prepare a traffic model for the entire County Network and that consideration is being given to extending the consultants brief to assess the Palmerstown Junction and to make a recommendation on the most suitable junction type required. They further indicated that the Study will be carried out in 2008.

Welcoming this news Deputy Stagg stated that removing the traffic lights at Palmerstown Village would be an additional improvement for hard pressed motorists travelling into and from Dublin on a daily basis. If there is not enough room for an Interchange at this location then an Underpass should be seriously examined.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg indicated that he would continue to monitor progress on this issue.

Noise Map of M4 shows those living in proximity subjected to permanent office environment type noise

Deputy Emmet Stagg has been in contact with the Environmental Protection Agency in relation to the Strategic Noise Mapping of the M4 particularly near to the Towns of Celbridge, Kilcock, Leixlip and Maynooth.

The Environmental Protection Agency have forwarded to Deputy Stagg the Noise Map submitted by the N.R.A., which whilst not in great detail shows a number of residential areas subjected to in effect a permanent office environment noise in their homes as a result of traffic using the M4.

Amazingly, stated Deputy Stagg, when the then Minister for Environment published the Environmental Noise Regulations in 2006, he failed to include any maximum permitted Noise Levels near roads, rail lines or airports. Instead the E.P.A. are now commissioning a consultant to review control measures on noise levels in other countries with a view to preparing a guidance document for local authorities to enable them to prepare Actions Plans to deal with Noise Pollution by July 18th 2008.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that in his opinion there was a clear case for noise alleviation measures to be sought from the N.R.A. in July be they, Noise Barriers or new surfaces on the M4 itself.

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Stagg raises lack of accountability in Dáil for Quango's

During Taoiseach's Questions in the Dail on Tuesday February 26th Deputy Emmet Stagg raised the fact that Elected Members were prevented by Legislation from asking Ministers about the expenditure of public funds provided by the Taxpayer for the operation of State Agencies and State Bodies such as the HSE and N.R.A..

Deputy Stagg called on the Minister of State responsible, Tom Kitt T.D. to indicate Government willingness to amend the legislation allowing for full Public Accountability of Taxpayers Money. He stated that we have over 1,000 Quango's operating in the State, financed by the Tax Payers, and the Elected Members are unable to question Ministers in relation to these Quango's under their effective control but at a remove from them.

The most prominent of these Quango's are the HSE and the N.R.A. It can take 3 months to get a response about an urgent issue from the HSE and if a member questions the Minister for Transport about a Major Roads Project or a Toll Scheme the Minister refuses to answer the question because he has no responsibility in the matter which he states is a matter for the N.R.A. Ireland is probably the only State in the World where you cannot question the Minister responsible for funding the building of a motorway project or certain aspects of the proposal or why certain projects are not funded over others. This goes to the very heart of a democracy – the right of Public Representatives to ask questions in Parliament and to get answers from Ministers on behalf of the Public who send us to this Sovereign Parliament.

In response to Deputy Stagg, Minister of State Kitt stated that the Government shared Opposition concerns about getting information from Quangos and agencies. He indicated that he had not put a package of suggested changes before Government but hoped to do so by Autumn.

Responding Deputy Stagg stated that unless the Government can give us an answer on restoring power to the House from the Quangos we have created we will not have achieved anything. Democracy suffers where there is no Accountability.

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Handy Hints for Spring Cleaning

Basic All Purpose Cleaner Formula

This makes about 2 cups of formula, and it works really well cleaning dirt and grime.

- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda or washing soda
- 2 teaspoons borax
- 1/2 teaspoon liquid soap or detergent
- 2 cups hot water

Combine all the ingredients and the water into a spray bottle. Shake well. The washing soda or baking soda makes this formula a great grease cutter.

All Purpose Cleaner with Ammonia

- 1 qt rubbing alcohol
- 1 cup lemon ammonia
- 1 tsp dishwashing liquid
- 21 oz 409

Combine the ingredients into a empty one gallon container such as a milk carton. Shake the contents, and then top off the gallon container with water to make 1 full gallon of cleaning solution. note: never add bleach to ammonia, a harmful and toxic gas will result. Pour the cleaner into a spray bottle then you are all set.

Bathroom Odours: Place an opened box of baking soda OR an open container of activated charcoal behind the toilet to absorb bathroom odours.

Blood Stains: Soak the stain in hydrogen peroxide, wash (don't dry), and repeat if necessary. This tip works especially well for caret and clothes.

Carpet Stains: Baby wipes are miracle-workers on carpet stains, from motor oil to blood, they remove almost anything!

Candle Holders: To prevent the wax from melting and sticking to the inside of a votive candle holder, pour a bit of water in the holder, then place the candle on top. If you're reading this tip too late, and there's already wax stuck inside your candle holder, pop it in the freezer for an hour. The wax will chip right off.

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Michael Fitzpatrick T.D.

Good news for Kildare Commuters

At the launch of the Transport 21 Second Annual Progress Report in respect of 2007, The Minister for Transport, Noel Dempsey TD was delighted to report that a major highlight of the year was that spending on public transport, at €640m, increased by 82% over 2006.

According to the Annual Report, expenditure on national roads was €2.2 billion and on public transport was €640.4m. The estimated expenditure on public transport for 2008 is €986m, representing a further year on year increase of 54%. This demonstrates in a tangible way the overall commitment in Transport 21 to delivering real public transport solutions throughout Ireland.

In welcoming this report, Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick noted that "Transport 21 is delivering tangible benefits - increased public transport facilities, more services, shorter travel times and greater connectivity between the regions".

The Minister reported that at €34bn, this is the largest coordinated transport infrastructure project in Irish history. It encompasses trains, trams, buses and roads, and it is delivering new projects from 2006 to 2015, in every part of the country."

Deputy Fitzpatrick noted that among the projects delivered under Transport 21 at the end of 2007

- The commencement of the upgrading of the Kildare Rail line, to permit a major increase in route services.

Progress will continue this year with Transport 21's 2008 expenditure provision at almost €3bn.

Focus on public transport delivery will continue as a priority, with a total spend of almost €1bn.

- The deployment of the new intercity railcars will continue across the rail network. This new fleet will be maintained at a new traincare depot in Portlaoise which will open during the year
- Work will get underway on the Dublin city centre resignalling project which will increase capacity on the city centre and the Maynooth line.
- Work will continue on the Kildare line upgrade.
- Phases 1 and 3 of the M50 upgrade will continue and barrier-free tolling will be introduced on the West-Link Bridge.

Introduction of New commuter services Dublin to Maynooth

Below is a copy of a letter received by me from a constituent. This is good news for commuters from Maynooth.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude for representations made on my behalf to Iarnród Éireann regarding the changes to the timetable that came into effect in January 2007. The timetable changes (which involved the replacement of the 0800 Dublin to Sligo service by two services, one departing Dublin at 0705, the other at 0905) left commuters to Maynooth without an adequate service and extremely limited possibilities to arrive in Maynooth before 9 o'clock. Following representations made by many of you on my behalf and on behalf of commuters travelling daily to Maynooth, Iarnród Éireann introduced a new Dublin to Maynooth non-stop service departing Dublin Connolly at 0808 and an earlier service departing Connolly at 0730 stopping at all stations to Maynooth. I wish to express my sincere thanks for taking the time to help in this matter. Your assistance in reaching a satisfactory resolution is greatly appreciated.

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Party Political—Áine Brady T.D.

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Aine Brady T.D.

Maynooth Line Infrastructure Improvements on Target for 2011 says Brady

Deputy Aine Brady has been informed by Richard Ferns, Chief Executive, Iarnrod Eireann, that the Maynooth Line, will be fully electrified by 2011 under Transport 21.

'The Maynooth Line will be fully re-signalled to enable an increased frequency of train service to be provided. In addition, the Line will be fully electrified and will be operated as part of the DART network. The resignalling and electrification are scheduled to be completed by 2011.' stated Deputy Brady.

'While we have seen rapid growth in the number of passenger journeys in recent years, from 1m passengers in 2005 to 1.5m passenger journeys in 2007, on the back of an increased level of service, further significant service improvements are restricted until resignalling work is completed.'

'I again raised the issue of Car Parking at Maynooth for rail commuters with Iarnrod Eireann. Mr. Ferns has assured me that all options are currently being considered.'

'Park and Ride Solutions are working well at Louisa Bridge, Leixlip, Hazelhatch, Celbridge and Sallins; and we must provide more Park and Ride facilities in the County.' concluded Deputy Brady who has raised this issue with Kildare Co Co as well.

OK Transport make presentation to Joint Oireachtas Committee on Transport

OK Community Transport outlined its strategy to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Transport last Wednesday at the Committee's schedule meeting. The meeting was facilitated by North Kildare TD, Aine Brady.

'OK Community Transport is one of 34 projects funded by the Department of Transport through Pobal under the Rural Transport Programme of the National Development Programme. OK Community Transport was established in 2002 and has seen its passenger numbers increase from 15,916 to 35,990 by the end of 2007; the number of wheelchair users from 44 to 1,206 and the number of free travel pass holders from 8,143 to 24,542.' stated Alan Kerry, OK Transport.

'The Company is always looking at avenues to widen its passenger profile and with this in mind, we have prepared our strategy for 2008/2010 which will be going for board approval this month.' stated Alan Kerry.

Deputy Aine Brady stated, 'I was happy to facilitate this meeting between OK Transport and our Transport Oireachtas Committee. I am very anxious that we find mechanisms to reduce our car dependency and encourage more public transport. OK Transport late last year commenced a service to the Kildare rail station from Rathdangan. I am anxious that we roll this out to other rail stations.' stated Deputy Brady.

'My colleagues on the committee were very impressed with the presentation, as outlined by Alan Kerry, Pat Leogue and Frank Nolan. I look forward to working with OK Transport to improve the services for Kildare.' concluded Deputy Brady.

Brady welcomes new plan for residential development

Aine Brady T.D. has welcomed the issuing by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, John Gormley T.D. of new policy guidance to planning authorities in relation to the taking in charge of residential estates. Deputy Brady had raised the issue with the previous Minister for the Environment, Dick Riche TD.

The guidance is being issued as a companion to the expanded and updated Residential Density Guidelines - Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas - which issued as a consultation draft on 10 February. 'Under this policy, developers will be required, through the development management process, to complete residential developments to a standard that is in compliance with the planning permission granted. In addition, the issue of taking in charge will now be addressed at the pre-planning stage with the approved design facilitating the taking in charge of core facilities.' Stated Deputy Brady.

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'People in Kildare North are only too well aware that we need to implement policies and practices to provide for residential development in locations which are well-served in terms of public transport and community facilities and which are built to the highest possible standards. The issuing of the guidelines on 10th of February and this announcement will bring sustainable development closer.' stated Brady.

'Each planning authority has to develop or update, as appropriate, its policy on taking in charge by the end of June 2008, on the basis of these principles, and wider housing and planning guidance as set out by the Department of the Environment' concluded Brady.

NUI Maynooth to benefit from Government funding to build alliances with other institutions – Brady

NUI Maynooth is to benefit from funding of €320,000 under the Department of Education's Strategic Innovation Fund according to local Fianna Fail T.D. Áine Brady.

"This funding will go towards supporting internal change in the Institute, improving teaching and learning and promotion of access and lifelong learning and supporting the development of fourth level education."

"One of the projects that will benefit from this funding is a joint project involving eight third level institutions in Dublin to exploit their geographic closeness bringing together disciplines and staff in order to enhance opportunities for students."

"A strong local university will provide a readily available high skilled local workforce that will in turn encourage investment in Kildare."

"NUI Maynooth will also be participating in the Creating the Entrepreneurial Graduate Proposal. As part of this plan NUI Maynooth will work in partnership with UCD, Dundalk IT, Trinity College Dublin, DCU, IT Tallaght and the Dublin Institute of Technology and aim to link entrepreneurship education into existing technology programmes and promote organisational change within and between the institutions."

"NUI Maynooth will also share in the €5.5million that has been allocated to promote partnerships between Universities around the country."

"This fund will fulfil a commitment to mainstreaming supported flexible learning within and between the Universities in order to increase the numbers of people in the workforce engaged in education and development."

"The continued investment in NUI Maynooth is vital, as it plays a vital role education and economy of the region," concluded Deputy Brady.

Have your say on pension reform - Brady

Kildare North Fianna Fáil T.D., Áine Brady is encouraging people to have their say on pension reform by contacting the Department of Social Welfare.

"The Green Paper on Pensions was published in October last with the aim of setting out the challenges our pension system faces in the future and to seek views on a number of suggested ways in which we might proceed."

"I would like to urge everyone to play their part in this process. This Green Paper is about all of us - our priorities both as individuals and as a community, how long we live, our expectations for retirement and the prospects for our children. It is of relevance to anyone with an interest in the shape of Irish society in the decades ahead."

"Pensions are one of the major issues the country must tackle for the future and any decisions we take at this stage will impact on society for decades to come."

"Anyone who has a view can submit it by email to pensionsgreenpaper@welfare.ie, in writing to Department of Social and Family Affairs, Green Paper Consultation, Pensions Policy Unit, Áras Mhic Dhiarmada, Store Street, Dublin 1 or by calling (01) 703778."

"There is also a public meeting on in the Gresham Hotel on Thursday the 28th of February from 9.15am to 1pm."

"Although we currently have a younger population than most European countries, this is set to change dramatically over the coming decades. A key message coming from the Green Paper is the nature and pace of the change we can expect. The number of people of working age for each person aged 65 and over will fall from almost six which we have today, to two in about 2050/ 2060."

"It is a challenge that Minister Martin Cullen and the Government are determined to meet so that current and future generations will have in place a pensions system that will deliver a secure and fulfilling retirement for all," concluded Deputy Brady.

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EU Reform Treaty will result in strong institutions and policies – Brady

A Vote in favour of the EU Lisbon Reform Treaty will ensure that we will have strong institutions in Europe implementing strong policies that will benefit Ireland, according to Kildare North Fianna Fail T.D., Áine Brady.

"A No vote against the EU Lisbon Reform Treaty will mean that we will have weak institutions implementing weaker policies, The EU only has the power to act in areas where it is mandated to do so by the EU member states."

"We need to ensure that structures and procedures are in place to enable European Union institutions to address emerging political problems in Europe such as climate change and illegal drug importations."

"Europe cannot work effectively within structures put in place 50 years ago."

"The EU Lisbon Reform Treaty is about ensuring that we improve and streamline the decision making structures in Europe."

"It is important to remember that the European Union only has the power to act in the political areas outlined in EU treaties."

"The European Union does not set any of our tax rates because this is a decision for national governments to take themselves. Foreign Affairs decisions must also be taken with the unanimous agreement of all 27 EU member states."

"There are new political challenges in Europe. That is why we need a new Treaty that will equip Europe."

"I firmly believe that it is in Ireland's future political and economic interest to vote in favour of this treaty," concluded Deputy Brady.

Over 8,000 Kildare/West Wicklow people now visit the GP free of charge – Brady

More people in Kildare are now visiting their GP free of charge thanks to an easing of the means test for medical cards and GP visit cards according to local Fianna Fail T.D. Áine Brady.

"In November 2004 the Government began to increase funding for medical cards and easing the means test for medical cards and the new GP Visit Card."

"In Kildare and West Wicklow, in the year from 1 January 2006 to 1 December 2007, 5,684 new people qualified to see their GP for free thanks to the easing of the means test. In addition to this 2,332 people qualified for a GP visit card that allows them to attend their GP for free."

"This increase of just over 8,000 people seeing their GP for free comes at a time when incomes have risen and unemployment has dropped."

"The move from an 'all or nothing' approach to the issuing of medical cards has provided a big boost for Kildare families. I know the financial pressures, especially on families with young children or older people who might have to visit their GP more frequently than others. Many more of these people now get to visit their GP for free."

"People should apply for the GP visit card as the basic means test for it is 50% higher than that of the Medical Card. As it is based on income after tax, rent and mortgage repayments, childcare and travel expenses, it includes more people than ever."

"Eligibility can be checked on the HSE website (www.hse.ie) where an easy to use calculator can make an assessment in a matter of seconds before making a formal application," concluded Deputy Brady.

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€1.8m allocated to Kildare Rural Water programme

Deputy Aine Brady has been informed by the Minister of State at the Department of the Environment, Tony Killeen TD, that €1.89m will be allocated to Kildare Co Co under the Department's Rural Water Programme 2008.

'€256k is being allocated to take over of Group Water Schemes, €750k is allocated for New Group Water Schemes and €800k is allocated for small Public Water & Sewerage Schemes in the County.'

'I welcome this investment to Kildare, as we must continue to upgrade our group water schemes and continue to invest in our water infrastructure to maintain compliance with the Drinking Water Regulations.' concluded Deputy Brady.

Kilcock Bus Service set for significant Improvement says Brady

Deputy Aine Brady, Convenor of the Joint Oireachtas Transport Committee, has been informed by Bus Éireann that it has plans to significantly improve its Bus Service in Kilcock under its Transport 21 proposals.

'I had found that Kilcock in the past was not been serviced adequately either by Bus Éireann or Dublin Bus. I raised this issue with Bus Éireann last year and I am delighted that the company now has plans to significantly improve the service, from 10 Departures last year, to 32 Departures under Transport 21. This is the largest increase in services - 357% increase - in the Eastern Region Expansion Plan.' stated Deputy Brady who met with Bus Éireann last week.

'Bus Éireann has received over a 100 new buses in the recent past. They are making improvements to ensure that they reduce emissions by using bio-fuel compatible cleaner engines and ensuring that all their Transport 21 vehicles are fully accessible. The company is also delivering its plans in a partnership approach with Local Authorities, Quality Bus Network Office, Private Contractors and Local Communities, thus ensuring that services that are required are put in place.'

'I will continue to press for further improvements. I strongly believe that there is also public support for an orbital service, linking Clane, Kilcock and Naas and I will continue to press to have this service introduced as soon as possible.' stated Deputy Brady.

'We have made progress on the provision of Bus Lanes for the Buses that use the M4/N4. Once the works on the M50 are completed, travel time for Buses will improve. From my experience, once we have a reliable and efficient public transport network, people will use it.' concluded Deputy Brady.

Kildare commuters urged to take part in National Consultation on Transport and Travel - Brady

Kildare commuters have been urged to participate in a public consultation on transport by local Fianna Fail T.D. and Convenor of the Oireachtas Committee on Transport, Áine Brady.

"A public consultation has been launched by the Minister for Transport, Noel Dempsey that seeks views on how to reduce traffic congestion, alternative means of travelling such as walking and cycling as well as how to increase use of public transport."

"The views of Kildare residents will then be included in a sustainable transport action plan that will be published later this year."

"Kildare commuters will be best placed to tell us what measures they think will decrease congestion and make their daily journeys faster."

"The Minister has already said that he is committed to providing the necessary support to enhance alternative means of travelling like walking and cycling. We are also keen to increase usage of public transport and need to know what would encourage commuters to use the train or bus."

"Spending lengthy time in traffic jams has a negative effect on family life and free time causing stress for commuters. It will be necessary to change our travel behaviour and this Government is committed to assisting people in this."

"Those who participate in the survey will be asked about their views on how existing commuting patterns be tackled, how can existing public transport be expanded and improved for customers and what key steps needed to encourage more people to walk or cycle?"

"People can participate in the survey on the website, www.sustainabletravel.ie or get a copy by telephoning the lo-call number 1890 252 754

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The Maynooth Annual Aquinas Lecture 2008

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Thomas Aquinas

THE PROBLEM OF SUFFERING AND THE THEODICY OF AQUINAS Professor Eleonore Stump



St. Louis University, College of Arts and Sciences

Friday, 11 April - At 8.00 p.m

Callan Hall, South Campus

Chair: Professor James McEvoy

Admission to Aquinas Lecture Free: Followed by Wine Reception

CAIRDE THOMÁIS NAOFA CONFERENCE: CELEBRATING THOMAS AQUINAS

Callan Hall, South Campus, Saturday April 12th

The theme of the conference is:

Analytical Thomism.

Speakers will include: Dr. Eamonn Gaines, Queens University Belfast; Dr. Patrick Gorevan, NUI Maynooth; Dr. Gavan Kerr, Queens University Belfast; Dr. Paul O'Grady, Trinity College Dublin; Dr. Kevin O'Reilly, Milltown Institute;

Conference Fee €20, unwaged/student €10, payable at registration on Saturday 12th April at 9.00 a.m. Accommodation available at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. Please contact maynoothcampus.com for reservation details.

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Maynooth Tidy Towns

Maynooth Tidy Towns wins Environmental Awareness Award in St. Patrick's Day Parade

Maynooth Tidy Towns is one of the best known local voluntary groups in the town and have been regular winners of awards for our participation in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. This year we were awarded the prize for the float that best raised environmental awareness. Remembering yesteryear was the theme of our float this year as 2008 is a special year for this committee as we celebrate FIFTY years in existence. Several members of the committee were dressed in clothes that would typically reflect those worn in the 1950's and we also had a number of tools from the period including a hand held ridge plough and wheelbarrow.

While few of the current members (in fact only one, our President Robert O'Reilly) were active in tidy towns back in 1958 several of the current members have decades of involvement and we salute the many people from the village who have participated in this positive community activity in Maynooth over the past fifty years.

While the current committee hope that the group will still be in existence for at least another fifty years, this will only be guaranteed by a continuous emergence of new volunteers and we always welcome new members. Even one hour a week of your time would be gratefully appreciated and would help support our many environmental activities.

Our motto this year is to **"Make Maynooth Great in 2008"** and we are hoping that we will encourage everyone to take pride in our town and help to keep it litter free and attractive. As usual we in the Tidy Towns Committee would like to thank all our supporters who are too numerous to mention individually but without their financial support we would not be able to undertake our various projects each year.

The support of the younger members of our community is essential to the future of our environment. As usual the primary schools joined our float and proudly displayed their Green School Flags. We greatly appreciate the work being undertaken in all the local schools to raise awareness of our environment and would like to thank the staff and parents for their work.

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Peter Coakley (Principal of Boys School), Aine Brady T.D. Mattie Callaghan (Tidy Towns) & Clr. Senan Griffin



Winner of Shop Front Competition



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Maynooth Tidy Towns and Kildare County Council promote biodiversity

Raising awareness of Maynooth's environmental biodiversity is one of the priorities that Maynooth Tidy Towns will focus on during 2008. Several committee members attended a biodiversity workshop organised by Kildare County Council in February. This was followed by a visit to Maynooth by Mr. Billy Flynn an ecologist working with the council. The highlight of the visit was the involvement of some local children from the boys and girls primary schools in a walk through St. Patrick's college grounds to learn about its rich environmental biodiversity. Tidy Towns Chairperson, Sean Lyons and Secretary, Mary Jennings arranged this unique event.

It's April again – National Spring Clean

Well back in January we had the year ahead but already it is April and we are getting down to business. Our Tidy Towns Competition Application is well advanced but not due in until early May, but we have already undertaken a number of post winter clean ups. April is National Spring Clean month and everyone is encouraged to get out and clean up their local areas. The programme will be launched by the relevant Minister and will be promoted on Radio, Television and in the papers. In Maynooth, Tidy Towns lead the Spring Clean campaign and if you can give us a little of your time in April please contact us at 087 3153189.

Ten Years in place and never been cleaned

It is ten years this year since Maynooth's footpaths were replaced with the new paving that we have in place now in the main street area. Over the decade little maintenance has been undertaken and in some locations the footpaths are covered in grease and oil and are a danger to pedestrians. An obvious sign of the neglect has been the fading of the markings and the state of the bins with rust and decay. The appearance of the main street is crucial to the image that our town gives to visitors and as it is often the only place that visitors see it can create the abiding image of the place. A few simple things need to be done which are obvious to everyone and it isn't necessary for Tidy Towns to spell out the details, but we would ask Kildare County Council to treat this work as a priority in 2008. It is only when statutory, community, business and voluntary sectors are working together can we

MAKE MAYNOOTH GREAT IN 2008.

Paul Croghan
PRO
Maynooth Tidy Towns



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This is just a note to remind you all that the **Newsletter** exists for your enjoyment and that we welcome all contributions from our readers. We would like to hear from any organisation or indeed from individuals with something to say or suggest. We hope you continue to enjoy your monthly read and keep us informed of your activities.

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*Oil Painting of The Boat House, Carton
Artist Emma Boyce
One of the Paintings shown at the recent
Castle Keep Art Group Exhibition*

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Puzzles—Sudoku

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Features - Maynooth Scouts

„Who wants to be a Thousandaire? - Press Release“

Background:

On 29th May 2008 at 8pm the Maynooth Scouts will bring the hugely popular “Who wants to be a Thousandaire” to the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth. This show has attracted large audiences all over Ireland over the past five years and is fast becoming the most popular source of fund-raising for schools and clubs. Contestants are drawn from ticket sales and each contestant will play for €1000. The show is fully computerised with 50/50, Ask the Audience and a brilliant video linked Phone a Friend. The questions and four possible answers are displayed on two 8ft x 6ft screens, one at each side of the stage.

This incredibly successful show, is provided by Pallas Marketing Ltd., and is being run by the 8th Kildare Scout Group as part of their fundraising campaign to build a new Scout Hall in the Harbour Field in Maynooth. The Scout Hall will be a state of the art facility for use by the wider community of Maynooth. The 8th Kildare Scouts is a voluntary group who work with over 100 children, teenagers and young adults and was formed in 1975. The current Scout den is a prefabricated building well over 20 years old.

NB....The media launch night for the show was hosted by the main sponsor of the ‘Thousandaire’ event: The Newtown Inn, Maynooth, on the **29th April 2008**. Special guests: **Joe and Keith from Spin 103.8s Breakfast Express launched the night**. Other invitees will included associate sponsors Mary Cowhey & Co. Solicitors, Mr. Pat Nevin & Sons Construction and Mizzoni Pizza & Pasta. Local Politicians and Councillors were also invited along with Louise Boland from Pallas Marketing (show providers).

We are all looking forward to a great night on the **29th May** as the show is really hi-tech and offers a superb night’s entertainment. The show is timed to start at 8pm and we would encourage people to come early to ensure a seat. We would also like to say a particular word of thanks to Joe and Keith for taking the time to come to Maynooth to launch our fundraiser and our main sponsor, Newtown Inn, Maynooth and to all of those who have taken out advertising at the show.

Tickets for “Who wants to be a Thousandaire” cost €10 and are available from any member of the fundraising committee or at the door on the night.

‘Any businesses interested in advertising during the event can contact Cathy Killeen 086 891 6320 or Karl Quinn 087 6783047 adverts cost €150’



Clubs, Organisations And Societies

Castle Keep Art Group Maynooth

Exhibition

Susan to give little write up



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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Know Your Rights

Question:

I'm unhappy with a recent experience I had when hiring a taxi. Where can I make a complaint ?

Answer

The Commission for Taxi Regulation has overall responsibility for regulating taxis, hackneys and limousine drivers.

It deals with complaints related to:

- Overcharging or other problems with fares.
- The conduct or behaviour of the driver.
- The condition or cleanliness of a vehicle.
- The hiring of the vehicle.

The Commission operate a consumer information line that provides information on the hiring of taxis, hackney's and limousines and advises callers about making a complaint. If you wish to make a complaint, you can obtain a form from the information line at Lo-call 1890 60 60 90 or you can download a form from [www.taxiregulator .ie](http://www.taxiregulator.ie).

When the commission receives the complaint it will send an acknowledgement letter. Once the complaint has been investigated, the Commission will decide whether to take further action. If it does, it can either issue a formal warning or progressed with prosecution in court.

If the complaint is about a driver who was smoking in the vehicle, you can report the details to The Office of Tobacco Control compliance line at Lo-call 1890 333 100.

If the complaint relates to criminal behaviour then it is a matter for the Garda Síochána and you can contact your local Garda Station to report it.

An Garda Síochána is also responsible for property that is lost in taxis and hackney's. Lost property in Dublin is stored at its office in Dublin Castle, and you can make enquiries at the Property room or phone 01- 6669857. Outside Dublin you can enquire at your local Garda Station

Question

What are the new rates of payment for Child Benefit?

Answer

Child Benefit is paid monthly by the Department of Social and Family Affairs for each qualified living with you and being supported by you.

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

- Under the age of 16 **or**
- Aged 16,17 or 18 and attending full -time education or a FÁS Youthreach course or have a physical or mental disability.

The payment is generally made to the mother of the child. Where the parents are living apart, it is paid to the parent with whom the child lives most of the time. If the child is not living with or being maintained by the parents, then it may be paid to the person who is caring for the child. From April 2008, the Child Benefit rates are as follows:

Number of Children	Monthly Rate
1 Child	€ 166.00
2 Children	€ 332.00
3 Children	€ 535.00
4 Children	€ 738.00
5 Children	€ 941.00
6 Children	€1,144.00

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

If you are from a country in the European Economic Area (EEA) or are a Swiss national working in Ireland, you may be entitled to Child Benefit, even if your child is not living in Ireland. If you are not an EEA National, then you must satisfy a habitual residency condition to qualify for the benefit.

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

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Question

My employer has told me that I was not entitled to a public holiday for Saint Patrick's Day because I had been absent from work for a time leading up to it. Is this correct?

Answer

There are some situations where an employee is not entitled to public holiday benefits because they have absent from work immediately beforehand.

This is the case where the absence is:

- Over 26 weeks and due to illness or injury
- Over 52 Weeks and because of an occupational injury
- Over 13 weeks, due to some other reason and authorised by the employer
- Due to a strike
- After the first 13 weeks of carer's leave .

Within these limits, you are entitled to public holiday benefits if you are on annual leave or on sick leave before or during a public holiday. Your employer may give you an extra day's pay; an extra day of annual leave ; or paid day of within a month. Part - time staff must have worked a total of more than 40 hours in the five weeks before a holiday to be eligible for public holiday entitlements.

Employees on maternity leave, parental leave or adoptive leave maintain their public holiday entitlement for the duration of their absence.

Information about public holiday entitlements is available from the National Employment Rights Agency which operates an information helpline on Lo-call 1890 80 80 90

Complaints in relation to holiday entitlements may be referred to a Rights Commissioner at the Labour Relations Commission, Tom Johnson House, Haddington Road, Dublin 4, Lo-call 1890 220 227. www.irc.ie

Question;

I notice that I have just been changed the annual stamp duty on my Credit Card. Will I be charged again if I change my credit card during the year?

Answer

Stamp duty is payable on credit cards on 1 April each year. The duty you have just paid is the duty that applies for the preceding 12 months; the stamp duty for the current year will be changed in April 2009. If you close your account before the end of that period, the stamp duty will be charged when the account is closed.

If you are changing to a different credit card you do not have to pay the stamp duty for the year again. When you are closing your account you should obtain a letter of closure from your provider, confirming that you have paid your stamp duty for the year. If you give this letter to your new card issuer, it will not charge you again. You can change your account a number of times during the year without incurring additional stamp duty if you follow this procedure each time.

The change applies to the account, so you can have additions cards issued on your account without paying extra duty (unless it is a company account). The stamp duty does apply if your billing address is outside the state for the entire period.

The amount of the stamp duty on credit cards was changed in the Budget last December. It was reduced from € 40 to € 30 per year. This means that the stamp duty you have just paid for the preceding 12 months was changed at € 30 but, if you had closed your account before the Budget, you would have been entitled to a refund of € 10 from the bank or financial institution.

The stamp duty that applies to ATM cards and Debit (or Laser) cards was also reduced in the Budget from € 10 to € 5 or, for cards where both ATM and Debit functions are combined in the one card, from € 20 to € 10.

For ATM and Debit that applies to ATM cards, the stamp duty changed each year on 31 December on cards that are held on that date. This means that you can change cards and accounts without are combined for each one, provided that you no longer hold the previous cards on 31 December.

Further Information is available from your local Citizens Information Centre.

Recipes

Roast Rack of Lamb with Onion & Thyme

Ingredients

Rack of lamb
2 x 900 kilogram rack of lamb
Finely grated rind of one lemon
4 tablespoon oatmeal
1 cup fresh white breadcrumbs
4 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
2 tablespoons butter, melted
2 tablespoons clear honey
salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 large onion
4 sprigs of thyme
olive oil for frying

Preheat the oven to 200C. Trim most of the skin and any fat from the meat.

Mix the lemon rind, oatmeal, bread-crumbs, parsley and seasoning, and stir in the melted butter.

Brush each rack of lamb with honey, then press the oatmeal mixture evenly over the surface until well coated.

Place the racks in the roasting tin with oatmeal sides facing up. Roast for 40 to 50 minutes, depending on how you like your lamb. Cover if it starts to brown too much.

Make gravy with the pan juices, adding a little red wine and seasoning.

Slowly cook the onion in olive oil with fresh thyme and seasoning.

Serve the rack of lamb on a bed of mashed potato with onion and thyme, and the red wine flavoured lamb jus.

Italian Lamb Meatballs

Ingredients for Meat balls

450 grams minced lamb
2 grams cloves garlic, chopped
1 tablespoon scallions, chopped
1 tablespoon soy sauce
1 tablespoon chilli sauce
tablespoon salt and black pepper
Tomato sauce
5-6 tablespoon tomatoes, diced
1 tablespoon basil, chopped

tablespoon juice of half a lemon
2 tablespoons olive oil
tablespoons salt and black pepper

Pasta

350 grams pasta, cooked and kept warm

Mix the lamb with all the meat ball ingredients and shape into little meatballs. Mix the tomato sauce ingredients together. Cook the meatballs in a little hot oil for 4-5 minutes. Add the tomato mixture to the hot pasta, toss well. Then add the meatballs plus any juices from the pan.

Serve with some extra chopped basil.

Lamb Stew Casserole

Ingredients

680 g shoulder lamb chops
4 onions, peeled and thinly sliced
0.9 g dried parsley
12 g carrots, sliced
1 g pepper
3 g salt
6 small potatoes, peeled and sliced



Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Trim excess fat from the lamb chops and place them into a greased 2 quart casserole dish. Cover the lamb with a layer of sliced onion, then sprinkle with 1/3 of the parsley, salt and pepper. Cover the onions with the sliced carrots, then sprinkle with another 1/3 of the parsley, salt and pepper. Cover the carrot layer with a layer of potatoes, and sprinkle with remaining parsley, salt and pepper. Add enough cold water to fill the dish halfway.

Bake, covered, for 30 minutes in the preheated oven, then remove the cover and continue to bake for an additional 30 minutes.

Classical Mint Sauce

1/4 pint vinegar, 1/2 pint water, 4 tablespoons chopped fresh mint, 2 tablespoons sugar, 2 tablespoons lemon juice, 4 tablespoons warm water

Simmer vinegar and water with 2 heaped tablespoons chopped mint until reduced to half the original quantity. Remove from heat and strain. Add 4 tablespoons warm water, lemon juice, and sugar. When cold add another 2 tablespoons chopped mint leaves.

Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location	Development Type
08/592	Eugene Ridge	P	02/04/08	Two storey extension at side and single storey extensions at front and rear	51 Parklands Crescent Maynooth Co. Kildare	Extension
08/610	Elite Confectionery Limited	P	07/04/08	Change of use from bakery to rear to commercial to be incorporated into shop at front, office to first floor with independent front door to Main St and ancillary site works	Main St Maynooth Co. Kildare	Commercial Development
08/611	Deirdre Mc Gowan	P	07/04/08	Single storey sun room to south side of existing dwelling	No. 1 Leinster Mews Leinster Park Maynooth Co. Kildare	Extension
08/612	Tom & Renee Jenkins	P	07/04/08	A 46sqm extension over two floors including alterations to existing driveway	12 Meadowbrooke Lawn Maynooth Co. Kildare	Extension
08/667	John Lennon	P	14/04/08	Construction of a single storey extension to the side of existing dwelling	Kilmacredock Maynooth Co. Kildare	Extension

Horoscopes

ARIES—March 21—April 20



LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23



TAURUS—April 21—May 21



SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22



GEMINI—May 22—June 22



SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21



CANCER—June 23—July 23



CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20



LEO—July 24—August 23



AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19



Virgo—August 24—Sept 23



PISCES—Feb 20—March 20



Features



Donadea Forest Park



On a fine sunny day there is no better place to visit than Donadea Forest Park. If you want to get away from it all, head to Donadea. It is located 8km south of Kilcock on the R407 to Naas and is also accessible via the R407 about 13km north of Naas on the Kilcock road. It can be found on discovery map number 49, grid reference N-838 332.

Facilities: Donadea Forest Park has a car park, café shop, picnic site, toilet and a variety of forest walks.

The park is open daily.

Admission charges are as follows:

Admission: Daily pass - €4 (correct change required, €2, €1 & 50c coins accepted only)
Season pass €30 (available in park café or phone 087-8621617)

History: Donadea originally belonged to the Bermingham family and it passed into the hands of the Aylmers in the first half of the 16th century. The ruin is an accumulation of rebuilding over the centuries and is a fascinating succession from a Norman keep, which can be readily distinguished, to a 1624 house, a 1775 reconstruction and a further reconstruction when the wings were enclosed in the 1830s. The last of the line of Donadea Aylmers died in 1935.

Habitat: The Park is situated in the lush pasture lands of Kildare and is fairly typical of a demesne landscape, comprising of mixed woodland.

Forest Walks: The Nature Trail is less than 2.5km long and winds through the various natural and man-made elements that make up Donadea. There is also the short Shrubbery Trail - only 300 meters long - which has been laid through the collection of trees and shrubs planted in the last century.

Forest walks include:

- Lake Walk - 0.8km in length around the lake and is wheelchair accessible.
- Aylmer Walk - 5km in length winding along forest roads and paths, incorporating Lime tree Avenue and finishing at the lake. It also walks past the 9/11 Memorial.
- Aylmer Sli na Slainte walk.

9/11 Memorial unveiled at Donadea

On September 11th 2001, along with 343 members of the New York emergency services, a young Irish American, Sean Tallon, lost his life in the Twin Towers of the World Trade Centre. Sean was a fire fighter with the New York Fire Department. Sean's father was born in Donadea, Co. Kildare, and the Tallon family had always kept close connections with their relatives and friends who still live in the community. In the year prior to his death, Sean had travelled to Donadea where he visited the park.

Following the death of Sean Tallon and the tragic events of September 11th, the Donadea 9/11 committee was formed which worked together to develop a permanent memorial at Donadea Forest Park which was unveiled on 21st September 2003, in commemoration of all who died in the attacks in the U.S. and especially dedicated to the memory of Sean Tallon. The memorial is set in a specially prepared plot of native oak trees in the serene and tranquil setting of the park. It is a scaled replica of the Twin Towers carved in blocks of limestone.



Tree Species: There is a magnificent grove of beech, approximately 150 years old, which covers an area of 1 hectare. Other broadleaved species include young oak - planted in 1938 and common ash. Sitka spruce, grand fir and Norway spruce are also present. The Shrubbery Trail has holm oak (also called Holly Oak) horse chestnut, copper beech, silver birch, larch, hazel, yew, Lawson cypress and monkey puzzle.

Biodiversity: Flora - Along the walls, the ivy-leaved toadflax, maidenhair spleenwort and hart's tongue fern can be observed. The muddy bottom of the shallow lake provides an ideal habitat for aquatic plants. Pond weed is abundant while reed mace is prominent in the shallow waters. The large-leaved yellow water lily can also be seen.

Fauna - In Donadea Woods both the red and grey squirrel can be seen. On the lake our most common duck, the mallard, is present all year round. Coots and moorhens can also be seen. The mute swan is an occasional visitor.

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Clubs, Organisations And Societies

7-A-Side Soccer Tournament 16th—29th June 200

Rules

1. Each panel will consist of not more than ten Players. A player may play for only one team in the tournament. Players must have been reared in Maynooth or have lived here for the last 12 months.
2. The committee reserve the right to refuse any entry.
3. **Participants are not insured and enter the competition at their own risk.**
4. Names of players and entry fee must be submitted with the official entry form. The team must be named after a housing estate e.g. Old Greenfield.
5. Fifteen minutes will be played each way and three substitutes may be used.
6. The format of the competition will be decided by the committee.
7. All games must start at the stated time, in the event of a team being late the match will be awarded to the opposition, under no circumstances will any postponement be given.
8. Any team playing players not included in their entry form will be removed from the tournament.
9. The organising committee will not be responsible for any articles lost or damaged.
10. The organising committee will not be responsible for any injury to any player.
11. All protests will be dealt with by the organising committee.
12. Protests, together with a fee €10.00, refundable if protest is upheld, must be lodged with the Secretary of the organising committee within thirty minutes of the finish.
13. Teams will not be included in the draw unless entry fee is paid €50.00.
14. In the competition studs may be worn but must conform to F.I.F.A. standards. Shin-guards must be worn. Match referee's decision will be final in this matter. Flat footwear must be of proper standard, be safe for wearer and not constitute a danger to other players. Referee's decision is also final in this matter.
15. In the event of an objection it will be up to the team allegedly guilty to prove that they are innocent.
16. In the event of a walk-over or an objection the other team will be rewarded a 2-nil win.
17. The committee's decision is final in all matters.

John McGinley (Phone 6285293) (087-9890645)
Secretary Organising Committee
Entries before 1st June 2008

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Maynooth Golf Society

Maynooth Golf Society outing to Moate Golf Club on Saturday 12th April was played in good conditions for this time of the year although weather forecasters were predicting thunder storms and very wet conditions. 30 members played this demanding course. A close finish saw 2 players post the same score of 36 points. The eventual winner was our society's new secretary Marty Maguire closely followed by our new captain Norman Kavanagh.

John Byrne of Maynooth Bookshop who sponsored this outing presented prizes in Brady's B2 that evening to a large number of the society's members and friends. Thanks to all who attended, our next outing is to Rathcore G.C. on Thursday 1st May 2.00-3.30.

Outing to Moate Golf Club - Date:12/04/08

Sponsored by
The Maynooth Bookshop (John Byrne)

1st Prize	Marty Maguire	36ptsB9
2nd Prize	Norman Kavanagh	36pts
3rd Prize	Don O'Sullivan	35ptsB9
4th Prize	Ken Donnelly	35pts
5th Prize	John Saults	34pts
Front 9	Colm Savage	19pts
Back 9	Sean Farrelly	18pts
Visitors	Dave Meagher	
Neareast the Pin	Ken Donnelly	
2's	John Byrne, Gary Moffat, Michael Flynn, Liam Farrelly	

Next venue: Rathcore G.C. on Thursday 1st May 2.00-3.30

Giant Easter Egg Draw Results			
1st Prize	Weekend Away	Stacey Crowe	Ticket No. 800
2nd Prize	Easter Egg	Genie Hennessey	Ticket No. 154
3rd Prize	Easter Egg	Karen Weafer	Ticket No. 770
4th Prize	Easter Egg	Pauline Loftus	Ticket No. 313
5th Prize	Easter Egg	Bigsy	Ticket No. 619
6th Prize	Easter Egg	Shot	Ticket No. 850
7th Prize	Easter Egg	Niall Byrne	Ticket No. 49
8th Prize	Easter Egg	Janette Weafer	Ticket No. 783
9th Prize	Easter Egg	Shot	Ticket No. 847
10th Prize	Easter Egg	Aoibhin Killeen	Ticket No. 595
11th Prize	Easter Egg	Lar Byrne	Ticket No. 208

The Committee would like to thank Keoghs Delicatessen for their Sponsorship

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Kildare Hurlers



Kildare in action against Roscommon

The Kildare hurlers got off to a flying start this season with a convincing win over Roscommon. The game which was the first of the season, was played away in Roscommon, Kildare won the game 2-12 to Roscommon's 11 point's. This was a much needed boost to Kildare who don't have much support, but with their new manager Andy Comerford and all his new signing's i.e.; Billy White, Alan Bourke and Tony Murphy, they looked like they had a chance in this year's league. Kildare then went on to win against Mayo and Wicklow which put them top of the league for the first time. Unfortunately they had some injuries which has led to losing the next two matches. Though they are now out of the league, they continue to train very hard, for their next game in a few weeks time. What Kildare badly needs now is some support from the home county and some bodies at the matches. These boys put a lot of hard work into their training which takes them away from their families, their home ground in Newbridge is very well maintained with plenty of shelter.

So come on Kildare, lets go to the matches and show some support and get some fresh air to booth!



Fighting back against Wicklow

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Gardening in the Merry Month of May



The month of May is a time when the weather can either turn your garden into an Eden, or a wasteland. Be aware of the weather forecasts and trends.

If a frost or cold weather is in the forecast, protect your tender plants with a mulch, newspapers, light cloth or some type of overnight protection or a frost cap made with clear poly film tented over the plants. *(Be sure to remove the plastic tent as soon as the danger is over or your plants will bake in the sun).* On the other extreme, if the weather is sunny and dry, don't neglect your watering. Most flowers and shrubs need about an inch of water each week to perform well, and newly planted seedlings will perish if their roots are allowed to dry out.

May is also a time of gardening inspirations and dreams. Look around yourself and notice what your neighbours are growing in their gardens and what they are creating in their landscapes. Think of how you might utilise some of their ideas along with your own brainstorm to make your garden just wonderful!

Here are a few May gardening projects that you can do to help keep your garden looking its best the rest of this season.

Shrubs and trees

- It's still not too late to fertilize your trees and shrubs. Use a 'Rhododendron' or an 'Evergreen' type of plant food to feed evergreens and acid loving plants like Rhododendrons, Camellias, Azaleas, and Junipers, etc. Use an all-purpose garden fertilizer (10-10-10) to feed roses, deciduous shrubs and trees. Be sure to water the fertilizer in thoroughly after it is applied.
- Early flowering deciduous shrubs such as Forsythias, Weigela, and Spiraea should be pruned back when they have finished blooming. Cut back a third of the oldest canes to ground level, then cut back one third of the remaining branches by one third of their height.
- Remove the wilting seed heads from Rhododendrons and Azaleas, so that the plants energy can go to foliage growth and next years flowers, rather than seeds.

- Remove any sucker growths from fruit trees as soon as they appear.
- Keep a vigilante eye on the roses. Keep them sprayed for **aphids and other pests and diseases** such as black spot.
- Pines and other conifers can be kept to a compact size by pinching off the new growth 'candles'.
- Lilacs should be pruned lightly after they finish blooming, removing sucker growths and dead blooms.. Feed lilacs in May with a good all purpose 10-10-10 fertilizer after they have finished blooming. If your soil has an acidic pH, work a little lime into the soil as well.

Lawn

- May is a good month to repair your lawn. Fill in the bare spots by slightly loosening surface of the soil and sow a good quality lawn seed over the area evenly. Tamp the seed in gently and water. Keep the patch moist by covering with light mulch of lawn clippings.
- This is the time to eliminate lawn weeds by hand pulling, or the application of a 'weed and feed' fertilizer.... *before they go to seed!*
- Setting your mower for a higher cut during the spring months will help the grass to grow in fuller and help choke out the weeds

Odds and ends

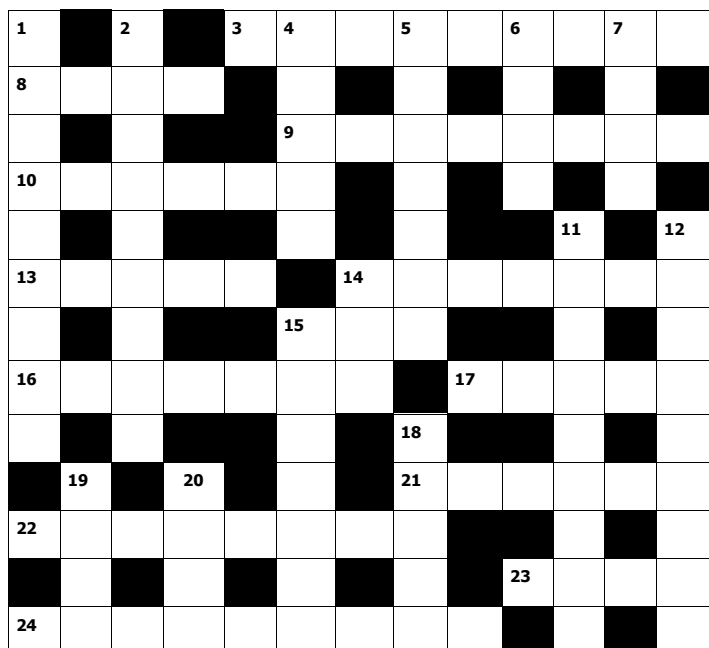
- Slugs and snails are out in full force right now. Be sure to take steps to control them now, before they have a chance to reproduce and devastate your garden. Please do not chemical slug deterrents as they could cause harm to birds and other animals in your garden.
- The first flowers you'll see will be your weeds. Work to eliminate the weeds (roots and all), before they have a chance to go to seed, or you will be fighting them for years to come!

House Plants

Check to see if your house plants are rootbound. Water them thoroughly and carefully remove them from their pots. If the roots have compacted around the outside of the rootball, it is time to repot.

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Crossword No: 66



Entries before Tuesday 6th May 2008

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Across:

- 3. Shame (9)
- 8. Rear end (4)
- 9. Keith Barron TV sitcom (4,4)
- 10. Stupor (6)
- 13. County (5)
- 14. Side-view (7)
- 15. Circuit (3)
- 16. Country east of Argentina (7)
- 17. German pistol (5)
- 21. Ratify (6)
- 22. Part of the body (8)
- 23. Incline (4)
- 24. Control by intimidation (9)

Doodle Box

Special prize

BOOK VOUCHER

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The Maynooth Bookshop
68 Main Street, Maynooth

Winner

Bernadette Duffy
175 Kingsbry
Maynooth

Down:

- 1. British rock band (6,3)
- 2. Funny (9)
- 4. Computer phone link (5)
- 5. Belgian port (7)
- 6. Starched neck-frill (4)
- 7. Egyptian canal (4)
- 11. Foolish (9)
- 12. Gradual reduction (9)
- 14. Remunerate (3)
- 15. Walsh (7)
- 18. Mends (5)
- 19. Foot cover (4)
- 20. Raymond __ __ __, Ironside actor (4)

Solutions to Crossword No. 65

Across: 1. Tundra, 7. Unawares, 8. Intact, 9. Undo, 10. Ream, 12. Palm, 14. Step, 16. Norma, 18. Copes, 21. Desk, 24. Path, 26. Cyan, 27. Ulna, 28. Radius, 29. Recreate, 30. Dinner.

Down: 1. Trials, 2. Nature, 3. Autumn, 4. Warder, 5. Drama, 6. Psalm, 11. Epoch, 12. Panda, 13. Less, 15. Tina, 17. One, 19. Pillar, 20. Scared, 22. Ensign, 23. Kaiser, 24. Parry, 25. Tracy.

Poetry Corner by Patrick Murray



A Loveable Man *Joe Dolan*

*A showman we love so
Your voice hit our hearts
In Heaven your soul grow
Where ecstasy never departs
To hear your voice
In our ears it sings
A star of our choice
As the melody rings.
Joe, you were the best
In the Drifters done proud
Filled all the fans with zest
And really won the crowd.
A voice so unique
To the audience gave it all
All of us came and seek
To your own call.*

*Rock'n Rollin Joe Dolan
What a great man by far
All of our hearts were stolen
And proved you a star.
A gifted showman forever be
It is written in the sky
A artist a joy to see
And always in our cry.
You sang your heart
And brought much ecstasy
Now we all have to part
When you were set free.
All we have of you is our memory
A CD or DVD to relive our dream
Your glory never cease to be
On a stage stars forever gleam.*

Patrick Murray Dedicated to *Grandma*

*What a Lady she was to me
Looked after me so well
Now her soul did flee
To a world I cannot tell
A kind hearted Lady is she
With eyes so bright and clear
Grandma my prayers for thee
To the one I hold so dear*

*Remember the good times
Cherished with love and care
It is of you my heart unwinds
With lots of love to share
Farewell I say to you
As Heaven is your home
You are a Lady so true
With our prayers we're never alone*

Patrick Murray



THE MERRY MONTH OF MAY

*THE month of May, the merry month
of May,
So frolic, so gay, and so green, so green,
so green!
O, and then did I unto my true love say,
Sweet Peg, thou shalt be my Summer's
Queen.*

*Now the nightingale, the pretty
nightingale,
The sweetest singer in all the forest
quire,
Entreats thee, sweet Peggy, to hear thy
true love's tale:
Lo, yonder she sitteth, her breast against
a brier.*

*But O, I spy the cuckoo, the cuckoo, the
cuckoo;
See where she sitteth; come away, my
joy:
Come away, I prithee, I do not like the
cuckoo
Should sing where my Peggy and I kiss
and toy.*

*O, the month of May, the merry month
of May,
So frolic, so gay, and so green, so green,
so green;
And then did I unto my true love say,
Sweet Peg, thou shalt be my Summer's
Queen.*

Thomas Dekker

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Computer Hints & Tips

There are quite a few little tricks that you can use in order to make life easier when using your computer:

Print orders

When printing out very long documents it can be annoying that Word prints out pages in the order that they appear onscreen, so the printout has to be manually reordered. Fortunately it is possible to print out documents in reverse order, so that the pages are properly collated when they arrive in the printer tray. To do this open the Tools menu, select Options and move to the Print tab. Click to tick the box next to the 'Reverse print order' option and click OK.



Vary Your Icon Size

With Vista, it's possible to configure Desktop icons to a larger size by visiting the Personalise section Control panel (found in the Start menu). While large icons can be useful from time to time, you may feel they don't need to be that large all of the time. To save having to constantly change settings, hold down the Ctrl key and move the scroll wheel on the mouse. Moving the wheel forwards increase the size, the reverse movement decreases the size. Window's own icons look impressive, although the appearance of other icons may not be so good.

Clock Stock

If you are travelling abroad, or if you have friends or family living abroad, it can be useful to know what the time is in other countries—particularly when planning phone calls. Windows Vista makes it possible to add two extra clocks, in addition to the main one that resides in the Notification Area. Right-click the existing clock and select the Adjust Date/Time option from the menu that appears. Move to the Additional Clocks tab and tick one or both of the 'Show this clock' boxes before assigning a time zone and name. Left click the Notification Area clock to view the additional ones.



Click to type

A good way to prevent passwords and credit card details from being stolen online is to use the On-screen Keyboard utility. You enter letters and numbers by using mouse clicks instead of the keyboard, which means your security details will not be compromised by keyboard actions—defeating many key-logging systems. You can find the On-screen Keyboard in Windows XP by going to Start, then All Programs, followed by Accessories and the Accessibility. Right-click to create a shortcut on the Windows Desktop. In Windows Vista, you will find the keyboard by going to Start, followed by All Programs followed by Accessories followed by Ease of Access.



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Emmet Stagg T.D.

Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Maynooth Pay Parking By Laws First Draft 'Feb. '08

Cllr. John McGinley has made the following comments to the Council on the First Draft of the Pay Parking By Laws for Maynooth:

1. There should be double yellow lines on Mill Street to the Church.
2. Should put 3 parking bays at the back of A.I.B.
3. Should put 2 parking bays at back of O'Neills
4. Should put 8 parking bays on Kelly's Lane (O'Neill side).
5. Put yellow box at band hall entrance. Still room for the 3 parking bays shown.
6. Pedestrianise Coates Lane provided of course that the businesses on the Lane can still use it.
7. Double Lane. I'm awaiting the views of the Residents' Association.
8. Back Lane 1-28 needs to be resurfaced. Lane to remain 2 way. Residents' Association to submit agreed proposals.
9. Convent Lane. Extend the Parking Bays to number 10 and Mariaville.
10. There should be no Double yellow lines at Dillons Row. It can accommodate parking bays on the road outside the houses. Residents don't want double yellow lines.
11. Remove the 8 parking bays at the entrance to Carton Avenue and complete as per the already agreed proposals i.e. cobble lock and bollards per Dwg. No. E3065 Dated July 2004.
12. Dublin Road. Have parking bays on the Carton Avenue side. It has parking there at present and there is adequate room.
13. Move the wheelchair spot from the entrance to Doctors Lane to front of CIC in the interest of safety.
14. Leinster Street/The Harbour. The proposal is to remove many of the existing spaces on the west side. The parking is used by commuters and there would be much anger if they were removed. Why not ask Waterways Ireland about using the hard surface at The Harbour for daytime parking and let them keep the money raised? Could then do a proper pedestrian friendly job on Leinster Street. An extra 50 spaces can be provided here as a temporary measure until the Park & Ride is in place. Leinster Street/The Harbour is a highly pedestrianised area with students and others going to/from the train station and there is no footpath and the road surface is a disgrace. As pedestrians have to walk in the mud or on the potholed road at present a footpath has to be provided and it could go on the east side up to the Geraldine and then continued across the road up to KCC entrance. There is a trench dug at Dukes Harbour and it has never been re-instated. Also there are very large pot holes outside The Roost.
15. There should be parking bays on Parson Street on the houses side in order to have permit parking for the residents of Parson Street.
16. The provision of additional Park & Ride for the Train Station commuters needs to be speeded up. The daily throughput at the station at present is 5,924 passengers (2592 boarding and 2,432 alighting)
As I have previously stated the public car park at the back of Caulfields needs to be trebled in size i.e. one underground, one at ground level and a first storey level. Discussions should take place with the landowner at

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the

Paddock in order to make the project viable.

Other Points:

Leinster Arms Car Park is controlled by NCPS and has 30 spaces.

Pay & Display costs are:

€1 per hour
€6 per day
€20 per week
50c min

It was half full at noon on 19/2/08

Mall Car Park also NCPS has 50 spaces

The charge is €1 per hour.

It was nearly full at noon on 19/2/08

Suggested Traffic Management on Back Lane and others

The Back Lane should remain a 2 way road. However, there should be 3 speed cushions put in place at locations to be agreed with the Presidents Association Kelly's Lane. One way out to Main Street Fagan's Lane. One way in from Main Street and to be in the correct lane when coming from Straffan Road i.e. not the filter Lane Coates Lane. For pedestrians only, while allowing the two businesses of the Lane to use it. Double Lane/Buckley's Lane. Two Way as at present

Main Street Improvements

Cllr. John McGinley got the following reply to his motion:

"That the following works be carried out on the footpaths at Main Street, Maynooth in the interest of public safety:

That the cycle track lines be repainted without any further delay and that the dirty signs be cleaned."

The thermoplastic paint, which is used to line roads, is not durable on paving slabs (such as are on the footpaths in Maynooth). As a result the lining has a short life. The contractor has been researching the market for a more durable product and he hopes to have new suitable product in a few months. The

Area Office will arrange to renew the lines when a new product is to hand and will also attend to any signs, which need cleaning.

(b) That the loose, broken and sunken paving slabs be replaced as they are extremely dangerous for pedestrians.

The Area Office endeavours to replace any broken slabs on the Main Street on a regular basis. However if the damage involves manhole chamber covers belonging to the utilities the issue is more difficult; it is not the policy of the Council to fund the replacement of utility chamber covers.

Fit Zone at The Harbour Field

Cllr. John McGinley got the following reply to his motion:

"That the proposed Fit Zone exercise area in the Harbour Field, Maynooth be funded from the €377,000 euro allocated to Community and Enterprise under the supplementary budget adopted at the monthly meeting on 28 January 2008. The €50,000 to €60,000 estimated cost can be used as matching funds as the Mid East Regional Authority have paid for the exercise equipment."

The report issued for the meeting of 15.2.08 was rejected by the members. These facilities are not specifically for elderly people and do not require perimeter railing-fencing as detailed in the report. It was suggested that a visit be made to Dunshaughlin where there is a successful exercise area in operation.

The Dunshaughlin site has been visited as suggested by the members.

As per discussions with the Members at the January meeting, the design of the Fit Zone in the Harbour Field Maynooth will mirror that of the Dunshaughlin project, subject to the availability of necessary funding.

Funding in the sum of €377,000.00 was allocated to the Community & Enterprise Section under the supplementary budget as adopted by Council on 28 January 2008 and included as a separate line item in Programme Group 4 Community and Enterprise.

Following discussions with the Corporate Policy Group, it was agreed that these monies be used to lever matching / additional funding for projects

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in community, social, economic and / or tourism areas.

In view of the above, the Community & Enterprise Section will investigate the possibility of securing funds for the Fit Zone project in the Harbour Field, Maynooth from other sources, on the basis that appropriate match funding is available.

Wall Repairs at The Pound (Green) and the Small Pound

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply to his Question:

"When will the work, for which €50,000 has been allocated in the Capital Budget, be carried out on the walls of the Small Pound and The Pound (The Green) in Maynooth?

A design has to be prepared for the construction of the wall in Pound Park. This will be done over the summer months and it is anticipated that construction of the wall will take place in the second half of the year. There is no need for a design for work on the wall at The Small Pound and it will proceed at the same time

Dumping Prosecutions at Maynooth Re-Cycling Centre

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply to his question:

"How many fines and prosecutions have there been as a result of dumping at the bottle bank in the council car park, Maynooth?"

There have been 159 fines issued as a result of dumping in the Maynooth bottle banks during the period 12/10/06 to 01/03/08. We had 3 prosecutions – 2 very recently which we were awarded €250 fines and €240 costs. There are 2 more cases which have been adjourned and are due to be heard in early April.

Provision of a Youth Cafe in Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

"That the 485sq.m space offered by TESCO Maynooth for community use, in Planning Permission 05/2371, be used as a Youth Cafe and that the layout/fit-out and staffing of it be decided in consultation with The

Health Service Executive, Kildare Youth Services, the VEC and the Leixlip Area Committee."

Installation of New Public Lights:

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

"That the Councillors allocation for this year's Public Lights Funding be allocated as follows:

1. 3 new Lights on the green in Kingsbry as proposed in ESB tender Ref: DG09 dated 28 August 2007
 2. New Light at house 100 Carton Court
 3. New Light at house 18 Carton Court
- Additional light in the pedestrian walkway between Kingsbry and Greenfield Close"

Silken Vale Taking in Charge to be Raised

Cllr. McGinley has submitted the following Question to the Leixlip area Committee:

" What progress has been made on the taking in charge of the main access road in Silken Vale, Maynooth?"

Lack of Footpath at Two Locations at Celbridge Road, Maynooth

Following representations by Cllr. John McGinley and others a design will be prepared by Roads Design Section of the Council for the construction of the sections of footpath missing on the Celbridge Road opposite house No. 1 Laurence Avenue and from the end of Cassells new houses to the Maxol Station. It was agreed that the work could be funded from the Deficiency in Infrastructure Fund.

COLLEGE AUTHORITIES TO REOPEN NEGOTIATIONS ON LANDS REQUIRED BY OPW AT MAYNOOTH CASTLE

Deputy Emmet Stagg wrote to the President of NUI Maynooth last December asking him to use his good offices to see if the purchase of a portion of land which the OPW were seeking from Maynooth College could be renegotiated given that the transfer of the land would allow greater use of Maynooth Castle and the previous asking price did not reflect the value of the land according to the OPW.

The Director of Corporate Services in NUIM has now

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advised Deputy Stagg that the President of St. Patrick's College has now requested his property advisors to make contact with the OPW to discuss the matter.

Welcoming this move Deputy Stagg stated that he hoped a successful conclusion could be reached thus enabling the transfer of the land and thereby allowing for the possibility that Phase 2 of the Restoration Works to Maynooth Castle would become a possibility.

Just under €2 Million was spent on Phase 1 of the Restoration Works which involved the development of the ground floor vaulted areas for exhibition purposes together with access to the first floor and the provision of small-scale guide and visitor facilities. Phase 2 of the Restoration works which was shelved by the Government in 2001, would have seen the provision of a roof on the Keep of the Castle and an auditorium.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that if we can acquire this piece of ground then additional pressure can be piled on the Government to complete the Phase 2 Restoration Works once and for all make the Castle more accessible for the people of Maynooth and North Kildare.

Home Care for Elderly Handed Over to Care for Profit Organisation

Deputy Emmet Stagg has condemned the move to further privatisation of the Health Service creating a 'for profit only' regime that will exploit the sick and the elderly for profit when they are at their weakest. The latest manifestation of this is the launching of the private for profit 'Comfort Keepers' that is designed to replace the community based Home Help Scheme and Home Care Package Scheme.

I have seen the hourly rates charged by this organisation and it is obvious that the level of charges are such that the 'Home Care Package' provided by the H.S.E. will fall far short of the funding required to cover the cost of this private service for a full year. If there is to be a 'for profit' system the tax payer will end up providing that profit.

In the lead up to this privatisation decision the H.S.E. deliberately ran down the 'Home Help Service' with the most recent action a refusal to pay them the travelling expenses due to them.

I deplore this move from a Community Based Service to the exploitation for profit of the old and disabled. I say shame on Fianna Fáil for allowing this.

33 ADDITIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS WILL HAVE DIRECT ACCESS TO EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS

Deputy Emmet Stagg has continued to raise the issue of Direct Access for Primary Schools in Co. Kildare to Educational Psychologists.

The Minister advised Deputy Stagg recently that following the appointment of a further 2 Educational Psychologists to the Kildare Area an additional 33 Primary School's in Co. Kildare will now have direct access to an Educational Psychologist.

The additional Schools in North Kildare which are now to receive the Service are as follows:

Presentation Convent, Maynooth * St. David's N.S., Naas, * Primrose Hill N.S., Celbridge * Hewetson N.S., Clane * Scoil Brid, Celbridge * St. Josephs B.N.S., Kilcock * Rathcoffey N.S. * Maynooth B.N.S. * Kill N.S. * Ardclough N.S. * Ticknevin N.S. * Killina N.S. * Johnstownbridge N.S. * Kilshanroe N.S. * Scoil Na Mainistreach, Celbridge * Straffan N.S. * Newtown N.S. * Aghards N.S., Celbridge * St. Patrick's N.S., Clane * Scoil Bhride N.S., Clane * Scoil Ui Riada, Kilcock * North Kildare Educate Together, Celbridge * Scoil Ui Fhiaich, Maynooth * Scoil Brid, Naas * Gaelscoil Nas Na Riogh * Timahoe N.S. * Scoil Mhuire, Donadea * Cadamstown N.S. * Clocha Rince N.S. * Broadford N.S. * Tirmoghan N.S.

In welcoming the news Deputy Stagg stated that children with learning difficulties in each of the National Schools will now have the chance to improve their educational opportunities.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated 80% of Primary and Post Primary Schools in the County now had direct access to Educational Psychologists and he vowed to continue the campaign until the service was available in every school.

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Marie and her Playmates

The Morning was very cold and the rain began to beat off the window. The weather man on the Television predicted snow. Marie sat by her window in her bedroom, she was reading one of her Famous Five books, and was engrossed in the story. It was early morning, her mother had gone shopping, and her dad was eating his breakfast, but she didn't have to leave for school yet. That evening the family were going to visit friends, who lived in the country. Marie who was eight, lived in a town, with her parents, and brother, he was sixteen and he was away at school.

She put away her book and went downstairs to get a drink, Polly, the maid was baking scones, for the tea and she asked her for a drink. Polly got a glass and poured some orange juice into it for her. Marie thought about when her mother come back from her shopping, how Polly would have the tea ready and she would join her mother in the breakfast room.

She still had some time before she went to school, and as it had stopped raining she went out into the garden. It was very big with large trees at the back, she loved to look at them as they were so majestic. She looked with an amazing eye up through the trees towards the sky, it made her feel so small and was one of her favourite things to do. Suddenly she heard her daddy leave for work, and knew she had to go to school too, so she went back into the house to collect her lunch from Polly.

As she ran into the house, her cat Fluffy, (called that because he looked like a big yellow ball of fur) scurried out from under the coat stand, and ran out into the garden. Marie ran into the kitchen and picked up her bag and went off to school. She left Polly in the kitchen, where she had a lot to do.

Marie concentrated on her work in school. At play time she was with the girls in the playground playing hopscotch, she was about to hop on a square when one of the boys football rolled over to where the girls were playing, the girls stood still, and the boys began to laugh. They asked the girls to give back the ball, but Marie said "we didn't take it." "Well could you just pass it back please" one of the boys said. Then Una (the wild girl in the group) said "come and get it yourself." All the boys began to laugh again. Marie picked up the ball and passed it back. The other girls looked at her with admiration. The boys went back to playing.



Going home from school that evening the boy with the football caught up with Marie. "Thanks for passing the ball back this morning at break" he said. She smiled back at him. "What's your name" he asked her. "It's Marie, What's your's". "My name is Rory" he said. They walked home from school together as they were going the same way. When they stopped at Marie's gate, she turned to Rory "see you tomorrow in school" she said. "Goodbye, see you tomorrow" Rory replied.

At home she had to eat her dinner and get ready to go to their friends, so she wouldn't keep her Mam and Dad waiting. Polly had everything ready for her so it didn't take long and she had time to go out to the garden again, looking up through the trees, she thought about the new friend she had made, and wondered if he liked trees too. Maybe he could come and play when the weather gets better?.

Clubs, Organisations And Societies

Maynooth Community Games

Maynooth Community Games held the annual swimming competition in Maynooth College pool on Sunday 13th April. Results are as follows.

Maynooth East		
	Boys	Girls
U 8 Freestyle		
1st		Fiona Lynch, Nicola Ffrench
2nd		Ruth Millet
3rd		Martina Gilligan
U 10 Freestyle	Conor Lynch	Laura Millet, Alison Hastings
1st		
2nd		
3rd		
U 10 Backstroke		
1st	Conor Lynch	Laura Millet
2nd		
3rd		
U 12 Freestyle		
1st	Joseph Millet	Laura Hastings
2nd		Aoife Lynch
3rd		Donna Ffrench
4th		Sarah O'Keefe
U 12 Breaststroke		
1st	Joseph Millet	Lauren Hastings
2nd		Aoife Lynch
3rd		Donna Ffrench
U 12 Backstroke		
1st	Joseph Millet	Lauren Hastings
2nd		Aoife Lynch
3rd /Joint 3rd		Donna Ffrench
U 14 Freestyle		
1st	Jack Ffrench	Sarah Curran
2nd	Eoin Mc Comarck	

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Clubs, Organisations And Societies

Maynooth East		
U 14 Breaststroke	Boys	Girls
1st	Jack Ffrench	
2nd	Eoin McCormack	
U 14 Backstroke		
1st	Eoin McCormack	
2nd	Jack Ffrench	
U 16 Freestyle		
1st	Sean McKnight	Katie Curran
Maynooth West		
U 8 Freestyle		
1st	Cathal Quinn	
2nd		
3rd		
U 10 Freestyle		
1st	Fiachara O'Sullivan	Sorcha Quinn
2nd		Saoirse O'Sullivan
3rd		
U 10 Backstroke		
1st	Fiachra O'Sullivan	Saoirse O'Sullivan
2nd		Sorcha Quinn
3rd		
U 12 Freestyle		
1st	Oisin O' Sullivan	Brenda Finlay
2nd		Ainbhe Quinn
3rd		
U 12 Breaststroke		
1st	Oisin O'Sullivan	Brenda Finlay
2nd		Aibhne Quinn
3rd		
U 12 Backstroke		
1st	Oisin O'Sullivan	Brenda Finlay
2nd		Aibhne Quinn

Congratulations & well done to our **Under 6 Fergal O 'Sullivan.**

Clubs, Organisations And Societies

Maynooth Community Games (continued)

Congratulations and well done to all the boys and girls and good luck in the County Final in Athy on Saturday 31st May.

Please note!!! Congratulations! Your child has qualified for the Community Games County Final which will be held in Athy on **Saturday 31st May**. We are in the process of arranging extra swimming coaching prior to this event. In order to fund this coaching there will be a bag packing day in Dunne's Stores Maynooth on Saturday 10th May. We would grateful appreciate if you could spare a couple of hours on this day. The more volunteers we have the better. Please ring Anne Lynch 086 3670486 for details.

Many thanks to Maynooth College for the use of the pool. Thanks to the lifeguard who were on duty the day especially Mairead Hynes.

Maynooth Boys & girls attended the **Kildare County Final in Art** on Sunday 9th March in Patrician Primary in Newbridge. Two of the girls came home with gold medals.



*Lara Feehan
Winner of
under 8 Competition*



*Sarah Curran
Winner of Under 12's Competition*

*Well done to both girls and good luck in Mosney
on weekend 23rd to 25th May*

Features



Pet Corner



Moving house with a cat

Clear out a secure shed or small room some days before your moving date. It must be escape-proofed and preferably lockable. Remove all contents so that the removers don't need to go in there. If you have a kitten pen, place that in the room. Get your cat used to eating and sleeping in his 'secure room' or kitten pen as sudden changes in routine can upset cats

On moving day, put him in his secure room or kitten pen with food, water, litter tray, bed and a familiar smelling blanket or towel and cat toys. If you have a battery radio, leave it playing on low to keep him company. Even if he doesn't normally wear a collar, make sure he is wearing one bearing his NEW address. Securely shut or lock the door (keep the key on your person). Unlocked doors can be opened in error during a house move so tape a notice to the door to tell the removers not to enter.

Prepare a secure, well-ventilated travelling cage and make sure it doesn't get packed with the furniture. You also need a litter tray and litter, water bowl and flask of water for the journey, especially for a long journey. On moving day, give the cat a light meal or, if he is a bad traveller, no meal at all. A vet may prescribe a sedative for the journey. Your cat must travel with you, NOT with the furniture. Once the furniture van has gone put your cat in his travelling cage and pack everything from his secure room.

When your cat arrives at your new home you need a secure room and/or kitten pen as before. The cat may now be hungry so provide food, but remember that an upheaval can upset a cat's system and make it sick. Make sure that no-one enters that room; if necessary, temporarily fit an out-of-child's-reach bolt on the door. Your cat may have to live in that room for a few days while you try to organise the rest of the house. When he is allowed to explore the rest of the house, keep external doors and windows shut. You will need to keep your cat indoors for two or three weeks to get used to his new home. If your cat is to be allowed outdoors, familiarise him with his surroundings by escorting him using a harness and lead for the first few days. Sprinkling some used cat litter (but not cat faeces) close to the house will provide him with a scent 'signpost'. Some cats settle in quicker than others. He will need plenty of reassurance and petting while settling in and it is critical that he wears a collar and tag, at least until he has settled in.

Dog Grooming

It is important that you get your dog accustomed to bathing and grooming early in life by starting off with small, fun sessions when your dog is a puppy. You must also choose a method which will be fun for you and carry it out only when you have plenty of time. If you are stressed or rushed when bathing or grooming your dog, your dog is not likely to enjoy the experience. Grooming your dog offers an ideal opportunity to also check its nails, teeth, ears and eyes, and to check for any lumps or scabs which may have developed since last time. Many dogs do not visibly need grooming on a regular basis except when they are shedding their coat. However, some breeds of dogs require extensive grooming on a regular basis to avoid widespread knotting of the hair and possible sores on the skin.

Tip for removing Cat & Dog Hair

One of the best methods that also happens to be the cheapest method is the masking tape method. It works in the same way as a lint roller, and just as well. Basically just buy a roll of masking tape and roll it around your whole hand with the sticky side facing the air not your skin. Then just tap your clothing or furniture with your hand. The stray hair will stick to the tape. Once the tape is full of hair, slide it off your hand and start again.

Party Political– Michael Fitzpatrick



Michael Fitzpatrick T.D.

Litter Bins Grant Scheme

The Council may be in a position to assist resident's associations, community groups, Tidy Towns Committees and similar organisations by giving a grant of 75% (maximum €750) towards the cost of bins provided by the applicant (s).

For further information, please contact the Environment Section of Kildare County Council, Arás Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas. Tel: 045 980588.

April change to payments to benefit over 3,000 carers (Part of overall €37.7 million carer's package announced in Budget 2008)

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick welcomes the announcement by Martin Cullen TD, Minister for Social and Family Affairs (31 March 2008) that over 3,000 people will benefit from changes to the Carer's Allowance and Carer's Benefit schemes which will come into effect this week.

The changes relate to a carer's income disregard (i.e. discounted income), announced as part of Budget 2008.

Increases to the Carer's Allowance income disregard provided for in Budget 2008 means that from Thursday 3 April -

- *a single person can have an income of €332.50 per week

- *a couple can have an income of up to €665 per week

This still qualifies for the maximum rate of Carer's Allowance.

The earnings threshold for Carer's Benefit is being similarly increased a carer with earnings of up to €332.50 per week can still qualify for Carer's Benefit from 3 April.

3,000 Carers will benefit directly from this improvement said Deputy Fitzpatrick.

"These April changes come on foot of increases in the rates of payment to carers which came into effect in January when almost 41,500 carers received an increase". Added Deputy Fitzpatrick.

Carer's Benefit also increased under Budget 2008.

Carer's Allowance is a means-tested payment provided for carers on low to middle incomes who provide full-time care and attention to a person/people in need of such care.

Carer's Benefit is the corresponding social insurance based payment.

Carers receiving these payments can engage in employment, self-employment, education/training outside of their caring role, for up to 15 hours per week.

Carers in receipt of Carer's Allowance can also avail of Free Travel and receive the Household Benefits Package which includes an electricity/gas allowance, telephone allowance and a free television licence.

Recipients of the Carer's Allowance and Carer's Benefit automatically receive the annual Respite Care Grant, which increases to €1,700 in respect of each care recipient from June.

The All Ireland Free Travel Scheme proves a huge success. Approx 800 Senior Citizens of Kildare Free to Roam the Country.

Introduced just last year, the All Ireland Free Travel Scheme for senior residents in all parts of the island, has proved a great success.

Minister for Social and Family Affairs, Martin Cullen TD, confirmed that over 40,000 older people resident in the State have received Senior SmartPass cards in this first year of the Scheme.

The scheme enables seniors (over 66) resident in the Republic to travel free of charge on all bus and rail services in Northern Ireland (NI). Likewise, seniors (over 65) in NI can travel free of charge on bus, rail and ferry services participating in the Free Travel scheme in this State.

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick welcomed the success of this scheme and hoped that the approximately 800 Senior residents of Kildare who are in receipt of this SmartPass are enjoying the benefits. "This All-Ireland Free Travel initiative has opened up limitless travel opportunities for older people all over the island which effectively provides a concession to travel without charge all over the island." Agreeing with the Minister, he also added: "This scheme is delivering a very practical benefit to older residents on the island both North and South and I would encourage those eligible for the card to make use of this special all-island arrangement facilitating unrestricted free travel for older people."

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Those wishing to apply for the all-Ireland Free Travel Scheme card may do so by requesting a form from the Department of Social and Family Affairs:

LoCall line 1890 20 23 25 open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

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Cill Dara Ar Aghaidh Teo

The news that KELT, Kildare Community Partnership & The Oak Partnership are to merge to form one body, Cill Dara Ar Aghaidh Teo, has been warmly welcomed by Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick.

Deputy Fitzpatrick also expressed his appreciation to the three organisations, their boards of management, and staff who have worked successfully in Kildare. These companies were responsible for a range of activities including education, community development; supporting and mentoring new and emerging small businesses. "I wish the new body well and promise it my full support in any way I can" added Deputy Fitzpatrick.

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Party Political—Áine Brady T.D.

Aine Brady TD - Constituency Office Maynooth, No 2 Centre Point, The Mall, Maynooth - available to meet constituents every Monday. Please phone 01 618 3057 or 01 628 5257 for an appointment.



Aine Brady T.D.

Progress on the provision of Wheelchair Access at Sallins Rail Station says Brady.

Deputy Aine Brady, Convenor of the Oireachtas Transport Committee, has been informed by the Chief Executive of Iarnrod Eireann, Richard Fern, that a funding application for a new footbridge to facilitate wheelchair access will be submitted shortly to the Department of Transport.

'In January, I met with the Minister for Transport, Noel Dempsey TD, and raised this issue with him, following a number of queries from public representatives and commuters.'

'Iarnrod Eireann has now informed me that, as part of their general programme of access improvements, a new footbridge, with lifts to facilitate wheelchair access to both platforms will be provided at the Sallins Station.' stated Deputy Brady.

'A funding application to the Department of Transport will be submitted shortly and the lifts and footbridge will be installed in the next 12 to 18 months.' concluded Deputy Brady who had also raised the issue at recent meeting with Iarnrod Eireann.

Brady welcomes new Educational Partnership between NUI Maynooth and Intel

Deputy Aine Brady has welcomed the announcement by NUI Maynooth that it has reached an agreement with Global Computer Company, Intel, to provide an innovative ME degree programme (Master of Engineering) for Intel Staff.

'The National University of Ireland, Maynooth announced that it has reached agreement with locally based global computer company Intel to deliver an innovative ME degree programme (Master of Engineering) for Intel Engineers.' stated Deputy Brady who recently organised a visit to the college by Minister for Innovation, Michael Ahern TD.

'Ensuring that we build relationships between Knowledge providers and Industry is going to be key to maintaining and building our current employment levels. NUI Maynooth have launched a number of new courses recently and also now have a Commercialisation of research Department.' Stated Deputy Brady.

'Education, Taxation Policy and Social Partnership have been the key to our economic success. Now, we have to focus on investing in our Human Capital and this initiative will allow Intel Engineers up-skill and add value to both Intel and NUI Maynooth.' Stated Deputy Brady.

'Strong links between universities and industry are key to sustaining our employment locally. This partnership, which will see Intel Engineers commence their Masters programme in September of this year, will strengthen Intel and NUI Maynooth.'

'This announcement comes on the back of a funding boost of €4.9 million by the Government to improve facilities

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at the college and funding of €320,000 under the Department of Education's Strategic Innovation Fund – both recently announced.' Stated Deputy Brady.

'This is a very significant development at NUI Maynooth, and as stated by Minister John McGuinness TD at the Clane Chamber of Commerce AGM last week, it is important that the SME sector also continue to develop links with the University to build their businesses.' Concluded Deputy Brady who has highlighted in the past the value of NUI Maynooth to our locally based industries.

McGuinness outlines importance of Clane Chamber of Commerce

Minister for Trade and Commerce, John McGuinness TD addressed the recently inaugurated Clane Chamber of Commerce at their AGM in Clane during the week.

Minister McGuinness pointed out the importance of having a coherent strategy of small businesses, in a community like Clane, in dealing with relevant stakeholders including the Local Authority.

'It is important that the Chamber engages positively with the local authority on sensitive issues like rate payments, pay parking and resources. Effective two way engagement can bring about benefits to the Local Authority and the Small Business Community. We can no longer just have a negative approach to 'rates', we must take a co-operative approach and understand where every party is coming from.'

'Clane must derive benefits from the very significant resources at its disposal to assist enterprises in the area to flourish.'

Deputy Aine Brady stated

'Clane has many resources at its disposal. Clane is home to the Kildare Enterprise Board, KELT and has a very efficient local authority office in the town.'

'In addition, it is only a few miles from Naas, which is home to a growing Food Industry Sector. Naas is also a home to many service Industries, including in the Financial Services area.'

'In Leixlip and Celbridge, again only a few miles from Clane, we have one of the worlds most dynamic technology companies in Intel and HP. All of these

companies require addition services some of which could come from places like Clane.'

'With the very progressive work that is now on-going in transposing NUI Maynooth into a Research and Innovative led University, with innovation and commercialization of research, a key element of the new syllabus, we have the infrastructure locally to sustain and grow more local businesses.' concluded Deputy Brady.

Dublin Bus has proposals to Improve services in Maynooth says Brady

North Kildare TD, Aine Brady, has been informed by Dublin Bus that they have plans to improve their Bus Service to Maynooth. Deputy Brady raised the issue of an improved Bus Service recently.

'Dublin Bus has applied to extend and reschedule the Route 67 service to take into account Moyglare Road'

'There are a number of infrastructural changes required before such an undertaking can be completed including Moyglare requires a turning facility, a terminus, bus stops and shelters.' stated Deputy Brady who stated that these issues will now be raised with Kildare Co. Co.by Dublin Bus.

'In addition, Dublin Bus have informed me that they have applied for a statutory order from the Gardai to provide a Bus Stop adjacent to Griffin Rath on the Celbridge Road. The Bus Stop will be erected as soon as Dublin Bus receive the go ahead.' concluded Deputy Brady.

Almost 800 Kildare carers benefit from payment changes in April – Brady

Kildare carers are set to benefit from increases in their payments in April as changes announced in Budget 2008 for Carer's Allowance and Carer's Benefit come into force according to local Fianna Fail T.D. Áine Brady.

"Almost 800 Kildare carers could benefit from changes to the Carer's Allowance and Carer's Benefit schemes which will come into effect this week."

"It is only right that the Government, through the Budget each year, should continue to recognise the great contribution that carers make to the welfare of so many people in our society."

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"The changes relate to a carer's income disregard or discounted income which was announced as part of a €37.7 million carer's package in Budget 2008. This should allow even more carers to qualify for payment."

"Increases to the Carer's Allowance income disregard provided for in Budget 2008 means that from this Thursday, 3 April, a single person can have an income of €332.50 per week and a couple can have an income of up to €665 per week and still qualify for the maximum rate of Carer's Allowance."

"The previous levels were €320 and €640 per week respectively. The earnings threshold for Carer's Benefit is being similarly increased so that a carer with earnings of up to €332.50 per week can still qualify for Carer's Benefit from 3 April."

"I am very much in support of this change, which allows for further, practical supports for the important work that carers do."

"The upward adjustment to the income levels means that over 3,000 carers nationally will receive a weekly increase in their carer's payment with some carers now, for the first time, coming in under the net and qualifying for a carer's payment."

"The changes to come into effect this week follow payment increases which came into effect in January, further underlining the Government's commitment to supporting carers who do such vital work in our communities."

"Furthermore carers receiving these payments can engage in employment, self-employment, education/training outside of their caring role, for up to 15 hours per week."

"Carers in receipt of Carer's Allowance can also avail of Free Travel and receive the Household Benefits Package which includes an electricity/gas allowance, telephone allowance and a free television licence."

"And recipients of the Carer's Allowance and Carer's Benefit automatically receive the annual Respite Care Grant, which increases to €1,700 in respect of each care recipient from June."

"There is also an opportunity to participate in the consultation process for the National Carer's Strategy which continues until April 18."

"The Strategy will set out the Government's vision for family and informal carers and establish a set of goals and actions in areas such as income support, health care and services, housing, transport, information services, labour market issues, programmes of training, social inclusion and research and technology development," concluded Deputy Brady.

Submissions on the development of the National Carer's Strategy can be made to the Department of Social and Family Affairs by emailing carers.strategy@welfare.ie; faxing to 01-7043457, or by post to National Carer's Strategy Consultation, Planning Unit, Floor 1, Department of Social and Family Affairs, Áras Mhic Dhiarmada, Store Street, Dublin 1.

Ardclough set for Community Bus Service says Brady

Deputy Aine Brady has been informed by OK Community Transport that they will provide a weekly service from Ardclough to Celbridge.

'I am delighted that we are making progress on the provision of a service from Ardclough to Celbridge. Currently Ardclough has no Bus Service and it is important that we try and set up a service which ensures that Ardclough gets connectivity to our public transport network and give some of our older people a service to link into Celbridge.' Stated Deputy Brady.

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'Over the last year, I met with Bus Éireann and Dublin Bus seeking asking them to provide a service. Currently there does not seem to be a Business Case to provide such a service, but I will keep in on their agenda.'

'However, OK Community Transport have now made the decision to set up a weekly service to and from Celbridge. The day of the week and the time of the day have to be agreed between Ardclogh Community Council and OK Community Transport.' Stated Deputy Brady who complimented both groups on the positive approach that they have adopted to project.

'I would urge the community of Ardclogh to make use of this service so that we can maintain it into the future for the people of Ardclogh. If the service does attract users, it will be expanded.' concluded Deputy Brady.

Brady welcomes increase in childcare benefits

Kildare North, Fianna Fail T.D., Áine Brady has reminded families that the increase in childcare benefits announced in the 2008 Budget last December are due to be implemented from April 2008.

"Budget 2008 saw Child Benefit rates increase by €6 per month for each of the first and second qualifying children to €166 per month, and by €8 per month for each subsequent qualifying child, to €203 per month."

"The early Childcare Supplement, payable in respect of all children under 6, will increase by €100 – bringing the payment to €1100 every year for every child under 6."

"The increases in child benefit combined with the early childcare supplement means parents of 2 children under the age of 6 will receive direct payments of €6,148 in 2008 that equates to over €118 per week."

"Child Benefit is payable to the parents or guardians of children under 16 years of age, or under 19 years of age if the child is in full-time education, FÁS, Youthreach training Youth or has a disability."

"These increases which come into effect in April will give a welcome financial boost to young families," concluded Deputy Brady.

Solution for Car parking at Confey Rail Station raised by Brady

Deputy Aine Brady has again raised the issue of Car Parking for Commuters at the Confey Rail Station with Iarnrod Éireann.

'At a recent meeting with Iarnrod Éireann, I again raised the issue of Car Parking adjacent to the rail station.'

'Almost two years ago, I suggested that Confey GAA should be contacted to see if the space which they have could be used as a Park and Ride facility for Commuters. I understand that Iarnrod Éireann have made contact with the Confey GAA and I hope that progress will be made which could benefit the GAA and the Rail Commuters.'

'The Maynooth Line will see further significant improvements, to improve the level of service, over the next couple of years. However, we must also make progress on Park and Ride facilities to encourage more people to use Public Transport.'

'I look forward to Kildare Co. Co. and Iarnrod Éireann working together to ensure that we provide Park and Ride facilities and ensure that the county benefits from part the funding that is available for such facilities.' concluded Deputy Brady.

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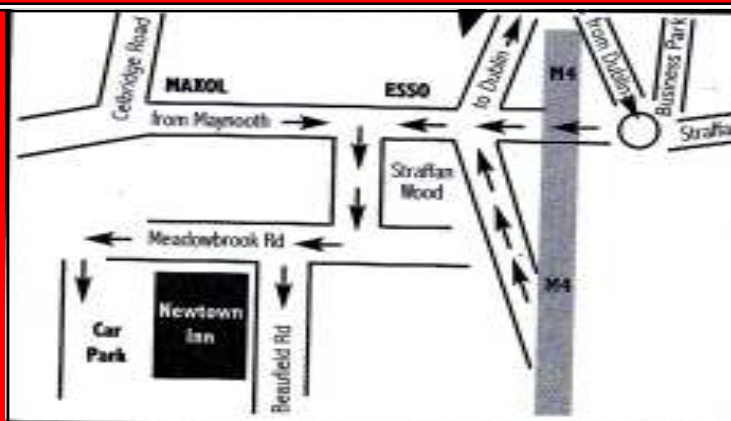
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Editorial

Festival roundup. The festival, organised under the auspices of the Maynooth Community Council, ran from 25th to 29th June. It was a great success and managed to avoid the showers. Contingency arrangements had to be made in the face of inclement weather which in planning terms almost meant organising two festivals. Congratulations go to the organisers who gave of their time to this community event - Andrew McMullon and the Planning Committee and to Marie Gleeson who seemed to be everywhere and who ensured that reports of the events and photographs were included in the month's Newsletter. Thanks to everyone who came out and supported the events. More inside!

The launch of the Festival on Wednesday night was a major success, with a lovely balmy evening in the Square. The Maynooth Brass and Reed Band gave their all yet again for the community and this was not their only appearance over the festival. The Garda Band followed with a riveting performance. The night was rounded off with "Push for Porter" who provided a most enjoyable traditional music night in O'Neill's Pub. There was something to suit everyone. The inter- estate 7-a-side soccer competition in the Harbour Field as always attracted much interest. The competition was fierce and eventual winners of the Joe Murphy Memorial Trophy were the Newtown Inn team. A children's quiz ran on Wednesday afternoon and was followed by the announcement of the winners of the Children's Poster Competition. There were over a hundred entries for this festival-themed competition and the wonderful art work was on display in Maynooth Community Library. The Castle and its surroundings was the setting for the Rita Doyle Dancers who gave a great display of their talents. The Maynooth Brass and Reed Band performed and was made particularly enjoyable for the children in the audience who got to see what the most recent members were able to accomplish in a year. The evening rounded off with poetry and prose from the Maynooth Local History Group and the Writer's Group organised by Hilda Dunne and introduced by Dr. Mary Cullen. The Castle was also the venue for the Nuadha Players to tread the boards with two plays, run over three nights. This for me was one of the highlights of the festival – a most enjoyable evening. Family fun day in the GAA was again blessed with goodish weather, with dancers, puppet shows, barbecue, bouncy castles, bonny baby competition, pony rides and gymnastic displays to mention just some of the activities. A quiz, and various music events were hosted by the local pubs - Brady's, Caulfields, O'Neills and the Roost. The festival culminated with a Big Band Revival dance in the Glenroyal on Sunday night. Well done to all! Susan Durack

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Maynooth Tidy Towns

Maynooth Tidy Towns – 50th Anniversary Family Day was a great success

Much favourable comment has been received following our 50th Anniversary celebration with a family day in St. Patrick's College grounds on June 8th last. Blessed with good wishes and the weather the event was attended by three hundred people approximately. On the day there were a number of popular traditional games such as sack races, shooting a ball through a tyre and trying to hook a bottle. A number of field games took place also which involved most of the young people that attended. Formalities were kept to a minimum with just one speech from Tidy Towns Chairperson, Sean Lyons.



Such an event could not have been arranged without the co-operation and support of a number of people. Maynooth Tidy Towns would like to thank the Maynooth Brass & Read Band who are always sure to attract a crowd and Rita Doyle for leading the dancing. Also the Kildare Sports Partnership for arranging the parachute game. Much gratitude is due to the many members of the committee and their friends and families for helping out and to our supporting junior members from the Post Primary school who demonstrated a wonderful enthusiasm for encouraging participation in all the events.

For the support from businesses in the town that supplied the refreshments a big thank you and acknowledgements were made on the day. Many thanks to Fr. Rigney our Parish Priest for his promotion and encouragement for the event. Finally, we are indebted to St. Patrick's College for allowing us to hold the event in what turned out to be a most suitable venue and to everyone that attended we hope that you enjoyed the day. **(see pictures Page 24)**

Tidy Towns Annual Collection – Thank you for your support

Without the generosity of the business community and the people of Maynooth we could not undertake our enhancement projects for the area. The business community donations were received in the period up to May and we will be recognising this important support later in the year. We held our annual collection over two weekends to facilitate the committee to cover a number of collection points. As usual the people of Maynooth gave generously with both money and praise for our work. Running an effective voluntary group involves the need for people with a range of skills all playing their part in the combined efforts. Indeed a special thanks to the people that assisted us with the collection even though they are not members of the committee.

Hanging baskets in place for 2008

This year again we were able to put in place the flower hanging baskets in the centre of the town. Thanks to all those that assisted us in this difficult logistical task over a two day period. We have also put in place new planters in Courthouse Square this year and we are pleased with this work. Over the next few months all our flowers will be watered by a contractor and in this regard we acknowledge the support that we receive from Leixlip Town Council and Intel Ireland in allowing us to have access to the specially designed machine for this purpose.

New Approach Road signage

We have a plan to put in place new stone signs on the approach roads to Maynooth. The first of these is already in place at the Maynooth exit from the M4 Motorway. The stones have been sand blasted with a greeting welcoming people to Maynooth. This project is a big undertaking and one that we hope will be appreciated.

National Tidy Towns Judging

The National Tidy Towns judges will make their assessment of the town sometime between the June Bank Holiday weekend and the end of August next. Maynooth Tidy Towns made an application in May outlining our plans as well as identifying the positive and negative issues that impact on the judging criteria. The result of the judges decision will be known in early September and in the interim we would appreciate your support in keeping Maynooth litter free and tidy. Everyone's single effort combines to make an impact for the town – Remember:

Make Maynooth Great in 2008.

Paul Croghan

PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns (more Tidy Towns news on Page 39)

Poetry Corner



DUBLIN

Though my streets I like to roam
By alleys to my destined home
A place where I'm never alone
Yes Dublin is my pride

A Smokey city it is indeed
Where traffic now is in great speed
A city of love as my heart does bleed
Yes Dublin is my pride

Children playing in little alley ways
Reminds me of where I spent my days
The law of God each child obeys
Yes Dublin is my pride

From O'Connell Street to Parnell Square
Where doves do fly high in the air
Such beauty that you can never compare
Yes Dublin is my pride

Time is changing so fast
As my old ways do not last
Yes Dublin is my pride

The Liffey flows along the way
Where bridges seem forever to stay
Through its quays I spend my day
Yes Dublin is my pride

Busy like bees people walk along
As Dublin is any man's song
It is of you my soul has gone
Yes Dublin is my pride

Patrick Murray

YOUR BEAUTY

Your life are of a pink shade
Eyes of brown to enlighten me
In perfection you really have it made
With such eyes I wonder what you see
A perfect nose to compliment your face

Hair as black as the darkest night
You are a beauty of the human race

With you by my side every thing is alright
When you smile the whole world is of laughter
When you cry the world is full of rain
I will watch over you forever more after through
good and bad times I never complain

Your teeth are of ivory white
You talk softly with a precious smile
How you get rid of my weary night
I will watch over you all the while

Tempt me with your loving life on mine
Feel the passion of love guiding both of us
You taste of late summer wine
Just look at what your enchantment does

A picture of a lady in full prime
A face as perfect as the wild rose
Knowing that you are for ever more mine
As you are in nature's beauty pose

Patrick Murray

THE ROSE DID CAPER ON HER CHEEK.

The Rose did caper on her cheek,
Her bodice rose and fell,
Her pretty speech, like drunken men,
Did stagger pitiful.

Her fingers fumbled at her work,—
Her needle would not go;
What ailed so smart a little maid
It puzzled me to know,

Till opposite I spied a cheek
That bore another rose;
Just opposite, another speech
That like the drunkard goes;

A vest that, like the bodice, danced
To the immortal tune,—
Till those two troubled little clocks
Ticked softly into one.



Emily Dickinson
(1830-86).

Puzzles—Sudoku

Easy

		6		1			3	
1	5		2				6	7
	9				7	5	8	
		7	1	5		6		
	8	5	3		6	1	7	
6		2		8	4	3		
	3	9	8				4	
7	2		6		5		1	9
8				4	2	7		

Medium

	9	3	6		2		5	
	8		4	5		2		
			3		8		4	
8		2	5	3	1	7	6	
		9				1		
	7	6	2	9	4	5		8
	5		9		7			
		8		4	5		7	
	2		8		3	4	9	



Super Difficult

		7		4	1		2	
		8	9			3	1	
6			4			5	8	
		5	2	3	9	6		
	4	9			6			3
	5	3			2	4		
	8		6	5		7		

Difficult

		4						
3	6				9			
	2		6	5	4			
1	5				2			7
8			5		3			1
2			7				4	6
			8	4	1		6	
			9				8	3
						7		



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Maynooth Community Games

Art

M.C.Games has had a good season. Two of Maynooth's girls represented us at the art in Mosney on Saturday 24th May.

Well done to Sarah Curran and Lara Feehan. Hope you enjoyed the experience.

Swimming

Maynooth Swimmers headed off to Athy pool for the Kildare County Trials on Saturday 31st May and came home with lots of silverware.

Gold	Conor Lynch	U10	Boys	Freestyle
Cert	Laura Millett	U10	Girls	Freestyle
Cert	Aoife Lynch	U12	Girls	Freestyle
Silver	Brenda Finley	U12	Girls	Backstroke
Silver	Joseph Millett	U12	Boys	Breaststroke
Silver	Laureen Hastings	U12	Girls	Breaststroke
Silver	Jack French	U14	Boys	Backstroke
Cert	Eoin McCormack	U14	Boys	Breaststroke
Gold	Sean McKnight	U16	Boys	Freestyle
bronze	Katie Curran	U16	Girls	Freestyle



Sean McKnight (Maynooth East) will be Kildare's representative in U-16 Freestyle

Gold U13 Boys Squad Maynooth East

Shane Monaghan, Eoin McCormack, Conor Lynch, Jack French and Joseph Millett.

Silver U13 Girls Squad Maynooth East

Laureen Hastings, Sara Curran, Aoife Lynch, Laura Millett and Alison Hastings.

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Well Done to all the Boys and Girls and good luck to all in the finals in Mosney.

Many thanks to Martin McCann and his team in Maynooth College Pool for all his help with the training.



Conor Lynch (Maynooth) who came first in the boys U10 Front Crawl in the Community Games County Kildare Swimming finals which took place in Athy on 31st May 2008.

Gymnastics

Four girls are heading to Newbridge on Sunday 15th June.

U10	Zoe Mauraghan
U12	Aoibhinn Kilduff
U12	Aiubhe Quinn
U14	Shauna Cullen

Good Luck Girls

May I take this opportunity to thank the local businesses for their donations to help run the events.

Clubs, Organisations And Societies

Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Know Your Rights

Question:

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

Answer:

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

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

- A choice of either a refund of your ticket (with a free flight back to your initial point of departure when relevant) **or**,
- Alternative transport to your final destination, and (Depending on the length of the delay), refreshments, meals, hotel accommodation, transport between the airport and hotel, two free telephone calls telex/fax messages, or e-mails, and compensation totalling ;
- € 250 for flights of 1500km or less.
- €400 for longer flights within the EU and other flights between 1500 and 3500 km.
- €600 for flights over 3,500km outside the EU.

These compensation amounts may be reduced by 50% if the alternative transport offered allows you to arrive at your final destination within certain time limits.

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

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

legislation have been breached, you should contact the Commission for Aviation Regulation, telephones : (01) 661 1700; website: www.aviationreg.ie.

Further information is available from your local Citizens Information Centre.

Question:

I understand that if I am a full-time carer, to someone with a disability, I can get Respite Care Grant. How do I apply?

Answer:

The Respite Care Grant is paid once a year to certain carers of people in need of full-time care and attention. It is paid automatically in early June by the Department of Social and Family Affairs to those who are getting Carer's Allowance, Carer's Benefit Constant Attendance Allowance or Prescribed Relative's Allowance. It is paid automatically by the Health Service Executive to those who are getting Domiciliary Care Allowance.

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

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

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

The person being cared for must have a disability that requires full-time care and attention and must not be receiving it from someone else. He/she must not normally live in a hospital, convalescent home, or, similar institution, but may attend a non-residential

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Know Your Rights

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training course or day care centre.

For 2008, the Respite Care Grant is €1,700 for each person being cared for.

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

Question :

I am travelling in Europe this summer. Am I entitled to use public healthcare in other countries if I fall ill ?.

Answer :

If you are visiting certain European countries and you become ill or get injured, the European Health Insurance Card allows you to access public healthcare services. It replaces the E111 form which had previously been required.

If you are going on a short stay to an EU country, an EEA country (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) or to Switzerland, it is advisable to have the card to cover you and your family for public healthcare. Each person travelling will need a card. It is not required for a temporary visit to the UK if you can show that you are ordinarily resident in Ireland.

You can apply for the card online at www.ehic.ie if you already have a medical card, GP visit card or a Drugs Payment Scheme card. Otherwise you can download an application form from this website or get it from your Local Health Office. You will need to provide your name, address, date of birth and Personal Public Service Number (PPS No.).

You should apply for the card a month before travelling if possible. If there is not enough time to get the card before you travel, contact your local Health Office to get a Temporary Replacement Certificate for each person travelling instead.

If you have a card that has expired, you can apply online to renew your card. You will require your existing card number. If you have changed your address or your name, you will need to contact your Local Health Office. If you have concerns about getting a renewed card in time, you can get a Temporary Replacement Certificate.

You may also wish to consider taking out private travel

insurance for some expenses that are not covered by the European Health Insurance Card. These may include the costs of repatriation home or the expenses of relatives who travel to you if you fall ill abroad.

Question :

What entitlement do I have to a redundancy payment if I am laid off ?.

Answer :

If you lose your job due to redundancy you may be legally entitled to a statutory redundancy payment. This is the minimum entitlement ; your employer may agree to pay you more than this or to pay employees who do not have an entitlement to statutory redundancy.

The payment is a lump sum that depends on your pay and the length of time you have worked for your employer. You must have worked for your employer for at least two years and be aged over 16 years to be eligible.

All eligible employees are entitled to two weeks pay for every year of service plus one further week's pay. Pay refers to your current normal weekly pay, before tax and PRSI deductions, up to a maximum of €600 per week. The statutory redundancy payment is tax free.

Your period of service that is taken into account will not be reduced by absences that occurred more than three years ago. Nor will your reckonable service be reduced by absences in the last three years due to illness, holidays, or leave such as maternity leave, adoptive leave, parental leave, or carer's leave. However if you have been absent in the last three years for more than 26 consecutive weeks due to illness or more than 52 weeks due to injury at work, the time in excess of these periods that you were absent will not count towards your reckonable service.

On the date your employment ends your employer must pay the redundancy lump sum due to you and give a Redundancy Certificate (section B of Form RP50). If your employer has not given you your redundancy lump sum you may apply for this on form RP77 which is available from the Department of Enterprise Trade and Employment, Davitt House, 65a Adelaide Road, Dublin 2, Tel (01) 631 3131.

If you have a dispute in relation to your redundancy you may bring a claim within 12 months to the Employment Appeals Tribunal, Davitt House, 65a Adelaide Road, Dublin 2, Tel (01) 631 3006

Features

Best Mates for the Holiday's

Jimmy and Peter had been best friends for as long as they could remember, today they were getting their school holiday's, they were very excited as it was only June, and they had the rest of the summer to look forward to. They had finished all their exams in school about a week ago and they were planning on having fun. They went behind the parish hall to share some smokes, (they always had a sneaky one in the evening going home from school). Now what would they plan to keep them occupied during the holiday's, they smoked their cigarettes and talked for a few minutes. They were not expected home from school yet by their parents, their mother would have a big stew or casserole ready for them, they were hungry now, as their lunch seemed a long time ago. They said good bye to one another. Peter said "see you here tomorrow at eleven o'clock". "Right" replied Jimmy. So they went their separate ways.

When Peter went in the door his mother was just putting some icing on a cake that she had baked that morning, when she finished, she got Peter his dinner. "Well what have you planned for the holiday's, you can't mope around here all day". She said. "I will think of something to do then", he said, as he sat down to his dinner. Meanwhile Jimmy's mother was getting dinner for everybody in his home, his father was a farmer and so he had his dinner with his family, they all sat down to dinner including his little sister Susan who was only eight years old and she was always teasing Jimmy.

"I will be expecting you to help me around the farm now that you have your holiday's. I will give you pocket money for a job well done, (when it is done)". Jimmy's father said. "Yes dad I will help out, but what about me going around to Peters". Jimmy said. "I am sure Peter will be alright". His dad replied. So after dinner Jimmy went out to help his dad. They didn't finish until six o'clock that evening. Jimmy rang Peter and told him he wouldn't be able to meet him the following morning at the back of the Parish hall. "I will ring you when I can get away". he said. Peter said "that's alright, see you when I see you".

So the holiday went on, Jimmy was helping his dad and Peter got himself a job in the local supermarket, they just had no time to meet. So after two weeks Jimmy finally rang Peter "I will meet you on Saturday morning in the café". So Peter met Jimmy on Saturday morning in the café, both of them had money to buy whatever they wanted, they bought chocolate milkshakes, burgers, French fries and some ice-cream. They started to talk about their jobs. Jimmy told Peter all about working on the farm, and Peter talked about working in the local supermarket. They had a great time but knew they wouldn't get to see each other very much this summer.

They didn't see each other for another three weeks, when they just happened to be in town on Wednesday morning. "When will we meet again?" Jimmy said. "I will be able to get off on Sunday afternoon". Peter replied. So on Sunday afternoon they met outside Jimmy's gate, Peter walked the whole way from the town, it was only about a mile anyway. Jimmy had a tan from working in the fields, but Peter had got skinny from working in the shop. "I didn't think that we would be working throughout the holiday's, school will be starting soon and we won't have had any fun". Peter said. "Yes you are right, we haven't had any fun yet". Jimmy replied mournfully "How about we ask them for a day to ourselves". "Yes lets do that". Jimmy said. "Peter ring me if you can get next Wednesday off" Jimmy told his father that night that himself and Peter would like a day to themselves before they go back to school and Peter was asking his parents the same thing. They had worked hard all summer so their parents said of course they could, so they met up on the following Wednesday.

"There is a good film on in the cinema at the moment". Peter said. "I would like to see it too". Jimmy said. So in they went to see the film. It was an action movie that they went to see, and afterwards, they went to the carnival in the local town that night. They had a really good day to themselves and they wanted it to last, as it was their last year at school, they would have to work very hard. They would be going to college the following year, and needed the points as Jimmy wanted to be a vet and Peter wanted to study business.

On their way home that night they talked and laughed just like friends do. "No matter what we do in life or how much holiday work we have to do, we will always be friends, best friends", they said as they went behind the parish hall to have their smoke. They would meet again at the start of the school year. New classes, new teachers! "Here's to friendship and nobody will ever separate us". They cheered.

Enda Clavin

Useful Telephone Numbers

Name	Details	Telephone No.
A.C.R.A	National Association of Resident Associations Contact Michael Quinn, 3 Laurence Avenue, Maynooth	6285258
ADULT CEILI AND SET DANCING	Contact: Rita Doyle	086-2862475/ 6286169
AN NUADA PLAYERS	Contact: Terry Nealon	086-8068068
BRIDGE CLUB	Contact: Joan Howard Williams	6289239
CASTLE COMMITTEE	Contact Tony Bean Sec. Gerald &Joan Howard Williams, Carton Demense	087-949459
CASTLE KEEP ART GROUP	Contact: Susan Durack	6289349
CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTRE		6285477
COMMUNITY GAMES	Contact: Joe Geraghty Margaret Houlihan	087-6181235 087-2054854
DENTIST	Dr. G.B. Glass Dr. G.A. O'Reilly Dr. J.G. Merrick	6289284 6286318 6286318
DOCTORS	DR. D. Gaffney DR. D. Nolan DR. C.D. O'Rourke DR. J. Corish DR. N. Wilson DR. M. Cowhey	6291169 6285943 6285210 6292556 5052135 6289044
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FOLK GROUP	Contact: Elaine Bean	087-9704912
G.A.A. CLUB	Maynooth G.A.A. Club Contact :Dominic Nugent	6285020 087-6368722
GARDA STATION		6291413/6286234
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GOLF	Maynooth Golf Society Contact: Kevin Loftus	086-8261221
HEALTH CENTRE		6285415
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LARAGHBRYAN CEMETRY COMMITTEE	Contact: Breda Holmes, Barrogstown, Maynooth Sec. Helen Johnson	6289757
LIONS CLUB	Contact: Freddie Melia,	6289555
MAHER SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING	Contact : Catherine Maher	6285739 087-8222740
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Local Useful Telephone Numbers (Cont'd)

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MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY	Contact: Rita Edwards	087-6387687
MAYNOOTH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION	Contact: Brid Feely	087-2052649
MAYNOOTH FAIR TRADE	Contact: Dr. John Sweeney	087-2476516
MAYNOOTH JUDO CLUB	Contact: Mary Mc Donald	087-9677596
MAYNOOTH PHYSIOTHERAPY CLINIC & LEINSTER CLINIC		6290895
MORTALITY SOCIETY	Contact: Paddy Nolan	6286312
NORTH KILDARE JUNIOR TENNIS CLUB	North Kildare Club	6103909 6287243
PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP	Contact: Bronwyn Mooney	6289405
PARISH	Fr. Paul Coyle Fr. Liam Rigney Parish Office	6290553 6286220 6293018
POST OFFICE		6286259
MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY LIBRARY	Librarian: Bernadette Gilligan	6285530
ROYAL AMENITY AND RESTORATION GROUP CANAL	Office Contact: Mark Kennedy, 83 Maynooth Park Maynooth	6290980 6286443
SCHOOLS	Boys' National School Presentation Girls' Primary School Post Primary School Scoil Ui Fháich	6293021 6286034 6286060 6290667
SCOUTS	Scouting Ireland Contact: Johnny Dowling	086-1017492
SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE	Contact: Patricia Cusker, Silken Vale, Maynooth. Josie Moore, Greenville, Straffan Road, Maynooth.	087-2982455
SOCCER CLUB	Contact: Edel Pat Moynihan	087-2998661 087-9078861
ST. MARY'S BRASS AND REED BAND	Contact: Melanie Oliver	087-9704910
SWIMMING CLUB	Contact: Edel	087-2680405
TIDY TOWNS	Contact: Secretary	087-3153189
U3A	Contact: Bernadette	6289131
VIOLENCE IN THE HOME		1800-341-900

Horoscopes



ARIES—March 21—April 20

Things are likely to get on top of you, over the next week or so try to step back and look at things with a fresh look at what you are really looking for.
Your Lucky day is Monday, number 14, colour silver.



TAURUS—April 21—May 21

Team work makes your day go faster, and makes it more fun, so even if you don't think you need help ask your friends, their only too willing to help.
Your lucky day is Tuesday, number 5, colour gold.



GEMINI—May 22—June 22

You'll be drawn to someone who is hard to figure out. It's well worth the effort to build trust as friends are found and lost far to often.
Your lucky day is Thursday, number 7, colour green.



CANCER—June 23—July 23

You feel a little lost at the moment but a friend will take you under their wing this week and every thing will be fine, good for you.
Your lucky day is Saturday, number 11, colour pink.



LEO—July 24—August 23

You lay the foundation of friendship now, true friends will last forever. The time is right to take things on board and make them work for you.
Your lucky day is Friday number 5, colour navy blue.



Virgo—August 24—Sept 23

Rearrange your schedule to make more room for the people you care about. It only takes a little to mean a lot.
Your lucky day is Saturday, number 9, colour black.



LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23

For a few hours you feel as if you've mastered the art of timing. Remember that feeling when it gets hectic, you can only do your best
Your lucky day is Monday, number 19, colour peach.



SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22

You're doing the work it takes to be great, and don't think it goes unnoticed. You have what it takes to go all the way, you can't get it wrong.
Your lucky day is Tuesday number 18, colour white.



SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21

You have a set of preferences, and ways you like the World to be, and it would be so much better if the World would comply. Alas the World didn't get your memo and so you have to inform them one person at a time.
Your lucky day is Wednesday, number 11, colour lemon.



CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20

Someone is making it ok for you to follow your whims. Do not miss the opportunity to seize this rare chance to do what seems to have no other merit except that it pleases you.
Your lucky day is Tuesday, number 2, colour orange.



AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19

Colleagues you've worked with for a long time keep it fresh with a good mix of characters around. You now have a chance to meet with friends new and old.
Your lucky day is Sunday, number 13, colour purple

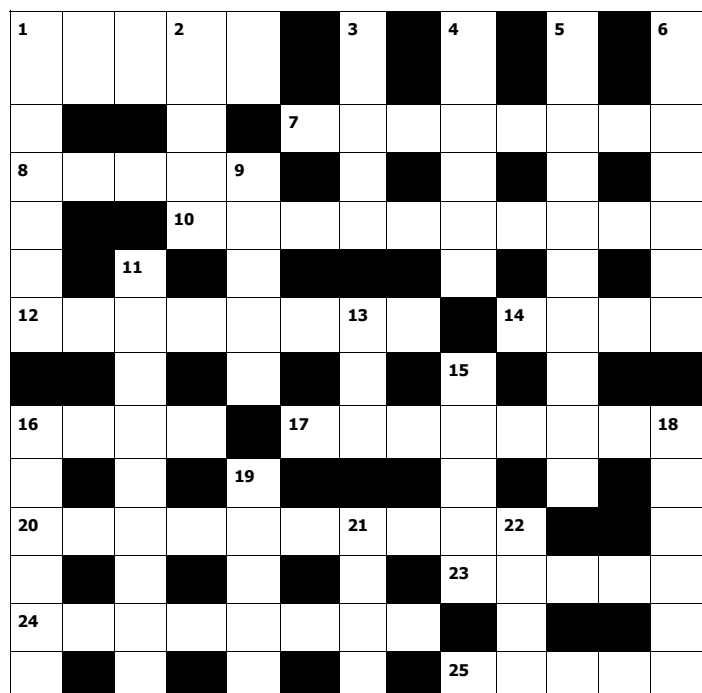


PISCES—Feb 20—March 20

Sometimes you like to be seen, heard and noticed, other times you'd rather hide and watch others. You will have both opportunities today and will enjoy the contrast.
Your lucky day is Wednesday, number 23, colour red.

Features

Crossword No: 68



Entries in before 16th July

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Across:

1. Lively (5)
7. Well-known (8)
8. Cold dish (5)
10. Margaret - - -, Miss Marple Actress (10)
12. Trend (8)
14. Repudiate (4)
16. Marsh Plant (4)
17. TV detective played by John Nettles (8)
20. Royal residence, - - - Palace (10)
23. Mountain ash tree (5)
24. Type of milk pudding (8)
25. Bring (5)

Doodle Box

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68 Main Street, Maynooth

Winner

Margaret Houlihan,
Cowanstown,
Maynooth

Down:

1. Container (6)
2. Strut (4)
3. Johnny - - -, country music star (4)
4. Tempestuous (5)
5. Unit of distance (9)
6. Crusoe's companion (6)
9. Bed quilt (5)
11. Undesirable (9)
13. Revolutionary, - - - Guevara (3)
15. Samantha - - -, actress (5)
16. Sturdy (6)
18. Crispy sound (6)
19. Foolish (5)
21. Departed (4)
22. Burrowing creature (4)

Solutions to Crossword No. 67:

Across: 1. Soldier, 4. Bates, 7. Diamond, 8. Yeast, 9. Reject, 12. Resolute, 15. Eligible, 17. Recipe, 18. Chief, 21. Liberty, 22. Piste, 23. Squeeze.

Down: 1. Surprise, 2. Driver, 3. Roof, 4. Body, 5. Tetanus, 6. Slot, 10. Tribe, 11. Osier, 13. Envelope, 14. Sidings, 16. Scythe. 18. Crop, 19. Flue, 20. Ebbs.

Clubs, Organisations And Societies

Maynooth Tidy Towns – 50th Anniversary Family Day



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6th Class Community Day

"Tall Oaks from Little Acorns Grow". A truer saying could not be found for what can only be described as a Great Day for all 6Ts, which is the community of 6th Classes in the Parish of Maynooth, in transition from primary to secondary school this September. "St. Mary", GNS, Boys N.S. and Gaelscoil, Maigh Nuid, attended the event which was also a ceremonious certificate celebration. The success of this first ever event of its kind can be attributed to the Parents Associations, Silent Participating Parents, Teachers and Principals. However very special thanks to the "brainmam" "Dearbhla", who for some time has been perusing with the idea and brought it to its finality with the support of many. Gratitude's to, Peter Davis, Sports Dept. NUIM and Rita Doyle, Irish Dancing School for making the heart-warming activities possible. The provisions of the facilities and instruction in sports and Ceili Dance promoted great laughter and exercise for all. The Juvenile Section of the GAA Maynooth kindly contributed the sports equipment. The packed lunches were provided as part of an enterprising research project undertaken by www.Caramobokids.com. For a small nominal fee it proved to be an appetizing pack and with great cheers a surprising Whipped Ice Cream Cone was awaiting all from an Ice Cream Van in the College Grounds.



Jacqui Mullally, Ger Quinn, Ann Feehan, Edel Van, Nuala Ford, Theresa Flattery, Han Haffioui, Betty O'Hare and Mary Walsh



Sinead Condren, Sarah Jones and Paula Ferrari



Conor Mullany and Darragh O'Neill proudly receiving Certificates from Doreen Duignan

6th Class Community Day



Group 14 Maynooth Red Socks awaiting instruction to participate with the 126 students in attendance



Shauna Haughney and Doreen Duignan

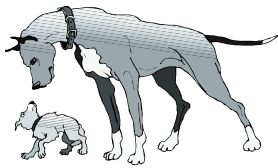


Paul Davies, Sports NUIM, Peter Coakley Principle BNS and Máirín Ní Cheileachair Gaelscoile Maigh Nuid.



The Principle of the Boys National School
Mr. Peter Coakley

Features



Pet Corner



Dogs & Chocolate

You may have heard that chocolate is poisonous to dogs. As with many substances, the poison is in the dose. A little bit of chocolate won't hurt your dog, but like many of us, dogs tend to overindulge in the rich taste of chocolate. Chocolate contains an ingredient that acts like caffeine and makes dogs very hyper and excitable. If they eat too much it can cause seizures. You should think twice about offering your dog chocolate. Stick to the doggie treats.

The Garden Diggers

The annoying habit of digging ranks high on the list of behaviour problems of dogs. Unfortunately, there is no one answer to solve this particular problem. In some instances, the instinct to dig is the heritage of the breed. Over the centuries dogs have been bred for a variety of tasks ranging from the close interaction of toy breeds with their owners to sporting dogs who require regular sessions of physical activity. Nordic dogs dig holes to cool themselves. The heritage of terriers has been to dig underground after rodents and small game. Dachshunds were developed to chase badgers into their holes.

Some dogs, regardless of heritage, may be more inclined to dig if they are left alone in the yard for long periods of time. Digging is often the result of boredom and this can be a learned behaviour in some dogs. Companionship is a primary reason for having a dog. Being a companion means forging a bond through regular play and exercise with your dog. Without this stimulation, dogs often turn to digging or other forms of destructive behaviour to alleviate their boredom.

Your dog's behaviour is influenced by the lifestyle you maintain for it. Regular walks or play periods with your dog and praise for tricks you teach it will make its life fun and stimulating. Such a dog is less likely to develop annoying behaviour problems resulting from boredom.

During summer months your dog may dig a hole to cool itself, so be certain it has access to some shade throughout the day and that fresh drinking water is always available.

How to Pick a Healthy Hamster

- Visit the pet store in the evening when they are more likely to be more active and energetic, since hamsters are nocturnal animals.
- Observe their general behaviour and overall condition.
- Look for a hamster that is active, alert, energetic and playful.
- Tap lightly on the tank and see if it responds.
- Check the coat and make sure that is nice and smooth, not dull.
- Look at its eyes. They should be bright and clear, not watery.
- Check its breathing. A healthy hamster's breathing is clear and there should be no discharge from its nose. The area around the nostrils should be dry and not have a crusty look.
- Check its behind. Make sure it is clean. If it appears wet or dirty, the hamster may have diarrhoea, which is a symptom of wet tail. This is very difficult to cure. Bring this to the attention of the pet attendant immediately, as it is contagious and the other hamsters in the cage may become affected.
- Pick a hamster with a broad and round body. This indicates that it is eating well. Avoid hamsters that have lumps or bumps on their body.
- Have fun picking your hamster!



Gardening in the Month of July



Perennials, Annuals, and Bulbs

- * Continue to dead head (remove dead flowers) your annuals to encourage continued blooming. If your annuals have died off, pull them out and add them to the compost pile. Replant that spot with hardy annuals or perennials, such as Pansies, Calendulas, or Armeria. Get a second bloom from faded annuals by cutting them back by one half their height, then fertilize them with a liquid 5-10-10 fertilizer.
- * Roses will need to be fertilized each month through the summer. In colder areas, allow shrub roses to ripen by discontinuing feeding them at the end of the month.
- * Fertilize container gardens regularly with a liquid all purpose plant food.
- * Chrysanthemums should be lightly fertilized every two weeks. Discontinue pinching your mums in mid month so they will be able to develop flower buds for the fall. To promote 'trophy size' flowers, allow only one or two main shoots to develop. Remove all side buds as they begin to develop.
- * To produce the largest Dahlia flowers (especially 'Dinner plate' Dahlias), the main stems should be kept free of side shoots, allowing only the main terminal bud to develop. Be sure to provide adequate support to prevent wind damage.
- * Bearded Iris may be divided and replanted when they have finished blooming. Discard all shrivelled and diseased parts
- * Sweet peas may tend to fizzle out with the hot summer weather, but with heavy mulching to keep the roots cool and moist you can prolong the flowering season by a few more weeks. A little mid-day shade will also help to maintain the quality of the flowers and prolong the blooming season.
- * Verbenas, Euonymus, Pachysandra, Ivy, and climbing roses are some of plants that will root fairly quickly by layering them into the warm soil. Fasten a section of the stem containing one or more "eyes" down onto cultivated soil with a horseshoe shaped piece of wire and cover it with additional soil. By summers end, the stem should be rooted sufficiently to sever it from the parent plant and replant into another area of the garden..
- * Sow seeds of Hollyhocks, English daisies, Foxgloves, Violas, Canterbury bells, and Sweet William into the garden now for next year's bloom.
- * Geranium cuttings may be made in late July to start plants for indoor bloom during the winter months, and for setting into the garden next spring. You may need to provide supplemental lighting with florescent Grows lights for really good winter blooms indoors

Fruits and Vegetables

- ◆ Begin enjoying the harvest of your home grown fruits, vegetables and herbs!
- ◆ Fertilize June bearing strawberries after the harvest, and ever-bearing varieties half way through the season.
- ◆ Plant out successions of salad crops for continued harvesting throughout the summer. Sow seeds for cool-season crops directly into the garden by mid-July.
- ◆ Continue to protect your fruit from the birds with netting.
- ◆ Empty areas of the garden, where the crops have finished, should be replanted with either a fall vegetable crop, or a cover crop of clover or vetch to help control weeds. Cover crops can be tilled into the soil later, to add humus and nitrates to the soil

Lawns

- * Contrary to popular belief, a brown lawn isn't necessarily a dead lawn. Grasses go dormant in times of drought, but will quickly return to life with the Autumn rains. If a lush green lawn is important to you, and you don't mind mowing, water it regularly, and deeply.
- * If a water shortage is expected, or you hate tending to grass, you may choose to just let your lawn go

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Features

Neil Diamond



Neil Diamond is one of pop music's most enduring and successful singer-songwriters. As a successful pop music performer, Neil Diamond scored a number of hits world wide in the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s. Born Neil Leslie Diamond on the 24th January 1941, New York city, New York U.S.A. As of 2001 he claimed world wide record sales of 115 million though his recorded sales declined somewhat after the 1980s. Neil Diamond continues to tour successfully, and maintains a very loyal following. Neil Diamond's songs have been recorded by a vast array of performers from many different genres.

Diamond spent his early career as a writer in the Brill Building, and had an early success writing "I'm a Believer", "A Little Bit Me, A Little Bit You," "Look Out (Here Comes Tomorrow)," and Love to Love which were recorded by The Monkees. There is a popular misconception that Diamond wrote and composed these songs specifically for the "Pre-Fab Four." In reality, Diamond had written, composed and recorded these songs to release himself, but the cover versions were released before his own. The unintended, but happy, consequence of this was that Diamond began to gain fame not only as a singer and performer, but also as a songwriter. "I'm a Believer" was the Popular Music Song of the Year in 1966.

Neil Diamond was inducted into the song writers hall of fame in 1984, and in 2000 Received the Sammy Cahn life time Achievement Award in 1980. Neil Diamond starred in a remake of the Al Johnson classic THE JAZZ SINGER three top 10 Hits "Love on the Rocks", "Hello Again", and "America". For his role in the film itself, Diamond became the first ever Winner of a Worst Actor Razzie Award, yet he was nominated for a Golden Globe Award for the same role. Diamond sang the national anthem at Super Bowl XXI in January, 1987.

In December 2007, a 2008 UK tour was announced calling at Manchester on June 7th & 8th, Birmingham on June 10th & 11th, & London on the June 21st, 23rd & 24th. A month later, further UK dates were added including Hampden Park in Glasgow on the 5th June, Rose Bowl, Southampton on the 17th June & the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff on the 19th June. On January 31, 2008 it was announced that he would also appear at the upcoming Glastonbury Festival in the UK.

Though later divorced in 1969, Diamond married school teacher Jaye Posner in 1963. They had two children, Marjorie and Elyn. In 1969, Diamond married Marcia Murphy; they also had two children, both sons; the first was Jesse, and the second was Micah. Diamond's second marriage ended in 1995. He has been involved with Australian native Rachel Farley, since 1996, having met her while she was handling his Marketing for the Promoter during his 1996 Australian tour. In 1979 Diamond had a tumor surgically removed from his spine and was wheel-chair-bound for three months.

Diamond's new album "Home Before Dark" was released on May 6, 2008. On May 15, 2008, the Billboard Hot 200 listed the album at number one. This marked the first chart-topping album of Diamond's storied career. On May 18, 2008, the album also entered the UK Album Chart at number one. It's was his second British number one on that chart, after hitting the summit in 1992 with a compilation-album. As a result, Diamond, whose debut album was released in 1966, became the artist who has taken the longest to top the album chart with an original work.

Charitable work.

In April 1992, Diamond worked with Australian artist Sharon Davson to launch the Hands Up project of Artists For Life. Diamond originally just donated his autographed hand prints to raise funds and awareness for the charity, but the impact of the initiative spread, and over the years, Davson personally painted the hands of over 400 world leaders from many fields of endeavour. The concept has been copied by many other people and causes leading to countless funds raised for numerous causes.

Recipes For Summer

Hamburgers

INGREDIENTS:

1 lb. lean ground beef
4 drops Worcestershire sauce
1 tsp. crushed oregano
Salt and pepper to taste
6 hamburger buns

Method:

In a large bowl, combine the beef, Worcestershire, oregano, salt and pepper. Mix well and form the meat into 6 patties. When the coals are hot and evenly distributed, place the burgers in the centre of the grill and set the buns, open-face down, to the outside edge. As soon as the buns are toasted, flip the burgers and place a bun top on each. This will help the meat cook through while the bread soaks up juices. Serves 6. Set out with your favourite condiments.

Pan-fried Trout

INGREDIENTS:

1/2 cup Plain flour
2 tsp. dried parsley
1 tsp. dried minced onions
1 tsp. garlic powder
1 tsp. dried basil
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. dried lemon peel
1/4 tsp. pepper
Pinch of cayenne pepper
Two 9 oz. trout
1 tbsp. butter or oil

Method:

Mix the dry ingredients in a large, sealable plastic bag. Clean and filet the fish. Shake the cleaned fish in the bag of dry mix. Heat the butter or oil in a heavy frying pan set on a grill about 1 inch above hot coals. Cook the coated fish for 6 minutes, flip, and continue cooking until it flakes. Makes 4 servings.

Children's Favourite Fruit Salad

INGREDIENTS:

1 can fruit cocktail, drained
1 1/2 cups miniature marshmallows

1/4 cup cherries, halved
2 medium bananas, sliced
1 medium apple, coarsely chopped
1 1/2 cups frozen whipped topping, thawed, or sweetened whipped cream
Lettuce leaves.

Method:

In large bowl, combine all ingredients except whipped topping and lettuce; mix lightly. Gently fold in whipped topping. Serve immediately, or cover and refrigerate until serving time.

To serve, spoon salad onto lettuce-lined plates. If desired, garnish with additional cherries.

Chicken Fingers on a Stick

INGREDIENTS:

4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves, pounded
1/2 to 3/4 inch thick
Salt and pepper
24 (10-inch) bamboo skewers, soaked in water for 30 minutes
3 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 tablespoons barbecue sauce
1 1/4 cups plain dried bread crumbs

Method:

- ◆ Cut each chicken breast lengthwise into 1/2-inch-wide strips and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Fold the chicken strips slightly and weave them onto the skewers.
- ◆ Prepare a charcoal fire or set a gas grill to medium-high, close the lid, and heat until hot -- about 10 to 15 minutes.
- ◆ In a small bowl, stir together the oil and the barbecue sauce. Spread the bread crumbs on a sheet of waxed paper. Lightly brush the sauce mixture over the chicken strips and then roll them in the bread crumbs.
- ◆ Grill the chicken fingers uncovered until they're no longer pink inside, about 2 to 4 minutes per side on a gas grill.

Serve with the dipping sauce of your choice. Serves 6 to 8.

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Maynooth Golf Society

Result Sheet

Outing To Moyvalley Golf Club Date 31/ 05/ 08

Eddie Kavanagh Memorial Cup Sponsored by Bronagh & and Kevin Donovan

1st Prize	Derek Murray	45 pts
2nd Prize	John Carroll	38 pts
3rd Prize	Berry Desmond	34 pts B9
4th Prize	Sean Farrelly	34 pts
5th Prize	Colm Savage	33 pts B9
6th Prize	Pat Connolly	33 pts B6
7th Prize	Joey Edwards	33 pts
Front 9	Terry Moore	17 pts
Back 9	Norman Kavanagh	18 pts
Longest Drive	Derek Murray	
Visitors	P.L. Malone	
Nearest the Pin	Dermot Myles	
2's	Barry Desmond X2, Brendan Leigh, Derek Murray, Norman Kavanagh, Sean Farrelly, Joey Edwards, Dave Mahony	

Next Venue: Captain Norman Kavanagh's Prize to
Glasson on 21 st June

The Eddie Kavanagh Memorial Cup outing took place in Moyvalley Golf Club on Saturday 31st May. Played in brilliant sunshine a total of 34 members turned out for this very popular outing. This new course proved very challenging, but none the less was in fantastic condition and a great days golf was enjoyed by all who played.

Derek Murray was our overall winner with a fantastic score of 45 pts, in second place was John Carroll with 38 pts which on any other day would have been good enough to take top prize.

May we express our thanks to both Bronagh and Kevin Donovan for their generous sponsorship of our annual Eddie Kavanagh Memorial Cup.

It was with great sadness that we learned about the death of our former member and captain (1989) Tommy Sheehan. Tommy was a very popular and respected member of the society for many years. To his wife Mary and family may we offer the sincere sympathy of all the members of Maynooth Golf Society.

SUMMERS HERE AGAIN

How To Keep the Children Happy

Yes its that time of year again, whether the days are hot or cold, we have to keep the children happy. If we are very lucky the weather will be really good this year, but if its like last year, the summer can seem a long, long one, but no matter what?, we still have to find something to do to keep our offspring busy, whether they are little ones or teenagers. So here are a few examples to help keep them entertained.

Dublinia and Viking World

St Michael Hill
Christchurch Ph No 01-6794611
Explore Dublin of long ago

Dublkin Circus Festival

Dublin City Centre 10th -13th July
Four days of Street Theatre and Circus Performances

Temple Bar Backstage Theatre and Arts Centre

Ph No Box Office 04347888
ART Camp Mon 14th - Fri 18th at 1pm Daily
Theatre Camp Week 1 Mon 21st - Fri 25th July
Week 2 Mon 28th -Fri 1st Aug
7 to 12 year olds

Temple Bar Dublin Cultural Quarter

Chocolate Festival Ph No 01-6772255
Taste the Delights of Chocolate making

National Museum

Ph No 01-6486332
Children's Art Workshop: Exotic Butterflies
12th July -10.30--15.30 Open to 7 to 12 year olds

Leinster Fleadh 2008

Ph No 087-6240043
Competitions, Concerts, Festivals, Sessions and Dancing
Ballinteer, Dundrum, Co Dublin

Meath

Puddenhill Activity Centre Garristown, Ph No 01-8354444
Karting-----Barrage Painting -----Clay Pigeon Shooting
Animal Farm-----Play Centre-----Fun for all Ages

Laois

Stradbally Steam Museum

Ph 057-8674348

Fossey Mountain Springs Ph No 057-8736527

Timahoe,

Offering off road trekking Western style and horsemanship for all levels.

Also Archery -Javelin-and Horse Shoe -throwing.

Wicklow Art Centre

Mon 16th - Fri 20th July

Children's Ballet Ireland Workshop

At the end of the week you get to perform in front of your family and friends and the general public

11pm- 1pm for 9+ and 2pm -4pm for 6-8 year olds

Ph 01-2724030

Children: Young Gaiety Make a Movie

Mon 9th -13th July 11- 15 year olds
Learn the exciting world of movies and you will receive

An edited movie at the end

10-5pm daily Ph 01-6799277

Goldilocks and the three Bears

A humorous puppet show from the Lambert family

Thurs 12th - Sat 14th July at 12pm

Young Gaiety Summer Drama

Mon 16th-Fri 20th July and Mon 23rd -Fri 27th
8-10 yrs 10-1pm 11-13 yrs 2-5pm

Ph 01-6799277

Children: Pottery Workshop

Mon 30th July-Fri 3rd Aug

Ph 01-2724030

Clara Lara Fun Park Larragh Co Wicklow

Fun for all the Family and a great day out
Ph 0404-46161

Open from May to September

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Maynooth Tidy Towns – IBAL League Result(First Judging in 2008)

**Maynooth: 32nd out of 55 towns / cities surveyed.
Overall Rating: Clean to European Norms**

Maynooth Tidy Towns Comment:

IBAL is a league and whilst our placing was 32nd out of 55 it is an improvement over Maynooth's last result in December 07 when the placing was 25th out of 50. The reason that we say an improvement is because it is the first time in three years where the town has scored an overall rating of "Clean to European Norms". It is not so long ago since the placing was third from the bottom with a "Seriously Littered" designation.

Paul Croghan

PRO

Maynooth Tidy Towns

Judge's Report

IBAL Anti-Litter League 2008.

A total of 55 towns/cities and environs with a total population of 2million+ were surveyed. 40% of marks have been allocated for approach roads – it is important to create a good first impression, especially during the tourist season. The second round of surveys will take place in June, July and August, 2008.

Maynooth Report

Another improved result. Many of the sites surveyed in Maynooth had improved considerably e.g. Main Street, Kilcock Approach Road and Public Park / Walk by River. The majority of the sites surveyed had moderate levels of litter but some of these could get the top litter grade with a little extra effort, care and attention e.g. Main Street. All of the approach roads were littered and this cost Maynooth marks.

Kilcock Approach Road: Moderately Littered. There have been some overall improvements along this route but still small amounts of food related litter prevailed all along.

Dublin Approach Road: Moderately Littered. There were moderate levels of a wide variety of food related litter along this approach. However, if not addressed this could quickly deteriorate to a serious litter problem.

Maynooth Railway Station – Inside: Clean to European Norms. This was an excellent site. The whole environment was in good condition. Clearly the station staff are very attentive – the car park was spotless and the whole station was clear of all litter.

Rail Park: Clean to European Norms. The overall impression created at this residential area was very positive. Both the private areas and public spaces were clean and tidy and well presented.

Main Street: Moderately Littered. Overall there have been some improvements in the general presentation of this busy main street. However, there were still some dirty litter bins and a small scattering of litter. With just a small further effort this could easily get the highest litter classification.

Public Park and walk by River: Moderately Littered. As with some of the other sites in Maynooth there have been improvements at this park / walk but it still has some way to go. Grass / shrubbery areas could be better maintained – too often poorly maintained shrubbery becomes a magnet for litter. There were just two litter bins in the area surveyed.

Moyglare: Clean to European Norms. This was a very good site – the overall impression is a well-kept environment which was clear of all litter.

Maynooth College – West Wing – Inside and Outside: Clean to European Norms. The general environment was in excellent condition. There were plenty of litter bins in the area surveyed and separate recycle facilities – clean and well presented. The overall impression was very positive.

Clane Approach Road: Moderately Littered. This busy secondary road had much of the litter typical of approach roads – all food related. It was scattered throughout with no areas particularly obvious.

Moyglare Approach Road: Moderately Littered. As with all the other approach routes into Maynooth there were moderate levels of litter along this road. It was all food related litter – sweet papers, fast-food wrappers, cans and plastic bottles.

Maynooth Geraldine Festival 2008

A Note of Appreciation from the Chairperson and festival committee.

I wish to thank Marie Gleeson and the office staff for their hard work on the preparation of the festival .

I also wish to thank Hilda Dunne for the work on the evening of light entertainment in the castle, and Rita Doyle and her dancers, and Maher School of Dancing, and St. Mary's Brass and Reed band.

Special thanks also to Willie Kiernan for keeping me plugged in with speakers for the week. Also Patricia Moynan, Ann Marie Coyne, Catherine Carton.

All in all the festival was well attended in all events .

A special thanks to John McGinley and crew for running the Joe Murphy Memorial Trophy 7-A-Side Soccer.

The festival table quiz was very well supported. Special thanks to Nora and Freda for their help on the score board.

I would like to thank Mick Gleeson for his help with the children's races at the Family Day. And David Commeford for organising the kids penalty kick outs.

The family Day was a successful day and was very well attended. A special thanks to GAA for the use of grounds. Sean Dovan for the use of his Barbecue and for supplying all the food. A very special thanks to Ann O'Keefe, Edel and David Van Buyvoodre, Ann Feehaw for helping in the Barbecue. Also to Carton Equestrian for the Pony Rides . Mary Molloy and Terry Connolly for been just there and ready to asked what do I do next! And Liz Stall for painting the children's faces with her colourful display of animals, superheros, characters and so fort. This day proved to be one of the most successful of the festival.

Festival Launch.

Well where can I start. The weather it was a very tense day to start between the band ringing me "are we playing in the Square or not " but thankfully God said let them play on the Square of Maynooth so they did and it was the most wonderful sound of music that I have heard in a long time. Well done to both Bands. A special thanks to Dermot and His family and the staff of O'Neill's for providing us with food song and dance for the night .

A Nuadh Players.

A very special thanks to Terry Nealon and Players for providing Entertainment in the Castle for 3 nights. Watch out for a report in this Issue.

A very special thanks to the Buskers who entertained the people of Maynooth all day Saturday.

Apologies to anyone that has not been mentioned.

The next few pages have photographs and information on the festival.

Andrew McMullon

The festival committee would like to thank the following sponsors:

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Maynooth Geraldine Festival 2008

Festival Launch in O'Neill's Lounge



Mick Hennessey joining Push For Porter



Gary playing the banjo



**Andrew McMullon
keeping the audience
entertained.**



Cathy & Kevin Carr

Maynooth Geraldine Festival 2008

Children's Poster Competition

The winners of the festival poster competition are as follows:

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Age 9-12

1st Hose Diego Lorenzo
2nd Jack Kervison
3rd Mairead Burke

Age 4-8

1st Lara Feehan
2nd Tom Fogan
3rd Joint winners Maire O'Neill
Conor Ganly

Overall winner is Kate Essex



Cllr. John McGinley & Hose Lorenzo



Cllr. John McGinley & Lara Feehan



Tom Fogan with Cllr. John McGinley.



Jack Kervison & Cllr. John McGinley

Maynooth Geraldine Festival 2008

THE JOE MURPHY TROPHY

Maynooth Community Festival Tesco 7-a-Side Soccer Tournament 2008

This very popular 7-a-side soccer tournament was held in the Harbour Field from the 16th to the 28th June. Despite the wintry weather there was an average attendance of 250 spectators each evening, with around 400 watching the Final and it was the highlight of The Community Festival.

The teams were divided into two groups of 4 teams and two groups of 3 teams, with the winners and runners up going through to the quarterfinal knockout stage.

Group 1		Group 2		Group 3		Group 4	
Old Greenfield	E	Newtown Rangers	J	Laurence Avenue	N	Newtown Ninja Turtles	
Newtown Inn	F	Old Greenfield X	K	Old Greenfield Celtic	P	Greenfield Galatasaray	
Maynooth Park	G	Greenfield Drive	M	Moyglare Magic	Q	Real Greenfield	
Kingsbry Galacticos	H	Carton Court					

Group 1 was won by Newtown Inn and Kingsbry Galacticos were the runners-up. Maynooth Park and Old Greenfield made their exit.

Group 2 was won by Old Greenfield X and Newtown rangers were the runners-up. A very good Greenfield Drive team finished with the same points as the winners and runners up but they lost out on goal difference. An unlucky Carton Court team also made their exit.

Group 3 was won by Moyglare Magic and Old Greenfield Celtic were the runners-up. Laurence Avenue made their exit having put up good displays

Group 4 was won by Newtown Ninja Turtles and the runners-up were Greenfield Galatasaray . Real Greenfield made their exit.

Moyglare Magic were odds on favourites going in to the Quarter Finals.

Quarter-Finals

Newtown Inn	1	-	0	Newtown Rangers
Old Greenfield X	1	-	1	Kingsbry Galacticos
(Old Greenfield X won 3 : 1 in a penalty shoot out)				
Moyglare Magic	1	-	2	Greenfield Galatasaray
Newtown Nin Turt	0	-	2	Old Greenfield Celtic

So the favourites Moyglare Magic and Kingsbry Galatasaray the winners for the last two years were out.

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Maynooth Geraldine Festival 2008

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Semi-Finals

Newtown Inn 0-0 Old Greenfield X
(Newtown Inn won 3 : 1 in a penalty shoot out)
Greenfield Gal 0-0 Old Greenfield Celtic
(Old Greenfield Celtic won 4 : 3 in a penalty shoot out)

The Final

Old Greenfield Celtic were marginally the favourites. They had 4 very good Polish players on their team in addition to 6 excellent Maynooth players. It was a very close game with goal changes for both teams missed. However, it was scoreless at full time and the result was decided in a penalty shoot out. The experience and determination of Newtown Inn came to the fore and they won 3 : 1 in a dramatic end to the tournament. It was very good result at long last for Thomas Halton. It was his first time to be on the winning team even though he has taken part for many years. It was also great day for the Manager of Newtown Inn, Trevor "Curly" McMahon, as it was his first success in the tournament as a Manager.

Thanks

I would like to thank the organising committee for giving so much of their time in preparing the pitch each evening. They had to be present for 4 hours on each of the 7 (wet) evenings and also attend the Final on Saturday the 28th June. Special thanks is due Willie Saults, Michael O'Reilly, John Doogan, John Saults, Lenny Murphy, Pat Moynan, Shaun Doogan, Christina Saults, Maynooth Town Soccer Club and staff of the College for transporting the goals and other equipment.

Interestingly Lenny Murphy had the distinction of having a son and grandson playing in the tournament and they were on different teams.

Also, many thanks to our Referee, Bill Gannon, who handled all of the matches very professionally. As Bill knows being a Referee is a thankless job. However, on behalf of the Committee I want to say a warm Thank You. Some people don't seem to realise that without a Referee we would not be able to run the tournament.

Finally, on behalf of the organising committee I would like to thank all of the teams for taking part, TESCO for their sponsorship and the Murphy family for the beautiful trophy.

John McGinley
Organiser

Maynooth Geraldine Festival 2008

Children's Table Quiz



1st Prize

Sarah Jennings

Sarah Curran

Roisin Fanthom

Niamh Feeney



2nd Prize

Nathen McGeough

Breen McGeough

Conor McBrearty

Lara Feehan

Rory Feehan

Maynooth Geraldine Festival 2008



**Quiz Master Mr. McBride
and
Martina McBrearty**

**Darren McGuire
Michael Jones
Ross O'Connor
Paul Maguire**



**Calum McCabe
Cathal Duff
Samuel Corrigan
Ross Kavanagh**

Maynooth Geraldine Festival 2008

Plays at the Castle



The Maynooth Festival and An Nuadhá Players brought for the 1st time, "Theatre to the Castle". Two one act plays each night entertained full houses, which were performed in the recently renovated area. This is now a very suitable space for one act plays and full credit must go to Catherine O'Connor the OPW and the Castle Committee.

"When Shakespeare's Woman Meet" by Charles George got the evening off to a great start. Shakespeare's ladies discuss with Juliet the ways of love. Juliet however has learned a thing or two in her short life.

This was performed in Costume and the whole ambiance of the Castle worked so well to enhance this most enjoyable play.

This was followed by "No Pastry for the King" by local writer Declan O'Connor. A look at the visit of George V and Queen Mary to Maynooth in 1911. A local twist to national events and the involvement of St. Marys Band and the Last Governor General of Ireland - a local man.

An original piece by a local writer based on a true event. This was a good night's Theatre and let's hope we will see more "Theatre in the Castle" on a regular basis.

Terry Nealon

An Evening of Entertainment

Thursday 26th June saw a wonderful evening of music, song, dance, poetry and prose in The Historic surroundings of the "Geraldine Castle"

The "Rita Doyle School of Dancing" had us all tapping our toes in keeping with the dancers.

Maynooth's own "St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band" who can be traced back to around 1795, gave a wonderful recital under the able Baton of Aine Doyle and had us wishing we had more time, but the crows were starting to circle overhead, letting us know it was near their bedtime, so it was time to move on to the poetry and prose. This part of the evening was introduced by Mary Cullen and started with "A Tribute to the late Stuart Lane, a former member of the "Writers Group" and a member of the "Local History Group and the arts forum. The Tribute was given by John Conroy. It was Stuart's idea to produce the book of Maynooth, which is permanently on display in The Town Library, Main St. Two of Stuart's poems were recited by Dominick Cogan.r

We had contributions from The Rathcoffey History Group, Maynooth Local History Group, Conrád Na Gaelige, Maynooth Writers Group and U. 3. A.

A Big Thank You to all involved, especially the O.P.W. Staff including Cathering, Brian, Rita, Donna & Edel.

Finally the feathered occupants of the Castle, namely the crows were allowed to settle down, and we left for home after a very enjoyable soíree.

Hilda Dunne



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Bonny Babies



Arthur Byrne



Abby Fagan



Craig Fagan



Emily Connolly

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Fun Races

RESULTS OF THE FUN RACES

AGE GROUP UNDER 4 Boys

1st Oisin Kearney
2nd Thomas Richard

UNDER 4 GIRLS

1st Eimer Quinn
2nd Leah Callaghan

UNDER 6 BOYS

1st Conor Van Venvoorde
2nd Adam Byrne
3rd Adam Jordan

UNDER 6 GIRLS

1st Caolfeinn Miller

UNDER 10 BOYS

1st Joshua Agbor
2nd Dillion Brady
3rd Karl Broekhuizen

UNDER 10 GIRLS

1st Sórcha Quinn
2nd Maeve Hamilton

UNDER 12 BOYS

1st Jonathan Agbor
2nd David Moynan
3rd Adam Bell

UNDER 12 GIRLS

1st Edele Murray
2nd Aible Quinne

UNDER 13 BOYS

1st Sean Kearney
2nd Patrick O'Connor
3rd Michael Carton



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Fun Races



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Family Day



Lara Connelly enjoying a pony ride one of the famous ponies Molly (Carton Equestrian) who make yearly visits to the festival and also a regular visitor to the RDS

Ann Feehan, David & Edel Van Buyvoorde, & Catherine Carton Feeding the crowds



Having fun on the Bungee run



Essence Gymnasts

Maynooth Geraldine Festival 2008

Winners of Table Quiz

1st Jerry Durack, Susan Durack, Emma Tracey and Tom McMullon.

2nd Joe McBride, Brian O'Malley, Declan O'Connor and Paul Daly.

3rd Patricia Moynan, Catherine Carton and Lorraine Rush.

Winners of Monster Raffle

Niamh Butler

Ciarain Reynolds

Sean Lynch

Laura O'Brien

Angela

Terry Connelly

Morley

Hilda

Patricia Healey

John Brennan

Tess Kane

Killian Fagan

Eoin Connelly

Anne O'Rourke

Patricia Moynihan

Family Day



Ann Feehan, Ann Maria Coyle, Catherine Carton,

Olivia Carton, David

Moynan & Joseph Michael Carton.



Julie Rose Mc McCormack who entertained the crowd

Maynooth Geraldine Festival 2008

Having a Ball at Big Band Revival Festival Dance Night



The Big Band Revival



Cristina Sauls, Willy Sauls & John McGinley



Terry Connelly & Edna Calvin office staff having a great night



Taking a break from the dancing at the Big Band Revival night



Eamonn & Finnon Mag Uidhir & Colm O'Cearuil enjoying a good night



Maura McMullon & Betty Brilly

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Emmet Stagg T.D.

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Cllr. John McGinley

Proposed Extension of the 66 and 67 bus Services in Maynooth

Following meetings with representatives from Dublin Bus Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the council:

"That the Council facilitates Dublin Bus in their proposed extension of the 66 and 67 bus routes in Maynooth by:

- 1. Helping to create a new terminus for the 66 bus on the Meadowbrook Road between public light poles 9 and 10 and with any additional bus stops that are necessary.*
 - 2. Asking Mycete, the developer of Moyglare Hall to create a new bus terminus for the 67 bus at The walk central car park in Moyglare Hall.*
 - 3. Making the traffic ramps on the Moyglare Road bus friendly.*
 - 4. Helping with the provision of whatever additional bus stops that are necessary on the Moyglare Road.*
- Liasing with Dublin Bus Chief Inspector, Mr. Joe Stobie, in order to progress the extension of both bus routes."***

Harbour Action Area Plan

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion to the Leixlip area Committee:

"That the Parson Street houses from number 1 to 18 be included in the revised Maynooth Harbour Action Area Plan."

Housing Waiting Lists

As a result of the Council removing people from the housing waiting without due cause Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion to the Full Council:

"It is hereby resolved and accepted as Council Policy that housing applicants will not be removed from the waiting list where it can be established that they have a continued housing need e.g. by being in receipt of Rent Subsidy, income record etc., and that applicants who do not meet deadlines for review of their applications are not required to forfeit their place on the waiting list and start from scratch and that the Annual Review Procedure be examined to see if a simpler format could be devised for the application form. "

Cutting Grass on Sides of Meadowbrook Road

The Council agreed to Cllr. John McGinley's proposal and the grass is now being cut along the Meadowbrook Road.

Pedestrian Friendly Measures Sought for Leinster Street, Maynooth

The Council replied to Cllr. McGinley's motion as follows:

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"This issue can be most effectively considered in the context of the recommendations from the Traffic Management Plan study and the funding of any works that will result from that study."

The Council have already agreed to use money from the *Deficiency in Infrastructure Fund* for drainage and resurfacing. Cllr. McGinley has asked them to use some of the €1.1m provided by the Dublin Transportation Office (DTO) to install footpaths in this highly pedestrianised street.

Improvement Works Sought for Public Car Park in Maynooth:

The Council replied to Cllr. McGinley's motion as follows:

"The Area Office staff clean this area twice weekly. However we will endeavour to clean it on a regular basis subject to work demands in other areas."

"This issue of planting the area in question has been referred to the parks department for assessment. Environment Section have been requested to investigate the dumping at this location."

"Environment Section has been requested to look at the possibility of moving the receptacles as per the Councilor's suggestion."

"The two new clothes banks will be removed."

Progress on the Provision of the Northern Relief Road

The Council replied to Cllr. McGinley's motion as follows:

"Roads Design have prepared a preliminary alignment for the proposed road and forwarded it to Meath County Council, as the lands in question is within their functional area. Meath have included the provision of the road in their current County Development Plan."

A developer is proposing to provide this road in conjunction with the development of the area and is preparing proposals in this regard."

Fitness Zone for The Harbour Field

County Kildare will become the second county in Ireland to have a **Fitness Zone** park with equipment that can be used by people of all ages for toning and exercise.

President Mary McAleese arranged for the purchase of the exercise equipment from China, through the Mid East Regional Authority, for installation in Meath, Kildare and Wicklow.

She launched the opening of the Meath one in Dunshaughlin last October.

Cllr. John McGinley asked that the equipment bought for County Kildare be installed in The Harbour Field, Maynooth.

The good news is that the Director of Services, Tommy Skehan, has advised Cllr. McGinley that he has approved the expenditure for the installation of the equipment.

It is envisaged that the equipment will be installed in conjunction with the new Teen Activity Area later in the summer.

CLLR. JOHN MCGINLEY WARMLY WELCOMES THE COUNCIL'S REFUSAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION FOR PARSON STREET/HARBOUR AREA, MAYNOOTH

Cllr. John McGinley has warmly welcomed the Kildare County Councils decision to refuse planning permission for 98 housing units and 10 retail units in 5-storey blocks with flat roofs behind 11 to 15 Parson Street, Maynooth.

Cllr. John McGinley, his colleague Deputy Emmet Stagg and local residents lodged objections to the proposal, which would have been an unmitigated disaster for Maynooth if granted.

The Council cited 3 conditions in their Refusal to grant permission:

1. The proposed development by reason of its predominantly residential use, and lack of co-ordination with any of the adjoining landowners and together with its scale, layout and distribution of buildings within the site would contravene the Maynooth Harbour Action Area Plan.
2. It is considered that the proposed development would, by reason of its scale, density, layout, height and design would seriously injure the residential amenity of the future occupiers and of adjoining residents and would result in an obtrusive feature in the townscape.
3. The proposed development in the absence of a co-ordinated framework with the adjoining landowners would be

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inconsistent with the provisions of the Maynooth Harbour Action Area Plan and if permitted would prejudice the overall comprehensive redevelopment of the area and as such would be contrary to the provisions of the Maynooth Development plan and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In conclusion Cllr. McGinley stated the developer and the adjoining landowners should sit down with Council Officials in order to progress Johns proposal to have the Harbour Action Area Plan implemented as one project and by one major developer. This approach is essential to ensure that this highly sensitive area at the Historic Core of the Town is developed to 5 star standards.

ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT SERVICE IN CRISIS IN KILDARE – WAITING LIST DOUBLES IN 2 YEARS

Deputy Emmet Stagg sought information in relation to the number of children on the waiting list for Orthodontic Treatment in Kildare and the number of children awaiting assessment for Orthodontic Treatment.

The HSE have advised Deputy Stagg that at present 331 children are awaiting treatment whilst a further 540 children have yet to be assessed for treatment.

Describing the situation as a crisis Deputy Stagg stated that in June 2006 there were 171 children awaiting treatment and therefore in 2 years the Waiting List for Treatment had doubled. There are 9 specialist orthodontics working on a part time basis dealing with children from Kildare and Dublin and it is about time that full time orthodontists were hired by the HSE.

Children stated Deputy Stagg who are caught up in this crisis are regularly in distress because of the importance of looks in this day and age and creating waiting lists such as this is placing additional pressure on hard pressed parents to pay privately for what can be extremely expensive treatment.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he would raise the issue further with the Minister for Waiting Lists, Mary Harney, as it was high time we had a first class service for children. The difficulty though is she probably does not give a damn like the rest of the Government.

WAITING TIMES TO ASSESS CHILDREN FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY AND PHYSICAL AND SENSORY DISABILITY ARE A DISGRACE

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Health in relation to the Waiting Times for Children for assessment for Intellectual Disability and Physical and Sensory Disability in the Kildare/West Wicklow Region.

The HSE responding on behalf of the Minister for Health shows a service in turmoil stated Deputy Stagg which is a disgrace given the wealth of the Country in recent times and is a clear indication of a lack of resources provided by the Government for these children. It places enormous additional pressure on Parents who are often left to their own devices as the service is unable to cope.

Below are some of the Waiting Times for Assessment:

- Children up to 5 years seeking Intellectual Disability Services in North Kildare are waiting on average 10 months for assessment.
 - Children from 5 to 12 years seeking Intellectual Disability Services in North Kildare have to wait approximately 2 years for assessment.
 - There are 14 Children seeking Physiotherapy awaiting assessment since November 2007.
 - There are 46 Children seeking Speech & Language Therapy awaiting assessment since August 2006.
- There are 28 Children seeking Occupational Therapy awaiting assessment since June 2007.

The Local Manager for Disability Services is constrained by the resources provided by the Government stated Deputy Stagg, but the above waiting times are truly shocking and a testament to an uncaring attitude to these children by Taoiseach Brian Cowen and his partners in this crime Gormley and Harney.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he would raise the Waiting Times further with the Minister for Health and seek information on waiting times nationally to see if the Kildare/West Wicklow Service is a phenomenon.

STAGG DEMANDS ACTION ON MANAGEMENT COMPANIES IN DAIL DEBATE

Addressing a Dail Debate on Thursday May 8th on Property Management Companies, Deputy Emmet Stagg demanded Action by the Government to end the rip off of young families through excessive Management Fees.

In his speech Deputy Stagg made the following points:

- Labour had tabled a motion on the Regulation and Control of Management Companies in November 2005 and since then promised legislation from the

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Government has not seen the light of day.

- The issue had not been dealt with because F.F. and the P.D.'s did not want to upset their friends in the building industry.
- Builders were given a blank cheque to set up Management Companies in the Planning and Development Act 2000. That Legislation enabled County Managers to impose planning conditions requiring the setting up of Management Companies. County Managers imposed such conditions and required that individual property owners had to be party to the management company agreement and that the agreement had to be registered as a burden on the individual property folios in the Land Registry.
- Without the required Regulation or Control, Householders have been forced to pick up the tab for services that are clearly the responsibility of developers.
- Some 4,000 housing units in Kildare North are now covered by Management Companies with some 3,200 of these being traditional housing units with absolutely no need for a Management Company. The only benefit they gain from the Management Fees they pay is to get the Grass Cut and up to €4 Million is collected annually by Management Companies in North Kildare. Homeowners are also picking up the tab for the ongoing liability of the developer for water, sewerage, roads, paths, lights and open spaces.

Deputy Stagg stated that whilst the Government is promising a Licensing System for anybody involved in property services which will set and enforce standards for property management agents, what the people now caught up in this trap want is the abolition of these rip off companies and the restoration of clear title to their homes. Anything less is tinkering at the edge of the problem.

GOVERNMENT RENEGE ON PROVISION OF REPLACEMENT AUDIOLOGIST FOR CHILDREN

Despite assurances given to Deputy Emmet Stagg last December that a replacement Audiologist would be hired to reduce the Waiting Time for Hearing Tests for Children in Co. Kildare, Deputy Stagg has recently been advised by the HSE that a Review of the delivery of the Audiology Service is presently being undertaken and when this review has been concluded the issue of additional resources will be looked at.

Waiting Times for Hearing Tests for Children in Kildare at both Newbridge and Tallaght Health Centres stated

Deputy Stagg went from 3 to 4 weeks in June 2006 to 3 to 6 months in 2008. At that time the HSE stated that the reason for this drastic increase in waiting times was the transfer of an Audiological Scientist to another service and the delay in finding a replacement audiologist.

To find now that a Review of the Delivery of the Service has effectively suspended the appointment of the Replacement Audiologist is nothing short of scandalous stated Deputy Stagg. It smacks of a cost cutting measure as the HSE are running over budget with the Government failing to deliver adequate resources to run the Health Services.

Children with Hearing Difficulties stated Deputy Stagg will have developmental difficulties and reducing the service available to them is typical of the move to privatise the Health Services and force parents into seeking Private Hearing Tests.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he was not prepared to accept the ridiculous reason put forward by the HSE on behalf of the Government and indicted that he would pursue the matter further.

NEW MAYNOOTH AMBULANCE BASE EXPECTED TO BE IN OPERATION IN LATE JUNE

Deputy Emmet Stagg has again contacted the HSE in relation to the delay in relocating the Maynooth Ambulance Base to the Unit specifically purchased for its use in the Maynooth Business Campus.

The HSE have advised Deputy Stagg that the interior works to the Unit are well advanced and it is anticipated that the building will be ready for occupation by the end of June.

The new Site stated Deputy Stagg is excellent given its location near to the M4, the direct access it affords to all parts of Maynooth and its nearness to Celbridge, Leixlip, Clane, Straffan and Kilcock which are served from Maynooth.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that the area would shortly have the most Modern Standard of an Ambulance Station with better facilities for Paramedics working with the Ambulance Service.

HSE LOOKING AT EXISTING PUBLIC NURSING HOME SITES TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CARE UNITS

Deputy Emmet Stagg has continued to press the Government and the HSE in relation to the provision of

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additional Public Nursing Homes in Co. Kildare given the fact that on average at any given time there are over 120 elderly people awaiting admission to a long stay bed in Co. Kildare with 60% of these elderly people residing in the Community being cared for by members of their families, neighbours and friends.

The HSE in their most recent response to Deputy Stagg have disappointingly indicated that there is no Planned Capital Provision in 2008 for additional Public Nursing Homes but that planning for the future includes identification of an existing site for the location of extended care units.

In effect what this means is that the HSE will be looking at providing extensions to either the Maynooth Community Care Unit, Drogheda Memorial Hospital in the Curragh or at St. Vincent's Hospital in Athy. There is room certainly at the Maynooth site for an extension to accommodate additional long stay patients but such a construction scheme would have to be carried out with great care as we do not want to turn what is an exceptional facility into a building site for any length of time causing distress to the existing patients.

Deputy Stagg has now written back to the HSE asking them to look at extending the Maynooth Community Care Unit with the proviso that agreement on extending the facility must take account of the concerns of existing patients and their comfort during any proposed construction. This is not beyond the Construction Sector in this day and age.

REPORT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW KILDARE GARDA DIVISION AND ADEQUACY OF 24 HOUR COVER IN NORTH KILDARE NEARLY READY

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 for 2008.

The Assistant Commissioner has advised Deputy Stagg that research into the proposed new Garda Division for Co. Kildare is well advanced and has reiterated that the provision of a 24 Hour Garda Station forms part of the research. The Commissioner further advised Deputy Stagg that he hoped to present firm recommendations on Kildare in Early June to the Programme Board overseeing the Boundary Changes.

Welcoming this further progress Deputy Stagg reiterated his firm belief that if the North Kildare Towns of Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth, with a combined population of 50,033 people, are to be properly policed then a 24 Hour Garda Station will have

to be opened in one of the Towns. It is inconceivable that Naas Divisional Headquarters would give 24 hour cover to North Kildare.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that we are near the end of the campaign for a 24 Hour Station for North Kildare and he expressed the hope that the case made for the 24 Hour Station will arrive at a successful conclusion and that the current economic climate would not prevent the provision of a proper policing service for the people of North Kildare.

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Make one person happy each day and in forty years
you will have made 14,600 human beings happy for a
little time at least.

Charles Wiley

Love is the only force capable of transforming an en-
emy into a friend.

Martin Luther King

As long as you keep a person down, some part of you
has to be down there to hold him down, so it means
you cannot soar as you otherwise might.

- Marian Anderson

Finish each day and be done with it. You have done
what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no
doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. To-
morrow is a new day; begin it well and serenely and
with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old
nonsense.

**Ralph Waldo Emerson 1803-1882, American
Poet, Essayist**

I would just love once to be called sexy. Just because
it would make me something other than cute.

Jennifer Love Hewitt

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Michael Fitzpatrick T.D.

Michael Fitzpatrick T.D. **There are alternatives to travelling to school by car.**

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick T.D. has welcomed the announcement by **Mr Noel Dempsey TD, Minister for Transport**, that there are now plans in place to let over a quarter of a million schoolchildren know that - **there are alternatives to travelling by car.**

Minister Dempsey, has pledged financial support of up to €2 million per annum to An Taisce's Green-Schools Travel Module up to 2012. The targets by which progress under the Module would be judged are -

*Expansion in the number of participating schools from 49 in 2007 to 274 in 2008 and rising incrementally to over 1,150 in 2012;

*An increase in the numbers of participating pupils from 20,000 in 2007 to 265,00 in 2012;

*Cycle training delivered in schools;

*Extension of coverage from the Greater Dublin Area in 2007 to all provinces in 2008.

Deputy Fitzpatrick said "The decision to expand support for the Green-Schools Module comes on foot of impressive results achieved under a 2007 pilot scheme overseen by the Dublin Transportation Office. "The pilot, which involved 49 schools and 20,000 pupils in the Greater Dublin Area, delivered an average 10% decline in car use for school journeys - the decline was replaced by an 8% increase in walking / cycling and 1% increases in use of public transport and mixed mode travel."

There are 10 schools involved in this project in Co. Kildare, Deputy Fitzpatrick said, and we are very hopeful that come September when the 270 schools for 2008 are announced, the number of schools in Kildare will be expanded. I am very proud to say that from 2005 when there was only Scoil an Linbh Iosa in Prosperous, Kildare has improved 10 fold in 2007". Added Deputy Fitzpatrick. The lessons learned in childhood tend to stay with one for life". Educating young people that there are alternatives to the car for school travel - for example, walking (even some of the way), cycling and public transport - will open their minds for the rest of their lives to the possibilities offered by alternative travel options.

In addition to financial support for the Travel Module, Minister Dempsey also announced the establishment of a consultative committee, representative of bodies such as local authorities, the Road Safety Authority, relevant Government Departments, Dublin Transport Office and An Taisce to advance thinking and help adopt a more holistic approach to tackling the challenges faced by parents and schoolchildren in choosing alternative school travel arrangements. In respect of certain schools, these challenges include -

- ◆ Lack of appropriate traffic calming measures
- ◆ Lack of footpaths in rural locations

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- ◆ Dangerous parking by some parents near the school gates
- ◆ Lack of cycling infrastructure in schools
- ◆ The growing weight of school books.

Deputy Fitzpatrick is aware that a lot of schools in North Kildare would be experiencing these challenges, and he is particularly happy that Minister Dempsey is going to tackle them.

Kildare County Council allocated €1,642,680.00 for Private House Grants for Older People and People with a Disability.

Minister Finneran, Minister for Housing, Urban Renewal and Developing Areas, has announced a capital allocation to KCC in excess of €1. 5 million for the payment of Disabled Persons, Essential Repairs and Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability, for private dwellings in 2008.

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick in welcoming this allocation said "These Schemes are vitally important in assisting older people and people with a disability to continue to live in their own homes and communities with the dignity that they deserve".

Demand for assistance under the Schemes has increased dramatically in recent years and I am proud to say that this government had responded to this demand by increasing funding every year.

www.teenspace.ie

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick T.D. would like to advise all the teenagers and parents of teenagers of a very welcome new development just launched by Barry Andrews T.D. Minister for Children & Youth Affairs.

A website which provides information about activities and facilities for teenagers all over the country has been launched. www.teenspace.ie will provide information on gigs, cafes, sport, arts, outdoor activities and much, much more. You can check for things to do and you find clubs to join.

"This development was one of the top recommendations from Dail na nOg 2006/07, said Deputy Fitzpatrick, and the timing of the launch could not be better, the

summer holidays are here and this website will make it easier for young people to get information on recreational opportunities and events in each county."

This Government is committed to listening to children and young people and taking their concerns seriously, the creation of www.teenspace.ie is further evidence of this commitment, added Deputy Fitzpatrick.

All service providers are urged to register to promote their activities or clubs. Registration is free.

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Have your say on the Leaving Certificate reforms – Fitzpatrick

Students who sat the Leaving Certificate this year have an opportunity to have their say on the changes to the exam timetable in a meeting with the Education Minister in Dublin next week, according to local Fianna Fáil TD, Michael Fitzpatrick.

"The Minister for Education and Science, Mr Batt O'Keeffe TD, is inviting students who sat the Leaving Certificate this year to visit him in the Department in Dublin next Tuesday (July 1) to discuss the reforms to the exam which were introduced this year."

"Minister O'Keeffe is inviting officials from the State Examinations Commission to attend the meeting so that they can also hear the views of the students."

"Places are limited, but I would like to encourage Leaving Certificate students from Kildare to apply to the Department to take part in this very worthwhile exercise."

"The new revised timetable introduced by the former Minister, Mary Hanafin TD, was the most student-centred reform in decades. The changes introduced meant that most students will get a half day or two over the first few days of the exams."

"Those taking both exams on the first day seen time spent in the exam hall shortened by 50 minutes, compared with previous years when the two English exams were taken."

"The State Exams Commission consulted with all the partners in education over six months in an effort to make the plan for reform of the timetable a reality, and a lot of very helpful changes were made."

"However, the Minister is keen to get feedback from students who actually sat the exam this year, to hear their views first-hand."

"Students who would like to meet with Minister O'Keeffe can make arrangements to do so by contacting the Minister's office at minister_okeeffe@education.gov.ie, or by contacting the Minister's office by telephoning 01 8896637 at the Department of Education, Marlborough Street, Dublin 1," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

Features

Lisbon Treaty decisively rejected by voters.

On behalf of The People's Movement I wish to send my congratulations to all the NO voters in Maynooth who helped Ireland deliver a majority verdict nationwide against the Lisbon Treaty. This was a brave and decisive victory, not just for Irish democracy, but also for all peoples throughout the EU who were denied the right of similar referenda in their own lands. The verdict showed that many voters, particularly working people, were waiting in the long grass to ignore the entreaties and bullying of 'the great and the good' of Irish society and the Brussels' bureaucrats to send a clear message that this flawed treaty is not acceptable. Unlike the political establishment and the mass media, the electorate cut through all the propaganda and could see that Lisbon was in line with the old Irish *seanfhocail*: *Comh casta le hadharc reithe* – As crooked as a ram's horn!

As the dust settles on the people's verdict it is vital that the decision of the electorate be fully respected and honoured. Any attempts by Irish Euro-federalists to subvert the Lisbon Treaty referendum result by urging the other EU States to continue with their ratification process must be exposed and denounced as acts of sabotage against the democratic verdict. EU Treaties must be ratified unanimously. Each country ratifies a Treaty on the assumption that all other countries will do so too. If one country says that it cannot ratify a Treaty as it stands - in Ireland's case because the Irish people have rejected it - there is no point in the other countries proceeding, and the Irish Government should request them to stop.

The Labour leader Eamon Gilmore is correct when he said after the result that Lisbon is dead and should not be revisited. "I do not think there is any question of treaty being put a second time to the people". (*Irish Times*, 14 June). But what will Taoiseach Brian Cowan do? Will he align himself with his own people and respect the Irish people's vote by telling his EU colleagues that Ireland cannot ratify Lisbon as it stands, and therefore there is no point in the remaining States continuing with their ratifications? Or will he align himself with the other EU States against the Irish people, and urge the former to proceed with their ratifications on the assumption that Ireland will re-run the referendum when everyone else has ratified, as Bertie Ahern did with Nice? For that is the implication of other EU States now proceeding with ratifying the Treaty with the Irish Government's encouragement. The Irish No vote is on a much more substantial level than the 35% of Nice One in 2001. The No majority for Lisbon is much stronger at 53.4% on a turnout of 53%. It reflects much wider concern at the way the EU project is going. This provides Ireland and Europe with an opportunity to take a fundamental look at the EU integration process.

Neither the Irish people nor the peoples of the other EU countries want an EU that is given the constitutional form of a State, as the Lisbon Treaty and the EU Constitution proposed, even though this issue was not highlighted in the referendum. The peoples of Europe will not tolerate such a fundamental subversion of their national democracy and independence. Even if this federalised EU were to be brought off, it would not be sustainable.

Instead of the "period of reflection" which was supposed to follow the French and Dutch No votes in 2005, and which turned out to be an excuse for repackaging the rejected Constitution in the form of the Lisbon Treaty, Europe now needs a period of consultation - with its own peoples, with citizens everywhere - and not just a matter of Brussels talking to Brussels.

The best course now is to return to the aspirations of the Laeken Declaration, which called for democracy, transparency and closeness to the people. The EU Member States should now go back to the drawing board, for their own sakes, for Ireland's sake and for Europe's. Fundamental to any new Treaty is Lisbon's population-based voting system, which is not acceptable to Ireland or to other smaller States, for it represents a power-grab by the Big States. Each State must retain its national Commissioner. Each State must retain the right to decide whom its national Commissioner is, instead of that right being altered to a right to make "suggestions" only. Any future new Treaty should contain special Protocols to safeguard Ireland's position as regards company taxation, public services, fundamental rights or mutual defence commitments. People who are directly elected to make them, either in the European Parliament or National Parliaments, should only make laws in Brussels.

These are fundamental principles of democracy.

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Aine Brady T.D.

Advice Centre

I hold a clinic every Monday in my Maynooth Office. Please contact my office to arrange a suitable time if you wish to raise any issue.

Bus Service for Maynooth raised at meeting with Dublin Bus.

I arranged a meeting recently with Dublin Bus in an effort to increase the level of service for our Bus commuters. Dublin Bus have again assured me that they will:

- Look again at the Provision of a Service to Moyglare Road.
- Provide Bus Stops adjacent to Griffith Rath
- Consider the provision of a Loop Service connecting Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth.
- Service to NUI Maynooth.

Service to Straffan Way and Beaufield Estate

Following my representations, Dublin Bus have also met with Kildare Co. Co. to discuss the local infrastructure in order to facilitate an effective Bus Service.

I have also been informed by the Quality Bus Network Office that a Bus Lane will be provided on the Straffan Road to improve travel times for Buses.

Maynooth Football Club

I have been working with the Maynooth FC to resolve outstanding issues in connection with their Sports Capital Grant to facilitate the completion of the works at the Club. Great is due to the club officer board for their work in recent months to resolve the issue.

Green School Travel Module receives support says Brady.

Deputy Aine Brady, Convenor of the Joint Oireachtas Transport Committee has been informed by the Minister for Transport, Noel Dempsey TD, that his Department is pledging €2m per annum upto 2012 for An Taisce's Green School Travel Module to encourage sustainable modes of transport for children.

'Earlier this year, I met with John Henry, CEO, Dublin Transport Office, who have spearheaded the One Small Step Campaign, and I have supported their efforts to increase the awareness of the 'Green-School Travel Module.'

'Currently 20,000 pupils, including some from Kildare, in the Greater Dublin Area, participate in the Green-School Travel Module. It is planned that this will reach 265,000 pupils by 2012.'

'As part of the programme, Cycle Training will be delivered to Schools. We must also consider our footpath and cycling infrastructure, the weight of school bags and traffic calming measures to encourage more walking and cycling to schools.' Concluded Deputy Brady who pledged to continue working to have these facilities put in place.

Other information is available from the following Websites

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www.dto.ie , www.onesmallstep.ie - <http://www.walktoschool.org.uk/>

Ardclough Bus service now links with Maynooth says Brady

Deputy Aine Brady has welcomed the linking of the Ardclough Community Feeder Bus Service to Maynooth. The service is provided by OK Transport and is funded by the Department of Community and Rural Affairs through Pobal.

'Following consultation with OK Transport, an agreement has now been reached to link the service in with Maynooth; which has further links to Public Transport and other services. The service will still leave Ardclough at 9.30am, link into Celbridge and then travel to Maynooth. The service will then return to Ardclough via Celbridge.'

'I would like to again congratulate all those involved in bringing this project to the level that it is now at. For those interested in obtaining further information about the service, please contact OK Transport on 045 528 124.' concluded Deputy Brady, who launched the service earlier this month.

Works on Maynooth Ambulance Base to start says Brady

Deputy Aine Brady has been informed by the HSE that the works at the Maynooth Business Campus to convert a unit and make it suitable for an Ambulance Base will commence week beginning 8th of June.

'The planning permission (change of use) was granted recently and a fire certificate has been issued. Actual works will commence next week and it will take approximately 10 weeks to complete the work and will be ready by August.'

'The new site will be an ideal location given its access to the Motorway and other link roads. It will also provide better facilities for those working with the Ambulance Service.' concluded Deputy Brady

€1,000 Childminding Grant Launched says Brady

Deputy Aine Brady has been informed by the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, Barry Andrews TD, that his Department has launched the New Childminders Development Grant, allowing for a Childminder to invest in Equipment, Toys or minor household adaptations to assist in childminding.

'The new Childminders Development Grant scheme contains a number of significant improvements, including a major increase in the maximum grant from €630 to €1,000 for Childminders, the Grant is also available to Childminders who have already been grant aided under the EOCP (Equal Opportunities Childcare Programme) scheme.'

'For many families, childminding is the primary source of childcare provision for their children and this is mainly due to the home-from-home environment that it offers. The Government recognises the valuable contribution of childminders and has established a variety of supports for the childminding sector.'

'Full Details of the Childminding Grant can be obtained from the Kildare County Childcare Committee in Kildare.' concluded Deputy Brady.

Further Details:

Kildare County Childcare Committee - www.kildarechildcare.ie - 045 861 307
Office of the Minister for Children - www.omc.ie

Carers Respite Grant increases this month says Brady

Deputy Aine Brady has welcomed the increase in the annual Respite Care Grant for carers, which has increased by €200 to €1,700, and is applicable from Thursday 5th of June.

'Over the last two years, I have met with the Minister for Finance and lobbied to improve the conditions for our carers. '

'The work of carers needs to be recognised and acknowledged and this is one support measure that is important. The Respite Care Grant, which is not means tested, is paid automatically to any carer who is in receipt of Carer's Allowance and Carer's Benefit. It is available to all carers providing full-time care and attention to an older person or a person with disability.'

'If carers provide full-time care for more than one person, they are entitled to €1,700 in respect of each person that they are caring for. Full details on carers entitlements can be got from the Carers Association in Naas or Carers Ireland on 1 850 24 07 24, or the Department of Social Affairs on 1890 66 22 44.' concluded Deputy Brady who re-iterated her commitment to working on behalf of carers.

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Brady raises Kildare Schools with the new Minister for Education

Deputy Aine Brady has raised the issue of extensions to existing schools and construction of new schools for a number of areas in North Kildare with the new Minister for Education, Batt O'Keeffe.

'In recent years we have seen substantial investment in schools in the North Kildare area. However, we still have some gaps to fill and I am anxious to keep the pressure on the Department so that we can make further progress.'

'Maynooth Boys National School needs an extension. The Minister informed me that a technical site visit took place recently and the options for the school building project are being assessed at the moment.'

'The new school for Ardcloagh is at the architectural planning stage. I have pressed the case with the Minister to ensure that this project be given priority.'

'I have pressed for further progress.'

€1.64m allocated to Kildare for Housing Adaptation Grants

Deputy Aine Brady has been informed by the Minister for Housing, Michael Finneran TD, that a capital allocation of €1.64m has been allocated to Kildare County Council for the payment of Housing Adaptation Grants for Private Dwellings.

'The allocation to Kildare Co Co is for the payment of Disabled, Essential Repair and Housing Adaptation Grants for Older people and People with Disability, for private Dwellings,' stated Deputy Brady.

'This scheme was revised last year, with a revised framework to target the available resources to those most in need. The revised scheme also provides a more seamless set of responses to the needs of the applicants,' concluded Deputy Brady, who welcomed the commitment from the Minister to the scheme. Details of the scheme can be obtained from Kildare Co Co on 045 980 200.

Almost 800 Kildare carers benefit from payment changes in April – Brady

Kildare carers are set to benefit from increases in their payments in April as changes announced in Budget 2008 for Carer's Allowance and Carer's Benefit come into force according to local Fianna Fail T.D. Áine Brady.

"Almost 800 Kildare carers could benefit from changes to the Carer's Allowance and Carer's Benefit schemes which will come into effect this week."

"It is only right that the Government, through the Budget each year, should continue to recognise the great contribution that carers make to the welfare of so many people in our society."

"Increases to the Carer's Allowance income disregard provided for in Budget 2008 means that from 3 April last, a single person can have an income of €332.50 per week and a couple can have an income of up to €665 per week and still qualify for the maximum rate of Carer's Allowance."

"The previous levels were €320 and €640 per week respectively. The earnings threshold for Carer's Benefit is being similarly increased so that a carer with earnings of up to €332.50 per week can still qualify for Carer's Benefit from 3 April."

"Furthermore carers receiving these payments can engage in employment, self-employment, education/training outside of their caring role, for up to 15 hours per week."

"Carers in receipt of Carer's Allowance can also avail of Free Travel and receive the Household Benefits Package which includes an electricity/gas allowance, telephone allowance and a free television licence."

"And recipients of the Carer's Allowance and Carer's Benefit automatically receive the annual Respite Care Grant, which increased to €1,700 in respect of each care recipient from June."

Brady welcomes funding boost of 4.9m for NUI Maynooth

Kildare North Fianna Fail T.D. Áine Brady has welcomed the news that NUI Maynooth is to get a funding boost of €4.9 million.

"The funding will pay for two projects. The enhancement of the Callan Building will receive €2.9 million. This funding will allow for the creation of a new and refurbished laboratory and office space in the area of the biosciences as well as consolidating and enhancing the existing facilities into a single more effective unit for the benefit of researchers."

"The balance of €2 million will pay for the renovation of

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St. Anne's House to accommodate the ICARUS research group and the Innovation Value Institute, two of Maynooth's key research areas and areas of strategic growth."

"The funding will enable the NUI Maynooth to advance research and develop expectations and goals offered by national and European initiatives in the area."

"The funding has been awarded by the Department of Education under the Research Facilities Enhancement Scheme initiative."

"This investment will send a strong message that Ireland is investing heavily in research in all areas of the country."

"It will also enhance NUI Maynooth, make it more attractive for students and develop cutting edge research in Kildare," concluded Deputy Brady.

Extra Carriages bring Extra Capacity on Maynooth Line says Brady

The Maynooth Line at peak times is now almost completed serviced by eight carriages according to Deputy Brady who raised the issue with Iarnrod Eireann earlier this year. Some of the services on the Line were only serviced by four carriages.

I was informed by Iarnrod Eireann that, six out of the seven sets of rail cars serving the Maynooth Line are now eight carriages. The extra four carriages can carry an extra 600 passengers which should assist at peak times.

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Gardening (contd.)

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dormant, and water it as seldom as once a month.

- ✻ Raise the cutting height of the mower. Raise the cutting height of the mower. Taller grass cools the roots and helps to keep the moisture in the soil longer.
- ✻ Avoid using fertilizers in hot, dry weather.

House Plants

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



- ✻ Do watch out for insects
- ✻ Warmer and drier weather means it will be necessary to water and mist your house plants more often.
- ✻ Feed your house plants with 1/2 the recommended strength of a good soluble house plant fertilizer while they are actively growing.

Odds and ends

- ✻ Be alert to slug and snail damage. These creatures will be hiding during the heat of the day, but will come out of hiding in the cool morning and evening hours or after it rains. Seek and destroy ALL slugs and their eggs!
- ✻ Keep the weeds pulled, before they have a chance to flower and go to seed again. Otherwise, you will be fighting newly germinated weed seed for the next several years.
- ✻ Change the water in your bird bath regularly, and keep it filled. Standing water may become a breeding ground for mosquito larvae.
- ✻ Continue to watch for insect or disease damage throughout the garden, and take the necessary steps to control the problem.

Have a great month!!

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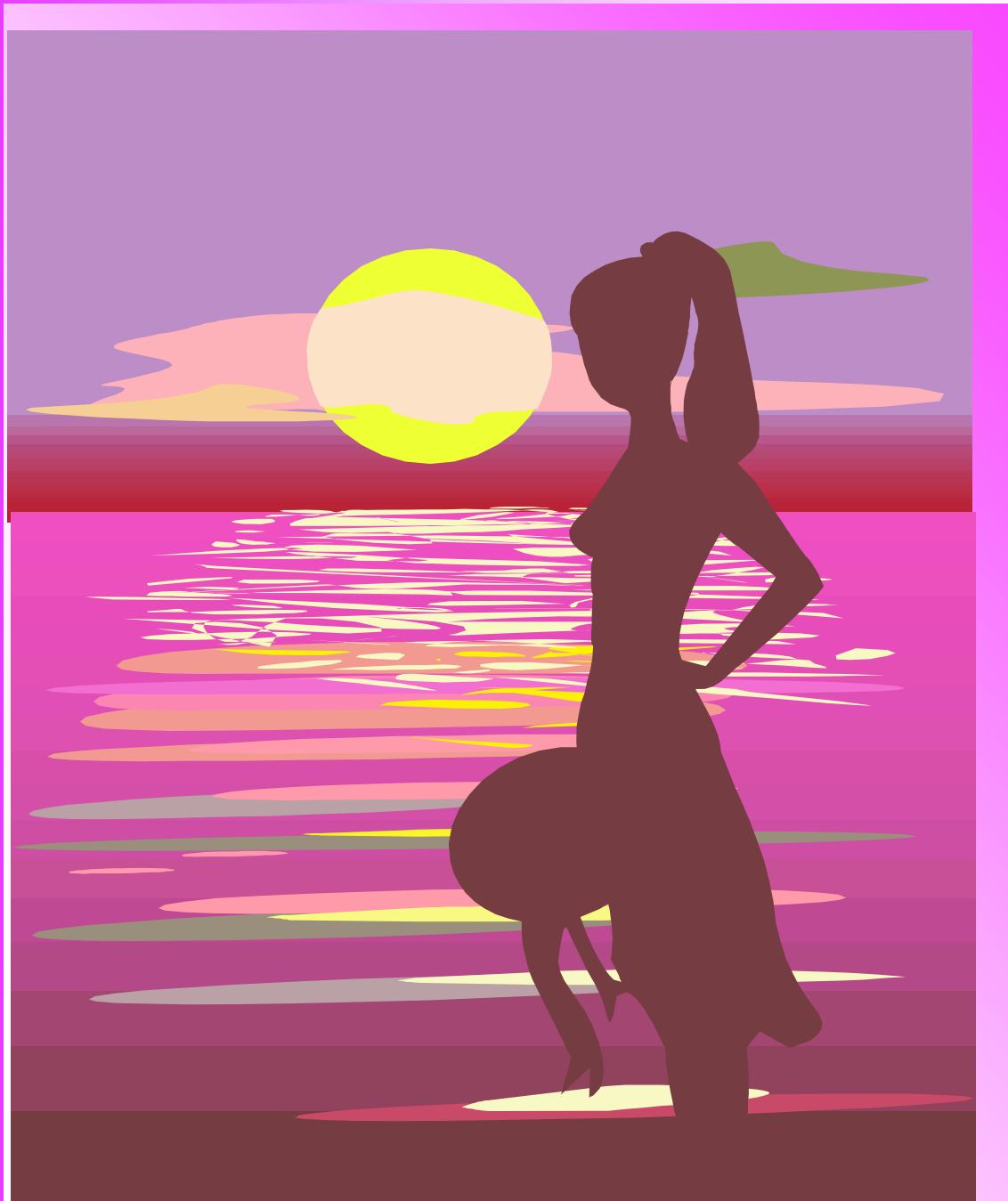
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Editorial

A topic which may be, and in fact will be, of major interest to the residents of Maynooth, along with the residents of all areas, will be the new Energy ratings which become mandatory on all houses from January 2009.

All houses, both those for rent and those for sale, will have to have BER Certificates issued showing the energy rating achieved by independent assessors who are qualified to carry out the ratings. Essentially these ratings will clearly indicate to prospective tenants and prospective buyers, the expense which may be incurred in heating and running the property on an annual basis.

There is no doubt that the rating level achieved by each property will have direct ramifications with regard to the desirability or demand for the property and also of course on the price that a prospective buyer will be prepared to pay for the property.

There are of course various corrective measures owners of all property can take to ensure the energy rating for their property is improved, such as higher level insulation, installation of double glazed windows etc etc and it is to be recommended to all residents to seek advices from those qualified BER assessors as to how to improve their heating bills, comfort, and prices achievable when selling.

Brid Feely,
Editor.

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

There was a minutes silence as a mark of respect for the death of Marie Gleeson's son at the beginning and the chairman spoke a few words.

The most important item discussed at the meeting was the draft development plan for Maynooth. It was agreed that the September meeting would be devoted to this topic. It was generally agreed that there is enough land rezoned in Maynooth and no more rezoning is needed.

Another planning issue that was raised was the NUIM/Carton House plan for development in the grounds of Carton House. It had been agreed that there would be an objection lodged to this plan that spans the two counties of Kildare and Meath.

The Tidy Towns committee drew attention to the fact that the judging for the competition takes place between the 4th June and 31st August. The committee were congratulated by many members on all their hard work. The topic of public art was discussed and the fact that signs should be erected at various points in the town such as the Mill Wheel that is now beside the Manor Mill shopping centre.

There were congratulations all around on the Festival and thanks expressed to Andrew McMullon who worked so hard along with Marie Gleeson and members of the office staff. The funding given by Tesco and Kildare County Council was mentioned and the fact that all the events in the Castle were a particular success as well as the football. The poster competition and the children's table quiz as well and the children's day were successful and well attended. It is hoped that the women's football will begin again next year.

Finally John McGinley mentioned the local area plan for the harbour area and the traffic management plan for the town. It is hoped that the integrated plan for the harbour area will go ahead with one developer that will ensure that the area will have a uniform appearance.

The traffic management plan was discussed at length and the changes will be outlined elsewhere in the magazine. There will be CCTV cameras linked to the control room in Naas and this will be the best, most sophisticated system in the country. The lights will be linked and vehicle activated. The footpath at Mill Street will be widened and the lights at the Bank of Ireland will be taken out. The need for Garda enforcement of traffic laws was also discussed at length – pay parking should sort most of these problems.

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All About August

August is the eighth month of the year in the Gregorian Calendar and one of seven Gregorian months with the length of 31 days. August begins (astrologically) with the sun in the sign of Leo and ends in the sign of Virgo. Astronomically speaking, the sun begins in the constellation of Cancer and ends in the constellation of Leo.

This month was originally named *Sextilis* in Latin, because it was the sixth month in the ancient Roman calendar, which started in March about 750 BC under Romulus. It became the eighth month either when January and February were added to the beginning of the year by King Numa Pompilius about 700 BC or when those two months were moved from the end to the beginning of the year by the decemvirs about 450 BC (Roman writers disagree). It was renamed in honour of Augustus in 8 BC because several of the most significant events in his rise to power, culminating in the fall of Alexandria, which fell in this month. Lore claims August originally had 29 days in the Roman Republican calendar. Augustus took two days from February and gave it to August when Sextilis was renamed in his honour. August's flower is the gladiolus or poppy, and its birthstone is the peridot.

- In Irish, August is known as *Lúnasa*, a modern rendition of Lughnasadh, from the god Lugh. The first Monday in August is a holiday in the Republic of Ireland.
- In Polish, the month is called *sierpień*, meaning "month of sickle".
- In French, the month is called *août*.
- In Portuguese, Spanish and Italian, the month is called *agosto*.
- In Japanese, the month is called *hachigatsu* (八月), meaning, simply, "eighth month."

- In Russian, the month is called *Avгust* (Август)
- In Greek, the month is called *Augoustos* (Αύγουστος)
- In Dutch the month is called *Augustus*
- In Lithuanian the month is called *rugpjūtis*
- In Welsh the month is called *Awst*

Ancient celebration

Lughnasadh was one of the four main festivals of the medieval Irish calendar: Imbolc at the beginning of February, Beltain on the first of May, Lughnasadh in August and Samhain in November. One early Continental Celtic calendar was based on the lunar, solar, and vegetative cycles, so the actual calendar date in ancient times may have varied. Lughnasadh marked the beginning of the harvest season, the ripening of first fruits, and was traditionally a time of community gatherings, market festivals, horse races and reunions with distant family and friends. Among the Irish it was a favoured time for handfastings - trial marriages that would generally last a year and a day, with the option of ending the contract before the new year, or later formalizing it as a more permanent marriage. In Celtic mythology, the Lughnasadh festival is said to have been begun by the god Lugh, as a funeral feast and games commemorat-

ing his foster-mother, Tailtiu, who died of exhaustion after clearing the plains of Ireland for agriculture. The first location of the *Áenach Tailteann* was at the site of modern Teltown, located between Navan and Kells. Historically, the *Áenach Tailteann* gathering was a time for contests of strength and skill, and a favored time for contracting marriages and winter lodgings. A peace was declared at the festival, and religious celebrations were also held. A similar Lughnasadh festival was held at Carmun (whose exact location is under dispute). Carmun is also believed to have been a goddess of the Celts, perhaps one with a similar story as Tailtiu.



August, from the *Très riches heures du duc de Berry*

Poetry Corner



An Irish Airman Forsees His Death

*I know that I shall meet my
fate*

*Somewhere among the
clouds above;
Those that I fight I do not hate,
Those that I guard I do not love;
My county is Kiltartan Cross,
My countrymen Kiltartan's poor,
No likely end could bring them loss
Or leave them happier than before.
Nor law, nor duty bade me fight,
Nor public men, nor cheering crowds,
A lonely impulse of delight
Drove to this tumult in the clouds;
I balanced all, brought all to mind,
The years to come seemed waste of
breath,
A waste of breath the years behind
In balance with this life, this death.*

William Butler Yeats



Mother Nature

*Trees grow in fields of green
Flowers bloom its colourful blends
Creating a landscape to be seen
Nature beauty that never ends
Seedling blow in a purring breeze
Landing on their destined ground
Unending life for such as these
To a scattered landscape forever bound*

*Streams flow so pure and clean
Down hills and valleys unending flow
Towns of old are in my dream
Where Mother Nature forever grow
Children play on meadows free
Living fantasy lifes that never end
With young hearts full of glee
Combining Nature as a friend.*

Patrick Murray

Sonnet To Liberty

*These are the letters which Endymion wrote
To one he loved in secret, and apart.
And now the brawlers of the auction mart
Bargain and bid for each poor blotted note,
Ay! for each separate pulse of passion quote
The merchant's price. I think they love not art
Who break the crystal of a poet's heart
That small and sickly eyes may glare and gloat.*

*Is it not said that many years ago,
In a far Eastern town, some soldiers ran
With torches through the midnight, and began
To wrangle for mean raiment, and to throw
Dice for the garments of a wretched man,
Not knowing the God's wonder, or His woe?*

Oscar Wilde

You Take My Hand

*You take my hand and
I'm suddenly in a bad movie,
it goes on and on and
why am I fascinated*

*We waltz in slow motion
through an air stale with
aphrodisms
we meet behind the endless potted palms
you climb through the wrong windows*

*Other people are leaving
but I always stay till the end
I paid my money, I
want to see what happens.*

*In chance bathtubs I have to
peel you off me
in the form of smoke and melted
celluloid
Have to face it I'm
finally an addict,
the smell of popcorn and worn plush
lingers for weeks*



Margaret Atwood

Clubs, Organisations And Societies

Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Know Your Rights

Question

I am planning to go travelling for a few months on a trip including countries in different parts of the world. What precautions should I take and what assistance can I get from embassies overseas?

Answers

The Travel Advice section of the Department of Foreign Affairs website, www.dfa.ie, can advise you of the precautions you may need to take and risks you should be aware of for the particular countries you are visiting. The contact details for Irish embassies overseas are also listed.

The website has a Travel Registration facility for Irish citizens travelling or living abroad. This is particularly useful if you are travelling to remote destinations or areas where you may be at risk. When you register online, your details will be passed to the Irish embassy or consulate nearest your destinations and will only be used for the purposes of contacting you if necessary or if requested by your immediate family, or in case of an emergency such as a natural disaster, civil unrest or a family crisis.

If you are in a country where there is no Irish embassy or consulate, you can contact the embassy of any other European Union (EU) country for assistance which will treat you the same as it would treat one of its own citizens. The embassy can also act as the channel of communication with the Irish authorities where this is required.

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

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

Question

Am I entitled to a certain period of notice if I am let go from my job.

Answer

If you have been working for your employer for more than 13 weeks you are legally entitled to a minimum period of notice. You may be entitled to more notice than the minimum if this is specified in your contract of employment, but your contract cannot reduce your entitlement to less than the minimum. Your employer can only give you less than the minimum notice if you agree with this. You could, for instance, agree to accept payment in lieu of notice so that you are let go but are paid as if you had continued to work for the minimum period.

The amount of notice that you are entitled to by law will depend on how long you have been working for your employer:

13 WEEKS TO 2 YEARS – 1 WEEK'S NOTICE
2 TO 5 YEARS – 2 WEEKS
5 TO 10 YEARS – 4 WEEKS
10 TO 15 YEARS – 6 WEEKS
15 YEARS OR MORE – 8 WEEKS

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If you do not receive your entitlement to notice you may refer your case to the Employment Appeals Tribunal by completing Form T-1A. You can contact the Employment Appeals Tribunal at Davitt House, 65a Adelaide Road, Dublin 2 Tel: 01 631 3006, Lo-call 1890 220 222

Your employer may dismiss you without notice in the case of serious misconduct. If you are unfairly dismissed you can bring your claim to a Rights Commissioner. 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, or your employer, object to a Rights Commissioner hearing, the claim may be made directly to the Employment Appeals Tribunal.

Question

I posted a small packet to a friend that never arrived. I didn't send it by registered mail but by An Post standard mail. Is it possible to get compensation?

Answer

For Standard Post items, An Post pays compensation for items lost, damaged or substantially delayed (7 days within Ireland; 10 days for international items). The compensation payable includes the cost of the postage fee, the cost of the replacement of the packaging and content, and a small compensation to cover other relevant and reasonable costs incurred.

You can complain within one month from receipt of an item; three months from posting of mail within Ireland; and six months from date of posting of international items.

You can apply for additional compensation of €15 if your complaint is not resolved within specified time limits that vary depending on the delivery destination. Compensation payments for Standard Post are generally made in stamps but you can request a cheque instead.

These provisions follow the Complaints and Dispute Resolution Guidelines issued by the Commission for Communication Regulation (ComReg). The guidelines apply to 'An Post and all Operators who have indicated that they are providing services within the scope of the universal service. Currently, this applies to over 20 postal service providers.

You may make a complaint to An Post Customer

Services, GPO, Freepost, Dublin 1. Tel: 01 705 7600 or 1850 57 58 59. If you're not happy with the outcome of the complaint you may contact ComReg, Block DEF, Abbey Court, Irish Life Centre, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin, Lo-call 1890 229 668

Question

I have recently lost my job and want to do a training course in the area I'm seeking work in but I also need some work experience with an employer. Can I do this with Fás and can I continue to receive a special welfare payment if I do a Fás course?

Answer

Fás offers a range of training programmes that are listed by type and location on the website www.fas.ie. The Fás National Traineeship Programme combines a Fás training course with workplace coaching with an employer. On successful completion of the training you are given a nationally recognised qualification at Certificate or Advanced Certificate level.

Traineeships are full-time. The duration of the programme varies depending on the course. Most traineeships take from 20 weeks to 40 weeks to complete.

You will receive a weekly-full-time allowance while you are training. The amount depends on your age:
18 OR OVER €197.80
17 YEARS - €100.70
15/16 YEARS - € 80.60

But if you are receiving a social welfare payment that is more than this, your training allowance will match the amount you are currently receiving.

An extra training bonus of €31.80 is available to people who have been receiving Jobseeker's Benefit or Jobseeker's Allowance for a year or more or who start their Fás training after at least 12 months on a Community Employment Scheme or the Job Initiative Programme.

Your local Fás office can give you advice and information out about the traineeships available to you or you can contact Fás on Freephone 1800 611 116

Further information is available from your local Citizens Information Centre. Information is also available online at www.citizensinformation.ie and from the Citizens Information Phone Service, Lo-Call 1890 777 121

Puzzles—Sudoku

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Medium

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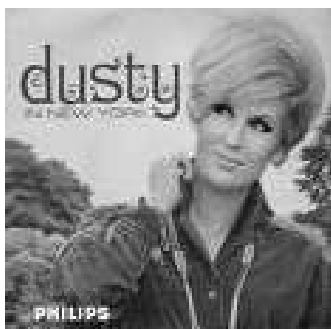
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WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Dusty Springfield

Mary Isabel Catherine Bernadette O'Brien, professionally known as Dusty Springfield was born 16th April 1939. She was an English Pop Singer of Irish decent. Of the female artists of the British invasion, Springfield made the biggest impression on the US Market from 1963 to 1970. She was voted the top British female Artist by readers of new Musical Express in the years 1964, 1965, and 1968.

Dusty Springfield began her Solo Career in 1963 with the song "I ONLY WANT TO BE WITH YOU ", and in 1965 "THE LOOK OF LOVE" was also a hit for Dusty. In 1969 Dusty hosted eight episodes of the BBC TV Show "Decidedly Dusty".

She joined her brother Tom in a folk combo, "The Springfield's" . They became the most popular group in England prior to the advent of the Beatles. In 1962, with "Silver Threads and Golden Needles," the Springfields became the first British group to have a Top 20 hit in the United States.

In 1963, inspired by the music of American girl groups, Dusty left the Springfields and embarked on a solo career. She changed from the "wholesome" Springfields style to a more trendy "Queen of the Mods" image, with fashionable clothing, excessive bouffant hairstyles, and heavy black mascara.

In 1964, her first solo recording, "I Only Want to Be with You," made her the first "British Invasion" artist to enter the American charts in the wake of the Beatles. Springfield gained a wider audience by mixing American soul and British standards on her second album, Everything's Coming Up Dusty (1965).

Her biggest hit, the melodramatic "You Don't Have to Say You Love Me" (1966), was a major success on both sides of the Atlantic. But by this time she was shifting from Queen of the Mods to female drag queen. She claimed she learned her make-up techniques from female impersonators--as her hair and dresses became increasingly over-the-top.

While her campy image and emotionally overwrought recordings of Italian ballads (refitted with English lyrics) made her a cult figure among gay fans, Springfield seemed adrift stylistically until she issued her 1968 album Dusty in Memphis, recorded with the Atlantic Records session musicians who played on many of the soul music hits of the decade.

Although it featured the hit single "Son of a Preacher Man" and has long been considered her masterpiece, this sophisticated and finely-wrought recording was ahead of its time and was, at the time of its release, a commercial failure.

In 1971, frustrated and depressed by the direction of her career and hounded by the press, Springfield took the amazingly courageous if self-destructive step of coming out publicly as "bisexual," although, as recent biographies have detailed, she was in fact a lesbian.

She moved to Los Angeles and basically dropped out of sight, her career and personal life in shambles. She performed little over the next fifteen years.

In 1986, at the insistence of the Pet Shop Boys, she resumed recording, teaming with them on their world-wide hit "What Have I Done to Deserve This?"

In 1995, while recording what would be her final album, A Very Fine Love, she was stricken with breast cancer.

Shortly before her death on March 2, 1999, Dusty Springfield was inducted, however belatedly, into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and awarded the Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II.

At her funeral, Pet Shop Boy Neil Tennant summed up her life and career aptly: "She was fab and, because of her music, she always will be."

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HANDY TIPS



DAMAGED, DRY HAIR:

A nourishing conditioner for dry or damaged hair which can be used for all hair types: Separate the white of an egg from the yolk, whip it to a peak. Add 1 tbs. water to the yolk and blend until the mixture is creamy. Then mix the white and yolk together. Wet your hair with warm water, remove the excess moisture, and apply the mixture to your scalp with your fingertips. Massage gently until the froth is worked into your scalp, then rinse your hair with cool water. Keep applying the mixture until it is used up and then rinsed until all of the egg is washed away.

COUGHS AND ASTHMA:

Steep 3-4 cloves of garlic in a cool, dark place for 2 weeks. Use several drops at a time, several times a day for coughs or asthma. Garlic is an exceptional cleanser for the body and has antimicrobial action similar to other antibiotics.

ENERGIZER:

Simmer 1 cup honey and 3 cups water together slowly. Allow 1 cup of the water to evaporate. Strain off the top surface, and put the remaining liquid into a stoneware crock or dark bottle. Put a towel over it so it can breathe, yet be free of dirt. Place in a cool place. You can add cinnamon, clove, or the juice of 2 lemons, if you like.

FATIGUE:

Take a glass of grapefruit and lemon juice in equal parts to dispel fatigue and general tiredness after a day's work.

HEADACHE:

Eat 10-12 almonds, the equivalent of two aspirins, for a migraine headache. Almonds are far less likely to upset the stomach.

NAUSEA:

Boil 1/2 cup of rice in 1 cup of water for about 10-20 minutes. After it is boiled, drain the water into a cup and sip at the rice water until symptoms are gone.

PAIN RELIEVER:

Mix 3 tbs. of honey in boiled water and drink. Honey has natural pain-relieving powers.

SUNBURN:

Mix 2 tsp. tomato juice and 1/4 cup buttermilk. Apply to affected area. Rinse after 1/2 hour.

WRINKLES & SKIN FRESHENER:

Combine 2 tbs. vodka, 1 tbs. fennel seeds, and 1 1/2 tsp. honey. Stir well and allow to sit for 3 days. Strain mixture. Use full strength or add 2 tbs. water to dilute. Use a cotton ball to apply to face as a toner. Apply coconut oil on the portions of skin and face where wrinkles set in and gently massage every night at bed time.

YELLOW TEETH:

Mix salt with finely powdered rind of lime. Use this as toothpowder frequently.

TOOTHACHE & MOUTH PAIN:

To ease toothache or other mouth pain, make a tea by boiling 1 tbs. fresh peppermint in 1 cup water and adding a little salt. Peppermint is an antiseptic and contains menthol, which relieves pain when applied to skin surfaces.

AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST BY NO MEANS

HANG-OVER:

Eat honey on crackers. The fructose in the honey will help to flush out the alcohol in your system.

Useful Telephone Numbers

Name	Details	Telephone No.
A.C.R.A	National Association of Resident Associations Contact Michael Quinn, 3 Laurence Avenue, Maynooth	6285258
ADULT CEILI AND SET DANCING	Contact: Rita Doyle	086-2862475/ 6286169
AN NUADA PLAYERS	Contact: Terry Nealon	086-8068068
BRIDGE CLUB	Contact: Joan Howard Williams	6289239
CASTLE COMMITTEE	Contact Tony Bean Sec. Gerald &Joan Howard Williams, Carton Demense	087-949459
CASTLE KEEP ART GROUP	Contact: Susan Durack Sec.	6289349
CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTRE		6285477
COMMUNITY GAMES	Contact: Joe Geraghty Margaret Houlihan	087-6181235 087-2054854
DENTIST	Dr. G.B. Glass Dr. G.A. O'Reilly Dr. J.G. Merrick	6289284 6286318 6286318
DOCTORS	DR. D. Gaffney DR. D. Nolan DR. C.D. O'Rourke DR. J. Corish DR. N. Wilson DR. M. Cowhey	6291169 6285943 6285210 6292556 5052135 6289044
FAS OFFICE		6290556
FLOWER CLUB	Contact: Moira Baxter, Applewood, Laraghbryan ,Maynooth	6289102
FOLK GROUP	Contact: Elaine Bean	087-9704912
G.A.A. CLUB	Maynooth G.A.A. Club Contact :Dominic Nugent	6285020 087-6368722
GARDA STATION		6291413/6286234
GATEWAY WRITER GROUP	Contact : Kate Dempsey	086-8583316
GOLF	Maynooth Golf Society Contact: Kevin Loftus	086-8261221
HEALTH CENTRE		6285415
I.C.A.	Contact: Norah Mc Dermot	6244695
KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL		045-980200
LARAGHBRYAN CEMETRY COMMITTEE	Contact: Breda Holmes, Barrogstown, Maynooth Sec. Helen Johnson	6289757
LIONS CLUB	Contact: Freddie Melia,	6289555
MAHER SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING	Contact : Catherine Maher	6285739 087-8222740
MARTIAL TAEKWON-DO	Contact: Gerard McCelland	087-279621/6280868

Local Useful Telephone Numbers (Cont'd)

MAYNOOTH ADULT DAYTIME EDUCATION (MADE)	Contact: Bernadette Duffy	6016179
MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY	Contact: Rita Edwards	087-6387687
MAYNOOTH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION	Contact: Brid Feely	087-2052649
MAYNOOTH FAIR TRADE	Contact: Dr. John Sweeney	087-2476516
MAYNOOTH JUDO CLUB	Contact: Mary Mc Donald	087-9677596
MAYNOOTH PHYSIOTHERAPY CLINIC & LEINSTER CLINIC		6290895
MORTALITY SOCIETY	Contact: Paddy Nolan	6286312
NORTH KILDARE JUNIOR TENNIS CLUB	North Kildare Club	6103909 6287243
PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP	Contact: Bronwyn Mooney	6289405
PARISH	Fr. Paul Coyle Fr. Liam Rigney Parish Office	6290553 6286220 6293018
POST OFFICE		6286259
MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY LIBRARY	Librarian: Bernadette Gilligan	6285530
ROYAL AMENITY AND RESTORATION GROUP CANAL	Office Contact: Mark Kennedy, 83 Maynooth Park Maynooth	6290980 6286443
SCHOOLS	Boys' National School Presentation Girls' Primary School Post Primary School Scoil Ui Fháich	6293021 6286034 6286060 6290667
SCOUTS	Scouting Ireland Contact: Johnny Dowling	086-1017492
SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE	Contact: Patricia Cusker, Silken Vale, Maynooth. Josie Moore, Greenville, Straffan Road, Maynooth.	087-2982455
SOCCER CLUB	Contact: Edel Pat Moynihan	087-2998661 087-9078861
ST. MARY'S BRASS AND REED BAND	Contact: Melanie Oliver	087-9704910
SWIMMING CLUB	Contact: Edel	087-2680405
TIDY TOWNS	Contact: Secretary	087-3153189
U3A	Contact: Bernadette	6289131
VIOLENCE IN THE HOME		1800-341-900

The Cookery Demonstration

A Short Story

Anne, Kay and Sheila stood chatting at the corner of their housing estate they were all newly married and had quickly become firm friends when they moved into their new homes. Kay had just told them she had seen a poster in Brennan's, the local newsagent, telling of the upcoming ladies' Club meeting; there was to be cookery demonstration by Angela Lavery, a well known TV cook, and new members were welcome to come along and join the club.

"Why, that's the very thing to give us a night out together and learn something into the bargain," said Anne.

"I agree," said Sheila, puffing on her cigarette, "as well as the cooking, we'll meet all the other ladies and learn what's going on around here."



"Right then," said Kay, "Be ready at 7.45 and we'll go down together!"

Anne, whose culinary skills were virtually nil, went inside her new house, fired with enthusiasm, remembering the meal she had cooked Jim's parents last week. She had gone to endless trouble doing the stuffed liver and bacon, but had left it in the oven too long. When she served it up and Jim was cutting into his, it shot off the plate and hit the window. Anne was mortified and glanced at her mother-in-law, Vera, who had a definite smirk on her face, although when she told Jim later, he said she was imagining it. However, the day was saved when Vera suggested they have some of the cake she brought round. Anne smiled gratefully and went to get the cake knife. At least, she thought, now that I'm going to the Ladies' Club, I'll get a few tips and soon Vera will smirk on the other side of her face!

As Kay walked home, her main thought was how to wean Owen off his meat-laden diet. This cookery demonstration should provide a golden opportunity for her to ask for some suggestions as to how to introduce a more healthy vegetarian diet for Owen. After all, she couldn't help but notice the alarm on his face last evening when she presented him with her favourite nut loaf with a side dish of couscous; she'd also heard the grumble of his stomach! Still, he did eat it and didn't complain so maybe he wasn't quite as averse to a change in diet as he had once been.

Sheila went off to her house hoping she might learn to bake a currant cake. Tom, her husband, was so easy to please; he usually had a couple of pints on the way home and would bring back fish and chips for the pair of them. Afterwards they really enjoyed snuggling up together in front of the TV. When Sheila put it to him that she was going to the Ladies' Club for a cookery demonstration, Tom looked at her in astonishment.

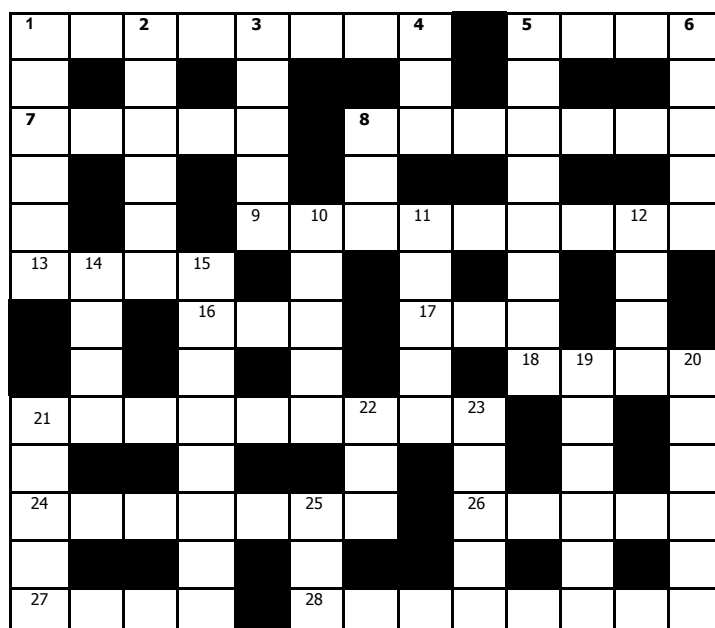
"I never realised you need to learn how to cook! After all, that cottage pie you made yesterday was grand."

"Ah, I want to learn how to bake a currant cake, just like your ma's! I know how much you like that," Sheila replied.

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Special Prize

Book Voucher

Give yourself the luxury of browsing and choosing the book(s) which take your fancy from the wide selection available in the store of our sponsor

The Maynooth Bookshop
68 Main Street, Maynooth

Winner

Elaine Houlihan
Cowanstown, Maynooth

Entries in before:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Across:

1. Deduct (8)
5. Protective ditch (4)
7. Tracking Device (5)
8. Desert (7)
9. Lethargy (9)
13. Container weight (4)
16. Seed (3)
17. Solid water (3)
18. Metal, symbol Pb (4)
21. University __ __, TV quiz (9)
24. Trigonometry term (7)
26. German River (5)
27. Secrete (4)
28. Short official statement (8)

Down:

1. Austere (6)
2. Large burrowing animal (6)
3. Pastoral (5)
4. Vessel (3)
5. Medieval musician (8)
6. Nerve - racking (5)
8. Beast of burden (3)
10. Fruit (5)
11. Oscillate (5)
12. Computer information (4)
14. Curve (4)
15. TV religious broadcast (8)
19. Join up (6)
20. Abase (6)
21. Joseph Heller novel, __ __ __22 (5)
22. Capture (3)
23. Actor, __ __ __ Flynn (5)
25. Pen - point (3)

Solutions to crossword No. 68

Across:

1. Brisk, 7. Familiar, 8. Salad, 10. Rutherford, 12. Tendency, 14. Deny, 16. Reed, 17. Bergerac, 20. Buckingham, 23. Rowan, 24. Semolina, 25. Fetch.

Down:

1. Basket, 2. Spar, 3. Cash, 4. Fiery, 5. Kilometre, 6. Friday, Duvet, 11. Unwelcome, 13. Che, 15. Eggar, 16. Robust, 18. Crunch, 19. Silly, 21. Gone, 22. Mole

Doodle Box

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With that, a blissful look came over his face as he thought of the slice of currant cake, lashings of butter on it melting and pooling on the plate.

"Of course, go along," he said, giving her a playful slap on the behind.

And so, Anne, Kay and Sheila set off on the short walk to the church hall, where the Ladies' Club meeting and the demonstration was to be held. When they arrived, they were met by a din of ladies' voices, all talking and laughing, glad to be back at the club after the long summer break.

The top table was taken up with the committee. Shortly after, the meeting commenced with a special welcome for the new members. The chairperson announced that, as it was a special demonstration by the famous TV cook, she would forgo the usual agenda and introduce their guest straight away. Angela Lavery stood up and everyone clapped. She was a smart, stout, efficient lady with a keen eye. She wore an apron over her suit, already prepared. While the ladies looked up at her, she let her gaze wander over the audience. All smart ladies here, she thought. Little did she realise there were some in the audience who could barely boil an egg!

The porter of the parish hall wheeled in the portable oven, and the utensils and ingredients were laid out. Angela went smartly through her repertoire—brown bread, scones, soda bread and currant cake.

I don't believe it, thought Sheila, the very things I want to learn!

Soon the homely smell of baking filled the hall as each bread and cake was demonstrated, with Angela prattling on all the while as the ladies frantically jotted down the recipes and notes. As the evening wore on, the baking was displayed on the front table and what a sight it was! Plain scones, soda bread, traditional brown bread and currant cake—all to be raffled after the meeting was over! The committee rushed around, selling the raffle tickets and once all the tickets were sold, the raffle was held.

None of the three friends won anything. Kay and Anne were a bit disappointed that there was no demonstration of savoury food, but perked up when Angela announced that she would be returning the following month with another demonstration.

So Anne would stick to the tried and tested pork and lamb-chops for the time being, while Kay would soldier on, introducing her vegetarian dishes gradually. Sheila, on the other hand, couldn't wait to get home to try her hand at currant cake! She also decided that she might try the belly dancing classes she had seen advertised on the notice board, hoping that Anne and Kay would come to those too! After all, cooking was necessary for life, but so was fun and what a laugh they would have learning how to belly dance!

Patricia Healy.

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Maynooth Tidy Towns

First winner of Maynooth Tidy Towns "Person of the Year" is mourned

Maynooth Tidy Towns committee members were saddened with the news of the death of Mr. Tommie Holmes who passed away in July following an illness. Thankfully for virtually all of his ninety years he enjoyed good health and he was an inspiration to everyone with his active life. Even in recent years you could still meet him climbing the hill up the Straffan Road with the vigour of a man half his age. He was always very positive when you met him saying he was thankful to be alive and sporting a big smile to show he meant it.



The late Tommie Holmes & his wife Mary,
Paul Croghan, Mattie Callaghan, Bob O'Reilly &
Richard Farrell.

Living in Maynooth for over fifty years he was a person who witnessed much change but was still proud of the place that he made home. When Maynooth Tidy Towns committee decided to honour an individual resident for their private contribution to keeping the town clean and tidy we looked around for people who we felt deserved to be recognised. Most of the committee knew about the effort that Tommie was making in the Parklands/Railpark area as he was often seen picking litter in the area and keeping it as neat and tidy as possible. As the awards are always a surprise to the winners we engaged the help of Tommie's family. When Tommie received his award he commented that he did not deserve it because he did so little. From our perspective he was doing much more than most people and long after the award he continued. Maynooth Tidy Towns was proud of Tommie and will miss him. To Mary his wife with whom

Tommie shared so many years and to his three sons and their families we offer our sympathy on his loss. But many others in Maynooth will also miss this wonderful gentleman.

Best Estate and Shop Fronts Competitions 2008

Believe or not it is that time of year again and even by the time you read this the judge could have been in your area. Last year we had a new judge and at the end of the process she very kindly gave us an overview of her work with some helpful suggestions. The report below was published last October but we are printing it again as it might be useful to some areas. We intend to take on board some of the judge's views in making awards in 2008:

Maynooth Tidy Towns Best Estates and Shop Fronts Competitions 2007

Summary of the Judges Recommendations

We have a new judge for 2007 and we appreciate the excellent work that she has done in terms of the judging of the Best Estates and Shop Fronts competitions. Whilst not from Maynooth the judge works in the town and indeed is a former resident which meant that she had a good knowledge of the areas.

Best Estates

The judge was asked to visit each area twice once in July and the second in early August. However, because of the bad weather experienced this summer the judge actually surveyed each area on three occasions an additional

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one being done in late August when the weather improved as she felt that people may not have had a chance to get to do any work in July because of the weather conditions that prevailed.

The maximum marks available were 510 and the highest score secured was 459 by the large best estate. As many of the residential areas were close in score, the judge awarded a higher score where good quality work was evident. One such case was the runner up best large estate where the quality of finish on edging was evident.

The judge recommends that estates be encouraged to devise unique features for their areas that can be easily maintained. A good example is the features at the entrance to Moyglare Village and Cluain Aoibhinn. Another recommendation is that some estates that are so closely linked geographically should work together to maximise the entire areas. Two cases mentioned are Cluain Aoibhinn and College Green and Beaufield and Meadowbrook. In both cases the judge found herself moving between the areas and having to check where she was at any time. In the case of one large estate the judge recommends that the Tidy Towns encourage the residents and perhaps the local authority to work together to devise a major new plan to enhance the area which has very attractive rolling landscape levels but unfortunately appears neglected with badly maintained features and much litter which unfortunately impacts on the potential to be a major winner.

Best Shop Fronts

The judge found that it was not difficult to select a winner here as with few exceptions there was little evidence that the traders were making a unique effort for the Tidy Towns. The judge recommends that this competition be reviewed and that it could take the following format in future.

All Premises in the Main Street area should be encouraged to support the Tidy Towns campaign. This could include a window display supporting the campaign for the eight weeks of the judging period. Perhaps Tidy Towns could do an annual sticker that could be displayed in the window of premises stating that this business is a Tidy Towns supporter. The judge appreciates that some businesses are more capable of providing financial support than others but the connection between the business sector and Tidy Towns needs to be more obvious.

There are now a number of shopping centres such as Tesco, Manor Mills, Newtown, Greenfields as well as Aldi and Lidl. While some are well presented it might be a good idea to have a competition between Shopping Complexes in order to raise all standards and have a bigger participation than simply limiting it to the Main street/Side streets.

National Competition – remember that we still have a chance to “Make Maynooth Great in 2008”

Whilst it is likely that the National Tidy Towns Competition Judge has already been to Maynooth, they may still be back as judging officially ends on August 31st. No thanks to Kildare County Council for permitting major structural works during the height of the competition. The erection of the Traffic CCTV poles in the centre of Maynooth as well as the digging for pipe laying both in July cannot benefit the judging. Let's hope that the judge takes a lenient view as they should, but an area is marked as the judge sees it on the day the visit.

You too can play your part by assisting in keeping the town clean and tidy. It is only with support of business, the institutions and the residents of the town that the work of Maynooth Tidy Towns can make a difference. Together we can **Make Maynooth Great in 2008**

Paul Croghan
PRO
Maynooth Tidy Towns

Recipes

Summer berry sorbet

Serves 6

Preparation time over 2 hours

Cooking time no cooking required

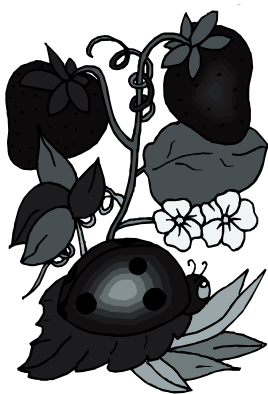
This a refreshing super-smooth sorbet that makes great use of all the wonderful summer fruits that are now in abundance.

Ingredients

500g fresh summer fruits
juice and grated rind of 1 large orange
2 - 3 tbsp orange liqueur such as
Cointreau or Grand Marnier
2 egg whites
100g caster sugar

Method

1. Place the fruit, orange rind and juice, liqueur and 175ml water in a food processor and blend until smooth. I like to leave the seeds in but you can sieve your mixture if you prefer.
2. If you have an ice cream machine, churn the mixture until it starts to freeze, alternatively pour into a rigid container and freeze, stirring every 30 minutes or so until ice crystals start to form and it feels slushy.
3. Whisk the egg whites until stiff then gradually add the sugar beating until firm and glossy. Fold the meringue into the freezing fruit mixture and continue to freeze and stir until completely frozen. If making in advance, transfer the mixture to the fridge 30 minutes before serving.



- minutes, or until the fruit has softened and produced lots of juice. Set aside to cool.
2. Pour the juice into a flat dish, reserving the fruit.
3. Cut one slice of bread into a circle small enough to fit the base of a 1.5l (48 fl oz) pudding basin, and another large enough to fit the top. Cut the remaining slices into triangles. Dip both sides of the smaller circle of bread quickly into the juice and place it in the bottom of the pudding basin. Dip both sides of each triangle of bread into the juice, then line the inside of the basin with the juice-soaked bread, overlapping them slightly to make sure there are no gaps.
4. Fill the bread-lined basin with berries, drizzle with any remaining juice and top with the larger circle of bread, trimming it to fit if necessary.
5. Cover the top of the pudding with clingfilm, then place a saucer or small plate that just fits inside the rim of the basin on top. Press the plate in, then weigh it down with a heavy can or two. Place the basin in a shallow dish to catch any juice that might overflow, and refrigerate for at least 12 hours.
6. To serve, run a thin knife around the inside of the basin and invert the pudding on to a serving plate. Cut into wedges and serve accompanied with plenty of thick cream.

APRICOT PURÉE

Ingredients: 225g fresh or 125g dried apricots. Method: Cover apricots with cold water and poach uncovered until tender. Drain and rub through a sieve. Flavour purée with sugar and lemon rind to give it a tangy taste.

HOT NEW POTATO SALAD

Serves 4-6.

Ingredients: 450g new potatoes. 1 avocado, halved and stoned, 1 large spring onion, finely chopped. 1 tbsp chopped mint. Salt and freshly ground black pepper, 2 tbsp French dressing. 1 tbsp chopped mint. Method: Cook new potatoes in salted water with sprig of mint for 18-20 minutes. Peel avocado halves and mash them with the onion, mint, salt and pepper to make a very thick sauce. Mix in the French dressing. Drain Potatoes, pile in a serving dish and spoon over them the avocado dressing. Keeps well in refrigerator and can be served cold if you have any left over!

SUMMER PUDDING

SERVES 8

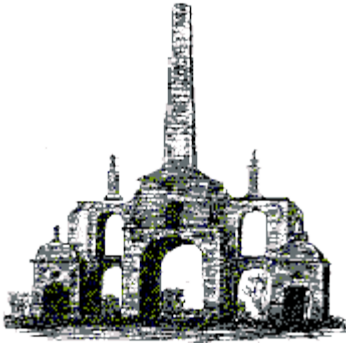
Preparation 30 Minutes (Plus overnight in the Fridge)

1kg (2lb) mixed berries (use a combination of raspberries, blackberries, blueberries, redcurrants or blackcurrants)
160g (5½oz) caster sugar
10 thin slices stale white bread, crusts removed

1. Place the berries, sugar and 60ml (2fl oz) of water in a saucepan. Bring to a gentle simmer on a low heat and cook, stirring to dissolve the sugar, for 3-4

Features

Conolly's Folly



Conolly's Folly (Irish: Baois Uí Chongaile), a.k.a. The Obelisk or originally The Conolly Folly is an obelisk structure located near Celbridge and Maynooth, both in north County Kildare, Ireland.

It was built beside Castletown estate (containing Castletown House), which contains two follies, both commissioned by Katherine Conolly, the philanthropic widow of Speaker William Conolly to provide employment for hundreds of the poor of Celbridge when the famine of 1740-41 was at its worst. The Obelisk was built in 1740 after a particularly severe winter. As a folly, it filled the view (vista) at the back of Castletown some 2.5 miles (4 km) away.

Designed by Richard Castle, it is 42 metres (140 feet) high and is composed of several arches, adorned by stone pineapples and eagles, topped by a massive obelisk pillar. It was restored in 1965 by the Irish Georgian Society, and marks the grave of Mariga, first wife of the Hon. Desmond Guinness of Leixlip Castle.

The name Conolly is used, rather than the more common spelling Connolly, as it was the spelling used by William Conolly and by all his descendants. It derived from the Gaelic 'Ui Conghaile'

It is currently undergoing restoration work as it has fallen into disrepair.

Quotes by Oscar Wilde

A little sincerity is a dangerous thing, and a great deal of it is absolutely fatal.

A man can be happy with any woman as long as he does not love her

Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much.

America had often been discovered before Columbus, but it had always been hushed up.

America is the only country that went from barbarism to decadence without civilization in between.

Anyone who lives within their means suffers from a lack of imagination.

Arguments are to be avoided; they are always vulgar and often convincing.

At twilight, nature is not without loveliness, though perhaps its chief use is to illustrate quotations from the poets.

Biography lends to death a new terror.

Consistency is the last refuge of the unimaginative.

Every portrait that is painted with feeling is a portrait of the artist, not of the sitter.

Horoscopes



ARIES—March 21—April 20

All your energy should be directed into money making opportunities for advancement at work. Take time to catch up on gossip and on paper work. Your lucky day is Monday, Number 4, Colour Green.



TAURUS—April 21—May 21

You may want to take a look at your direction in life. Your self esteem will benefit, friends will be loyal and caring. Check your personal papers and make sure every thing is in order. Your lucky day is Thursday, Number 3, Colour Yellow.



GEMINI—May 22—June 22

Don't be critical, or overly opinionated with dislikes. Deception will play an important factor in relationships. Travel will be to your advantage. Your lucky day is Friday, Number 6, Colour Pink.



CANCER—June 23—July 23

Work quietly at your own goals and forget about situations that you can do little about. It might be best not to spend your money on luxuries this week. Your lucky day is Sunday, Number 8, Colour Black.



LEO—July 24—August 23

Your time, not your cash will do a lot more for your relationships. Look into cost factor and look past first impression. Your lucky day is Saturday, Number 10, Colour Gray.



Virgo—August 24—Sept 23

Don't settle for less then the best, you can meet your potential. Tie up your personal papers, or push to have legal settlements completed. Your lucky day is Thursday, Number 12, Colour Orange.



LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23

Luck is with you, regardless of the financial venture. Don't make unreasonable promises as they will come back to haunt you. Your lucky is Wednesday, Number 17, Colour White.



SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22

Make career changes that may increase your Income. Take time when making big decisions. You are at the start of something big. Your lucky day is Monday, Number 23, Colour Gold.



SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21

Put some work into home improvement. You should get help with painting, and moving furniture. Friends and family will give a hand. Many hands make light work. Your lucky day Friday, Number 26, Colour Blue.



CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20

Keep your eyes and ears alert for any evasive or deceptive statements. Take some time to change your house around. A change is good for you. Your lucky day is Sunday, Number 8, Colour Lime Green.



AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19

Try not to push your philosophies on others. Don't be disappointed if you don't get your way emotionally. The key to feeling good about yourself is to do something about it yourself. Your lucky day is Monday, Number 31, Colour



PISCES—Feb 20—March 20

Don't let friends convince you that you should contribute to something that you don't believe in. You could be cornered, so be prepared to tell the truth. Don't make promises that you can't keep. Your lucky day is Wednesday, Number 29, Colour Red.

Pet Corner

A Mouse Story.



Recently I went up to my bedroom where to my horror I saw a mouse drinking from the water I had for my dogs. Yes they sleep in my bedroom! The mouse looked at me and fled under the bed. What was I to do? That night I thought it would be a good idea to let the cats sleep with me. All was well and not a sound of the mouse until about two o'clock in the morning when my cat Taz decided to go out. About ten minutes later she came back in the window with a baby mouse in her mouth. I now knew how the mouse under the bed had got in. She dropped the baby mouse on the bed, and by this time I was out of bed and doing my nut. Bedlam reigned. The upshot was that between the pup and the cat the poor little thing was dead. I had to mop up and change my bedding. I put the two cats out and decided to take my chance with the mouse.

When I came home from work the next day I went into my bedroom to see little mousey looking up at me from under the bed. I was advised by my friends to get a mouse trap but I could not bring myself to kill this little creature. By this stage I was calling him Jerry. As you know all creatures like their comfort, so I cleared the floor of everything and put down two of the dogs towels. About ten minutes later I went back up and sure enough he was sitting on top of the towels. I threw another towel over him, and bundled the pile altogether and put the lot into a cat box. I brought the box outside far out of the cats sights and I emptied it. At first he didn't move but after a minute or so he started to get his bearings. Jerry took one look at me and said to himself "I am out of here". He darted off into the forest and I was delighted to be able to give him back to nature. As for the cats — the bedroom windows are shut. One death and one Jerry was enough for me.

Tips for Keeping Your Cat Healthy

Regular Check-Ups`

You should take your cat to the Vet not only for regular vaccinations but for regular check ups as well. Your Vet would know best if there is anything wrong with your cat's coat, organs, body parts, and mannerisms.

Proper Grooming

De-clawing is never advised, it is an amputation and your cat will suffer greatly! it is recommended that you clip your cat's claws as needed. Just taking the sharp tips off is enough and then provide them with a scratching post and they will do the rest. Brushing your cats fur will help to keep it smooth and get rid of loose hairs before they become hairballs and they will love you for it. Always brush in the direction of the hair growth.

Poisons Out of Reach

Store cleaning agents, automobile liquids and pest poisons in securely lidded containers. Store all your containers out of your cat's reach. Also check if our houseplants are not among the numerous plants that could be toxic to your feline friend.

Pet Tag

Cats are naturally curious and occasionally like to roam around. Make sure you attach an identification tag on your cat's collar to make it easier for others to return your cat.

Play Time

Your cat needs to play to keep from getting bored and depressed. Provide a variety of toys for your cat. You should also make it a habit to constantly play and interact with your cat.

Do Not Medicate On Your Own

Certain human medicines are extremely dangerous to give to your cats and could cause death in a very short amount of time. Do not medicate your cat on your own. Always consult the Vet even in minor medical cases.

Right Food

Cats need animal-based, moisture-rich protein. They should only be fed specifically formulated cat food. Other pet owners also consider a raw meat diet to be a healthy option for cats.

Features

Donadea 10K Race



Donadea Running Club, having been established as recently as 2007, has taken great leaps forward in their participation and promotion of the sport of running. Based in Donadea and running out of St. Kevin's GAA club, its members include those who hail from the neighbouring areas of Clane, Celbridge, Kilcock and other surrounding areas in Kildare.

The club are currently busy arranging their inaugural 10K race – a yearly event – which will take place on October 11th. It is hoped that with the support of runners from all over Kildare, and indeed the rest of Ireland, the race will help raise much needed funds for the event charity; St. Raphael's special needs school in Celbridge.

The school functions as an integral part of the St John of God Kildare Services. Originally it was designed to cater for the educational needs of young people in the moderate range of Intellectual Disability between the ages of 5 – 18. In 2000 following the re-development of one wing of the school, two classes for children in the severe/profound range of disability were opened. In 2004, one class for children within the Autistic Spectrum Disorder was established. To date they have three senior classes for children within the Autistic Spectrum Disorder. In September 2008 a junior class for children within the Autistic Spectrum Disorder will be set up. Overall the school caters for the needs of children functioning in the moderate, severe and profound ranges of Intellectual Disability. St. Raphael's catchment area covers Celbridge, Lucan, Leixlip, Maynooth, Rathcoole, Newcastle, Sallins, Prosperous and Clane. The school gives each child opportunities to develop attitudes and skills that will enable him/her to experience a quality of life as close as possible to that which is available to those in society at large. The term "quality of life" embraces personal choice, relationships, personal development, integration and participation in the community life.

More details about the race can be found on the club's website where you may download an entry form or alternatively, the event can be entered online at www.activeeurope.com

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LETTER TO OUR READERS

This is just a note to remind you all that the **Newsletter** exists for your enjoyment and that we welcome all contributions from our readers. We would like to hear from any organisation or indeed from individuals with something to say or suggest. We hope you continue to enjoy your monthly read and keep us informed of your activities.

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Features

Lisa's Autumn Wedding

A Short Story

It was three days before Lisa and John were to get married. Lisa's Mum was fussing around the house trying to get everything organised for the big day. It was to be in St. Joseph's church, in their local parish and Father Martin was to marry them. They had already got their rehearsal's done for the big day. It was a lovely time of the year to get married. The evenings were just getting a bit dusk early and the leaves on the ground were plentiful. She had bought her wedding dress in a bridal boutique in the local town. It had cost an arm and a leg but Lisa's mum thought that her only daughter was worth it. John was a lovely guy and was always very courteous and polite to everyone. He would make Lisa a lovely husband.

The dress was bought but they still had to get the flowers and the cake was ordered but not delivered yet. Lisa's Mum still had to get her own wedding outfit. The invitations were gone out about one month now. Then there was the music and the venue for the reception had just been booked the previous week. They were now fairly on top of things.

The bridesmaids dress were of a sea blue, and would look lovely in the Autumn sunshine. Lisa's two bridesmaids were her two best friends. She would not have a wedding without them. John's best man was his best friend. Lisa's dad was walking her up the aisle. Her dress was of an ivory colour with little ivory beads on the bodice, with a long slender skirt around her perfect figure with a four foot train. She would look beautiful on the day. They were nearly organised.

That night John came around to invite Lisa out for a meal and maybe go to a musical. He had bought tickets for a musical in the town. So Lisa just ran upstairs to give herself a last minute look in the mirror before going out with her future husband. This time next week they would be married. John brought Lisa to a lovely little restaurant in the middle of the town. They ate their meal and chatted about what it would be like to be married to each other.

Then John looked at Lisa and said "what ever happens to us I will always love you with all my heart. And I know that you will love me too". Lisa picked up her wine and said "cheers to us and our married life". Things couldn't get any better. They went to the musical and John dropped Lisa home. "See you on Friday". Lisa let herself into the house and went to bed.

Her hen night was the following night and she and the girls were having a party in the local hotel. At the hotel a waiter came into the function room and called Lisa to one side. There is a telephone call for you. It is a man. Lisa was worried. Who would be calling her on her hen night.

When she got to the phone it was John's best friend. Hi Lisa it is Jim here. What is it. Has something happened to John? "Yes you could say that,. What's happened?, I can always cancel the Party." Don't do that. John will be alright. You go on with your party, but you call around to John's parent's house tomorrow night and you will find out". Lisa put down the phone but she was very disheartened about everything now. What could possibly be wrong. It was so close to their wedding day. Lisa got home that night and let herself into her own house. The house was dark upstairs but her parents had left the hall light on for her.

The following day at work she could not concentrate as she usually did. She came home from work and ate her dinner. Then she got ready to meet John. When she got to John's house he was outside with his friend Jim. When she saw him she knew Jim was playing a trick. She was very cross with Jim. You said that something happened to John. John gave her a kiss and said "I wanted you to come over so I could give you this. It is my wedding present to you. To my special girl that I will always love to the end of our days". "What is it?"

It was a red car. It must have been expensive. "John I love you and you will get my present to you on our wedding day", and they kissed in the Autumn sunshine.

Enda Clavin

Gardening in the Month of August



Essential tasks for August

Keep your garden looking its best with our guide to the essential jobs that need doing in August.

Flower garden

Watering container plants

Ensure containerised plants especially evergreens never go short of water during the summer while they're developing their flower buds for next spring's display. A shortage of water now can lead to a case of bud drop next year for plants, such as camellias and rhododendrons. Pots that have dried out should be submerged in water and left to soak for a few hours, ideally in a bowl, bath or water-butt. Even if it rains, pots often remain dry as they stand in the rain shadow of a house and their foliage acts as an umbrella. Keep your containerised plants healthy with our tips for effective watering.

Supporting plants

Support the stems of tall perennials and lilies with bamboo canes and watch out for lily beetles and their larvae. Pick any off and destroy them immediately.

Deadheading

Deadhead roses as the blooms fade, cutting off the flowers just above the uppermost leaf on the stem. Trim back lavender bushes after flowering to remove the old blooms and shoot tips. Take care not to cut back too heavily into any old wood. Removing faded flowers from perennials and annual plants will also ensure a continued display of blooms.

Dried flowers

Cut everlasting flowers, such as helichrysum and achillea, and grasses, such as pennisetum, when they are at their peak. Hang them upside down in a warm, airy position to dry naturally, ready for decorative arrangements.

Prune wisteria

Summer prune wisteria this month, shortening their long wispy sideshoots back to about five or six leaves from the main framework. If the plant's flowering performance was poor last spring, drench the soil with a high-potash fertiliser for an improvement.

Clematis

Clematis thrive in fertile, well-drained soil in sun or partial shade, but ensure the roots and base of plants are in the shade to keep them healthy. Blackened shoot tips may indicate clematis wilt. Cut out affected stems, but leave the main pruning until late winter and early spring. Discover the best way to train clematis.

General care

Holiday watering

There are several things you can do to help prevent plants drying out. Move any baskets and containers out of full sun to a position where they are shaded at the height of the day. Stand terracotta pots on gravel trays topped up with water, so the pots can gradually absorb the reservoir of liquid. You can also install an automatic trickle watering system on an outside tap, which is controlled by a timer and will turn water on and off each day.

Take Cuttings

Continue taking summer cuttings of fuchsias, pelargoniums and tender perennials. These root quickly at this time of year, forming sturdy young plants that will successfully overwinter on a bedroom windowsill. Many houseplants, including coleus and African violets, can also be propagated from cuttings now.

Trim hedges

Trim hedges, especially hedging conifers that can become tall and annoy neighbours. Be considerate, and cut their tops down to 3m (10ft) at a maximum.

Pests

Watch out for ants nesting in patio pots, where they can disturb root growth and reduce a plant's performance. Standing pots in a large saucer of water helps deter them from settling in. Vine weevil is a particular problem in greenhouses and patio pots. Now is a good time to treat compost with biological pest control nematodes, which search out and kill weevil larvae. They can also be applied to the soil around attacked plants.

Weeds

Hoe weeds out of gravel paths, then carefully apply a residual path weedkiller to keep the area weed-free.



Party Political

Cllr. Gerry McDonagh - Resigning County Council seat – to contest Leixlip Town Council Elections in 2009

Cllr Gerry McDonagh has tendered his resignation to Kildare County Council with effect from Friday 11th July 2008. He was co-opted in 2005 as replacement for Catherine Murphy following her election to Dail Eireann. In addition to his membership of the Council he has also been a member of several committees including, Kildare VEC; Kildare Community Network; Leixlip Area Committee; Twinning Committee, Finance Committee etc.

Cllr McDonagh had been primarily working as a full time councillor since the Autumn of 2007 when his contract of employment ended. He has recently become self employed and needs to invest considerable time into the start up phase. "I would find it impossible to do justice to both the Council and my new work commitments, he stated. With the present work climate and the state of the National Economy it is important that I focus primarily on my main source of income."

Cllr McDonagh said "he enjoyed his time on the Council and had made some good friends at Community, Councillor and Official Level, an aspect he will miss. He stated the experience was a real eye opener, and gave him an invaluable insider's view of the working of Kildare County Council and County Kildare Vocational Education Committee. "There was considerably more work involved than I had anticipated but I particularly enjoyed the representative role between the citizen and the Council. Being a Councillor is officially a "part time" job which is difficult to juggle with full time work, it can only realistically be done with the co-operation of the employer."

While I am resigning from the County Council I am confirming my intention to contest next years election to Leixlip Town Council. I believe the experience I have gained at County Council level would be a considerable asset at Town Council level. The less demanding work of a Town Councillor, the fact that meetings are held in the evenings, would allow me to continue making a contribution at local level. Having had a flavour of public representation I found it was often the small things that made a difference locally, repair of paths; new signage; and assisting people who were having difficulty knowing how to access information from the Council etc etc.

I have in my letter of resignation sought for Catherine Murphy to replace me I expect a decision on this at the Council's monthly meeting on 28th July 2008.

Phone...Gerry McDonagh 087-6782207

MURPHY WOULD BE HAPPY TO RETURN TO COUNCIL

The return of Catherine Murphy to Kildare County Council will be a decision for the 25 members of that Council. Legislation allows for political parties to select their own replacements however with Independents all Councillors across party lines, in the case of Kildare, must agree to the replacement. Murphy was automatically disqualified from membership of the Council following her election to Dail Eireann in March 2005 under the Duel Mandate rule. Cllr Gerry McDonagh also an Independent was co-opted in her place on her recommendation, this was agreed to by the majority of Councillors at the time.

She declared her intention to contest the County and Town Council elections earlier this year having taken time out following the loss of her Dail seat. "I decided to take a break after the General Election which was a big disappointment for me. I had contested three elections in the space of four years and had two really enjoyable but really hectic years in the Dail, I simply needed time to recharge my batteries and take time out to think. I also had some things I wanted to do in my personal which I had put on the long finger. The issues that drew me into politics to begin with I still feel strongly about today; the lack of integrated planning, the need to build and shape communities rather than just build houses, the provision of decent public transport options, these are all underpinned by the need to build a society that is fair, backed by an economy that provides the means."

I am optimistic that my return to the Council will be facilitated by the Council at the end of July. While I respect the fact this will require cross party support, the custom and practice of the Council has been an honourable one, to date the mandate given by the electorate at the previous local election has been respected.

Catherine Murphy 087-2696450

Features

Honour the people's No to Lisbon

In the July issue of this newsletter we posed the question: What will Taoiseach Brian Cowan do? Will he align himself with his own people and respect the Irish people's vote by telling his EU colleagues that Ireland cannot ratify Lisbon as it stands, and therefore there is no point in the remaining States continuing with their ratifications?

Regretfully, it is now clear that Taoiseach Cowan and Minister Michael Martin gave in to Franco-German and EU Commission pressures to permit the remaining Lisbon ratifications to continue. They could have stopped these by saying that Ireland cannot and will not ratify the Lisbon Treaty, as the Irish people have rejected it. Furthermore, it seems they have entered into a duplicitous strategy of shafting the Irish electorate's sovereign decision, as follows. Firstly, all remaining states proceed to ratify to bring about a 26/1 situation by year's end. Secondly, the Irish government launches an official enquiry as to why the majority of the Irish electorate rejected Lisbon. Next, a short shopping list of 'demands' on company taxation, human rights, neutrality etc. is drawn up for Sarkozy, Merkel and the Brussels bureaucrats. Some of these demands will be graciously granted as Declarations and tagged on to the Lisbon Treaty. Concessions on a permanent Commissioner will also be granted. Finally, with threats of eternal banishment from the new Federal Union, a massive Yes campaign will be launched to bludgeon Irish voters in a referendum re-run in the spring of 2009.

However, this strategy cannot alter the fact that the Lisbon Treaty will remain intact as the legal and constitutional basis for a federal European super state. The Declarations would soon be superseded and become irrelevant footnotes to the Treaty.

Accordingly, The People's Movement holds that a popular, democratic campaign urgently needs to be undertaken nationwide to defend the people's verdict of 12 June. In this regard we note the lead given by the people of Sligo. At its meeting on Monday, July 7th, Sligo County Council unanimously adopted a motion which rejected calls for a rerun of the referendum on the Lisbon treaty. The text of the motion is as follows:

Recognising that the will of the people as expressed at the ballot box is sovereign, and recognizing that if all member states of the EU do not ratify the Lisbon Treaty it does not pass into law, and further recognizing that the people of Ireland exercised their rights as citizens to reject the Lisbon Treaty, this Council rejects the calls from Europe to re-run the Lisbon Treaty referendum, and we call on the EU Commission, the EU Council of Ministers, the EU Parliament and the authorities in the other EU states to accept and respect the verdict of the Irish people, as they accepted the will of the French and Dutch people following their decision to reject the EU Constitution.

The People's Movement is requesting that the members of Kildare County Council follow suit so that all the people of Kildare, irrespective of how they voted on the referendum, can play their part in honouring the sovereign will of the Irish electorate. Finally, below are extracts from congratulatory messages received after the Ireland's vote from our sister organisations in Denmark and Sweden.

People's Movement in Denmark:

According to the EU's own rules the renamed EU Constitution is dead after the Irish No. If the EU will not respect this, we must demand a referendum in Denmark," says Søren Søndergaard, MEP for the People's Movement in Denmark, congratulating the Irish people on their referendum. "For the third time the EU constitution project has been rejected in a referendum. In 2005 the peoples of France and the Netherlands voted No. Now the Irish have said a clear No to the slightly re-written constitution, called the Lisbon Treaty. According to the EU's own rules the treaty is dead," states Søren Søndergaard, member of the EU parliament for the Danish People's Movement in Denmark.

People's Movement in Sweden:

The Swedish people congratulates and is very happy with the Irish people's impressive vote for a NO in your referendum. The victory is even more impressive as Ireland are the only EU member country that has a compelling constitutional right to consult the people, when national rights are challenged. It is also very encouraging that you in your NO-campaign to the Lisbon Treaty resisted all the deceit and lies from the YES-campaign and the superior EU establishment

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The People's Movement campaigns against any measures that further develop the EU into a federal super-state and works to defend and enhance popular sovereignty, democracy and social justice in Ireland. Visit <http://www.people.ie>



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Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Cllr. John McGinley's Submission on the Proposed Maynooth Development Plan

In response to Kildare County Council's invitation for Pre-Draft Submissions on the proposed Maynooth Local Area Plan Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following on rezoning any more land for housing:

"I believe that there is no case for rezoning any further land for housing in Maynooth for the following reasons:

The Kildare County Development Plan 2005 to 2011 states:

"Given the level of land currently zoned for housing (2,700 acres in the county) it is not anticipated that any further housing/residential zoning will be necessary during the period of this plan. This however does not preclude additional such zoning in specific locations where the council is satisfied that a clearly established need for such zoning is evident."

There are 3,800 housing units occupied in Maynooth at present.

There is enough land already zoned residential to build a further 2,010 units, 1,117 of which have already got planning permission.

So the size of Maynooth can increase by more than 50% without any further rezonings.

In my opinion it would be planning madness to rezone any further land for housing in the Proposed Maynooth Local Area Plan."

Anyone Interested in an Allotment?

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

"That consideration be given to providing allotments for rent on the 10 acres of land owned by the Council at Dublin Road, Maynooth."

Safety to the Rathcoffey Road Football Pitches:

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following question to the Leixlip Area Committee:

"What progress has been made on providing a safe route for children walking to the Rathcoffey Road football pitches in Maynooth?"

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Party Political

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Maynooth Traffic Management Plan

A draft copy of the Maynooth Traffic Management Plan proposals was discussed at the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council on 30th June.

The proposals include the new road from the Glenroyal junction across the bottom of the Harbour Field to emerge at Parson Street (This was part of the Harbour Action Area Plan). This proposal, when implemented, would result in Leinster Street becoming one way to The Harbour with footpaths on either side.

The size of the junction at Main Street/Straffan Road will be reduced with the three pedestrian crossings being moved closer together. The dangerous crossing at the Bank of Ireland will be integrated into the junction. The narrowing of the junction is being carried out at present.

The Mill Street carriageway would be reduced to 6m wide to encourage low traffic speeds. The footpath width on both sides would be increased to accommodate high pedestrian volumes. The traffic signals would be reconfigured to minimise queuing back from Main Street junction.

There will be no parking at the entrance to Carton Avenue to provide a large congregation area outside the school and there will be a new Pelican Crossing from Hands Corner across to Carton Avenue entrance.

The Plan also states that the Dublin Transportation Office are developing design proposals for a proposed Public Transport Interchange and Long-Term Car Parking Facilities at the Harbour Field. Cllr. John McGinley demanded that the Area Committee be kept fully informed of these proposals. It is Council Policy that any car parking at The Harbour Field would be underground.

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the changes that he wants made to the Traffic Management Plan and when these are included the proposals will go on public display for comments.

Changes to Pedestrian Lights in Maynooth:

Cllr. McGinley informed the members at the Area Meeting on 24th June that the sequence of the pedestrian lights in Maynooth have been changed and are now dangerous for children as they may have to wait for a minute or more for a green light

which might lead them to think the lights are broken as the lights used to change immediately for pedestrians. John asked that if they are to remain so timed that a monitor be erected at each crossing to advise pedestrians how long before the light will change to green.

Harbour Action Area Plan

The Leixlip Area Committee were given a progress report on the Integrated Urban Design Framework Plan for the Harbour Area at their meeting on 30th June. Talks are still taking place with the Health Service Executive on what can be done with the Community Hospital and the Health Centre and it is hoped that there will be a resolution soon. At the request of Cllr. McGinley the houses in Parson Street have been included in the new Plan. The Area Engineer has also advised John that she will be carrying out the badly needed drainage and resurfacing of Leinster Street shortly.

Unfortunately, P. & G. Dormer has appealed the Council's refusal for this eyesore at the back of Parson Street to An Bord Pleanala. Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to make their views known to An Bord Pleanala. John and his colleague Deputy Emmet Stagg have also lodged observations to the Bord.

MCGINLEY LODGES OBSERVATIONS AGAINST APPEAL ON 5 STOREY DEVELOPMENT AT PARSON STREET/HARBOUR AREA, MAYNOOTH.

Cllr. John McGinley has expressed his great disappointment that P. & G. Dormer has appealed the Council's refusal of planning permission for 98 housing units and 10 retail units in 5-storey blocks with flat roofs, behind 11 to 18 Parson Street, Maynooth, to An Bord Pleanala.

Cllr. McGinley and his colleague Deputy Emmet Stagg have lodged observations in relation to the appeal lodged by P. & G. Dormer to An Bord Pleanala.

It is Cllr. McGinley's view that there is only one opportunity to get the development of the Harbour Action Area Lands right. The area is so large and significant that we must get it right, otherwise the townscape of Maynooth Town Centre will become an ugly development out of character with town's history. The proposal before An Bord Pleanala seeks to excessively develop the area to the exclusion of a co-ordinated approach. The Design takes no account

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of the unique Architectural Heritage of Maynooth or of the Historical Context of the Site. Cllr. McGinley and Deputy Stagg have called on An Bord Pleanála to comprehensively refuse planning permission for the proposal.

As Cllr. McGinley has stated in his original objection to Kildare County Council this Area needs to be developed as one project preferably by one major developer. It is essential to ensure that this sensitive area is developed to the highest standard and that we get the mix of developments right by looking at the whole area rather than just this one site in isolation.

Proposed Extension of 66 and 67 Bus Routes

The Council have agreed to Cllr. John McGinley's proposal and they will be working with Dublin representatives to see how the proposed extensions could be carried out.

John has passed on the views of the Beaufield and Meadowbrook Residents' Associations on the proposed extension of the 66 bus to the Council and Dublin Bus.

67A Bus Stops at Griffin Rath Estate, Maynooth--Inbound & Outbound--Hardstand Provision:

Cllr. John McGinley and his colleague Deputy Emmet Stagg have been putting pressure on Dublin Bus and Kildare County Council for some time now in getting bus stops at the entrance to Griffin Rath Estate.

The outbound bus stop is in place and Dublin Bus has advised Deputy Stagg that the inbound hard stand will be done in mid July. Once the hardstand is in place both inbound and outbound buses will be serving Griffin Rath Estate.

Improvement Works at the Public Car Park in Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following reply to his motion:

"The Litter Warden will investigate the report of illegal dumping at the ESB sub station in Maynooth.

There are plans to locate a broadband hub at

this site (similar in scale to an electricity substation). Once this has been finalised, the position of the banks will be adjusted to reduce opportunities for illegal dumping."

STAGG WELCOMES CLIMB-DOWN BY GORMLEY OVER LOWER LIFFEY VALLEY SEWERAGE SCHEME

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the climb-down by the Minister for Environment over his decision to delay the Lower Liffey Valley Regional Sewerage Scheme though the introduction of new forms of contracts.

The Minister stated Deputy Stagg issued a circular on May 6th last stating that major contracts must use new forms of contracts from 13th February, 2008. This put in jeopardy the substantial work already completed by Kildare Co. Council on the Lower Liffey Scheme which will cost €12 Million and involved improvements to the sewer networks and pump stations in Celbridge, Kilcock, Leixlip and Maynooth. Work was due to start this Summer but was put on hold following the Ministers dictat.

Deputy Stagg asked the Minister to reconsider his decision based on the significant pollution risk which would be caused by the Ministers decision and which would have set the project back by 18 months.

The Minister has now advised Deputy Stagg that the Minister For Finance has agreed that, in order to avoid delay in project delivery, there should be some flexibility in relation to the application of the new forms of fixed price contracts and that, subject to certain conditions, tenders for water services contracts received before May 6th using the old form of contract should be allowed to proceed. Tenders for the collection network contracts under the Lower Liffey Valley Scheme were received prior to May 6th and accordingly this contract may proceed.

Welcoming the climb-down Deputy Stagg stated that the decision would now allow Kildare Co. Council to proceed with the work thus eliminating serious pollution risks.

Deputy Stagg also raised the issue of the delay in the Castlewarden to Ballygoran Water Supply Scheme with the Minister but the Minister has stated that Tenders were not invited for this project in time. Deputy Stagg intends to pursue this matter further with the Minister.

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HSE RELENT TO PRESSURE FROM STAGG ON PROVISION OF REPLACEMENT AUDIOLOGIST FOR CHILDREN

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Health in relation to the decision to suspend the appointment of a replacement audiologist to carry out hearing tests for children in Kildare whilst there was a review of the delivery of the overall Audiology Service and pointed out that not filling the position would not help in reducing the waiting times for Hearing Tests for Children.

The HSE have now responded to Deputy Stagg indicating that a previous attempt to fill the position of Head of Audiology had been unsuccessful but that they intended to re-advertise the post in the coming weeks. The HSE also advised Deputy Stagg that they were seeking to fill the post of an Audiology Scientist on a temporary basis but were experiencing difficulties in obtaining applicants.

Welcoming the fact that the decision to defer the filling of these posts has been changed Deputy Stagg that it was critical that greater urgency was given to securing the right people for the Audiology Service in Kildare given that waiting times for hearing tests for children had risen from 3 to 4 weeks in June 2006 to 3 to 6 months now.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg indicated that he would continue to apply pressure on both the Government and the HSE on this issue.

NOT ENOUGH BEEN DONE TO REDUCE WAITING TIMES FOR EYE TESTS FOR CHILDREN

Deputy Emmet Stagg has continued to press the Government and the HSE in relation to the unacceptable waiting times for Eye Tests for Children at Maynooth and Naas Health Centres which have doubled since April 2007.

The HSE recently advised Deputy Stagg that the waiting time for new referrals in both Maynooth and Naas is now 13 months. Just over a year ago the waiting times were 8 months in Maynooth and 7 months in Naas. The HSE have also advised Deputy Stagg that extra clinic's are being organised in Maynooth Health Centre for the Month of June.

Reacting to the response from the HSE Deputy Stagg stated that the waiting times were a disgrace and additional clinic's should be arranged each month in

both Maynooth and Naas Health Centres with a view to eliminating the waiting times. It is extraordinary that children are treated in such a shabby way by the Government and it smacks of a push to privatise the service by effectively forcing parents who are concerned with their children's eyesight into using Private Opticians.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he intended to increase pressure on Minister Harney on this issue until service delivery improved to a point where waiting times are practically eliminated.

252 ELDERLY PEOPLE AWAITING LONG TERM CARE OR HOME CARE PACKAGES IN CO. KILDARE

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Health in relation to the number of elderly people awaiting admission to a Public Nursing Home in Co. Kildare and the numbers awaiting assessment for Home Care Packages.

The HSE have advised Deputy Stagg that there are 107 people on the waiting list for long stay beds in Co. Kildare, 16 of whom are in acute hospital beds, and 145 people are on a waiting list to be assessed for Home Care Packages.

Describing the figures as appalling Deputy Stagg stated that the Government was failing to provide adequate services for 252 elderly people in Co. Kildare which was a shocking indictment of their policy on care of the aged. The fact of the matter is they simply couldn't care less and expect family members, neighbours and friends to care for people without proper training or support.

Our elderly citizens built up our Country to what it is today and Deputy Stagg indicated that he would continue to press the Minister and the HSE on these issues until proper services were put in place for the most valued members of our Community.

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Affordable Home Ownership – Easily accessible Information for the first time.

Mr. Michael Finneran, T.D., Minister for Housing, Urban Renewal and Developing Areas has launched an important new resource for affordable home purchase, nationwide. **The local authorities and the Affordable Homes Partnership are to market affordable homes available for purchase around Ireland on one website for the first time.** This site will provide extensive information on affordable home ownership and later this year, it will be extended to support also direct applications for affordable home purchase.

It was created at the request of the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and is collaboration between the Affordable Homes Partnership and all local authorities.

In welcoming the initiative, Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick urged anyone seeking an affordable home to check out this new website www.affordablehome.ie "Getting information on availability, eligibility criteria and application forms is now a much simpler process thanks to this new initiative, said Deputy Fitzpatrick. . Effectively, this website is a full information resource on affordable homes and will help everyone involved in affordable home provision such as public representatives, the construction sector and the general public.

This new website will also be an invaluable resource for everyone engaged in the development of affordable homes. The site will act as a direct access for prospective buyers to the affordable homes market. It is a very positive move by the local authorities and the Affordable Homes Partnership that will assist home searchers everywhere.

Each local authority has a page on the site, which provides information on their specific eligibility criteria and a copy of their application form. Affordable homes, which are available in each area, can now also be comprehensively detailed on this user-friendly website. There will also be information on each home, from size, features and useful facts on the locality.

In an attempt to facilitate the many new international communities in Ireland, information on the new website is translated into Polish, Lithuanian and Chinese as well as Irish. The first three languages were chosen based on CSO data and will help local authorities deal with queries from the public.

New Look , Easy to Use on line Certificate Service with a turnaround of just 1 / 2 working days!

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick T.D. welcomes the introduction of this new service. Click on to www.birthsdeathsmarriages.ie and take the stress out of obtaining your Certificates without having to take time off work. Have your Birth, Death or Marriage Certificate posted to you @ your work place/home. In addition, there is a Worldwide service for anyone born in the Republic of Ireland. Civil or religious Marriage Certificates.

Email customerservices@birthsdeathsmarriages.ie or phone +353 1 801 33 33 for more information on these services.

Funding boost to keep Kildare clean – Fitzpatrick

Kildare is to receive a funding boost from the Government to tackle litter and graffiti.

"Kildare County Council will receive €32,000 from the Department of the Environment for public education and

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awareness in relation to litter and graffiti.”

“Kildare County Council is obliged to implement the Litter Pollution Act but will now include anti-graffiti awareness initiatives such as local media campaigns, clean-ups, primary and secondary school competitions, exhibitions and the production of videos, posters and leaflets.”

“This funding will be focussed where it is needed most as decided by Kildare County Council and will be particularly directed towards schools and voluntary initiatives by community groups who are working to clean up our towns and villages.”

“Keeping Kildare clean and keeping our towns and villages graffiti free keeps our communities more attractive and appealing for tourists and local businesses and it has a positive knock-on effect for us all,” concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

Good news for eligible students as Grant Income Limits increase - Fitzpatrick

The income limits for student maintenance grants are set to increase in time for the start of the 2008 academic year according to local Fianna Fail T.D.; Michael Fitzpatrick.

“The income limits are being increased in line with movements in the average industrial wage for students in receipt of the standard rates of grant.”

“The top limit for grant eligibility where there are less than four dependent children has been increased from €48,335 to €49,690. This will result in over 56,000 students from households with moderate incomes not having to pay the student service charge.”

“The increase in the income limits recognises wage increases and will increase the numbers of eligible students.”

“The annual income threshold for maintenance grants has also increased from €18,055 to €20,147 to reflect social welfare increases. This will help to ensure that students from families with the lowest incomes qualify for maximum rates of grants.”

“It is important that the financial constraints on students are recognised and practical supports are provided.”

“Anyone who thinks they might be eligible should check the ‘Students and Trainees’ section of the Department website, www.education.ie,” concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

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Explore Ireland's Rich Cultural Heritage by Bus !

Dr Martin Mansergh, TD, Minister of State with responsibility for the Office of Public Works and the Arts, has launched the Dublin Cultúr Bus, a free 12 noon to 5:pm shuttle bus service operating on Sundays between the city's National Cultural Institutions and other visitor attractions.

The free bus, which will run until the end of September serves:

Merrion Square, Dublin 2 (National Gallery of Ireland)

Dame Street, (Chester Beatty Library and Temple Bar)

Market Street off Thomas Street, (Guinness Storehouse)

Military Road, (Irish Museum of Modern Art)

Wolfe Tone Quay, (National Museum of Ireland, Collins Barracks - *Decorative Arts and History*)

Parnell Square, (Dublin City Gallery, the Hugh Lane; Dublin Writers' Museum and the James Joyce Centre)

Nassau Street, (National Museum of Ireland, Kildare Street - *Archaeology*; Trinity College - the *Book of Kells* and the new *Science Gallery*)

The Cultúr Bus service runs every thirty minutes. The first bus departs from the National Gallery of Ireland, (Merrion Square entrance) at noon each Sunday.

Agreeing with Minister Mansergh, Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick said "Cultural activities provide people of all ages with opportunities to spend enjoyable recreational time together. A variety of events and exhibitions are planned to explore in our capital throughout the summer. With free access to many of these exhibitions combined now with this free Sunday bus service, I would particularly encourage the people of Kildare to enjoy all that our cultural heritage has to offer." We live so close to Dublin, it is the perfect opportunity for families to enjoy a lovely day out exploring our rich culture".

Further details about Ireland's designated **National Cultural Institutions** are available on the Council of National Cultural Institutions (CNCI) website (www.cnci.ie)

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Aine Brady T.D.

School uniform assistance available for eligible families - Brady

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 from this month."

"Over 190,000 primary and post-primary pupils around the country benefit from this allowance."

"This vital allowance is to be increased by 15% from last year."

"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."

"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."

"It may seem early to be planning for next year as primary schools break up for the summer, but it often suits families to spread the cost over the summer months and the Government is keen to facilitate that."

"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.

Progress on Waste Water Investment for Kildare says Brady

Deputy Aine Brady has been informed by the Minister of State at the Department of the Environment, Michael Kitt TD, that significant Waste Water Infrastructural projects in Kildare will be allowed to proceed, subject to sanctioning arrangements, under the old form of contract, which should reduce the time-line for the projects. The projects which will benefit from the announcement include the Lower Liffey Valley Sewerage Scheme and the Derrinturn Waster Water Treatment Works (WWTW).

'In October 2006, the Government introduced new forms of fixed price contract for public sector construction projects in order to limit the risk of cost over-runs, and achieve better value for money for the state. Transitional arrangements for contracts which were being advanced under the old form of contracts came to an end on 13th of February last.'

'The ending of this transitional arrangement meant that the Lower Liffey Valley Sewerage Scheme and the Derrinturn WWTW would have had to be retendered. This had the potential to significantly add to the delay in the roll out of these much needed projects.'

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'I, together with some of my party colleagues, made representations to Minister Kitt and the Minister for Finance and sought a dispensation for these projects which had reached a very advanced stage in the tendering process. The Ministers have now confirmed that these contracts will be allowed to proceed under the old form, subject to final details to be worked out in the coming days. This will significantly reduce the timescale for the projects.' concluded Deputy Brady.

Unemployed young people to be given opportunity to return to education – Brady

Young people who are out of work for more than six months are to be given the opportunity to return to education, according to Kildare North Fianna Fail T.D., Áine Brady.

"The Minister for Social and Family Affairs announced this week that the €71million available under the Back to Education Allowance Scheme this year will be specifically targeted at young men and women between the ages of 18 and 25 who are signing on the Live Register."

"The Minister has asked the officials in her Department to operate a specific programme over the summer months to identify and contact young people who may be eligible to qualify for the Back to Education Allowance Scheme."

"Recent CSO figures showed an increase in the amount of young people signing on, and the Government is keen to address the trend."

"The Back to Education Allowance Scheme enables participants to receive a weekly rate of payment equivalent to their second or third level education. This payment is not means tested and there is also an additional payment of €500 paid to participants at the start of the academic year."

"This financial assistance enables people to return to education, up-skill or re-skill, with a view to improving their future employment prospects."

"In the last academic year almost 9,000 men and women availed of the Back to Education Allowance Scheme. It is a very successful scheme and I would like to encourage anyone who is struggling to find work to investigate their eligibility," concluded Deputy Brady.

DTA Bill will bring Focus to Transport Policy says Brady

Deputy Aine Brady, Convenor of the Joint Oireachtas Transport Committee, has welcomed the passing of the Dublin Transportation Authority Bill 2008 through the Dail's Transport Committee and said that the Bill will bring benefits to Kildare Commuters.

'The purpose of the Bill is to set up the Dublin Transportation Authority (DTA) so that we can get the effective implementation of Transport 21 and a coherent Integrated Transport System for the Greater Dublin Area. Kildare is included, by definition in the Bill, as been part of the Greater Dublin Area (GDA).'

'The Authority will be responsible for the Integrated Ticketing project, to promote Public Transport with a common Brand and to procure the necessary Public Passenger Transport Services. It will ensure, for the first time, that there will be a single accountable body responsible for the management of the surface transport in the GDA.'

'The Authority will ensure that more buses and a better train service will be provided for Kildare Commuters. The big advantage of the Authority will be the streamlining in the delivery of Transport 21 and related projects.'

'The Minister for Transport has also informed me that he intends to reform the 1932 Transportation Act. This will ensure that the kind of anti competitive practices, such as those alleged to have taken place on some of the Circleline routes, will be outlawed.' concluded Deputy Brady.

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Gaps in Broadband Coverage to be addressed

Deputy Aine Brady has been informed by the Minister for Communications, Eamon Ryan TD, that it is his priority to ensure that the final gaps in Broadband Coverage will be addressed in the near future. The information came following a Parliamentary Question to the Minister after Deputy Brady raising the issue of Broadband Coverage in the Timahoe area.

'Although broadband is now widely available in Ireland there are still some parts of the country where the private sector will be unable to justify the commercial provision of broadband services. These areas are being addressed by the National Broadband Scheme (NBS), which will provide broadband services to areas that are currently unserved and will ensure that all reasonable requests for broadband are met.' stated Deputy Brady.

'The first phase of the NBS procurement process (Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ)) is now complete. The remaining candidates have been engaged in "Competitive Dialogue" with the Department and are developing their proposed solutions to meet the Department's requirements.'

'The widespread provision of broadband services continues to be a priority for the Government. It is currently expected that a preferred bidder for the NBS will be selected in September 2008, with rollout to commence as soon as possible thereafter.' concluded Deputy Brady.

Details of broadband suppliers, prices and locations throughout the country are available on www.broadband.gov.ie.

€89,000 for Youth Clubs in Kildare says Brady

Deputy Aine Brady has been informed by the Minister for Education and Science, Batt O'Keeffe TD, that Kildare is to receive €89,000 towards the support of youth groups and schools in Kildare.

'The Government has allocated the funding from the Dormant Accounts Fund and RAPID Leverage Fund to enhance facilities for youth groups and schools.' stated Deputy Brady.

'Since getting elected last year, I have highlighted to all relevant Government Ministers, the requirement to continue to invest in facilities for our youth. Kildare has seen rapid residential development in recent years, and we must continue to invest in matching community and youth facilities.'

€1,000 Childminding Grant Launched says Brady

Deputy Aine Brady has been informed by the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, Barry Andrews TD, that his Department has launched the New Childminders Development Grant, allowing for a Childminder to invest in Equipment, Toys or minor household adaptations to assist in childminding.

'The new Childminders Development Grant scheme contains a number of significant improvements, including a major increase in the maximum grant from €630 to €1,000 for Childminders, the Grant is also available to Childminders who have already been grant aided under the EOCP (Equal Opportunities Childcare Programme) scheme.'

'We must continue to invest in Childcare facilities. For many families, childminding is the primary source of childcare provision for their children and this is mainly due to the home-from-home environment that it offers. The Government recognises the valuable contribution of childminders and has established a variety of supports for the childminding sector.'

'Full Details of the Childminding Grant can be obtained from the Kildare County Childcare Committee in Kildare.' concluded Deputy Brady.

Further Details:

Kildare County Childcare Committee - www.kildarechildcare.ie - 045 861 307

Office of the Minister for Children - www.omc.ie

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Childcare Benefit: Check your entitlements: Local 1 890 400 400. www.welfare.ie

Carers Respite Grant increased in June

Deputy Aine Brady has welcomed the increase in the annual Respite Care Grant for carers, which has increased by €200 to €1,700, and is applicable from Thursday 5th of June last.

'Over the last two years, I have met with the Minister for Finance and lobbied to improve the conditions for our carers. The Respite Care Grant, which is not means tested, is paid automatically to any carer who is in receipt of Carer's Allowance and Carer's Benefit. It is available to all carers providing full-time carer and attention to an older person or a person with disability.'

'If carers provide full-time care for more than one person, they are entitled to €1,700 in respect of each person that they are caring for. Full details on carers entitlements can be got from the Carers Association in Naas or Carers Ireland on 1 850 24 07 24, or the Department of Social Affairs on 1890 66 22 44.'

EU proposal to encourage children to eat more fruit welcome – Brady

The European Commission has put forward a proposal to establish an EU scheme to provide free fruit and vegetable to school children according to local Fianna Fail T.D. Áine Brady.

"The proposal comes following discussions on the reform of the EU Fruit and Vegetables regime."

"It has been proposed that Member States opting to engage in the scheme will match the EU funding and set up additional national strategies including educational and awareness raising initiatives."

"It is only right that we should be encouraging children to eat more fruit and vegetables and formulate healthy eating habits at a time when childhood obesity is on the rise."

"The proposal for this scheme has gone to the European Council and Parliament and it is aimed to have the legislation adopted in time for the 2009/2010 school year."

"The national 'Food Dudes' programme is already running in national schools to encourage children to try and enjoy fruit and vegetables."

"I am hopeful that the EU Scheme to provide free fruit and vegetables will work successfully in conjunction with the 'Food Dudes' programme and will provide children with the tools form healthy eating habits for life," concluded Deputy Brady.

Smoke Alarm Scheme gets increased funding says Brady

Deputy Aine Brady has been informed by the Minister of State at the Department of the Environment, Michael Kitt TD, that €800,000 has been approved for the Community Smoke Alarm Scheme nationwide.

'The Smoke Alarm Scheme is a 2 year initiative to install smoke alarms in vulnerable households nationwide and is administered by the local authorities with assistance from the voluntary sector.' stated Deputy Brady.

'In 2007, local authorities typically purchased 500 alarms (2 per household) and this fund was used to recoup the local authorities in respect of the costs incurred.'

'Given the success of the scheme the funding has now been increased by 60% on last years level and it will allow us enhance our community based fire prevention strategy.' concluded Deputy Brady who was also informed that Kildare Co Co would receive an allocation to purchase a new fire appliance as part of a €10 million national investment in our fire appliances

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I think there is no doubt that the " summer " as experienced so far has been a complete washout. Day after day of constant heavy rain with strong winds and dense dark clouds are not what we would hope or expect at this time of year.

It almost seems appropriate or maybe coincidental that it matches the dark, gloomy and depressive constant reports that we are bombarded with via newspapers, radio and tv reports with regard to the economy and the short term outlook.

While there is little we can do to change the weather, except make the most of it, or try and take evasive action and get a good deal on a holiday abroad if possible and if we are lucky enough, there are things we can do to help avoid the worst consequences of an economic downturn.

We can do our best on an individual basis, on a company by company basis, to ensure that we give 100% effort to our work, that we cut our expenses and outlays to the best we can, that we work together, that we do all we can to maintain a positive perspective on our role in the economy etc etc. In my view, particularly as experienced in the residential property market, constant bad news reports and negativity without doubt contributes to an expansion of bad consequences. A recent article by one economist advising that nobody should buy property for the next 1 to 2 years, received premium exposure in a national newspaper and was the subject of a long detailed report on the national radio airwaves. This one economist without doubt has contributed to at least some people deciding not to buy, and the issue is it is only his personal opinion – many others would contradict his outlook and advise that if a person is selling now at a lower price than they would have achieved a year or two ago, the balance is maintained, because in turn they can buy their next house at a lower level than they would have a year or so ago, also. This is what makes the world go around, particularly the economic world. Its not all gloom and doom, opportunity presents itself if we go looking for it. Many would in fact advise purchasers that now is a good time to buy as prices will no doubt turn the corner and start to increase again, albeit at a slower rate.

Brid Feely
Editor.

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Features

Facts about September

Gemstone: **Sapphire**
Flower: **Aster**

The name September comes from the old Roman word 'septem', which means seven, because in the Roman calendar it was the seventh month. The Anglo-Saxons called it Gerst monath (Barley month), because it was their time when they harvested, or Harvest month.

The Romans believed that the month of September was looked after by the god Vulcan. As the god of the fire and forge they therefore expected September to be associated with fires, volcanic eruptions and earthquakes.

Corn Dolly

There is a custom of making corn dollies. A corn dolly was supposed to have been the spirit of the corn goddess and dates back hundreds of years. People believed that the corn goddess lived in the corn and would die when the corn was harvested unless some of it was saved. So to make sure the corn goddess stayed alive until next spring sowing, a corn dolly was made from the last sheaf of corn for the corn goddess to rest in until the next season.

Great Fire of London

The Great Fire of London, which started on 2nd September, 1666, at the house of a baker named Farrynnes in Pudding Lane, destroyed two-thirds of the city. Included in the destruction were 899 churches, 13,200 houses and 430 streets.

America's Day of Terror

On 11th September 2001 nineteen al-Qaida terrorists hijacked four passenger airlines, flying two of them into the twin towers of the World Trade Centre and one into the Pentagon. The fourth crashed into a field near Pittsburgh. Nearly 3,000 people were killed in the attacks.

Food in Season in September

Damsons and plums

Damsons are blue-black fruit which look like small plums. They can be eaten raw when ripe but there is as much stone as there is flesh. They are best

cooked, which brings out their sweet, spicy flavour, and put into pies and crumbles, jams, jellies, ice cream, fools and sorbets. An old English recipe using damsons is damson cheese, which is a rich confection of fruit, potted and aged before eating. Many winemakers are eager to harvest the fruit for their home brew.

Try some damson recipes.

Blackberries

Blackberries can be gathered as soon as they ripen from red berries into dark, plump berries and can be eaten fresh (they only keep for a short time) or preserved into excellent jelly or jam - although the latter can be a bit 'pippy'. They are also delicious in pies, crumbles, ice cream, fools and summer puddings. They are a natural partner for the first of the cooking apples. Blackberry and apple jam and crumble are popular recipes. Blackberries also make an excellent match for rich or gamey meat such as venison, lamb or pheasant.

Try some blackberry recipes.

Autumn lamb

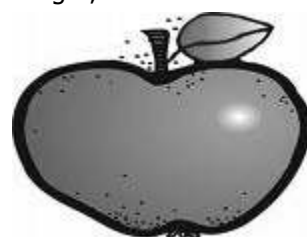
Autumn lamb is available until the end of October and tends to have more flavour than spring lamb owing to the maturity of the meat. It is the perfect partner to other autumnal produce such as orchard fruit and root vegetables. A butterfly boned leg of lamb cooks wonderfully on the barbecue for late summer days. Autumn lamb should be readily available from butchers and supermarkets. Look out for bright red meat and white fat as a sign of freshness.

(See our Recipe features Lamb Chops with Rosemary)

Apples

Worcester Pearmain, Bramleys, Discoveries, Early Windsors and Cox's Orange Pippins should all be making an appearance this month. Some of these are available in supermarkets, but searching out local growers and visiting orchards will give you an even wider choice and the apples should be at their freshest. Use Bramleys in pies and crumbles, or bake them whole with some brown sugar, butter and spices. Slices of caramelised apple also go wonderfully with meat, especially pork.

See our Recipe feature for Rhubarb and Fruit Crumble



Poetry Corner

Growth

Seedlings blow everywhere in a purring breeze
 Resting on defined ground of fertile growth
 All lifes vegetable grow such as these
 As a gardener sows his domestic seed onward
 forth

Brown soil of earth been a foundation of life
Trees of all sizes cares the country green land
As for the rain they grow with little plight
Fruit and veg grow with help of mother natures
hand

Both soil and rain together a blessing to us all
Without their elements mankind world never survive

A miracle to us all is this nature's call
 Keeping man and vegetation together so alive
 What is the miracle force that makes everything
 grow

Along valleys and hills caressed by the sky
Of this gifted growth we do not know
On the blowing meadows in ecstasy I lye.

Patrick Murray

The Rainbow

MY heart leaps up when I behold
A rainbow in the sky:

So was it when my life began;
So is it now I am a man;
So be it when I shall grow
Or let me die!

The Child is father of the Man;
I could wish my days to be
Bound each to each by natural piety.

William Wordsworth. 1770-1850

"I Would I Were a Careless Child"

I would I were a careless child,
Still dwelling in my Highland cave,
Or roaming through the dusky wild,
Or bounding o'er the dark blue wave;
The cumbrous pomp of Saxon pride,
Accords not with the freeborn soul,
Which loves the mountain's craggy side,
And seeks the rocks where billows roll.

Fortune! Take back these cultur'd lands,
Take back this name of splendid sound!
I hate the touch of servile hands,
I hate the slaves that cringe around:
Place me among the rocks I love,
Which sound to Ocean's wildest roar;
I ask but this – again to rove
Through scenes my youth hath known before.

Few are my years, and yet I feel
The World was ne'er design'd for me:
Ah! Why do dark'ning shades conceal
The hour when man must cease to be?
A visionary scene of bliss:
Truth – wherefore did thy hated beam
Awake me to a world like this?

I lov'd – but those I lov'd are gone;
Had friends – my early friends are fled:
How cheerless feels the heart alone,
 When all its former hopes are dead!
Though gay companions o'er the bowl
 Dispel awhile the sense of ill;
Though Pleasure stirs the maddening soul,
 The heart – the heart – is lonely still.

How dull! to hear the voice of those
Whom Rank of Chance, whom Wealth or Power,
Have made, though neither friends nor foes,
Associates of the festive hour.
Give me again a faithful few,
In years and feelings still the same,
And I will fly the midnight crew,
Where boist'rous Joy is but a name.

And Woman, lovely Woman! thou,
My hope, my comforter, my all!
How cold must be my bosom now,
When e'en thy smiles begin to pall!
Without a sigh would I resign,
This busy scene of splendid Woe,
To make that calm contentment mine,
Which Virtue knows, or seems to know.

Fain would I fly the haunts of men –
 I seek to shun, not hate mankind;
 My breast requires the sullen glen,
 Whose gloom may suit a darken'd mind.
 Oh! that to me the wings were given,
 Which bear the turtle to her nest!
 Then would I cleave the vault of Heaven,
 To flee away, and be at rest.

Lord Byron (1788-1824)

Features

HANDY TIPS

DAMAGED, DRY HAIR:

A nourishing conditioner for dry or damaged hair which can be used for all hair types: Separate the white of an egg from the yolk, whip it to a peak. Add 1 Tbls. water to the yolk and blend until the mixture is creamy. Then mix the white and yolk together. Wet your hair with warm water, remove the excess moisture, and apply the mixture to your scalp with your fingertips. Massage gently until the froth is worked into your scalp, then rinse the hair with cool water. Keep applying the mixture until it is used up and then rinsed until all of the egg is washed away

ECZEMA:

Rub a whole nutmeg against a smooth stone slab with a little water and make a paste. Apply on affected parts. (Note: It is believed by some rural, old fashioned practitioners that instead of water, one's own early morning saliva can be used for better results.)

GUM IN HAIR:

Soak the gum-coated hair in Coke® and it should wipe out easily.

INSECT BITES:

Mix water with cornstarch into a paste and apply. This is effective in drawing out the poisons of most insect bites and is also an effective remedy for diaper rash.

MORNING SICKNESS:

Mix 1 tsp. each fresh juice of mint and lime, and 1 Tbls. honey. Take 3 times a day.

STOMACH ACHE:

A simple cure for a stomach ache is to dissolve 1 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon in 1 cup warm water, cover and let sit for 15 minutes, then drink it like tea. This remedy can also ease diarrhoea and flatulence.

SUNBURN:

Mix 2 tsp. tomato juice and 1/4 cup buttermilk. Apply to affected area. Rinse after 1/2 hour.

WARTS:

Try taping a slice of garlic to the wart. Be sure to first protect the surrounding skin with petroleum jelly.

WEAK NAILS:

To strengthen and shine nails, combine 2 tsp. salt, 2 tsp. castor oil, and 1 tsp. wheat germ oil and mix thoroughly. Pour into bottle. Shake before using. To use, rub a small amount into your nails. Leave on 3-5 minutes and tissue off. Follow up with more plain castor oil, if desired.

BRUISES:

Slice a raw onion and place over the bruise. Do not apply this to broken skin.

SORE THROAT:

Mix 1 tsp. lime juice and 1 table spoon honey. Swallow tiny amounts slowly 2-3 times a day.

COSTUME JEWELLERY:

Put a piece of chalk in your jewellery box to prevent costume jewellery from tarnishing.

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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Know Your Rights

Question

I am starting college in the autumn. How can I get a student grant and how much is it?

Answer

The Higher Education Grants provides means-tested grants to eligible students on approved courses. Application forms are available from your local authority, which administers the grant. For the academic year 2008/2009 the application should be with the local authority by 29 August 2008.

The Scheme is also available to students who are attending full-time undergraduate courses of at least two year's duration in publicly funded third-level institutions in other EU member states, with certain exceptions.

The Family income limits (for 1 Jan—31 December 2007) are as follows:

Number of dependent children	Full Maintenance and full fees	Part maintenance (75%) and full fees	Part Maintenance (50%) and full fees	Part Maintenance (25%) and full fees	Part fees (50%) only
Less than 4	€ 39,760	€ 42,235	€ 44,720	€ 47,205	€ 49,690
4-7	€ 43,680	€ 46,415	€ 49,145	€ 51,880	€ 54,605
8 or more	€ 47,430	€ 50,400	€ 53,360	€ 56,320	€ 59,280

The limits can be increased by a further €4,815 where there are two children attending full-time third-level education, and further €4,815 for each additional child,

The maintenance grant rates for 2008 are as follows:

	Non-adjacent rate	Adjacent rate
Full maintenance	€ 3,420	€ 1,370
Part Maintenance (75%)	€ 2,565	€ 1,030
Part Maintenance (50%)	€ 1,710	€ 658
Part Maintenance (25%)	€ 855	€ 345

The adjacent rate is paid If you normally reside 24km or less from your college. Mature students will receive the non-adjacent rate in all cases.

There are special rates of Maintenance grants for disadvantaged students ; € 6,690 for the non—adjacent rate and €2, 680 for the adjacent rate. The income limit for these grants is € 20, 147. You must be receiving an eligible social welfare or other payment.

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Question

What is the Back to Education Allowance scheme?

Answer

The Back to Education Allowance (BTEA) scheme provides support to people receiving certain welfare payments in order to take a course in second or third-level education. It provides a weekly payment that is not means-tested, so it won't be affected if you are also receiving an education maintenance grant.

There are minimum age requirements depending on your circumstances and the course you wish to pursue. To be eligible you must be receiving one of the following payments:

- Jobseeker's Allowance or Benefit
- One-Parent Family Payment
- Farm Assist
- Deserted Wife's Benefit/Allowance
- Widow/Widower's Contributory or Non-Contributory Pension
- Prisoner's Wife's Allowance
- Carer's Allowance (after your caring responsibilities have finished)

To qualify for BTEA at second level, you must have been getting the payment for at least six months. At third level the requirement is usually 12 months in meeting these requirements, you can also include time spent on Back to Education or Back to Work Allowance, training courses with FAS or Fáilte Ireland, Community Employment or Rural Social Schemes, VTOS, Job Initiative, job Assist Supplement Welfare Allowance, or time in direct provision or in prison.

You can also qualify for BTEA if you getting illness Benefit for two years or more, if you are awarded statutory redundancy and are entitled to one of the above payments; or over 18 years and getting Blind Pension, Disability Allowance Invalidity Pension or Incapacity Supplement for the required time.

You will get the maximum standard rate for the payment that qualified you for the scheme. Also, an annual Cost of Education of €500 is paid at the start of each academic year. You may keep any secondary benefits you are getting but if your income increases it may affect your secondary benefits you are getting but if your income increases it may affect your entitlement to Rent or Mortgage interest Supplement.

You can obtain the application form BTE 1 from your Social Welfare office or the Lo-call leaflet service at 1890 202 325

Question

We have just returned from a package holiday in Spain. Unfortunately the holiday was a disaster as we did not have the hotel facilities that we were promised in the brochure. Is there anything I can do about it, in terms of making a complaint and getting our money back?

Answer

Yes, there is. The package Holidays and Travel Trade Act 1995 gives you a certain level of protection. If your holiday is not satisfactory or if the operator goes out of business. A package holiday is defined as one sold at an inclusive price that covers a period of more than 24 hours or overnight accommodation, and is made up of a combination of at least two of the following pre-arranged by the operator/organiser: transport, accommodation; or other tourist service accounting for a significant proportion of the package.

You are entitled to compensation if you suffered a financial loss as a result of relying on the information if you are disappointed at the quality of the holiday.

If the brochure was inaccurate, or things went wrong during the holiday itself, you can look to the tour operator and / or the travel agent for compensation. If you return from your holiday and your complaints have not been resolved you must lodge a complaint to the tour operator in writing within 28 days. If you are not satisfied with the response, you can take the complaint to the Small Claims Court for a fee of (€15 if your claim is for € 2,000 or less. For larger amounts you will need to take your claim to the District Court or the Circuit Court.

If your holiday is altered or cancelled, you have the right to either a replacement package or similar or superior quality, a lower grade package plus compensation up to the cost of the original package, or a full refund. Alternately you can sue for breach of contract, if, however, cancellation was caused by factors beyond the organiser's control, or the minimum number for the package was not reached and you were given the required notice of this writing, you will not be entitled to any compensation.

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If a travel agent or tour operator becomes bankrupt, the Commission for Aviation Regulation will make refunds to customers or arrange to transport them home if necessary.

Question

What is the cost of a Passport and how do you apply?

Answer

The cost of a passport depends on the type of passport you want and the rates are as follows:

- Standard ten-year passport for people aged 65 and over free.
- Standard ten-year passport for people aged 18-64 €75
- Large Ten-year passport for very frequent travellers €100
- Five –year passport for children age 3-17 €25
- Three– year passport for children under age 3 € 15

There are additional fees for urgent and for out-of-hours emergency applications.

The application form (APS1) for people living within the States is available from the passport offices in Dublin and Cork, Your local Garda Station and from post offices. With your application you must provide.

- Two recently taken passport photographs—the back of one photograph and the witness section of the form must be signed by a Garda Síochána
- Proof of citizenship—if it is a renewal application your most recent passport is sufficient
- The appropriate fee (see above)

If you are born in Ireland and it is your first application or you are under 18 years of age, the long form of your birth certificate is required as proof of citizenship. Children born in Ireland since the start of 2005 and people born outside Ireland will require additional or alternative forms of proof. Information on what is required depending on your circumstances is supplied with the application form.

You can apply for a passport in person or by post to the Passport Office. You can also apply via the Passport Express service, available through many post offices. It guarantees receipt of a passport within ten working days where applications are completed correctly with proper documentation. The additional fee for this service is €8 per application or €13.60 for four applications sent together for a family.

Further information is available from your local Citizens Information Centre .

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

Puzzles—Sudoku

Easy

	2		6			7		
		8		7	1		5	2
7	4	3			9			1
	3		5		7			6
8		4		1		2		7
6			3		4		8	
3			8			6	1	5
4	8	2		6		9		
		6		9		4		8

Medium

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	6		7				8	4
	3	8	5	4	1	9	7	6
5		3		6		7		
7		6				4		9
		1		9		5		2
6	5	4	1	3	8	2	9	
3	8				4		5	
							4	3



Super Difficult

			1			3		
2					7		8	6
1	7						4	5
			3				9	1
			7	2	9			
7	9				6			
8	5						6	4
9	2		8					3
		3			5			

Difficult

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BLACKBERRY STABLES 1st SUMMER CAMP

Newly established Blackberry Stables, Laragh, Maynooth hosted it's first ever Summer Camp. Riders enjoyed looking after their ponies for the week of the camp. Show jumping, cross-country, hunting and even a river ride it was the order of the day. On a Friday the riders competed in the highlight of the week which was the high jump competition. Most of the riders never dreamed possible of being able to jump such high fences. "It's good to see all the kids having a good time even the ponies had a smile on their faces", says Vinny Dempsey the proprietor of Blackberry Stables. Vinny can be contacted on 086 8778541



Emma Sweeney on "Star"



Edward proudly presenting his Winning Rosette with "Roman"



Emer Ní Cheallaigh administering TLC to pony "Silver"



Sienna attends to "Atilla" after a day of fun and excitement at camp '08

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Recipes

Lamb chops with rosemary

A simple family meal

Ingredients

- 8 Lamb chops
- 2 Cloves of garlic
- 3 Sprigs of fresh rosemary
- Salt and black pepper
- 1 tablespoon Olive oil
- 1 tablespoon Plain flour
- 150 millilitres Red wine
- 200 millilitres Vegetable stock
- 1 teaspoon Red Currant Jelly

Instructions

Preparation

Cut garlic in half and rub the chops well. Chop the rosemary and sprinkle over the chops and season with salt and pepper.

Cooking

Heat olive oil in a heavy frying pan. Add chops and cook for 5-6 minutes on each side or until cooked through (you may need to cook in two batches). Transfer to a hot plate and keep warm. Remove pan from the heat.

The Sauce

Blend the flour into the pan juices and cook for 30 seconds. Gradually blend in the wine, stock, and redcurrant jelly and bring to the boil continually stirring. Boil until slightly thickened.

Serve

Serve the chops with the sauce and sprinkle with the remaining chopped rosemary.

This dish is delicious with creamy mashed potatoes, and fresh garden peas cooked with a sprig of fresh mint.

Rhubarb & Fruit Crumble

Ingredients

- 6 Stalks Rhubarb (cleaned & chopped)
- 2 Apples (peeled & chopped)
- 175g/6oz Mixed Berries (Strawberries and Blueberries)
- 125g/4oz Brown Sugar
- 1 teaspoon Cinnamon

Topping:

- 175g/6oz Porridge Oatflakes
- 125g/4oz Cream Plain Flour
- 125g/4oz Brown Sugar
- 1 tsp Cinnamon
- 125g/4oz Margarine (melted)

Method

Preheat oven to 180°C/ 350°F/Gas 4. Lightly grease an oven proof dish.

Put rhubarb and apples into a pan with the sugar. Stir over a low heat for about 10 minutes to par cook.

Mix all the dry ingredients together. All the melted margarine and mix to a crumble.

Mix the par cooked fruit with the berries and cinnamon

Spread half of the fruit mixture into the prepared dish. Spread half of crumble over this. Next pour remaining fruit on top of the crumble and finally finish with the remaining crumble.

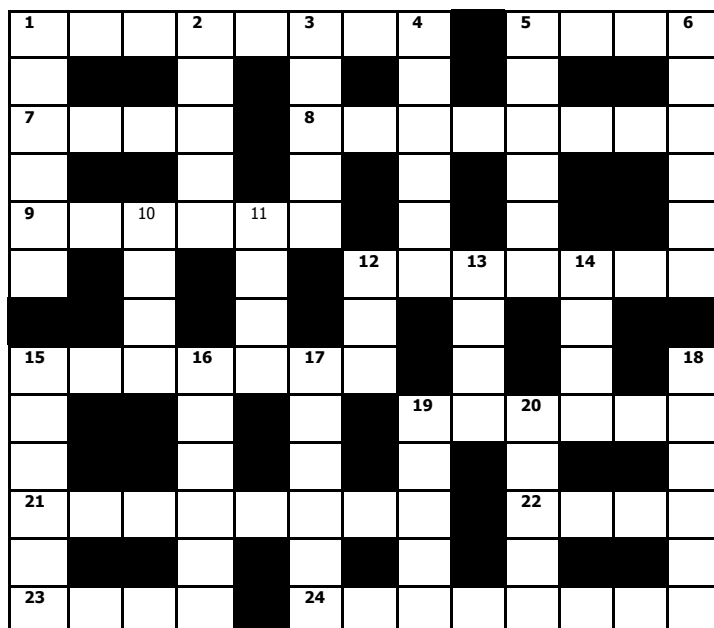
Bake for approximately 20 minutes until golden brown.

To serve:

1 cup Whipped Cream with 1 tablespoon Bailey's stirred into it

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Crossword No.: 70



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Across:

1. Singer/model, _ _ _ Fox (8)
5. Lose weight (4)
7. Haze (4)
8. Powdered root used in curry (8)
9. Brawl (6)
12. Wide-brimmed hat (7)
15. Type of short, pointed beard (7)
19. Tree resin (6)
21. Rips nest (anag) (8)
22. TV presenter, _ _ _ Peters (4)
23. Kill violently (4)
24. Composer, _ _ _ Amadeus Mozart (8)

Down:

1. Chinese boat (6)
2. Thespian (5)
3. Shabby (5)
4. Brusque (6)
5. Imagined (6)
6. Magnate (6)
10. Open pie (4)
11. Singer, _ _ _ Williams (4)
12. Prosecute (3)
13. Isle of Napoleon's exile (4)
14. Lead pellets (4)
15. Against (6)
16. Walt _ _ _ , animator (6)
17. Grovel, fawn (6)
18. Art of 2 Down! (6)
19. Virtuous (5)
20. Informal speech (5)

Solutions to crossword No. 69

Across:

1. Subtract, 5. Moat, 7. Radar, 8. Abandon, 9. Lassitude, 13. Tare, 16. Pip, 17. Ice, 18. Lead, 21. Challenge, 24. Tangent, 26. Rhine, 27. Hide, 28. Bulletin,

Down:

1. Strict, 2. Badger, 3. Rural, 4. Tub, 5. Minstrel, 6. Tense, 8. Ass, 10. Apple, 11. Swing, 12. Data, 14. Arch, 15. Epilogue, 19. Enlist, 20. Demean, 21. Catch, 22. Net, 23. Errol, 25. Nib

Doodle Box

Features

Congratulations to the new Principal of the Maynooth Post Primary School.

Mr. Johnny Nevin is all too familiar with the generations of expansion in Maynooth and indeed many “over the table talks” with both his parents and their parents. Yes, Johnny could be noted as being a classic to the students in Maynooth Post Primary 2008. Born, reared and educated in Maynooth he cannot be accused of living a peripatetic lifestyle, not then or now because as and from September 2008 Mr. Nevin occupies the position as Principal of MPP.



To remark that Mr. Nevin’s family tree was full of nuts would be far from the truth. Johnny, the son of Joe and Olive, from Kilcloon and Barrogstown Maynooth are highly regarded and respected in the region. Married to Sandra Gillick a PE teacher also a native of Maynooth and daughter of Mr. Mick Gillick, former chairman of GAA Maynooth. This family has earned the reputation as high achievers and major contributors of the community in the area of sport and culture.

John attended MPP and progressed to NUI Maynooth where he studied Arts and somewhere on his travels, studies in humanities had a marked effect on his personality. He has become known to be the most student centred principal to practice in Maynooth. His genuine efforts to inculcate every aspect of education from scholastic, sports, drama, music, to the discovery of new horizons has brought him to his recent appointment. He completed his Leaving Cert in 1988 so now we know his approximate age, and with the support of Mr. Tom Ashe former principal he was influenced to undertake a HDip in Education which he completed in 1992. He specialises in Geography, English and History. For many years he was coordinator of LCUP. His chosen subjects depicts his desire for every student to broaden their horizons with the space and time afforded to each individual in the most caring and sensitive manner and environment. John is an avid supporter of the GAA and to date he partakes in Hurling and Gaelic in the Laois region.

Not every principal is given the opportunity of work experience with full pay but Mr. Nevin was the exception. From 2005 his position as Deputy Principal and since the retiring of Mr. Senan Griffin he secured the position as Acting Principal until his formal interview in 2008 for the position as Principal. His love of the job, and the challenges he faces spurred his enthusiasm for the position he now holds. Team work, vocational skills, humanities, scholastic potential, space to grow as individual students and respect are the expected mission statements which all students and teachers will be exposed to and an ethos of such calibre can only be healthful.

His approach to team work will hopefully spur the students and community to support his campaign to improve the school facilities from what was there when he attended MPP. In 1971 the initial flat roof building was the academic home to students and John intends to develop this building to reach second floor level. The foundations were properly laid in the beginning and that’s the most important feature of MPP. The recent acquiring of the playing pitches at Moyglare Hall requires development as a sports facility for the students and funding can be the next lesson in venture management both collectively and individually. There are few certificates for peace, hope and charity but Mr. Nevin never feared change. As a result of moving up someone else must replace the vacuum. Congratulations to Andrew Dunne now Deputy Principal of what is expected to be a “Quahal Yahaw” that is a “gathering” of some 1000 students this September.

Clubs, Organisations And Societies

Maynooth Tidy Towns

Tidy Towns Competition – where did it all begin. With Tidy Towns celebrating 50 years of success this year, Maynooth has participated in the competition through Tidy Towns committees over the years and in towns such as Maynooth the effort has been enormous because the town has changed so much in the last twenty years in particular.

The National Tidy Towns initiative was launched by Bord Fáilte, the Irish Tourist Board (now Fáilte Ireland), in 1958 as part of the 'Tostal', a nationwide festival celebrating all things Irish. A step-up from the original National Spring Clean Campaign which ran between 1953 and 1957, Tidy Towns rapidly developed its own identity and has gone on to become Ireland's most well known and popular local environmental initiative.

Right from the start, the primary focus of Tidy Towns was to encourage communities to improve their local environment and make their area a better place to live, work and visit. The competition aspect was an important element in developing friendly rivalry that would help boost standards across the board. The winner of the first competition held in 1958 was Glenties, Co Donegal. However, the emphasis was always on participating rather than winning as the very act of taking part brought benefits to the community. And with a focus on long-term results rather than quick returns, Tidy Towns was soon seen as a unique and far-sighted initiative.

Although just 52 towns entered in its first year, Tidy Towns rapidly increased in popularity with an average of 700 entrants per year. Its success also spawned many other initiatives at national, county and local level, which further boosted its reputation and impact. It is impossible to accurately estimate the number of people who have had some involvement in Tidy Towns, but it's safe to say it has run into the hundreds of thousands, and its influence on the transformation of Ireland's landscape is undeniable.

Following the restructuring of Bord Fáilte in 1995, the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government assumed responsibility for Tidy Towns and now organises the initiative with the support of national sponsor SuperValu and a number of other agencies. Its success continues, and while it has moved with the times, it still retains the same core principle of its founders - **"make your place a better place."**

National Tidy Towns Competition 2008 results out in early September The competition involves participating areas such as Maynooth being rated on all aspects of our local environment and prizes awarded to the best under many different categories. The overall winner is "Ireland's Tidiest Town". which is announced at a national ceremony in September each year.

With progress monitored and detailed feedback provided year on year, most participants initially enter the competition to generate interest about the environment in their community and create a solid platform on which to raise issues with the relevant authorities. Over time, the areas attain a standard where competing for major prizes is within reach. As such it is very much a development programme as much as a competition. Maynooth has continued to improve our score each year and we are hoping that this will also be the case in 2008. Our motto for this year was **"Make Maynooth Great in 2008"**

Best Estates, Shop Fronts and individual awards 2008 As in previous years we judge locally our Best Estates and Shop Front competitions in 2008. There will also be a number of individual awards. The judging has been completed and we expect as usual to announce these award winners in October.

Remember new people are always welcome to get involved in Maynooth Tidy Towns. There is no need to attend meetings or indeed be part of a working group but being involved in these ways does give a great sense of team spirit.

Paul Croghan

PRO

Maynooth Tidy Towns

**For more information on tidy towns visit: www.tidytowns.ie
Maynooth Tidy Towns hope to have our own website in 2008**

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September Gardening Tips

Well it is now September, and the mornings are great aren't they? It is now beginning to be the best time to plant trees and shrubs. It is a great time because the above ground temperatures are dropping and the below ground temps are still warm.

This helps plants get a jump on next spring because the roots still develop in the warm soil while the tops slow down in growth. Also, there are less winds and typically more moisture during this time of year, which of course reduces stress on newly planted shrubs and trees. You should be able to plant just about anything, including pansies, (which will last thru next May) mums, winter veggies (starts), most trees and shrubs.

Perennials, annuals and bulbs

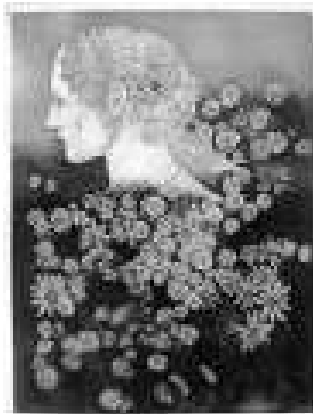
- ✦ During the months of September, October and November, after soil temperature drops, the bulbs of spring flowering tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, dwarf irises, Anemone, and crocus should be planted. Select healthy, disease free bulbs. Add Bone meal or Bulb fertilizer into the planting hole, as you prepare the soil.
- ✦ Winter pansies, flowering Kale, flowering Cabbage, and autumn mums may be planted now, to give a little colour to the garden when the summer flowers have faded away.
- ✦ Scatter the seeds of perennials in a row or in open beds this month so that the young seedlings will be ready to be transplanted into their permanent spot next spring.
- ✦ As the weather cools, perennials which have overgrown their space or become crowded should be dug and divided, or moved to a new area of the garden. New or replacement perennials can also be planted this month.
- ✦ Tender bulbs should be dug up and stored in a cool, dark area after first frost.

Lawn

- ✦ When the autumn rains arrive, fertilize your lawn with a slow-release 3-1-2 ratio fertilizer.
- ✦ September is one of the best months of the entire year for seeding new lawns.
- ✦ If the lawn needs thatching, it can be done during the early autumn.
- ✦ Over seed old lawns with fresh seed to help fill in the bare spots and crowd out weeds and mosses.

House Plants

- ✦ Pot up some spring flowering bulbs for indoor colour during the winter. Store the pots in a cool, dark place, until new growth emerges from the soil, and then move them to a bright window.
- ✦ Begin conditioning your Poinsettias and Christmas cactus to get them ready for the upcoming holiday season. Both of these plants are short day plants. Although they will eventually bloom, if you want the plants in bloom in time for the holidays they must be kept at about 65 to 70 degrees, and subjected to at least six weeks of 14 hours of total darkness per day (mid to late September). This may be accomplished by placing the potted plant in a closet or unlighted room, or by covering the plant with black cloth, black plastic over a frame or a cardboard box. The plant must then be returned to the light each day and given a *minimum* of 4 hours of direct sun, or 10 hours of bright light. The application of a 0-10-10 fertilizer this month and again next should help encourage the development of flower buds, then feed your plant every 2 weeks with a high nitrogen fertilizer once colour has begun to show. Christmas cactus needs the same general care, with the exception that they require cooler temperatures of about 50 to 60 degrees.



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

Odds and ends

- ✦ Mark your perennials with permanent tags, or create a map showing their locations so you'll know where and what they are when they die back at the end of the season. This will help you to avoid digging up something you intended to keep when you plant bulbs and plants this fall and next spring.
- ✦ One last effort at weeding will help to improve the appearance of your garden throughout the winter.
- ✦ The birds will soon begin their winter migrations. Give them a helping hand by providing them with some food for their long journey. No one likes to travel on an empty stomach, and you may even persuade a few of them to stick around for the winter, if they know they have a *reliable* food source!

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How clean is yourComputer?

Just like a house that needs regular dusting, your computer needs a good clean once in a while too. Many people might not realise it but computers can collect enough dust and grime to make the presenters of How Clean is your House squirm.

Nobody wants a filthy computer but the problems caused by dirt go beyond the cosmetic. Almost all computers are cooled by fans and these suck in air - and the dust that's in it. If this dust isn't removed it can make the computer noisy or, in extreme cases, cause it to overheat and fail. Similarly a mouse with a barrier of dust between it and the desk will give erratic pointer movements or fail to respond at all.

The murky threats don't end there. A keyboard with crumbs between the keys can cause malfunctions or even collect harmful bacteria, potentially making you ill. A monitor covered with enough fingerprints to fill a garda database and various other bits of dirt will soon have you squinting to see your screen, running the risk of eye problems. Fortunately cleaning a PC is simple, and we'll show you how.

The cleaning challenge

Computers can be surprisingly good at collecting dust and dirt. Most are cooled using fans that draw in air from the outside, push it through the PC and expel it again. As the air that is sucked in contains dust, some of this remains inside the computer. What's more, some monitors generate static electricity, drawing in dust from the air. This, coupled with the fact that a grubby monitor makes the computer hard to use, means the monitor is the ideal starting point for a spring clean.

Flat-screen LCD monitors and chunkier CRT displays must be cleaned in different ways but in both cases it's best to switch off and unplug the screen before cleaning it. CRT screens can have a static charge, so leave the display switched off overnight before cleaning it.

When cleaning a CRT monitor, the best weapon is a lint-free cloth, as they are soft and won't scratch your screen. Although it's possible to buy various monitor glass cleaners, a standard glass cleaner can also be used. It is important never to spray this directly on the screen because the liquid could seep under the edges of the monitor and damage the internal parts. Instead, squirt the cleaner on the cloth and then wipe the glass.

For LCD screens, steer clear of ammonia-based cleaners and use a soft cloth dampened with a little water.

Wipe very gently and do not press into the display as you may damage it.

Key issues

Once the monitor is clean, you can move onto the keyboard. Even if you haven't fallen into the trap of eating lunch at the computer, filling the keyboard with an assortment of crumbs, the chances are that it has collected quite a bit of dust. Eventually this can even stop the keys from working properly, so it's best to take action. Before cleaning it, turn off the computer and disconnect the keyboard.

There are several ways to make a keyboard sparkly clean. The easiest is to hold the keyboard upside down over a dustbin and tap the bottom to knock out any crumbs or dust. For a more thorough clean, buy an aerosol of compressed air - these can be found in office supply or photography shops - and spray it into the cracks in the keyboard. Running a moistened cotton bud through the keys can help to clean any dirt stuck between them, and wiping the entire keyboard with an antibacterial wipe (these can be found in supermarkets) will help to remove any nasties that may lurk there.

Just like desktop PCs, notebooks are affected by dust. If it gets trapped in the air vents the computer can overheat, so if possible gently blow this away. Don't blow directly against any fans visible through air vents, as it's vital not to damage these.

Use compressed air to blow out any dust trapped between the keys and the lint-free cloth to clean the surface of the keyboard and touchpad.

Five top tips for keeping a PC clean

We've explained how to give your computer a thorough clean but nobody would want to go through the whole process more than once or twice a year.

Fortunately once the computer is clean it's relatively easy to keep it free from dirt - simply follow our five tips:

- Place the computer in a well-ventilated room
- Close notebook computers when not in use
- Place a plastic cover over the monitor when not in use
- Always use a mouse mat
- Never eat or drink near the computer or over the keyboard

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Horoscopes



ARIES—March 21—April 20

Those skeletons in the cupboard seem to be rattling at the moment. Keep calm and say nothing as others are hopping that you'll fill in the blanks. You appear to get away with indiscretions this time round.

Your lucky day is Sunday, Number 30
Colour Blue.



TAURUS—April 21—May 21

Those that are lonely should be given a hand out but not at your expense. You can only do so much, they'll have to make an effort themselves.

Your lucky day is Sunday, Number 01,
Colour Lime.



GEMINI—May 22—June 22

The creative sprit of yours is hard to keep down. You might want to forget about old ideas but they keep popping into your head. The sooner you deal with them the better.

Your lucky day is Wednesday, Number 25,
Colour Purple.



CANCER—June 23—July 23

Technology seems to have taken a dislike to you. Things just don't seem to go to plan. Stay calm and slow down.

Everything works out fine (if a little late!)

Your lucky day is Friday, Number 18,
Colour Yellow.



LEO—July 24—August 23

You have the urge to do something unexpected. It's a great time to take a new direction. Friends will support you but they don't seem to be much help. That really doesn't matter as you seem to have everything under control.

Lucky day is Tuesday, Number 31,
Colour Silver.



Virgo—August 24—Sept 23

The urge to take control may be strong, especially when others are making mistakes. Offer your assistance but don't take over unless they ask you. Your help may be viewed as interference.

Your lucky day is Friday, Number 06,
Colour Orange.



LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23

Keep your mind, eyes and options open if you want to make the most of a very exciting phase. Don't limit yourself by sticking to what you know, because it's time to break out in a new direction.

Your lucky day is Monday, Number 16,
Colour Green.



SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22

You're finally starting to make headway with you-know-who, despite a bumpy episode. Check your finances to make sure they are up to date and your in control.

Your lucky day is Thursday, Number 12
Colour Crimson.



SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21

It seems that partners hold all the cards at the moment, and you're rocked by someone's change of heart. Once the dust has settled, you must reconsider the situation - you may find that it's not such a disaster after all.

Your lucky day is Saturday, Number 15
Colour Violet.



CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20

Daring deeds could make you famous but only if you let others know what's going on. Keeping achievements to yourself will get you nowhere. You deserve some reward for your enterprising actions.

Your lucky day is Friday, Number 42
Colour Navy Blue.



AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19

Get ready for a hectic time! You might think you've got it all mapped out, but events force you to change your plans. The more you can adapt to the changing situation, the more you'll enjoy yourself.

Your lucky day is Saturday, Number 2,
Colour Bronze.



PISCES—Feb 20—March 20

Your energy levels may be high at the moment, but that's not going to last if you do not pace yourself. For once you should move to the beat of your drum. Your lucky day is Sunday, Number 12,
Colour Brown.

Pet Corner

Choosing a Dog for a Child with Autism

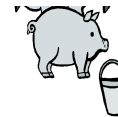


First be certain the child wants a dog in the first place, and that he or she has the capability to be consistently gentle with a dog, if not, a dog's presence is bound to cause stress and danger, not relieve it. Next, observe the child with a variety of dogs to see what kind he or she prefers, but be very careful to first determine that the dog will be safe to interact with the child, that the dog's owner is standing there behind the child, ready to read the signs of stress in the dog so you can interrupt the interactions if these signs of stress are noted. The same features of autism that can interfere with social interaction with people can exist with dogs (such as not granting the proper body space), and a tolerant and well socialized dog is key to a safe interaction with any child.

Please avoid adopting a rescue pup or dog for a child with autism, as it is impossible to know a rescue dog's history and as dogs are associative creatures, a child in the dog's past may have set him up to have a mistrust of children. We need to make this partnership safe, and it is best to err on the side of caution here and select a pup that is bred for a calm, non reactive temperament. Breeds favoured for a child with autism are Golden Retrievers, and Labradors. The breed you select to work with will matter greatly in terms of the quality of the pup's health and temperament. When you select your puppy from the litter, avoid the shy pup as well as the overly bold; in general, a middle of the road pup who shows a usual amount of interest and calm patient attention to a child is the way to go.

The first year of this dog's life is very important in terms of establishing leadership with your pup, gently socializing him or her to your child as well as the rest of your household, and educating the child on how to properly care for and treat the pup. Supervision is key to establishing a healthy relationship with the pup, and in fact, this supervision can be thought of as special education. Allowing the child in on the ground floor of training gives them power in understanding how to best communicate with their pup.

A Piggy Story



The poor pig has a bad name for being thought of as a dirty animal. This is not true at all pigs are one of the cleanest animal you could have. When properly housed they have an area for eating and one for doing their business. They are quite fastidious about this.

As a new bride many years ago I came from Dublin to live in Kildare where we built our house . My husband thought it would be a good idea to buy two piglets. They were adorable and I called them Huskey and Muskey. All through the summer they were the most contented pigs you could find. I used to let them out for a run around out the back where they would eat the grass to their hearts content. We had a vegetable garden that same year and when the beetroot came into season I used to give Huskey & Muskey the tops of them. They got so fond of them they used to sit and beg me to give some to them. They had an idyllic life.

I don't know what I thought was going to happen to them but I was not prepared for the morning the trailer arrived to take them to the butchers. I had never heard them squealing before, but as they were putting them on the trailer the poor things were squealing like mad. I was crying my eyes out and begging for them to be spared but I was just laughed at. "Don't be such a townie" I was told by the man who was transporting them. My husband did feel sorry for me but told me that this is what life is about and there was no way we could keep them as pets. Perhaps if they had been male and female I could have persuaded him to keep them for breeding purposes. Alas they were loaded and brought to their doom.

That was the last I ever saw of my beloved Huskey & Muskey, but I was very careful not to eat rashers, bacon or pork for the next year. When my husband suggested we should get two more piglets I told him to "forget it" I would not go through that experience again.

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Maynooth Toastmasters

The Mission of Maynooth Toastmasters is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which each individual member has the opportunity to develop oral communication and leadership skills which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth.

Does the thought of speaking in public give you the jitters or do you ever envy those who appear to do it at their ease. Believe it or not you too can be at ease with a little practice and preparation. In Toastmasters you are free to advance at your own pace, with no pressure, in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. We invite you to come along for the experience. You don't have to decide on becoming a member on the first or even the second night. Just enjoy the fun and excitement.

You will be assigned a mentor and offered friendly advice and encouragement. Remember those people you admire at public speaking have put in lots of preparation and planning behind the scenes. Very few can speak "off the cuff".

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday each month in Bradys Clockhouse Bar, Maynooth. Meeting commences at 7.45 pm and lasts for about 2 hours. We are on a well earned rest at the moment after our second very successful year. We start back again on 8th September 2008. Currently we have 43 members on the books.

You can get more information on www.maynoothtoastmasters.com or by contacting any of the following :
Maureen Giblin at 0872258020, John Fleming at 087 2041334 or Andrew Lang at 086 8045579.



New Committee

Front Row L to R

*Eoin Robson, John Fleming, Maureen Giblin,
John Dolan and Marian Hennessy*

Back Row L to R

*Joseph Brady Gerbin Dykstra and Sean Brady
Missing from photo is Andrew Lang*



*John Dolan, outgoing President handing over to
Maureen Giblin, new President*

Features

Tommy found a Squirrel



Tommy was always up to mischief, his mother was always washing his clothes, because of all the mud he got on them, he even had mud on his hands and the knees of his trousers now. She was always telling him to eat properly at the table, as he got food all over his mouth. Now the weather was getting colder, he would have to stay indoors more as the summer was long gone and the autumn leaves were already on the ground.

It was early October and Tommy was in the bottom of the garden looking out for something to amuse him. He was looking into the hedge when he saw something move, as he watched, it moved again, it was a little animal?. He tried to grab it but was unsuccessful, it was a very frightened, but four year old Tommy didn't know that. He just wanted to pick it up but it was too quick for Little Tommy.

Then feeling frustrated, he stretched for it and got it in his hands, he knew then, that it was a little Squirrel and he started to stroke it. The squirrel was a red one and was getting ready to hibernate for the Winter, he had a nut between his paws and dropped it in fright when Tommy picked him up.

Just then Tommy's mother came out to call him for his lunch, she saw something in his arms, "What have you got there" she said. "Look mummy I found this" Tommy cried. His mother look at him. "Honestly Tommy what are you like". "Can I keep it please mummy" he said. "I don't think so, where did you find it" his mother replied. "Just there at the bottom of the garden". Tommy said sadly. "Well it is only a little Squirrel, it was getting ready to hibernate for the Winter". she said

"Well can I keep it please" he wailed. Tommy's Mother felt sorry for her loving son. "Well you can't keep it, it would be cruel". He was very upset, but said. "Mummy what will I do with it then". "I think we should put it in the shed for now, and when your dad comes home from work we will ask him" she said thoughtfully. "Ok thanks Mummy" he said happily. "Now come and get your lunch, we have to go shopping later" she said, already thinking of what to put on him. After he ate his lunch, she cleaned him up and put on his clean clothes. "Now are we right" she said hoping to keep his mind off the squirrel.

After they had done their shopping Tommy's mother bought him an ice cream, and when they got home his Dad was just pulling up in the front of the house. He jumped out of the car and ran over to his daddy. "Hello my little man, have you been a good boy for your Mummy" daddy said as he swung him in the air. "Yes, I bought him an ice cream and he seemed happy with his treat, Tommy tell your dad what you found this morning" mummy said. "Yes daddy I found a little red Squirrel at the bottom of the garden" Tommy said jumping about excitedly. "Well you will have to show me this Squirrel" daddy smiled. They went out to the back garden and found the squirrel. "He's a lovely squirrel, but he wants to hibernate for the winter, so lets put it a back at the bottom of the garden and see what happens" daddy said as they went indoors for supper.

Two days later Tommy was in the garden again, he was digging in the mud when he fell into it, he was covered in mud. He ran into his mummy. His mother looked at him. "Oh! Tommy what have you been doing in the garden". "I was looking for something to play with" he said. "Honestly Tommy what will I do with you". She said as she cleaned him up and sent him to watch television in the play room. He went to room and switched on the television, there was a cartoon about wild animals. Next there was a squirrel on the television, he became very interested because he had found one the other in his garden, he ran and told his mummy all about the squirrel on the television. She was glad that he was learning something and not out digging in the garden getting all dirty. It would take his mind of finding things out in the mud once he seen the squirrel on the television.

His daddy came in from work in the evening, and he ran to tell him all the news. "Well little lad what have you been doing today" daddy said picking him up. "I saw a squirrel on television just like the one in the bottom of our garden" Tommy replied happily. After tea that night as his mummy put him to bed, Tommy gave her a hug, "you are the greatest mum in the world" he said sleepily. "Goodnight little one I love you too" she said and kissed good night.

Enda Clavin

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Ronnie Delaney

Ronald Michael Delany (born 6th March 1935), better known as **Ron** or **Ronnie** is a former Irish athlete, who specialised in middle distance running.

Born in Arklow, Delaney moved with his family to Dublin when he was 6. His father had got a job in Jacobs Biscuit Factory and there Delaney went to Catholic University School.

Delaney studied in the United States at Villanova University, where he was coached by the well-known track coach Jumbo Elliott. His first achievement of note was reaching the final of the 800m at the 1954 European Championships in Berne.

In 1956, he became the seventh runner to join the club of Four-minute milers, but nonetheless struggled to make the Irish team for the 1956 Summer Olympics held in Melbourne.

Delaney qualified for the Olympic 1500 m final, in which home runner John Landy was the big favourite. Delaney kept close to Landy until the final lap, when he started a crushing final sprint, winning the race in a new Olympic Record. Delaney thereby became the first Irishman to win an Olympic title in athletics since Bob Tisdall in 1932.

He received a tremendous reception on his return by the people of Ireland. Thousands turned out to greet him and to see the famous medal.

Delaney continued his running career in North America, winning four successive AAU titles in the mile, adding to his total of four Irish national titles, and three NCAA titles. He was next to unbeatable on indoor tracks over that period, which included a 40-race winning streak. He broke the World Indoor Mile Record on three occasions.

He was granted the Freedom of Dublin City in 2006, and he was also conferred with an honorary Doctor of Laws Degree by UCD in 2006.

Ronnie now runs his own Marketing Consultancy business.

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Maynooth Golf Society

Norman Kavanagh's Captains Prize to Castleknock Golf Club on Saturday 19th July proved a very popular event for the members Maynooth Golf Society. This recently opened West Dublin course proved very challenging in the high windy conditions that faced the members on the day, but the course its self was in fantastic condition and was a good test of golfing skill. A great score of 37 points by Martin Shields was the winner of Norman Kavanagh 's prize by 4 points. In Second place was last year's winner David Mahony with a score of 33 points just piping Barry Desmond who also had 33 points to third place on a 9 countback. Brendan Leigh who sponsored this outing presented the prizes with Captain Norman Kavanagh at the captain's dinner at Castleknock Golf Club after the event which was attended by all who played.

Our next outing is to Athlone Golf Club on 23rd August is the Shay Moore Cup. `

Outing to Castleknock Golf Club Date 19/ 07/2008

Norman Kavanagh Captain's Prize

Sponsored by Maynooth Conservatories & Windows



Norman Kavanagh (Captain), Martin Shields (Winner), Brendan Leigh (Sponsor)

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Maynooth Golf Society



Outing to Castleknock Golf Club Date 19/ 07/2008

Result Sheet

1st Prize	Martin Shields	37 pts
2nd Prize	David Mahony	33 pts
3rd Prize	Barry Desmond	33 pts
4th Prize	Terry Moore	31 pts B9
5th Prize	John Byrne	31 pts B6
6th Prize	Liam Farrelly	31 pts
7th Prize	Kevin Loftus	29 pts B9
8th Prize	Tom O'Hare	29 pts
9th Prize	Pa Conway	28 pts B9
10th Prize	Derek Murray	28 pts
Front 9	Mick Flynn snr	15 pts
Back 9	John Carroll	16 pts
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Our First Big Prize Winner!

Ms Madeline Stynes was the lucky winner of the €10,000 prize in the First Cash Draw held recently in Maynooth Credit Union.

A Credit Union member since the days when Maynooth and Leixlip Credit Unions were combined, Madeline was the first member of her family to join.

"All the others joined up after me," she said. "The Credit Union was a brilliant way to save money for the rainy day when the kids were small, especially".

Another big event for Madeline and her husband Michael was the recent marriage of one of their five children.

We look forward to seeing Madeline continue to come to the office on a Friday, as she has done for many years.

We wish Madeline, Michael and their family continued good fortune. Beirigí bua go deo!

The second round of this year's Cash Draw will take place in the Maynooth Credit Union offices on Saturday 10 September at 11:00. All welcome to watch the lucky numbers come up on the screen.



Peter Greene, chairperson, Maynooth Credit Union, presents the cheque for €10,000 to lucky member Ms Madeline Stynes who won the big prize in the first annual draw held recently.

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Donadea 10K Race



Donadea Running Club, having been established as recently as 2007, has taken great leaps forward in their participation and promotion of the sport of running. Based in Donadea and running out of St. Kevin's GAA club, its members include those who hail from the neighbouring areas of Clane, Celbridge, Kilcock and other surrounding areas in Kildare.

The club are currently busy arranging their inaugural 10K race – a yearly event – which will take place on October 11th. It is hoped that with the support of runners from all over Kildare, and indeed the rest of Ireland, the race will help raise much needed funds for the event charity; St. Raphael's special needs school in Celbridge.

The school functions as an integral part of the St John of God Kildare Services. Originally it was designed to cater for the educational needs of young people in the moderate range of Intellectual Disability between the ages of 5 – 18. In 2000 following the re-development of one wing of the school, two classes for children in the severe/profound range of disability were opened. In 2004, one class for children within the Autistic Spectrum Disorder was established. To date they have three senior classes for children within the Autistic Spectrum Disorder. In September 2008 a junior class for children within the Autistic Spectrum Disorder will be set up. Overall the school caters for the needs of children functioning in the moderate, severe and profound ranges of Intellectual Disability. St. Raphael's catchment area covers Celbridge, Lucan, Leixlip, Maynooth, Rathcoole, Newcastle, Sallins, Prosperous and Clane. The school gives each child opportunities to develop attitudes and skills that will enable him/her to experience a quality of life as close as possible to that which is available to those in society at large. The term "quality of life" embraces personal choice, relationships, personal development, integration and participation in the community life.

More details about the race can be found on the club's website where you may download an entry form or alternatively, the event can be entered online at www.activeeurope.com

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Working from home takes off in Co. Kildare!

The concept of having your own personal travel agent who works from home and who gives you the best possible personal service is clearly proving a great success with customers in Kildare which now has another Personal Travel Counsellor who is from the County.

Nicola Doyle who hails from Maynooth is the latest experienced travel consultant to decide to join Travel Counsellors, specialising in giving her customers the highest possible levels of personal service and independent travel advice. During her 12 year career Nicola has travelled extensively and is living in Dublin 24 at present.

Travel Counsellors is a travel agency - with a twist. All of its 950 plus advisors throughout the world are equipped with the company's award winning technology which allows them to work from home and enables Nicola to search through literally hundreds of different travel options in a matter of minutes to tailor make exactly the right itinerary for her customers. Nicola is more than happy to speak to customers at a time that suits them, even if it is outside normal working hours.

Says Nicola: "I am delighted to be the latest experienced travel consultant to decide to join Travel Counsellors so I can concentrate on providing my customers with the highest possible levels of personal service. The technology that I have at my disposal as

part of Travel Counsellors is absolutely fantastic - and working from home means that I am available when my customers need me, during the evenings and at weekends if need be. There is huge demand for the type of travel service we offer which is why I am delighted to join the other Kildare Travel Counsellors Sharon, Gail and Lorraine in providing this type of personal travel service even though I am living in Dublin for the moment."

Nicola can help her clients with any type of holiday and she particularly enjoys selling Long-Haul, Honeymoons and Group Travel along with the more traditional beach holidays and city breaks. Two years ago she decided to take some time out to travel to some of the destinations she had been selling over the years! During that year she had the pleasure of spending 3 months in India, 6 weeks in Thailand, stopping along the way in Malaysia, China, Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos and finishing off in Australia. She has also visited closer holiday hot spots such as Spain, Portugal, France, Crete, Cyprus, Canary Islands, Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, the Gambia, Kenya, Singapore, Dominican Republic, USA and Mexico. Nicola would be delighted to hear from anyone planning any type of trip abroad.

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Emmet Stagg T.D.

Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Flooding of Laraghbryan Cemetery

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to take immediate action to relieve the flooding of Laraghbryan Cemetery that took place on 9th August and to take whatever action necessary to prevent a recurrence.

Timing of Traffic Lights on Main Street, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley got the following response to his motion on the timing of the lights on Main Street, Maynooth:

"Traffic Management Section is monitoring the sequencing of the lights and when the current works being undertaken as part of the Tesco development are completed the Councillors will be given a demonstration of the facilities in the Traffic Management centre."

Proposed Extensions to 66 and 67 Bus Routes:

Cllr. John McGinley got the following response to his motion:

"Transportation section is engaged with Dublin Bus on this matter and as advised in other reports any alteration to routes and/or timetables requires a revised licence approval from the Department of transport. The transportation Section will liaise with the planning section, Dublin Bus and the developer to progress this matter."

Dublin Bus representatives will be invited to the September meeting of the Leixlip Area Committee to discuss their proposals.

Additional Parking at Maynooth Train Station

The Dublin Transportation Office (DTO) are developing design proposals for a Public Transport Interchange at The Harbour Field. At the request of Cllr. McGinley the DTO will be asked to attend the September Area Meeting to outline their preliminary ideas. Cllr. McGinley will make it very clear to the DTO that an Underground Car Park would be acceptable but under no circumstances will surface car parking be contemplated for the Harbour Field.

Pedestrian Safety at Rathcoffey Road, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley has been given the following update on his motion:

"A further meeting was held with the NRA in relation to this issue. It was agreed that Roads Design Section would prepare a scheme to facilitate a footpath at this bridge. The proposed design will necessitate a "stop-go" one way system to facilitate the footpath. The final design and costing is to be submitted to the NRA for agreement and appropriate funding identified."

Provision of Allotments:

In reply to his motion Cllr. John McGinley was advised that allotments could not be provided at the Councils 10 acres at Dublin Road as the Council proposed constructing social houses and other buildings on the land. John stated that with an imaginative design allotments could be facilitated along with the houses and the County Architect agreed. The draft designs for the land should be available over the coming 6 months.

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McGinley objects to 4 & 3 storey development at Newtown Inn.

Cllr. John McGinley and his colleague Deputy Emmet Stagg have lodged an objection with Kildare County Council to the proposal for a 4 & 3 storey development at Newtown Inn & Restaurant.

In their submission they make the following points:

The proposal at 4 & 3 Storeys in an ultra modern design is totally out of character with the built environment of the area which comprises single storey shop units and two storey houses. The density proposed is excessive when compared with existing residential density in the area. Excluding the Commercial elements of this proposal the density works out at 23 units to the acre.

The proposal will lead to significant overlooking of the rear gardens of homes in Meadowbrook Avenue and Meadowbrook Drive. It will also lead to overlooking and a loss of light to the rear gardens of homes in Beaufield Gardens. This will lead to a substantial reduction in privacy and it has the capacity to reduce the market value of these houses. Compared to the existing built environment this proposal will disrupt the existing streetscape and will be an obtrusion on the skyline. Therefore the proposal is contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

The site is at a very prominent location and the proposed design, including the flat roof, could not be described as enhancing the unique architectural heritage of the town nor is it of a high standard.

The proposal will dominate the area negatively and its design is contrary to the provisions of the Maynooth Development Plan 2002 which seeks to protect and enhance the unique architectural heritage of the town.

The excessiveness of the proposal has led to the situation where 153 car parking spaces are required for the development whereas it is proposed to provide only 113.

This deficiency in car parking provision will lead to indiscriminate parking of cars by potential users of the retail and pub units in Beaufield Green, Beaufield Gardens, Beaufield Close, Meadowbrook Avenue and Meadowbrook Drive. This will cause a serious inconvenience and nuisance to residents living in these areas who will see their residential estate roads clogged up with car parking and being blocked in by drivers with

no conscience.

This will result in additional traffic hazards and a reduction in the amenity for these residents and is therefore contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

6. The development as proposed requires 1,200 square metres of Private and Public Open Space whereas only 903 Square metres are provided.

In conclusion Cllr. McGinley stated the proposal is excessive and out of character with the built environment of the area. It disregards the unique architectural heritage of Maynooth Town, will lead to overlooking and overshadowing and its car parking deficiency will cause a major nuisance to residents in surrounding Estates.

MCGINLEY DEMANDS TOWN COUNCIL STATUS FOR MAYNOOTH.

Cllr. John McGinley and his Labour Party colleagues have made a submission to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, John Gormley T.D. on his Green Paper Consultation process.

Cllr. McGinley has demanded that Town Council status be granted to Maynooth as the population is in excess of the 7,500 called for in the Local Government Act 2001 for the establishment of new Town Councils.

Cllr. McGinley stated that both Minister Gormley and previous Environment Ministers have allowed the provisions of the 2001 Act to stall in limbo because of their refusal to establish the Local Government Commission. This is anti-democratic and fails to appreciate the importance of local democratic institutions and the principle of subsidiarity, which involves decision making at the lowest appropriate level.

The only Towns in the country above a population of 7,500 who have no Town or Borough Council are:

	<i>Population</i>
SWORDS	33,998
CELBRIDGE	17,262
PORTLAOISE	14,613
CARRIGALINE	12,835
MAYNOOTH	10,715
PORTMARNOCK	8,979
LAYTOWN ETC	8,978
ASHBOURNE	8,528
RUSH	8,286
KILDARE	7,538

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So in bringing into force the 2001 Local Government Act Provisions the Minister would not cause a major upheaval in Local Government as one might expect from his concerns in this area. Excluding Dublin only 4 Co. Councils will be affected Kildare, Laois, Cork and Meath.

Examining the list of Towns with a population in excess of 1,500 other facts are thrown up.

- 41 of the Existing Town Councils have populations below 7,500.
 - 25 of these have populations below 5,000.
 - 10 of these have populations below 2,500.
- 5 of them don't even make it onto the list of towns with a population of 1,500 – Ballybay, Co. Monaghan 401, Belturbet, Co. Cavan 1,395, Granard, Co. Longford 933, Kilkee, Co. Clare 1,325, Lismore, Co. Waterford 790.

Therefore the towns with a population in excess of 7,500 who do not have a Borough or Town Council status are suffering a serious democratic deficit at present which is an appalling treatment of peoples democratic rights.

In summary Cllr. McGinley stated that Maynooth and Celbridge Towns have a population in excess of Co. Leitrim but yet they have no local Town Council status to reflect their large populations. A raft of Town Councils exist with paltry populations which is a democratic deficit when compared with Maynooth. Implementing the provisions of the Local Government Act 2001 will have minimal effect in 4 counties. Allowing a Town Council such as Clones with a population of 1,767 people to draw up their own Town Development Plan and denying this right to a town like Maynooth with a population of 10,715 simply makes no sense and is anti-democratic.

MCGINLEY OBJECTS TO PROPOSALS FOR 104 HOUSES, 26 APARTMENTS AND OFFICE BLOCKS AT CARTON DEMESNE, MAYNOOTH

Cllr. John McGinley and his colleague Deputy Emmet Stagg have lodged an objection with Meath County Council to the proposal to build 104 houses, a 5 storey apartment block and 4 storey office blocks within Carton Demesne, Maynooth.

Cllr. McGinley stated that nothing less than the future integrity of Carton Demesne in its entirety is at stake with this planning application which seeks to change the very nature of how the Demesne with its magnificent House, Gardens and Landscape were to be preserved following the decision of An Bord

Pleanala back on the 30th October 1992 when planning permission issued for a leisure/tourism development.

The current planning application intends to set aside the integrated approach taken back in 1992 when the Demesne Proposals were viewed as one entity covering both Kildare & Meath. It introduces a different type of development along with 130 residential units.

Cllr. McGinley and Deputy Stagg made the following points:

The proposal includes 9,200 sq. m. floor space for NUI Maynooth for a Sports Science and Research Centre while a further 29,000 sq. m. floor space of the proposal is for Commercial Office Space and Residential Units. We see no logical or sustainable reason for locating these NUIM facilities off campus.

St. Patrick's College, Maynooth holds a landbank on the edge of Maynooth totalling 154 Hectares (380 Acres). All of the land is located adjacent to St. Patrick's College and NUIM. 70% of the land is directly adjacent to NUIM Campus the bulk of which is zoned under the Maynooth Development Plan 2002 as Institutional and Educational.

Therefore lands are available right beside the existing campus, close to the Railway Station and the excellent public transport links that exist in Maynooth, where there is proper road infrastructure, which does not necessitate the destruction of Woodlands in Carton Demesne or the destruction of the landscape of the area.

The proposal conflicts with The Meath County Development Plan 2007/2013 and the Kildare County Development Plan 2005/2011

In conclusion Cllr. McGinley stated what is before the Council is the provision of 3 NUIM Buildings within the Curtilage of the Historic Carton Demesne, which necessitates the building of 29,000 Square Metres of Floor Space of Commercial/Residential Development. The building of the NUIM facilities is ultimately the responsibility of Government. Pursuing this path to facilitate NUIM is unsustainable and has the capacity to destroy the character and woodland features of Carton Demesne. It goes against the intentions of An Bord Pleanala of 1992 which at that stage saved Carton House by agreeing to secure the long term integrity of the Demesne in granting planning permission for a major Tourist and Leisure Development. A sustainable serviced site on the edge

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of the existing NUIM Campus is available and it is unacceptable to effectively put forward this proposal as a ploy in seeking further development at Carton Demesne.

CONTROL OF ALCOHOL BYE-LAWS NOT BEING ENFORCED – STAGG

Deputy Emmet Stagg sought information from the Minister for Justice in relation to the number of on the spot fines issued in the Towns of Clane, Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth for breaches of the Control of Consumption and Possession of Alcohol Bye-laws in 2007.

The Minister advised Deputy Stagg recently that the number of fines issued in the 4 towns were 170 in 2007. This is a small drop from 2006 but the variations between the Towns is interesting reading.

For instance whilst 41 On the Spot fines were issued in Leixlip in 2006, none were issued in 2007. In Celbridge the number of on the spot fines issued fell from 127 in 2006 to 75 in 2007 whilst in Maynooth they jumped from 10 in 2006 to 95 in 2007. No fines were issued in Clane in either year.

The overall combined figures are as follows for the 4 Towns (Clane only included from 2006)

2007	170
2006	176
2005	111
2004	235
2003	341
2002	425

Deputy Stagg stated that the figures do not reflect the serious problem of youths gathering in Public Open Spaces drinking and causing a nuisance to residents. Between the 4 Towns just under 3 ½ fines are issued per week. The Guards stated Deputy Stagg will state that they charge people in such situations with Public Order Offences also and that this has led to a reduction in the fines which have issued. However given the complaints I receive in relation to this issue from residents in the Towns these figures prove one thing only and that is that the Bye-Laws are not being enforced.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that he intended to raise the issue again with the Chief Superintendents in Carlow/Kildare and Dublin Metropolitan West.

NOW GORMLEY ABANDONS PHASE 2 OF RESTORATION WORKS TO MAYNOOTH CASTLE

On foot of indications from Minister Gormley that the acquisition of a portion of land from St. Patrick's College in Maynooth was preventing the provision of additional facilities at Maynooth Castle, Deputy Emmet Stagg successfully got the College Authorities to re-open negotiations on the site because previously it was considered that the asking price did not reflect the value of the land.

Now the Minister for Environment has indicated to Deputy Stagg that there are no specific proposals to purchase the additional land at present having regard to visitor numbers and funding priorities generally.

An angry Deputy Stagg stated that he wished the Minister would make up his mind on the further development of facilities at the Castle. Since the Phase 1 Restoration Works were completed which included the development of the ground floor vaulted areas for exhibition purposes together with access to the first floor and the provision of small-scale guide and visitor facilities, past Governments all controlled by FF have consistently refused to implement the Phase 2 Restoration Works which would have provided a roof on the Keep of the Castle and an Auditorium.

Deputy Stagg stated that the Castle was an important part of the History of Maynooth and North Kildare and if it is to be made more accessible for the people of the area and for tourists then the Minister is going to have to provide funding for the Phase 2 Restoration Works.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg vowed to continue his campaign on this issue despite the belligerence of Gormley and his FF pals in Government.

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OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICE OPERATING AT 68% OF REQUIRED CAPACITY

On foot of the alarming figures for waiting times for assessment for Occupational Therapy, which stood at 368 people last May, including 138 children, Deputy Emmet Stagg sought information in relation to the number of Occupational Therapists working in the Service in Kildare.

The HSE have now advised Deputy Stagg that there are 15 Occupational Therapists working in the service in Kildare comprising one occupational therapy manager, 13 senior occupational therapist's and one basic grade occupational therapist.

Reacting to the response Deputy Stagg stated that there were 7 vacant posts being left unfilled in the Occupational Therapy Service. Instead of a compliment of 22 Occupational Therapists we only have 15. This was the direct cause of the Waiting List for Assessment and was a direct result of Government Cut-Backs in the Health Services.

The HSE cannot fill the vacancies stated Deputy Stagg because of the current embargo on recruitment imposed by the Government. This is a scandalous way to treat people following an accident or stroke and the delay in assessment obviously delays the provision of assistance. This delay reduces substantially the chance of recovery.

Deputy Stagg stated that he regarded the Occupational Therapy Service as a Frontline Service because it was critical in rehabilitating patients and he indicated that he would raise the issue further with Minister Harney.

CARLOW/KILDARE GARDA DIVISION STILL THE WORST MANNED GARDA DIVISION IN THE STATE

Deputy Emmet Stagg has reacted angrily to the publication of Garda Manning Levels across the State (figures compiled by Labour Justice Spokesperson) which show that despite the issue having being highlighted by Deputy Stagg 2 years ago, the Carlow/Kildare Garda Division remains the worst manned Garda Division in the State.

Deputy Stagg stated that he had raised the issue repeatedly with former Minister's for Justice who all kicked to touch claiming that the allocation of Gardai to areas rested with the Garda Commissioner. This washing of hands by FF and PD Ministers is something we are getting use to as they accept responsibility for nothing and yet claim they are in charge of the Country.

The recent figures compiled by Deputy Pat Rabbitte show the following (City Areas Excluded)

GARDA DIVISION	NUMBER OF GARDAI PER POPULATION
CARLOW/KILDARE	1 Garda for every 575 people
LONGFORD/WESTMEATH	1 Garda for every 385 people
CLARE	1 Garda for every 342 people
SLIGO/LEITRIM	1 Garda for every 276 people
DONEGAL	1 Garda for every 312 people
CAVAN/MONAGHAN	1 Garda for every 319 people

Deputy Stagg stated that Nationally there was 1 Garda for every 368 people. The Carlow/Kildare Division has been consistently discriminated against in relation to Garda numbers despite a 34% increase in Population between 1996 and 2006. The result of this under-manning has seen crime rise in the Division by 12% in 2007 and up 94% since 2000. The net effect of all this is that our Gardai are under pressure to deliver a proper policing service to the Public.

If we were to get the National Average Population Ratio of 1 Garda for every 368 people then Carlow/Kildare would receive an additional 226 Gardai. That stated Deputy Stagg would make an enormous change to the policing of the Division and would make a remarkable change to people's lives as Gardai would be available to attend to crimes when called out.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he would raise the issue with both the new Minister for Justice and the Garda Commissioner.

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Batteries to be recycled free of charge – Fitzpatrick

Batteries are now to be recycled free of charge to the consumer according to local Fianna Fail T.D. and member of the Oireachtas Environment Committee, Michael Fitzpatrick.

"From the 26th of September consumers will be able to recycle their batteries free of charge as a new EU Batteries Directive comes into force."

"Consumers will be able to bring their batteries back to any shop selling similar batteries for no charge. There will be no obligation to buy new batteries. Recycling centres run by local authorities will also accept waste batteries free of charge."

"In an attempt to make battery recycling as convenient as possible, workplaces and schools may also be designated as collection points subject to the agreement of local management."

"The cost of collection, treatment and recycling or environmentally sound disposal of the waste batteries will be met by battery producers."

"This development will be a welcome one for consumers. Many people have concerns about waste batteries and their contents. Now consumers can be assured that their batteries are being recycled or disposed of safely and in an environmentally friendly manner,"



Michael Fitzpatrick T.D.

€159 million available to cover increased Electricity and Gas allowances for social welfare recipients -Rising energy costs will continue to be met for pensioners and other recipients of the Electricity or Gas Allowance

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick has welcomed the Minister for Social and Family Affairs, Mary Hanafin's reassurance that those who receive the Electricity or Gas Allowance from the Department of Social and Family Affairs will receive revised allowances to help offset the increased fuel prices during the winter season.

Any increase in fuel affects everyone right across society, increasing both households and business costs. The priority is to ensure that those who most need help with rising energy costs get that support from this Government. Some 358,000 pensioner and other households qualify for Electricity and Gas Allowances through the Household Benefits package which help towards their heating, light and cooking costs throughout the year.

This year alone this Government has increased the funding available to €145 million for electricity and €14 million for gas. This represents additional expenditure on the household benefits package of €26 million in a full year". Added Deputy Fitzpatrick.

I also welcome the initiative undertaken by Minister Hanafin on issues around fuel poverty. Working with the Ministers for Finance Brian Lenihan and Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources Eamon Ryan, to see how we can ensure the coordinated delivery of all fuel poverty initiatives across Government Departments and agencies. Current Energy efficiency initiatives underway, include research by Sustainable Energy Ireland, which have an important contribution to make in improving our information about homes that are vulnerable to fuel poverty.

As a member of the Environment and Climate Change Committees I am conscious that we need to investigate further how best to insulate houses which have low energy efficiency, because a lot of heat and ultimately money is lost through not having sufficient insulation."added Deputy Fitzpatrick.

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

Under the Household Benefits scheme, the Electricity allowance covers standing charges and 2,400 units of electricity each year. Customers opting for the Gas allowance receive a similar amount of energy with the value of the Gas allowance having been aligned with that of the electric urban rate during 2006.

Tánaiste to prioritise cut in red tape for business

First report highlights €20M in savings for business –

Call for further input from business –
Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade & Employment, Mary Coughlan, T.D., today received the first report of the High Level Group on Business Regulation and outlined her commitment to reduce the amount of red tape imposed by the State on business.

"Our commitment in Government is to reduce the administrative burden on Irish business by 25%. This demanding target is a key priority in my role as Minister for Enterprise Trade & Employment and to achieve that aim we have established the High Level Group on Business Regulation. The Group is tasked with identifying where legislation has imposed an administrative burden, or "Red Tape" on business and with recommending ways to reduce that burden, without undermining the policy objectives behind the regulation", said the Tánaiste.

The work of the Group is focused on concrete measures in specific policy areas, including taxation, statistics, environment, health & safety, employment and company law. The first report of the Group sets out a number of instances where procedures have been simplified, making it easier for business to deal with Government.

In addition, further changes to reduce the burden on business are imminent in the procedures surrounding waste collection permits, road haulage permits and employment permits.

"The Group's recommendations are already estimated to save Irish businesses €20M in administrative costs this year through cutting out paperwork, revising the rules for small businesses and making much better use of the secure on-line services" said the Tánaiste.

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick, convenor of Enterprise Trade & Employment Committee stressed that if the work of the Group is to produce optimal benefits, businesses, and especially small business, must come forward with practical proposals in the areas where they feel the burden is greatest. "Small businesses in particular have a lot to gain from participating in this process and making known areas where they feel over-burdened by red tape. To consider how to address these burdens, the Group must firstly be aware of their extent and I would encourage all businesses to feed into the Group's work" he concluded.

Submissions to the High Level Group on Business Regulation should be addressed to

High Level Group on Business Regulation,
Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment,
Earlsfort Centre, Lower Hatch Street, Dublin 2.

Cycle Paths on Canal Tow Paths

Kildare has some 70 miles of Canals, they are one of our most valuable assets and we should be encouraging more people to enjoy to them. "You can walk for miles along the canal banks on the tow paths." says Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick. However, at present, the majority of the towpaths are not suitable for cycling for a variety of reasons, headroom at the masonry arch bridges, rough terrain, etc. Following talks with Waterways Ireland, Deputy Fitzpatrick has been informed that they are working on cycleways in the urban/semi urban environs when the towpaths are or can be made wide enough to accommodate separate designated lanes, i.e. one for pedestrians and one for cyclists.

Deputy Fitzpatrick has been told by Waterways Ireland that they are currently working in partnership with the ESB and South Dublin County Council to construct a cycleway parallel to the canal between Inchicore (3rd lock) to Lucan (12th lock). There will be a designated cycleway and the existing towpath will be developed for walking and fishing.

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Salmon Leap Canoe Club Summer course

Salmon Leap Canoe Club offered a new summer course structure for the first time this summer. The courses were run over two weeks, 5 days each week. The students were taught to use 2-3 different types of kayaks, as well as learning many different skills in each through a variety of different methods. The courses were run with the intention of teaching both how to enjoy water, and how to respect it. Overall the courses were a great success, with many of the students joining the club after their course. We now have a large number of juniors going through to next year.



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Aine Brady T.D.

Fuel Allowance set to increase by 16% says Brady

Deputy Aine Brady has welcomed the announcement by the Minister for Social Affairs, Mary Hanafin TD, that Fuel and Gas allowances for social welfare recipients are set to increase. This will ensure that they continue to receive the same amount of energy as before in light of the rise in energy prices. Deputy Brady met with Minister Hanafin last month to discuss the issue, after a number of pensioners raises the issue with her.

'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.'

'It is of vital importance that those who are affected most by the increase in fuel prices are protected and the Government's priority is to ensure that those who most need help with rising energy costs get the support that is required.'

'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.

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

Bus Service for Maynooth raised with Dublin Bus

Deputy Aine Brady has raised the issue of an improved Bus Service for Maynooth at a recent meeting with Dublin Bus.

In particular, I am anxious that a service be provided on Moyglare Road, Meadowbrook Link Road and at Griffin Rath on the Celbridge Road. Dublin Bus have informed me that they require Kildare Co Co to provide turning bays and / or parking bays at these locations. I have made representations to Kildare Co Co to provide these facilities. Dublin Bus will provide these services once these facilities are in place.

Kildare Co Co received approval for two new Fire Appliances

Deputy Aine Brady has been informed by the Minister of State at the Department of the Environment and Local Government, Michael Kitt TD, that he has approved the purchase of two new fire appliances for Kildare.

'I welcome this announcement as it is important that we continue to invest in the fire services in

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Kildare. We are all well aware of the important work that our Fire Services provide and modern equipment is a key enabler for them to carry out their work in an efficient and safe manner.'

'I have no doubt that this investment will strengthen the capacity of the fire service in County Kildare and enhance the service provided by the retained crew of the six stations operating here.' stated Deputy Brady.

'The Department will be providing a grant of almost €600,000 to the fire authority in due course to meet the full cost of these vehicles.' concluded Deputy Brady.

Unemployed young people to be given opportunity to return to education – Brady

Young people who are out of work for more than six months are to be given the opportunity to return to education, according to Kildare North Fianna Fail T.D., Áine Brady.

"The Minister for Social and Family Affairs announced this week that the €71million available under the Back to Education Allowance Scheme this year will be specifically targeted at young men and women between the ages of 18 and 25 who are signing on the Live Register."

"The Minister has asked the officials in her Department to operate a specific programme over the summer months to identify and contact young people who may be eligible to qualify for the Back to Education Allowance Scheme."

"Recent CSO figures showed an increase in the amount of young people signing on, and the Government is keen to address the trend."

"The Back to Education Allowance Scheme enables participants to receive a weekly rate of payment equivalent to their second or third level education. This payment is not means tested and there is also an additional payment of €500 paid to participants at the start of the academic year."

"This financial assistance enables people to return to education, up-skill or re-skill, with a view to improving their future employment prospects."

"In the last academic year almost 9,000 men and women availed of the Back to Education Allowance Scheme. It is a very successful scheme and I would like to encourage anyone who is struggling to find work to investigate their eligibility," concluded Deputy Brady.

School uniform assistance available for eligible families - Brady

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."

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"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**).

New Research and Development scheme for Small Businesses

Research and Development is key to the survival of Small Businesses and the Government has announcement a revised and simplified Research and Development Grant Scheme which will be available to companies across all sectors, including construction and services companies.

I would encourage all local businesses to use this opportunity to check if they can qualify for Government support for R&D projects by contacting the Department of Enterprise (**01 631 2121** or www.entemp.ie). Information on other supports that are available for small business can be obtained from **Kildare Enterprise Board – 045 861707**.

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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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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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.

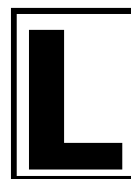
All Ireland Poetry Day

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.

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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 Kiltel 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.



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Children's Colouring Competition



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

Puzzles—Sudoku

Easy

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Medium

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		8			5			7
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6	9						5	4
	7	4	5	9		8	1	
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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.

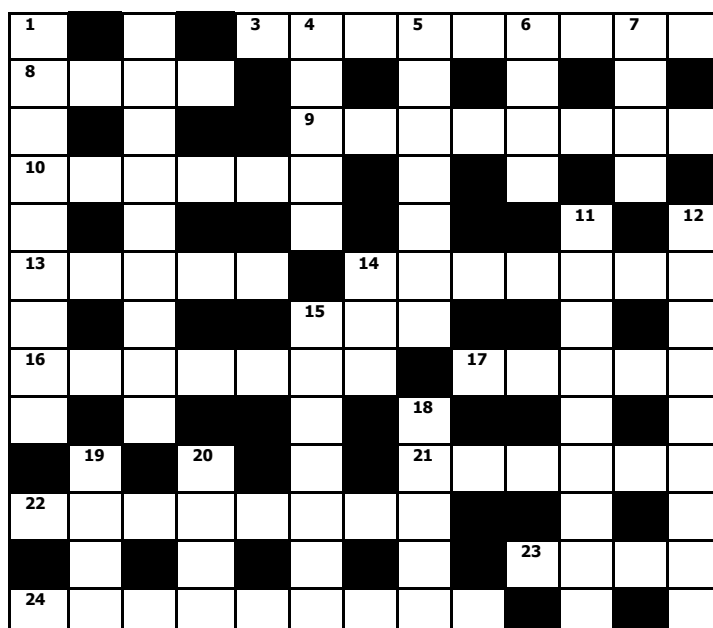
Place the sugar, spices and the cream in a pan, bring to simmering point, giving it a whisk to mix everything together. Then pour it over the eggs and whisk it again briefly.

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.

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Crossword No. 71



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Across:

3. Extravaganza (9)
8. Grumble (4)
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

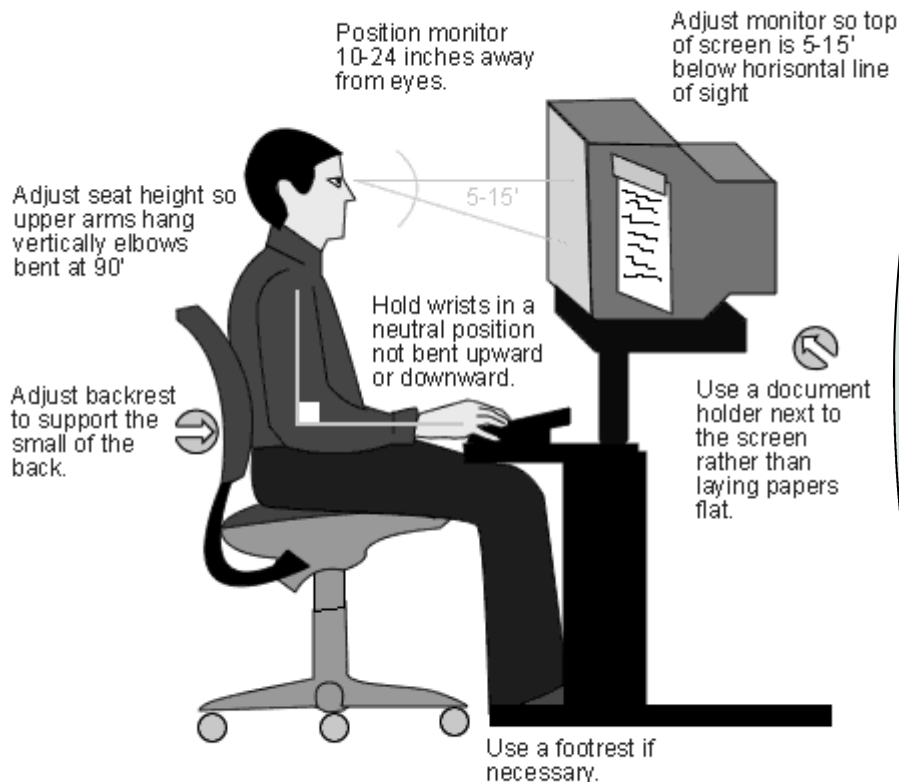
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Are you sitting comfortablyat your Computer?

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.

Clubs, Organisations And Societies

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!

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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:

- o The value of the gift is €45 or less and it is marked as a gift
- o 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.

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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 campaigns against any measures that further develop the EU into a federal super-state and works to defend and enhance popular sovereignty, democracy and social justice in Ireland. Visit <http://www.people.ie>

Party Political—Michael Fitzpatrick T.D.

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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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Party Political-Áine Brady 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, roll 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.

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

Local Fianna Fail Councillor – Cllr Paul Kelly – 086 2560548 – paul.kelly@pkelly.ie

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Editorial

No doubt about it as we head into the winter months, that the subject of the moment is the economy – not just in Ireland but Ireland against the backdrop of a European and indeed Worldwide threat of recession.

We have just seen the chaos and calamity that visited upon America and resulted in a 700 billion bail out of financial institutions, chief among them the casualties being giants such as Lehmann Brothers, Fanny and Freddie mortgage providers, etc. etc. etc.

As we speak, the Chairman of the Federal Reserve has announced that a further stimulus package may well be necessary in order to try and stimulate the economy into recovery and growth rather than into decline and recession.

In Europe, the Irish Government acted swiftly and decisively with their guarantee scheme to save our banking institutions and so residents with deposits in such banks are assured that their savings are safe. All these positive steps are taken with a view to instilling confidence in the institutions of commerce and ultimately in the economies of the world.

With this in mind, the Government has brought forward the budget by two months and we have all realised that each member of society and the community must play a part in helping to resolve our difficulties as quickly as possible even if at immediate loss to ourselves.

The issue of withdrawal of medical cards without means testing, from all over 70's, in order to re-issue according to means testing has quite rightly resulted in a revolt from our senior citizens, other members of the population and also from our politicians. Ultimately sense has prevailed and the Taoiseach, at time of going to press, has just announced that this measure will not now go ahead. Rather, the principle of means testing or qualification for such cards, based on single income limits of 36,500 and 76,000 for a couple, will still be retained but this will undoubtedly result in a very large percentage of our senior citizens being able to enjoy the security and benefits of such a scheme, while also reflecting a fairer system where those who are on good income will be able to pay for their own medical needs. The political system has been seen to work well : the politicians made a mistake, the general public objected and revolted, the politicians recognised their error, apologised and corrected their mistake – the way it should be.

Brid Feely
Editor.

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Community Council Notes

Community Council Notes 13th October 2008

Night classes

The possibility of having night classes in the Post-Primary School was discussed in detail. There has been correspondence between the council and the school and the VEC. The classes that appear elsewhere should be looked at and the possibility of making them available in Maynooth.

Night classes in the College were discussed but it was noted that there was a huge amount of night-time teaching in the University already with such adult education as Diploma courses.

It was agreed that an item would be presented in the Newsletter asking people to say what their choice courses would be. Other suggestions for feedback were: a straw poll at Tesco or a letter sent to the parents via the school children.

The Community Council would like to thank the people of the town for their contributions to the annual flag day.

There was a lot of discussion on the plans for a 24-hour medical clinic. Brian Noone has proposed this development located near his premises on the Straffan Road. T. McMullon outlined the plan including 14 consulting rooms for consultants, about 8 interested already, general practitioners and dentists. It would serve both medical card and private patients, they would have their own ambulance. The plan is submitted to Kildare County Council. The idea is based on the Spanish model. It was agreed to write to KCC to formally back the project.

Maynooth Community Council met with their counterparts in Celbridge in early October to discuss the fact that both towns were looking for Town Council Status.

P. Croghan reported that the meeting was very positive meeting and both in favour of the same actions. Agreed to work together and to meet in Maynooth this time on 3rd November 2008.

The Planning and Development committee expressed their concern about the growing number of inadequate signage on shops and an increase in neon and inappropriate signs. They are asking for people to report these to the committee and they will meet soon to discuss the issue.

The Awards for the Tidy Town will take place on the 22nd October in the Glenroyal at 8pm. It will be the 50th anniversary and they are asking that those involved over the years to be present. The Post-Primary School received the first Green Flag this year.

The issue of Traffic and Traffic Lights was discussed at length particularly since the new lights were turned on at the Glenroyal entrance. It was agreed to write to the Traffic Management Section of the Road Design Section to ask them about the lights and ask if it were possible to meet them in this regard.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin
Secretary, Maynooth Community Council

Poetry Corner

Leaves

How silently they tumble down
And come to rest upon the ground
To lay a carpet, rich and rare,
Beneath the trees without a care,
Content to sleep, their work well done,
Colours gleaming in the sun.

At other times, they wildly fly
Until they nearly reach the sky.
Twisting, turning through the air
Till all the trees stand stark and bare.
Exhausted, drop to earth below
To wait, like children, for the snow.

Elsie N. Brady.

November

November comes
And November goes,
With the last red berries
And the first white snows.

With night coming early,
And dawn coming late,
And ice in the bucket
And frost by the gate.

The fires burn
And the kettles sing,
And earth sinks to rest
Until next spring.

Clyde Watson

In Flanders Fields,

"In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields."

Colonel John McRae,



My Teacher Took My iPod

My teacher took my iPod.
She said they had a rule:
I couldn't bring it into class
or even to the school.

She said she would return it;
I'd have it back that day.
But then she tried my headphones on
and gave a click on "Play."

She looked a little startled,
but after just awhile,
she made sure we were occupied
and cracked a wicked smile.

Her body started swaying.
Her toes began to tap.
She started grooving in her seat
and rocking to the rap.

My teacher said she changed her mind.
She thinks it's now okay
to bring my iPod into class.
She takes it every day.

Kenn Nesbitt

An Autumn Greeting

"Come," said the Wind to the Leaves one day.
"Come over the meadow and we will play.
Put on your dresses of red and gold.
For summer is gone and the days grow cold."

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth I.C.A. Notes

In early June 2008 I approached Mrs. Duignan teacher of 6th class girls in the presentation Convent to teach the girls to knit. Instead of just knitting one item and when finished put into the bottom of a drawer forever to be forgotten. We came up with the idea to knit.

"Teddies For Tragedies"

Doctors who treat children in the third world countries are asking for Teddies, as they have found that children who have their own teddies to cuddle in their cots get better quicker than those who don't have one. Each child keeps his/her own teddy and can take it home, so the doctors need a continual supply. The idea met with great enthusiasm and all the girls did great work producing different teddies each with own personalities (coloured eyes, noses etc. dickey bows, tutu skirts and multicoloured scarves) in all 166 teddies were produced.

Some of the girls did not want to let them go but they knew were heading for loving arms. On that day Fr. Liam Parish Priest remarked of the industries enthusiasm by all.

"I could not believe I was met with such great spirit by all and I would like to say many thanks to all the girls and wish them good luck in the future."

This is a simple idea that anyone can take part in, if you wish to take part please contact the undersigned.

Margaret Houlihan
President
Maynooth I.C.A.



*Girls and their teacher saying
goodbye to the teddies*



166 Teddies

Features

The Month of November



November is the eleventh month of the year in the Gregorian Calendar and one of four Gregorian months with the length of 30 days. November retained its name (from the Latin *novem* meaning "nine") when January and February were added to the Roman calendar.

The birthstone for November is either topaz, citrine, or aquamarine. The birthflower is the chrysanthemum.[citation needed]

November starts on the same day of the week as February in common years, and March every year.

All Saints' Day (also called All Hallows or Hallowmas often shortened to All Saints,) is a feast celebrated on November 1 in Western Christianity, and on the first Sunday after Pentecost in Eastern Christianity in honour of all the saints, known and unknown. In terms of Roman Catholic theology, the feast commemorates all those who have attained the beatific vision in heaven, while the next day, All Souls' Day, commemorates the departed faithful who have not yet been purified and reached heaven.

Thanksgiving, or Thanksgiving Day, is a traditional North American holiday, which is a form of harvest festival. The date and whereabouts of the first Thanksgiving celebration is a topic of modest contention, though the earliest attested Thanksgiving celebration was on September 8, 1565 in what is now Saint Augustine, Florida.[1] Despite scholarly research to the contrary, the traditional "first Thanksgiving" is venerated as having occurred at the site of Plymouth Plantation, in 1621.

Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November in the United States.

Thanksgiving

The year has turned its circle,
The seasons come and go.
The harvest all is gathered in
And chilly north winds blow.
Orchards have shared their treasures,
The fields, their yellow grain,
So open wide the doorway~
Thanksgiving comes again!
~Old Rhyme



"The First Thanksgiving", painted by Jean Leon Gerome Ferris (1863–1930).

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Response: Dr. Mark Dooley
Chair: Dr. Michael Dunne

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Response: Dr. Cyril McDonnell
Chair: Dr. Mette Lebech

13 November, 2008 Dr. Wayne Waxman, Philosophy Department, NUIM.

“Universality and the Analytic Unity of Apperception in Kant: A Reading of the *Critique of Pure Reason* (B133-4n)”

Response: Dr. Cyril McDonnell
Chair: Dr. Mark Dooley

27 November, 2008 Dr. Mette Lebech, Philosophy Department, NUIM.

“Edith Stein on the Body”

Response: Dr. Mark Dooley
Chair: Dr. Cyril McDonnell

ALL WELCOME!

Clubs, Organisations And Societies

Return of MAYNOOTH FILM FOR ALL: FILM CLUB 2008/2009 Second Season



Kildare County Council Arts Service in partnership with The Centre for Media Studies NUI Maynooth presents the second season of Maynooth Film for All, film club.

VENUE

The comfortable surroundings of the JHL2, lecture hall in the John Hume building, North Campus, Maynooth College is the venue for the club. Invited lecturers from various NUI Maynooth departments will briefly introduce the films and facilitate a short discussion following the screenings.

Registration date has already passed. For further enquiries contact Brenda Brady Arts Assistant Tel: 045 448328 or Email: bbrady@kildarecoco.ie

- ◆ Membership is open to all over 18yrs. and costs €45.00 for a full season of eight films
- ◆ Concession € 20 per season
- ◆ Students € 2 per screening with valid student card
- ◆ Admission for non-members on the night €8

DATES AND LISTING FOR REST OF THE SEASON

1. October 8 - Garage
2. November 5 - Lust, Caution
3. December 3 - The Diving Bell and the Butterfly
4. January 14 (2009) - The Edge of Heaven
5. February 4 - Taxi to the Dark Side
6. March 4 - Kings
7. April 8 - La Antena
8. May 6 - You Kill Me



For application form and more detailed information on the films see www.kildare.ie/arts



Puzzles—Sudoku

Easy

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1				4				
4		3		5				
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9	6	1						
			4					

Medium

	6	4						
3	2	5						
6	2		8					
			5					
			7					

Difficult

Super Difficult

Solutions



1	2	9	5	7	4	8	3	6
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2	7	6	4	1	8	3	9	5
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Features

Susie's Party

The school had just reopened after the summer holidays and all the girls were discussing their holidays, and what they had done. Susie was feeling very lonely because her mother and father were going on a trip for two weeks leaving Susie in the care of her aunt Bridget. She had one best friend at school but Tara was out sick today, so Susie was on her own in the playground. Her Aunt was a quiet spoken person but she was quite old fashioned as well. She did like her sisters child. She had no children of her own. Bridget was older than her own mother Nora, and had never married. Her mother had married Seamus thirteen years ago and Susie was born the year later.

Bridget was a person who wanted a career. She taught music at home in her own house. She also went to the local school on Friday's to teach the girls how to sing, and played the piano for them. Susie heard from one of the girls that day that the class snob Noreen was having a party in two weeks time. Everyone wanted to be invited to the party. Noreen lived in a big house and she went horse riding on a Saturday. She was very popular as well. The day came to an end and everyone left the school grounds and went home.

Bridget was waiting with a piping hot stew for Susie when she got home. "Had a good day " Bridget asked. "Yes it was alright but Noreen Byrne is having a party in two weeks. Her parents said that she could have a party". Her Aunt looked at Susie and knew that she was a quiet girl and didn't talk much. She was very intelligent but not outspoken like the other girls. Things had to be coaxed out of her. "Well who has she invited or are you not invited". "No she hasn't given out the invitations yet. Tara wasn't in school today so I had no one to talk to". "Will she be in tomorrow? "Yes I think so". "Well that should cheer you up". Then Susie did her homework and looked at some television.

The next morning Susie put on some make up and some lipstick. She wanted to impress the other girls and she wanted to look more grown up. She left the house without her Aunt Bridget seeing her with the make up on her face.

Tara was in school today. Susie was glad. "Well anything happen while I was away yesterday? " Tara said. "Noreen Byrne is having a birthday in two weeks time. What shall we do if we are not invited?" Susie replied "Well you see we have to be invited or we will be a laughing stock" moaned Tara. Noreen Byrne and her friends kind of owned the class. They were the class stars. Whatever they said everyone jumped to their demand. Susie hadn't much confidence but Tara put some in her. Tara didn't want to see her friend upset about Noreen Byrne. They didn't want to impress her just to go to her party but how else could they get invited. So they concocted a plan. They would let Noreen score a ten in her spelling test on Friday and they would get invited to the party. The next week Noreen came with the invitations for the party. Everyone was getting to go to the party. That means she would be getting thirty presents. Noreen was delighted about getting all these presents. Her mother however was only letting her keep five of the presents. She told her that there were other children worse off and to share them.

Now Susie had to think of a present for Noreen. Bridget was delighted that Susie was invited to the party. It would give her more confidence. She was an only child and was always been comforted by her parents if she got upset. This was the first time that they has left Susie on her own. "Well we will have to get you a new dress. We'll go on Saturday to buy one", she said

On Saturday morning Susie put on her jeans , jumper, and boots and went shopping with her Aunt. They looked in a few shops before coming to a cosy little boutique for girls. They went inside to the shop. There were beautiful dresses on display. Then Auntie said "which one would you like? She fitted on a few. She fitted on a green dress with a white collar and white cuffs. It was beautiful on Susie. "I like this one." It was expensive but worth it if she was to have a good time at the party. She also bought her a new pair of white socks. Now she was kitted out. Now to get the present! In the window of a stationery shop they saw lovely stationery sets. Would that be a good present for Noreen? It was bound in leather with Roses on the paper. It was a lovely gift. So they bought the gift for Noreen.

The day of the party came and everyone was there. Susie found that she didn't need to be comforted all the time. She was having a good time. Her auntie was right. It did get her out of her self and mixing with other girls was good for her confidence. She handed the gift to Noreen. "Happy Birthday Noreen." This was going to be a swell party and it was.

Enda Clavin

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Recipes

Chilli Lamb with Noodles

Ingredients

- ◆ 25g (1oz) Flora No Salt spread
- ◆ 1 onion, finely chopped
- ◆ 1 garlic clove, crushed
- ◆ 45g (1lb) minced lamb
- ◆ 400g can chopped tomatoes
- ◆ 1/2 teaspoon chilli sauce
- ◆ 410g can red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- ◆ Black pepper
- ◆ 225g (8oz) noodles
- ◆ Fresh basil leaves, to garnish

Method

Melt the Flora No Salt spread in a saucepan, add the onion and garlic and cook for about 5 minutes, stirring occasionally, until soft. Add the lamb and cook for about 5 minutes, stirring. Stir in the tomatoes, chilli sauce, beans and seasoning. Bring to the boil, then cover and simmer gently for 20-30 minutes. Meanwhile, cook the noodles according to packet directions and drain. Serve the sauce with the noodles, garnished with basil leaves.

Potato and Leek Pie

Ingredients

- ◆ 750g Rooster potatoes
- ◆ 300g well washed leeks
- ◆ 1 onion
- ◆ 50g butter
- ◆ 300g puff pastry
- ◆ 4 tablespoons of chopped flat parsley
- ◆ 1 egg
- ◆ 100ml boiled double cream

Method

Peel the potatoes and then slice very thinly. Finely slice the onion and leeks. Melt the butter in a pan, add the onion, and sweat for 2-3 minutes without browning. Add the leeks and cook together until softened. Add the sliced potatoes and cook for 5 - 6 minutes. Season and leave to cool.

Roll out two thirds of the puff pastry and line a 20 cm dish. Roll out the remaining pastry to make a lid and rest in fridge for 30 minutes.

Mix the parsley with the cooled potato and leek mixture, and spoon into the pastry case.

Brush the edges with beaten egg and cover with puff pastry lid. Press the edges together, make a small hole in the centre and brush the top with the rest of the beaten egg.

Bake for 45 minutes to 1 hour at 180°C. Cover if it starts to become too brown.

Once cooked, leave to rest for 30 minutes before pouring the boiled cream into the pie through the hole in the centre.

Leave to cool and serve at room temperature.

Lamb Hot Pot

Ingredients

- ◆ 2 finely diced carrots
- ◆ 2 finely diced celery sticks
- ◆ 2 finely diced onions
- ◆ 1 crushed garlic clove
- ◆ 2 sprigs of rosemary
- ◆ 75g butter
- ◆ 4 large chunk chops
- ◆ 150ml white wine
- ◆ 650ml good lamb or beef stock
- ◆ 8 thinly sliced Rooster potatoes
- ◆ salt & pepper

Method

Pre-heat oven to 180°C / Gas Mark 4

Lightly cook the vegetables, garlic and rosemary in 50g of butter. Then remove from the pan and keep to one side.

Melt the remaining butter in the pan and brown the chops on each side. Then remove from the pan.

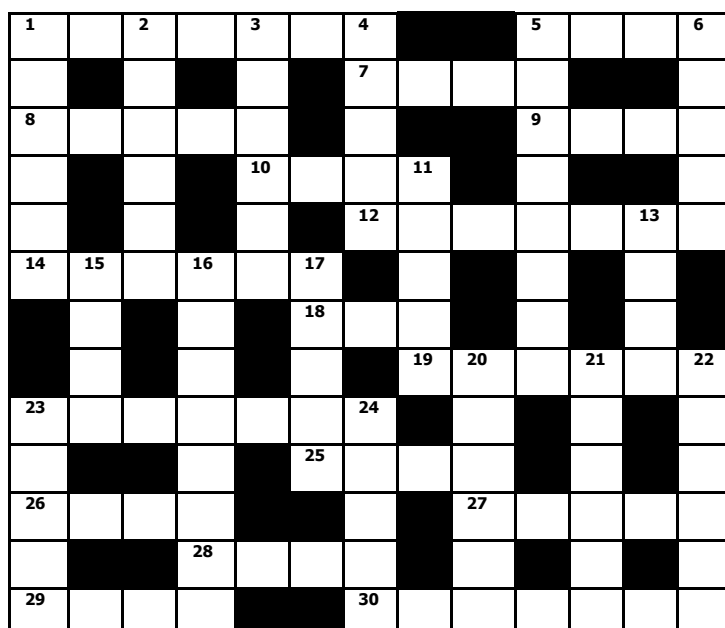
Add the wine. Boil and reduce until almost dry.

Add the stock and bring to a boil. Place the chops into a shallow braising dish and cover with the vegetables. Season with salt & pepper.

Lay the sliced overlapping potatoes onto the chops, pour over the hot stock, and place into oven for 1 hour. Be sure to baste the potatoes every 15 minutes.

Features

Crossword No. 72



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Across:

1. Turned (7)
5. Divide (4)
7. European volcano (4)
8. Bush (5)
9. Chinese porcelain (4)
10. Page of a book (4)
12. Dairy food (7)
14. Cave (6)
18. Craze (3)
19. Dessert (6)
23. Slatted (7)
25. Speed competition (4)
26. Greek letter (4)
27. Wanders (5)
28. Dusting powder (4)
29. Volcanic deposit (4)
30. Component (7)

Down:

1. Bad moon - - -, song (6)
2. Bullfighter (6)
3. Pill (6)
4. Hold - up (5)
5. Leaflet (8)
6. Close - fitting (5)
11. Henry - - -, US actor (5)
13. German river (4)
15. City in Nevada (4)
16. La - - -, Verdi opera (8)
17. Proposal (5)
20. Savage (6)
21. Refrigerant gas (6)
22. Nightfall (6)
23. Badge (5)
24. Reel (5)

Solutions to crossword No. 71

Across:

3. Spectacle, 8. Moan, 9. Regiment, 10. Locket, 13. Costa, 14. Plaster, 15. Lee, 16. Treason, 17. Cross, 21. Onager, 22. Infernal, 23. Gown, 24. Usherette.

Down:

1. Implicate, 2. Lancaster, 4. Perth, 5. Cagoule, 6. Alms, 7. Lone, 11. Stongbox, 12. Armstrong, 14. Pen, 15. Lozenge, 18. To let, 19. Ants, 20. Here.

Doodle Box

Clubs, Organisations And Societies

Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Know Your Rights

Question

Do I have to pay any charges for a public bed in a private nursing home if I have a Medical Card?

Answer

Yes you do, whether you have a Medical Card or not.

Under the Health (Charges for In-Patient Services) Regulations 2005 (S.I. No. 276 of 2005) people in receipt of in-patient services in a public nursing home are liable for charges even if you have a Medical Card. If the Health Service Executive (HSE) is providing you with in-patient care in a contracted-out bed in a private nursing home you are liable for the same charges.

The weekly charges, which have been effective since the 14th July 2005 are as follows:

Class1 - where nursing care is provided on a 24-hour basis:

Total weekly income less €35, subject to €120 maximum per week.

Class2 - where nursing care is not provided on a 24-hour basis:

Total weekly income less €55 or 60% of the weekly income (whichever is the smaller amount), subject to €90 maximum per week.

The following groups are exempt from these charges:

- People under 18 years of age
- Women receiving maternity services
- People detained involuntarily under the Mental Health Acts
- People in hospitals for the care and treatment of patients with acute ailments, including psychiatric ailments
- People who, in the opinion of the HSE, have contracted Hepatitis C directly or indirectly from the use of Human Immunoglobulin Anti-D or the receipt within the State of another blood product or a blood transfusion

The HSE may reduce or waive the charge where it would cause undue financial hardship.

Question

I understand that EU/EEA nationals working in Ireland may be eligible for the One-Parent Family Payment without having to satisfy the habitual residence condition. Why is this?

Answer

In May 2004 the requirement to be habitually resident in Ireland was introduced as a qualifying condition for certain social assistance payments paid by the Department of Social and Family Affairs, including One-Parent Family Payment. In general, to qualify for a payment under this condition, you must have been resident in Ireland or in Northern Ireland, England, Scotland, Wales, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man for the two years immediately prior to applying for a payment.

Since May 2005 One-Parent Family Payment has been reclassified as a Family Benefit. Child Benefit is already

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classified as a Family Benefit.

As a result of this change the habitual residence condition is not applied to claims for One-Parent Family Payment made by EU/EEA nationals, or by Swiss nationals, who are employed or self-employed in Ireland and who are subject to the Irish PRSI (social insurance) system. They can also receive the payment if they become unemployed and are receiving Unemployment Benefit.

Question

Are there charges if you request information from an organisation under Freedom of Information?

Answer

There may be charges in certain circumstances.

Under the Freedom of Information Acts 1997-2003 (FOI) you have the right to access information held by public bodies, and in particular, the right to access information held by a public body about you and to have that information corrected if it is incomplete, incorrect or misleading. It also gives you the right to be given reasons for decisions made by public bodies which affect you.

Examples of bodies that come under FOI are government departments, most state and semi-state bodies, local authorities and third level educational institutions.

There is no charge for the following types of request:

- A request for records containing only personal information
- A request to have incorrect personal information changed
- Requests where you are looking for reasons for decisions taken by public bodies that affect you personally

An application fee of €15 must accompany requests for non-personal information. A reduced fee of €10 will apply if you are a Medical Card holder or a dependent of a Medical Card holder. This fee is in addition to the fees which may be charged for search, retrieval and photocopying.

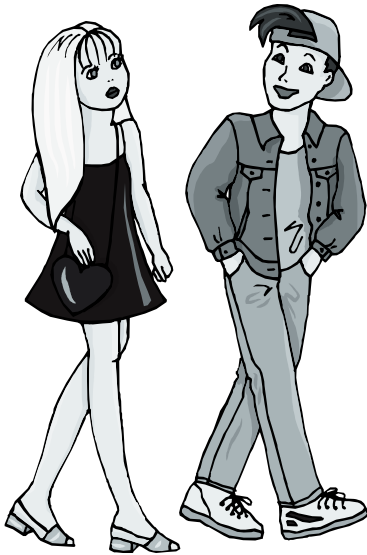
A charge also applies in most cases where you seek an internal review or make an external appeal to the Information Commissioner concerning access to non-personal information. A fee of €75 applies to internal reviews and a fee of €150 to external appeals. The reduced fee for Medical Card holders is €25 and €50 respectively.

To make an FOI request submit the request in writing along with the appropriate fee, if applicable, to the public body, specifying that the request is being made under the FOI Acts.

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.

Untidy Teens



In the last newsletter, we discussed tantrums. This month, we look at the issue of teenagers and their untidy bedrooms.

If you are lucky enough to have a tidy teenager then you are envied by many parents! Untidiness, in most cases, grows at an alarming rate during the teenage years. Clothes on the bedroom floor, glasses and cups with liquids in the end that have often 'grown' into some type of fungus and so on. If you have girls, throw in lots of makeup, hair brushes and sprays, jewellery and make-up wipes!

Getting your teenager to tidy their room is not an easy task. There are however some clear guidelines that you can set. Pick a time when you and your teen are calm and discuss the problem. Don't get angry and shout about the room – this will only cause your stress levels to rise and make your teen very angry. This will not foster co-operation from the teen and will not help to solve the problem. When you are both calm talk to your teen about how their untidy bedroom bothers you. Tell them, respectfully, that you don't like having such an untidy room in the house. Ask if you can both work out a solution together. Listen to your teen with respect – remember you are trying to work out a solution not give orders. Some ideas to explore may be:

- 1. Do they need more storage space? Maybe some extra storage will help them to organise their space better.**
- 2. Can they make it a habit to bring down their dishes each evening?**
- 3. Talk about respecting their privacy by NOT cleaning the room for them.**

Remember to remain calm and ask the teenager to suggest ways to solve the problem. Write down suggestions, agree a plan and agree a date to review. As the teen has suggested some solutions and you have agreed the plan, this will place more responsibility on the teenager to solve the problem. Don't nag any more about the problem but wait until your agreed review date and discuss results then. In the meantime, encourage the teen by noticing any improvements - "I noticed that you brought the dishes down from your bedroom – well done, you are sticking to our plan".

Dr John Sharry, Dpsych, Msc, MIACT

Help Me To Parent Ltd offer parenting courses for parents of children age 1 to teens. For more information visit www.HelpMe2Parent.ie

Horoscopes



ARIES—March 21—April 20

You spend energy on your loved ones, an investment that will have abundantly fortifying returns. They are your core reason for being. Your lucky day is Monday, Number 12, Colour Red.



LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23

Learn from those who have overcome great hardship. Your enhanced perspective will keep you from piddling away your time on small worries. Your lucky day is Saturday, Number 1, Colour Silver.



TAURUS—April 21—May 21

Certain trains of thought are unhealthy, and you know it, though it's hard to stop yourself. Do try. If you have the discipline to break one thought chain, you have the power to create your life. Your lucky day is Saturday, Number 8, Colour Green.



SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22

It's warfare out there, and you'll do your share of bullet-dodging. You have as good a chance as anyone else at winning. Your lucky day is Monday, Number 19, Colour Grey.



GEMINI—May 22—June 22

You'll come into contact with certain people, who, as great as they may be, are still not the correct fit for you. Stay open to new possibilities. You have to feel that click, and after you do, nothing else matters much. Your lucky day is Tuesday, Number 14, Colour White.



SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21

You're definitely feeling the pressure. There is so much you want to accomplish before the clock strikes midnight. Your lucky day is Wednesday, Number 2, Colour Gold.



CANCER—June 23—July 23

You may review recent interactions and judge yourself according to how well you believe you came across. Go easy. The social you is only a version of the real you. You're a promising work in progress. Your lucky day is Monday, Number 6, Colour Blue.



CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20

It takes a huge, disproving realization to change your mind. Such an epiphany could happen this afternoon. Be careful with your finances. Your lucky day is Tuesday, Number 9, Colour Violet.



LEO—July 24—August 23

The details matter. You'll pick up important pieces of information from the scrap pile of numbers, receipts and messages. There's a hidden reward in there, and you're destined to find it. Your lucky day is Friday, Number 17, Colour Yellow.



AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19

You know you're crazy about someone because being around this person brings out every nervous habit or social quirk in your arsenal. Your lucky day is Friday, Number 14, Colour Gold.



Virgo—August 24—Sept 23

You're pretty sure something cannot be done; inexplicably, you try anyhow. The result amazes everyone. Magic may come when you let your curiosity get the better of you. Your lucky day is Sunday, Number 12, Colour Lemon.



PISCES—Feb 20—March 20

As much as you would love for someone to know that fantastical version of yourself you've created in your head, the real you is more lovable. Your lucky day is Sunday, Number 5, Colour Brown.

Pet Corner

A Basic Guide To The Keeping of Horses



Grazing

When considering the amount of grazing required, think of around 1.5 acres for the first horse followed by an extra one acre for every horse thereafter (this will depend upon the type of land, drainage, etc). The field should also provide some kind of shelter from the elements. Daily checks should be made to ensure that the water supply is constant, clean, and that ice is broken during winter months. Horses should ideally be kept with the company of at least one other to provide the companionship (and a playmate) they would naturally have in a herd environment.

Stabling

An important consideration on whether or not you can keep and afford a horse is the availability and cost of appropriate stabling and or suitable grazing, especially if you do not have your own land. Horses can be expensive animals not only to buy, but also to keep both on a long and short term basis.

Shoeing Costs

Unless a horse is not being worked or is in light work on soft ground, it is likely that they will need shoeing. This will need to be carried out every four - six weeks. Costs will vary from farrier to farrier (around €100per set). Even if your horse is not shod, it will still require to have its' feet trimmed as and when it is necessary, again usually every 4-6 weeks

Worming

All horses should be wormed on a regular basis, every 8 - 10 weeks. The careful maintenance of pasture and turning out paddocks is also required to ensure that horses are given the greatest protection against the infestation of worms.

Veterinary Bills

These will always be of an un-quantified amount required. Even in good health the horse will still require annual injections and vaccinations from a vet.

Items Required

You will need a saddle, bridle, irons & leathers, numnah (for under the saddle) a feed bowl, a haynet, water buckets, grooming kit, headcollar, lead-rope, tack cleaning equipment. The list goes on and the cost will soon mount up. Do not forget that you may also need more jodhpurs, wellington boots , and if you are going to compete you will need the correct dress e.g. hacking jacket, top boots, shirt, tie / stock etc.

Horseback riding safety tips

- * Choose a horse to ride that matches your riding skills. Be sure that the horse you choose is safe to ride in areas such as on the road where traffic could be an issue.
- * Wear a helmet that's securely fastened and worn at all times while on a horse.
- * Sturdy shoes or boots with about a one inch heel take good consideration.
- * The saddle of a new or inexperienced rider should be furnished with break-away stirrups which is a safety feature which will help prevent falls and therefore keep them from being dragged if the horse does not stop.
- * Riding with a friend can be more fun than if you are alone and it is always a good idea to bring along radio or a mobile phone in case there are circumstances that require immediate action.
- * Younger children especially should always wear a back support.

Features



November in Your Garden



November is the second last month of the year. It is STILL a good time to plant. You can still plant trees, shrubs, flowers and much more. For colour you can't go wrong with pansies, if planted now you can have beautiful flowers and colour until late April.

You can plant directly into the ground or in just about any container as long as it has good drainage. Plant them in an area that receives plenty of sunlight. Feed with an "all purpose" fertilizer. Remove spent blossoms regularly to encourage new blooms. You can also add stock, dianthus and snapdragons to this list as well. **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.**

Perennials, Annuals and Bulbs

- ✦ Make sure that the canes of your climbing roses and other vining plants are securely fastened to their supports. Winter winds can whip and severely damage unprotected plants. Don't tie them so tightly that the string or twist-tie cuts into the stem. I recommend using a length of an old nylon stocking because it will stretch as the plant grows, rather than cutting into the stem
- ✦ Mound five to six inches of soil around the bases of your hardy fuchsias and roses. *Use soil from another part of the garden, rather than risking damage to the roots by digging around the base of the plant.*
- ✦ Cut Chrysanthemum stems to 2-3 inches from the soil once they have begun to die back.
- ✦ You can continue to transplant your perennials throughout the fall and winter, as long as they remain dormant.
- ✦ Tulip bulbs may still be planted in the early part of the month.
- ✦ Tender bulbs should be dug up and stored in a cool, dark area after first frost.
Be sure that your tender plants are protected from frost. Mulching with bark, sawdust or straw will help create a blanket of protection over the root system. Should the weather get suddenly cold, place cloth or dark plastic over your *tender plants* to give them some added protection from the cold. Be sure to remove this covering when the weather has stabilized!.

Shrubs and trees

- ✦ One of the most asked questions at this time of year is "when can I transplant my shrubs and trees?" This month and throughout the next several months will be good times to transplant trees and shrubs. At this time of the year, most ornamentals have entered into dormancy, and can be safely dug and replanted. The key to transplanting is to dig a large root ball (*get as much of the root system as is possible*). Equally important, is getting the plant back into the prepared soil as quickly as possible, to keep the roots from drying out. (*Only a transplanting fertilizer should be used at this time of the year.*) Large trees or shrubs should be staked to protect them from wind whipping during winter storms. Keep them staked until the roots have a chance to develop and anchor them.
- ✦ Prune your evergreens to shape.
- ✦ Drain your hoses and put them away so they don't freeze and burst.

House Plants

- ✦ Winter heating dries the air out in your home considerably. Help your house plants survive by misting them or placing the pots on a pebble filled tray of water to ensure adequate humidity and moisture.
- ✦ Pot up some spring flowering bulbs for indoor colour during the winter. Store the pots in a cool, dark place, until new growth emerges from the soil, and then move them to a bright window.
- ✦ A tip from The 1899 Old Farmer's Almanac "Useful Hints": "Keep all fruit stones (pits), cooked or uncooked. Dry them slowly in the oven, put in a large jar, and in winter throw a handful on the fire of an evening. They will crackle for a moment, send up a bright flame, and fill the room with a delicious aroma."

Features

Cattle shown to align north-south



Cattle partake in some directional grazing

Have you ever noticed that herds of grazing animals all face the same way?

Images from Google Earth have confirmed that cattle tend to align their bodies in a north-south direction.

Wild deer also display this behaviour - a phenomenon that has apparently gone unnoticed by herdsmen and hunters for thousands of years.

In the Proceedings for the National Academy of Sciences, scientists say the Earth's magnetic fields may influence the behaviour of these animals. The Earth can be viewed as a huge magnet, with magnetic north and south situated close to the geographical poles.

Many species - including birds and salmon - are known to use the Earth's magnetic fields in migration, rather like a natural GPS.

A few studies have shown that some mammals - including bats - also use a "magnetic compass" to help their sense of direction.

Dr Sabine Begall, from the University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany, has mainly studied the magnetic sense of mole rats - African animals that live in underground tunnels.

"We were wondering if larger animals also have this magnetic sense," she told BBC News.

This sense may be quite widespread in the animal kingdom. Dr. Begall and Colleagues first decided to study the natural behaviour of domestic cattle. The researchers surveyed Google Earth images of 8,510 grazing and resting cattle in 308 pasture plains across the globe.

"Sometimes it took hours and hours to find some pictures with good resolution," said Dr Begall.

The scientists were unable to distinguish between the head and rear of the cattle, but could tell that the animals tended to face either north or south. Their study ruled out the possibility that the Sun position or wind direction were major influences on the orientation of the cattle.

Dr Begall said: "In Africa and South America, the cattle (were) shifted slightly to a more north-eastern-south-western direction.

But it is known that the Earth's magnetic field is much weaker there," she explained.

The researchers also recorded the body positions of 2,974 wild deer in 277 locations across the Czech Republic.

Their fieldwork revealed that the majority of grazing and resting deer face northward. About one-third of the deer faced southward.

"That might be some kind of anti-predatory behaviour," speculated Dr Begall.

Willy Miller - a Scottish cattle farmer - remarked: "I've never noticed that my cows all face the same way."

Cows are social animals: "[They] all sit down before it rains [and] huddle together in a circle formation during blizzards. But from a cow's point of view, that's just sensible," he told BBC News.

Professor John Phillips, a sensory biologist from Virginia Tech University, US, commented that this sixth magnetic sense might be "virtually ubiquitous in the animal kingdom".

He added: "We need to think about some really fundamental things that this sensory ability provides in animals."

The challenge remains for scientists to explain how the animals behave in this way - and if Scottish cattle are the exception to the rule!



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HUMOUR ABOUT THE FUNNY THINGS IN LIFE

"I'm not upset that your lamb followed you to school, Mary, but I would like to know how he got a better grade than you!"

Save on electricity by turning off all the lights in your house and walking around wearing a miner's hat.

Old telephone directories make ideal personal address books. Simply cross out the names and address of people you don't know.

Buy a television set exactly like your neighbours. Then annoy them by standing outside their window and changing their channel using your identical remote control.

Avoid parking tickets by leaving your wipers turned to 'fast wipe' whenever you leave your car parked illegally.

As the doctor completed an examination of the patient, he said, "I can't find a cause for your complaint. Frankly, I think it's due to drinking." "In that case," said the patient, "I'll come back when you're sober"

A man walks into a pub and sits down next to a man with a dog at his feet. "Does your dog bite?" "No."

A few minutes later the dog takes a huge chunk out of his leg. "I thought you said your dog didn't bite!"

the man says indignantly. "That's not my dog."

Bert took his Saint Bernard to the vet.

"Doctor," he said sadly, "I'm afraid I'm going to have to ask you to cut off my dog's tail."

The vet stepped back, "Bert, why should I do such a terrible thing?"

"Because my mother-in-law's arriving tomorrow, and I don't want anything to make her think she's welcome."

What you call dog with no legs?

Don't matter what you call him, he ain't gonna come.

You tried your best and you failed miserably. The lesson is 'never try'.

Energizer Bunny arrested, charged with battery.

I told the doctor I broke my leg in two places. He told me to quit going to those places.

When I was kidnapped, my parents snapped into action. They rented out my room.

A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kick boxing.`

I think animal testing is a terrible idea; they get all nervous and give the wrong answers.

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Small Estates (under 100 houses)

Cluain Aoibhinn (over 25 years old)

Pebble Hill (under 25 years old)

Estate Awards- Large Estates (more than 100 houses)

Railpark (over 25 years old)

Moyglare Village (under 25 years old)

**Special Residential Award
Old Greenfield**



Moyglare Residents Association being presented with their Prize



Bob O'Reilly (President) , Catherine Carton & Tom McMullon.
Catherine Carton received a Special Residential Award on behalf of Old Greenfield.

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Pupils from St. Mary's Boys School with their teacher Tom Murphy being presented with their Special Award.



Pupils from Maynooth Piost Primary School being presented with their Green Flag Award by The Mayor of Kildare, Senan Griffen & Aisling Kellegher

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Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

FLOODING AT LARAGHBRYAN CEMETERY

Cllr. McGinley was given the following reply to his motion to eliminate the flooding at the cemetery:

"The Water Services Section and Roads Maintenance Sections are currently reviewing the Capital Flood Alleviation Programme. This programme will be completed by the end of September and presented to the Local Area Committees at the October meetings, prior to presentation to the full Council. The Programme will include major catchment wide capital schemes and a commitment to provide funding to the Roads Maintenance Section for minor flood alleviation works as agreed.

Following the period of heavy rain in mid-August the Fire Service assisted in pumping out the floodwaters in Laraghbryan cemetery which relieved the immediate problem.

The Area Engineer has suggested that a possible solution to prevent the problem of flooding in the cemetery would be to lay a surface water pipe across the main road to the drain.

Estimates are being sought to have this task carried out. A preliminary estimate for this work is between €5,000 and €7,500.

Cllr. John McGinley asked for this work to be carried out as a matter of urgency in order to remove the stress caused to grieving relatives.

IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT THE PUBLIC CAR PARK IN MAYNOOTH

Cllr McGinley was given the following response to his motion to improve the landscaping on the eastern side of the public car park:

"The Council's Parks Department has been asked to assist in the upgrading of this area."

PROVISION OF EXTENSIONS TO 66 AND 67 BUS ROUTES IN MAYNOOTH

Cllr. McGinley was given the following update on the proposal to extend bus services:

"Dublin Bus has yet to apply to the Department of Transport (DoT) for the extension of the bus routes and therefore it would be premature to hold a meeting with them and the Area Committee. However, it is intended to meet Dublin Bus when their proposals are prepared and submitted to the DoT for approval."

Cllr. McGinley stated it is essential that Council engineers meet now with Dublin Bus in order to get agreement on the location of new bus terminus and the necessary traffic calming changes. He pointed that there was no point in waiting on Government approval before carrying out these infrastructural changes. This was agreed.

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ADDITIONAL PARKING MAYNOOTH TRAIN STATION

Cllr. McGinley was given the following update:

"The Council's Transportation Department has contacted the DTO to invite their officers or consultants to attend the October meeting of the committee to make a presentation on proposals for Maynooth Railway Station."

SAFE ROUTE ALONG RATHCOFFEY ROAD

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following update his motion:

"This matter is still under discussion with the NRA Road safety division. The estimated cost of the works is €250,000. If agreed, a source of funding will have to be identified. The project will be listed for consideration for the 2009 Budget."

SILKEN VALE ESTATE

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following reply to his motion to have the main road in Silken Vale taken in charge:

"The road in this estate cannot be considered for taking in charge until the public consultation process has been completed in accordance with the statutory requirements. There are still some outstanding issues to be addressed before the formal process can commence. Development Control Department will prepare a detailed report for the next meeting of the Area Committee."

Cllr. McGinley stated the he was very disappointed with the report as his motion to have the main road taken in charge was agreed eight months ago. He demanded that there be an end to this long drawn out saga and that he wanted the public consultation process to begin at the next Area Meeting.

GREEN WATER PUMP OUTSIDE THE HULA BOU SHOP

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following reply to his motion to have this ancient pump re-installed:

"This will be arranged and will be undertaken as soon as staff resources and work schedules permit."

HGV SURVEY ON MOYGLARE ROAD

Cllr. McGinley expressed his disappointment that the survey of HGV's using Moyglare Road, Maynooth had still not taken place. He was given the following reply to his motion:

"An Origin/destination survey will be carried out on the Moyglare Road in the coming months."

PUBLIC LIGHTS AT THE SQUARE NOT WORKING

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the ESB to get the 10 "runway" lights back in working order.

BUS STOP AT GRIFFIN RATH ESTATE

Cllr. John McGinley has asked to Dublin Bus to have the bus stop re-installed. It was removed by the contractor when the modern hardstand was being installed.

John has also asked them when the inward bus stop will be put in place at this location.

STAGG AND MCGINLEY APPEAL DECISION TO ALLOW APARTMENT BLOCK AT OLD GREENFIELDS/STRAFFAN ROAD JUNCTION

Deputy Emmet Stagg and his colleague Cllr. John McGinley have appealed 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 at the junction of Old Greenfield's Lane and the Straffan Road in Maynooth.

In their appeal Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley reiterated the objections they had raised originally to the proposal pointing out that the building would be obtrusive at such a prominent location on the main entrance to Maynooth and the fact that the flat roofed structure would be in stark contrast to the character of buildings along the Road.

A summary of issues raised in the appeal by Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley included the following:

The proposal which works out at 28 units to the acre is excessive for what is an Infill Development in this old part of Maynooth where houses were first built over 100 years ago.

The proposal is out of character with the

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established built environment of the area which comprises cottages and dormer bungalows, many on their own individual sites.

The Building Height's proposed will cause overlooking, loss of light and a consequent loss of privacy to residents bordering the site.

The proposal does not integrate with existing development in the area.

The excessive proposal will cause a serious traffic hazard given the nearness of the entrance to the site to the junction of Old Greenfield Lane and the Straffan Road.

There is insufficient provision of Public Open Space for the proposal.

There is a serious danger that the building of a basement car park and the demolition of a semi-detached house will cause serious structural damage to neighbouring dwelling's.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley indicated that it was critical that An Bord Pleanala rejected this proposal given the prominent location of the site and the entirely inappropriate design proposed.

OVERCROWDING IN CLASSROOMS IN KILDARE A DISGRACE

Deputy Emmet Stagg has condemned the Government's repeated failure to reduce class sizes in National Schools in Co. Kildare and Nationally with repeated broken government promises subjecting a generation of school children, not only to sub-standard classrooms, but also to serious overcrowding putting immense pressure on teachers with the obvious consequence that slow learners will not get the attention they require.

The Government stated Deputy Stagg promised in 2002 that they would reduce class sizes for children under 9 to 20 pupils or less. They reneged on that deal and in their 2007 programme for Government again committed themselves to increase the number of primary teachers by 4,000. The plain and simple fact of the matter is that we continue to have the second highest class sizes in the European Union and not one of the additional 4,000 teachers promised in the Governments latest Programme of Fiction has been appointed to address the issue of reducing class sizes. Additional teachers recruited since June 2007 are there to teach extra children enrolling in our national schools.

The Breakdown for Kildare for the 2007/2008 school year compared to the National Figures, stated Deputy Stagg, makes for grim reading:

	Kildare	National
% OF CHILDREN IN CLASSES OF 19 OR LESS	4%	14%
% OF CHILDREN IN CLASSES OF 20-24 PUPILS	20%	26%
% OF CHILDREN IN CLASSES OF 25-29 PUPILS	51%	40%
% OF CHILDREN IN CLASSES OF 30-34 PUPILS	24%	19%
% OF CHILDREN IN CLASSES OF 35-39 PUPILS	1%	1%

Deputy Stagg stated that the Government's failure to address the issue of overcrowding in our classroom's has led to the position in the Girls's Presentation Convent in Maynooth where there are 2 First Classes with 34 children in each class. This represents a difficult challenge for teachers which they should not have to put up with if only the Government lived up to their promises and realised that Education was the cornerstone of our Economy and Society into the future.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he would along with his Labour Colleagues continue to press the Minister for Education and the Government to prioritise the issue of Class Sizes once and for all.

DRAFT PROPOSALS FOR CLOSURE OF LEVEL CROSSINGS ON MAYNOOTH SUBURBAN LINE WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Transport in relation to plans for the upgrade of infrastructure on the Maynooth Suburban Rail Line including the removal of level crossings.

The Minister has advised Deputy Stagg that Draft proposals for the removal of the level crossing at Reilly's

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Bridge in Dublin City and at Clonsilla, Porterstown, Coolmine and Ashtown in Fingal have been prepared and are now with the relevant local authorities for approval in principle prior to submission for planning permission.

In relation to the City Centre resignalling project, which will increase the number of train paths between Connolly and Pearse Stations from 24 per hour at present to 32 per hour once the work is completed, the Minister advised Deputy Stagg that a sum of €7.5 Million has been allocated in 2008 to Irish Rail towards the cost of design and enabling works on the City Centre resignalling project and that this work should be completed by 2011.

Finally in relation to the electrification of the Maynooth Suburban Line the Minister advised Deputy Stagg that design work has also commenced on this project.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he would continue to monitor progress on the removal of the level crossings, the City Centre Resignalling Project and the Electrification of the Maynooth Suburban Line as all three projects will substantially increase capacity for commuters.

FF FINANCIAL MESS MUST NOT DELAY NORTH KILDARE SWIMMING POOL

Deputy Emmet Stagg has reacted angrily to the response he received from the Minister for Arts, Sports and Tourism, in relation to the commencement of a New round of Grants under the Local Authority Swimming Pool Programme.

The Minister advised Deputy Stagg in response to a Parliamentary Question that 'Given current budgetary constraints, it is not intended to launch a new Local Authority Swimming Pool Programme at this time'.

Deputy Stagg stated that despite the fact that a sum of €184 Million has been provided in the National Development Plan 2007-2013 for supporting existing projects and new projects to be identified under a new round, we now have the Minister responsible for the implementation of the new Programme saying that he will not launch it at this time. This is all brought about by FF's mishandling of the Economy and has severe repercussions for the planned North Kildare Swimming Pool to be located at The Leixlip Amenities Centre Site for which Kildare Co. Council would have been seeking a Government Grant of €4 Million.

Over the past number of years various existing club facilities have been relocated at the Leixlip Amenities Centre Site to create the space for the Swimming Pool Complex itself. This work stated Deputy Stagg must continue and not be stalled by Government ineptitude as it is critical that the North Kildare site is ready for any further launch of the Swimming Pool Programme.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that he would be calling on the Minister to reverse his decision to enable Kildare Co. Council to apply for Capital Funding for the new Swimming Pool and thus provide the people of North Kildare with a local facility which they richly deserve.

11 ADDITIONAL GARDAI APPOINTED TO CARLOW/KILDARE DIVISION– SIMPLY NOT ENOUGH

Deputy Emmet Stagg wrote to the Garda Commissioner Fachtina Murphy in relation to the fact that Garda Manning Levels in the Carlow/Kildare Division were the worst in the State.

In his letter to the Garda Commissioner Deputy Stagg highlighted inconsistencies in the ratio of Gardai to Population as follows:

GARDA DIVISION	NUMBER OF GARDAI PER POPULATION
CARLOW/KILDARE	1 Garda for every 575 people
LONGFORD/WESTMEATH	1 Garda for every 385 people
CLARE	1 Garda for every 342 people
SLIGO/LEITRIM	1 Garda for every 276 people
DONEGAL	1 Garda for every 312 people
CAVAN/MONAGHAN	1 Garda for every 319 people

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Deputy Stagg pointed out that he accepted that in City Areas the ratio of Gardai to population had to be higher but refused to accept the ratio`s for areas such as Donegal or Cavan/Monaghan.

Assistant Commissioner Corcoran responding on behalf of the Commissioner advised Deputy Stagg that nine additional gardai had been assigned to Kildare Stations since 31st December last and that a further 11 gardai would be assigned to the Carlow/Kildare Division by 21st October, 2008 bringing the total garda strength to 375 Gardai in the Division.

Whilst welcoming the additional allocations Deputy Stagg stated that they did not correct the present inequity in the matter of the allocation of Gardai throughout the Country. We may have a historical inequitable distribution of Gardai as can be seen from the above figures but that does not mean that action to correct that can not be taken now.

Deputy Stagg stated that he would re-contact the Commissioner calling for a major review of distribution of Gardai throughout the State with a view to correcting the present imbalance in Kildare, where Headline Crime has increased by 94% since 2000.

MINISTERS RESPONSE ON REQUIRED EXTENSION TO MAYNOOTH BOYS N.S. INCOMPREHENSIBLE

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Education in relation to the appointment of a Design Team for the required extension to Maynooth Boys National School on the Moyglare Road, Maynooth.

The School Authorities stated Deputy Stagg were approached by the Department of Education in Summer 2007 to increase the size of the School from 17 classrooms to 24 classrooms. The School agreed to the proposal and nothing has happened since.

The Minister in his response to Deputy Stagg stated 'The proposed project at this school has a band rating of 1.1, the highest priority that the Department assigns to major capital projects. The first stage in the process is the appointment of a Design Team and this will be considered in the context of the Departments Multi-Annual School Building and Modernisation Programme and is subject to the availability of capital resources.'

Deputy Stagg has reacted angrily to the Minister's response citing the fact that the project has the highest priority rating in the Department and yet the Minister cannot even allow a Design Team to be appointed for the school which has 475 pupils at present. The Minister is consigning pupils to remaining in overcrowded classrooms placing additional pressures on teaching staff at the school.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he would not accept the Ministers refusal to allow this project to proceed to Design Stage and indicated that he would raise the issue further with the Minister.

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Children's Corner

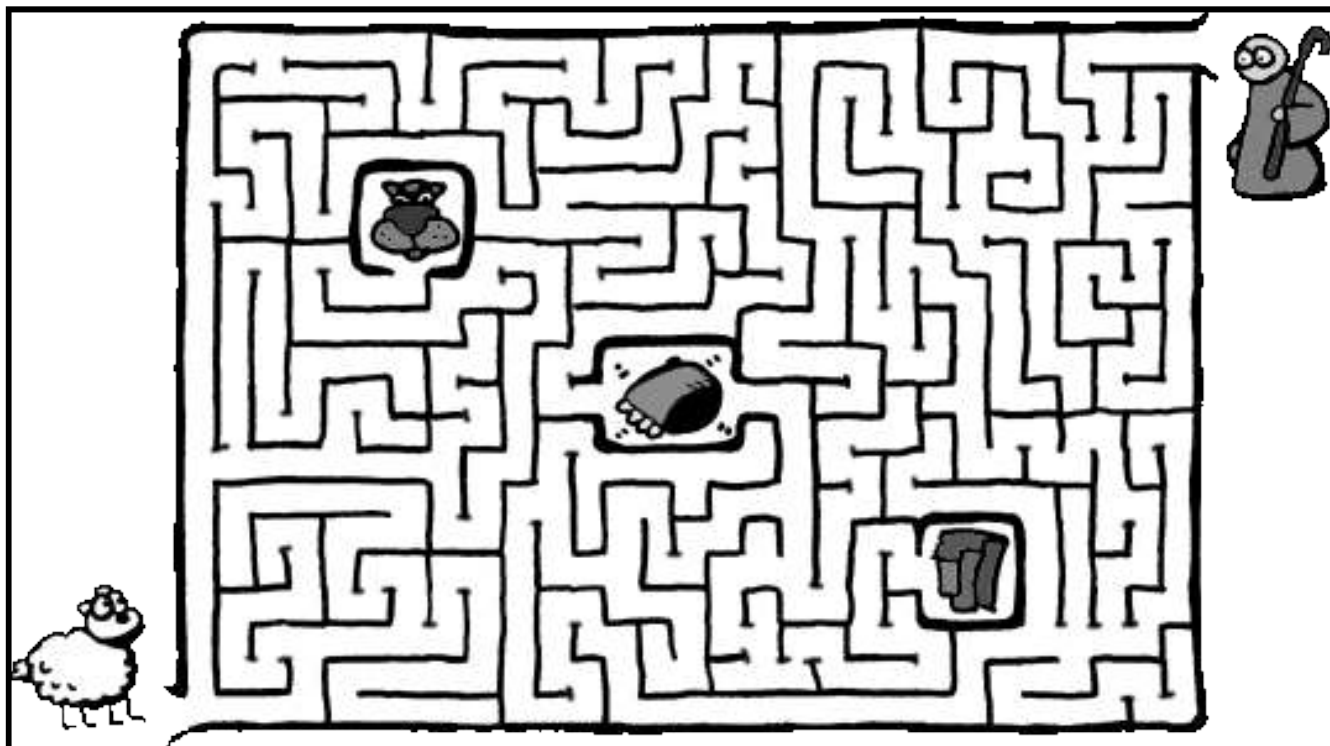
Brian's first day at School

Brian was so excited he couldn't sleep, today was his first day in school and he was up since six that morning. Now he was dressed and ready to go, but his mother was getting his baby sister dressed and didn't seem to be in a hurry. "Can we go now Mammy" he said. "Brian will you sit down it's only eight o'clock, we don't have to leave for another half hour" his mother said, but he didn't understand. They left soon after, and Brian hopped all the way to the school gates, but as they went into the classroom he hid behind his mother, there were so many other kids, he never thought about that, now all he wanted to do was go home. Tears welled up in his eyes, and he hugged his mother leg, "Please I want to go home" he said to his mother. She bent down to give him a hug, "its alright, there's nothing to worry about". Then he heard someone call "Brian" When he looked around Sean his friend from his road was over at the window playing with Lego, "look at this, they have all the wheels and windows to make a truck, do you want to help". He ran over to Sean and soon forgot how frightened he was, his mother came to say goodbye and said she would be back in two hours.

When all the mothers left the teacher called all the boys together, " now I need to get all your names and find you all somewhere to sit, as I call your name put up your hand and I will sit you at your tables". Soon everyone was settled and making new friends, Brian found he was at the same table with Sean and two other boys, they had puzzles and Lego to play with, but were more interested in each other. They found out that they all lived on the same estate, so could play with each other at home, this was more exciting then school as making new friends helped them all to settle down. At half twelve Brian's mother arrived to collect him, he couldn't believe it was time to go home, he said goodbye to his teacher and all the new friends he made, smiling as he went home. He told his mother all about his day but said he really missed her and baby Amy, now he wanted to go home and have his lunch, then Sean was coming to play with him. By teatime he was very tired, it had been a long day, and he would do it all again tomorrow. He knew he would miss his mother again but there was such a lot of new things to do he didn't mind too much, and he still had to tell his dad all his news.

Puzzles

Can you help the shepherd find his sheep
Follow the clue in the middle





People's Movement establishes branch in north Kildare

Local members and supporters of the People's Movement met in the Glenroyal Hotel on 8 October to discuss the latest developments on the rejected Lisbon Treaty and the increasingly blatant manoeuvres by senior Government and opposition spokespersons to foist a Lisbon II on the Irish electorate.

Eoghan O' Neill, who chaired the meeting, stated that as a young person he was drawn to the People's Movement campaign because it "was run by volunteers giving up their free time to help get the message of the out there, not out of self interest or that we in some way wished to doom ourselves into economic crisis by voting no, on the contrary it was about protecting the ordinary Irish Citizen and worker from what could effectively be a race to the bottom for the millions and millions of workers throughout Europe." He concluded his opening address with: "We will need to organise and educate the electorate of the surrounding area to protect our democratic vote".

Following a detailed discussion, the meeting agreed to act on Eoghan's proposal. It was agreed to establish a local branch and to campaign actively to encourage residents to send a clear message to local public representatives that the people's verdict of 12 June should be fully honoured.

The meeting was then addressed by Frank Keoghan, National Secretary of the People's Movement, in place of Patricia McKenna who could not attend due to a family bereavement. Firstly, he congratulated the meeting on its decision and assured members that the People's Movement "will actively campaign by using legal and political means to resist the profoundly undemocratic attempts of the Government and establishment political parties to foist another Lisbon referendum". He then detailed how "deceitful" the Brussels elite and high-ranking Irish Government ministers were in promoting Lisbon last June, in the full knowledge that, if carried, the Treaty :

- would have given this legally new Union a State Constitution which would have been identical in its legal effects to the EU Constitution that French and Dutch voters rejected in their 2005 referendums.
- would have fundamentally changed the EU by creating a constitutionally and legally new EU, while retaining the same name, the "Union". This legally new EU would be separate from and legally superior to its Member States, just as the USA is separate from and legally superior to its constituent states, each of which retains its own constitution.
- This new EU could sign treaties with other States in all areas of its competence and conduct itself as a State in the international community. It would also speak at the United Nations on the agreed foreign policy positions of its Member States.

He concluded by declaring "We contend that the Lisbon Treaty is an attempt to construct a highly centralised European Federation artificially, from the top down, out of Europe's many nations, peoples and States, without their free consent and knowledge."

The meeting concluded by congratulating Frank for his efforts with the People's Movement in helping to deliver the No vote and by arranging an early date to lay out a programme of local activities for the new branch.

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Deputy Fitzpatrick welcomes move by Government to stabilise Irish financial system

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North, Michael Fitzpatrick has welcomed the move by the Government today to stabilise the Irish Financial System.

This morning it was announced that the Government is safeguarding money placed with the six Irish credit institutions.

The measure is being taken to give certainty to customers and the market about the ability of Irish Financial Institutions to honour their financial commitments.

Deputy Fitzpatrick said:

"There has been a lot of speculation and concern about the financial sector in Ireland and in the world on a global scale in recent weeks, and the Government and the Minister for Finance, Brian Lenihan TD, are making this move today to ensure confidence in the Irish Banking System."

"This is further proof of the Government's concrete determination to protect the soundness and stability of the Irish Financial System in this time of global uncertainty."

"What the Government is effectively doing is safeguarding money placed with the six Irish credit institutions – the Allied Irish Bank, Bank of Ireland, Anglo-Irish, Irish Life and Permanent, Irish Nationwide, and EBS."

"The guarantee does not cover banks supported by an overseas parent, such as Ulster Bank, NIB, ACC or Rabobank."

"No financial liability will be borne by the taxpayer as a result of this guarantee. The Government is not subsidising the banks in any way. The guarantee is being offered to the banks on commercial terms."

"In taking this action the Government is acting first and foremost in the interests of the Irish economy and taxpayer."

"A secure and stable financial sector is essential for the Irish economy and this move is being taken with the best interests of the Irish economy and the Irish people in mind," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

Fire Safety DVD "Tinteán Slán"

A DVD which aims to increase awareness of fire safety in the home and features schoolchildren, is to be distributed to every Primary School in the Country.

Recalling the Irish seanfhocail, "Nil aon Tinteán mar do Thinteán féin" Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick welcomed this initiative saying, "Everyone feels safe at home, but it is vital for children to be vigilant of potential fire related dangers in the home."

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The Fire Safety message in this DVD is communicated in an engaging and exciting manner, while not unduly scaring children.

Tragically, on average 40 people die in Ireland as a result of fires in the home, this most welcome initiative, being supported by the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government will help children be aware of the dangers in the home and how to deal with situations that might arise.

Ireland to seek brucellosis-free status – Fitzpatrick

Local Fianna Fáil TD Michael Fitzpatrick has welcomed the news from his colleague, the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Mr Brendan Smith TD, that he is to apply to the EU for officially Brucellosis-free status.

"Minister Smith informed me that he is to seek brucellosis-free status for Ireland next April."

"The last confirmed outbreak of the disease was in April 2006."

"Securing this would enable Minister Smith to reduce some of the control elements of the eradication programme which would be very beneficial for farmers, particularly in relation to trade."

"The eradication arrangements have been disruptive and costly to farmers and to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, in terms of compensation and the substantial additional costs of testing and from the losses arising from the premature removal of infected cattle."

"The eradication of brucellosis will also bring considerable public health benefits. The disease was a significant threat to the health of farmers, vets and other people working in the agriculture department."

"Minister Smith paid tribute to everyone involved in the eradication process. The process has been disruptive for many, but the testing, depopulation arrangements, the tightening of illegal cattle movements, and the regulation of dealers has all been worthwhile."

"Minister Smith and the Department will consult with the farm organisations and other stakeholders with a view to establishing a plan for the scaling down of the programme over the next few years."

"Farmers should continue to apply sensible bio-security arrangements on their farms, as any new outbreak of the disease between now and next April could jeopardise the attainment of officially-free status," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

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Features

HANDY TIPS

Use air-freshener to clean mirrors: It does a good job and better still, leave a lovely fresh odour

To keep lint and dust off glass top tables, wash them in a solution of warm water and fabric softener. Add one tablespoon of liquid fabric softener to one quart of warm water. The fabric softener will clean the glass inexpensively and will help keep lint from gathering on the glass. Also great for computer screens and TV's.

Get rid of pet hair on upholstery effortlessly by wiping the furniture with a slightly dampened sponge.

Windshield Wiper Frost Free Fluid: When you have to leave your car outside overnight in the winter, mix 3 parts vinegar to 1 part water and coat the windows with this solution. This vinegar and water combination will keep windshields ice and frost-free.

Polish jewellery. Drop two Alka-Seltzer tablets into a glass of water and immerse the jewellery for two minutes.

Unclog a drain. Clear the sink drain by dropping three Alka- Seltzer tablets down the drain followed by a cup of Heinz White Vinegar. Wait a few minutes, then run the hot water.

Get short-term relief from nicotine withdrawal symptoms. As long as you're not on a low-sodium diet or have peptic ulcers, drink two Alka- Seltzer tablets dissolved in a glass of water at every meal.

When we visit toilets, bathrooms, hotel rooms, changing rooms etc, how many of you know for sure that the seemingly ordinary mirror hanging on the wall is a real mirror, or actually a two-way mirror??

Just conduct this simple test: Place the tip of your fingernail against the reflective surface and if there is a GAP between your fingernail and the image of the nail, then it is a GENUINE mirror. However, if your fingernail DIRECTLY TOUCHES the image of your nail, then BEWARE, for it is a two-way mirror !

To keep potatoes from budding, place an apple in the bag with the potatoes!

Zap garlic cloves in the microwave for 15 seconds and the skins slip right off!

If you have problem opening jars: Try using latex dishwashing gloves. They give a non-slip grip that makes opening jars easy!

To return discoloured socks to their original colour: Boil them in a pot of water with a few slices of lemon. The fruit acts as a natural bleach.

To speed drying time of big bulky items and jeans, add a dry towel to the wet items you're placing in the dryer. The towel will help absorb some of the excess moisture.

Baking Soda. 1/4 to 1/2 cup baking soda per wash load makes clothes feel soft and smell fresh.

Party Political-Áine Brady T.D.

Aine Brady TD - Constituency Office Maynooth, No 4 Centre Point, The Mall, Maynooth - available to meet constituents every Monday. Please phone 01 618 3057 or 01 628 5257 for an appointment.



Aine Brady T.D.

Traffic in Maynooth raised with Kildare Co Co by Brady

Local Fianna Fail T.D. Aine Brady has raised the poor traffic management system in Maynooth with Kildare Co. Co.

'In recent weeks many residents in Maynooth have raised the poor traffic flow system through the town of Maynooth. It took me 30 minutes to get from the Straffan Road to the Kilcock Road one evening recently and it is having a negative effect on the Businesses in the Town of Maynooth.'

'I have asked Kildare Co. Co. to view the situation at first hand themselves at peak times and suggest potential solutions.' Concluded Brady.

Rail Infrastructure set for improvement says Brady

Deputy Aine Brady has been informed by the Minister for Transport, Noel Dempsey TD that the upgrade of the Maynooth Line and the continued improvements on the Kildare Route are still key elements of Transport 21 following Budget 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.'

'The new station building at Hazelhatch is being provided as part of the Kildare Route Project, a key infrastructure development under Transport 21. The new upgraded station will be accessible to mobility and sensory impaired customers, and features a new station building with a new ticket office, automatic ticket validation machines, ticket vending machines, customer lifts, CCTV, electronic customer display screens, help points and fire and intruder alarms. The station complex also includes a 400 space Park and Ride facility, benefiting customers in West Dublin and North Kildare, who wish access to the city centre, quickly and efficiently.' Stated Deputy Brady.

Electrification of the Maynooth line will also proceed as planned.

Medical Card – for the Over 70's

I have received a large number of calls from residents in Maynooth in connection with the withdrawal of the medical card for the over 70's. I have made strong representations to the Minister to have the situation reviewed.

Traffic Calming – on Rathcoffey Road

Deputy Aine Brady has raised the issue of traffic calming measures on the Rathcoffey Road in Maynooth.

'Over the last year, I have raised the issue of traffic speed on the Rathcoffey Road with An Garda Síochána and Kildare Co Co.

'While there is definitely an increased Garda presence on the road, I have called on Kildare Co Co to provide some speed tables on the Rathcoffey Road and also to provide a footpath from the Castle Dawson Estate to Bond Bridge.'

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'It would also encourage more walking to the town from the Estates along that road.' Concluded Deputy Brady.

Statement by Deputy Aine Brady – NUI Maynooth Award

Deputy Aine Brady has congratulated NUI Maynooth on their award as "University of the Year 2008" in the Sunday Times University Guide.

'This award is recognition for all at NUI Maynooth who have worked so hard to improve the College's profile and broaden their academic base.' Stated Deputy Brady

'As a local TD, I am very conscious of the importance of a knowledge provider, like NUI Maynooth, in sustaining current Foreign Direct Investment and attracting further Inward investment.'

'Third Level Institutions are now a key enabler (in line with Roads, Broadband and an Educated Youth) to attract and maintain Industries. NUI Maynooth is making an impressive global impact through its teaching partnership with the locally based computer chip manufacturer Intel.' Concluded Deputy Brady.

Car Parking charge to be ring fenced says Brady

Deputy Aine Brady has received assurances from Iarnrod Eireann that the net income generated from the Parking Charge at Rail Stations will be ring-fenced for further provision of Park and Ride facilities adjacent to Rail Stations.

'I am disappointed that Iarnrod Eireann are introducing this charge and in particular the weekly charge of €8, which I strongly feel should have been capped at €5. €5 is currently the weekly charge at Leixlip.'

'However, now that the charge is going to be introduced, Iarnrod Eireann have confirmed to me at the Transport Oireachtas Committee that the net income generated from the charge will be ring-fenced for further Car parking facilities.'

'Iarnrod Eireann have also confirmed that they are looking at options in Maynooth, such as at the Tesco site, to increase the capacity of the Car Park. In addition, they have also confirmed that they are now working closely with Kildare Co. Co. to ensure that further progress can be made in relation to Park and Ride facilities for North Kildare.' stated Deputy Brady who raised the issue at the Joint Oireachtas Transport Committee in the Dail on Wednesday (today).

'In the past there was not enough cohesion between the different bodies when Local Area Plans were been developed. From now on, Public Transport must form a key part of development plans, as we have to retro fit many facilities which should have been provided over the last number of years.' concluded Deputy Brady.

Fuel Allowance set to increase by 16% says Brady

'The Fuel Allowance is being 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.

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 roll out its Autumn 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

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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, roll 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.

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-Maud's - Maynooth Community Calendar



"Maud's Community Calendar" is A Fundraising initiative from "Maud's MerryMaids" in which we are asking fellow companies from The "Maynooth" Area to join with us in Supporting Our Chosen Charity of The Year. Each Year Our Maids/Staff select a Charity and together we organise Fundraising events and initiatives to support our chosen Charity. The chosen Charity for 2008-2009 is the "Children to Lapland Appeal"

The "The Children to Lapland Appeal" a charity which each year brings sick and terminally ill Children to Lapland for a one day trip to visit the real Santa. We are hoping to send at least 10 sick and terminally ill Children from the "Maynooth" area to Lapland through this initiative. We are asking fellow companies in the "Maynooth" area to support us in our endeavours by sponsoring an advertisement in the "Maynooth" Community Calendar" An annual publication delivered to over 5,000 Homes in The Maynooth Area.

The Calendar will consist of 15 advertisements around a 2009 calendar and printed a5 in Full Colour. Each advertisement will cost just € 295 for a full year (Excluding vat) this will prove to be a worthy investment by companies whose audience is the "Maynooth" household and it is anticipated that the householder will keep this well designed product and refer to it during the year.

I hope that you will join with us and take out an advertisement in this wonderful Calendar.

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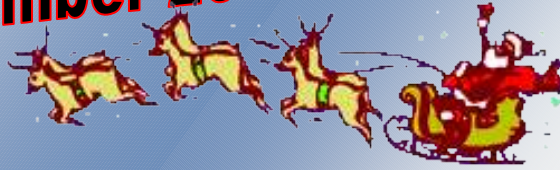
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Editor.

One might have thought that with the R-word (recession) that the early Christmas rush on advertising and lighting would come to a halt but the opposite has happened. The lights went on earlier in Dublin and despite the plea to buy Irish the huge display in Dublin came from France – some financial irony there.

The Christmas ads have begun on radio and television and I pity any parent of young children, as I do every year, bombarded with requests for all the latest expensive toys. The pressure on parents will be even greater this year as unemployment rises at an extraordinary rate, particularly in the commuter counties, and the rising costs of basics such as food, heating, fuel and motoring eat into people's income. The demands on the Vincent de Paul have increased beyond their expectations and as they say themselves the people who used to contribute to them are now coming to them looking for help.

The developments in our own town continue apace with the opening of the new Tesco at the beginning of November and the development plans being put forward by the University. It is also time for the publication of the new Draft Development Plan for Maynooth that will go on display in the New Year. Unfortunately, there are downsides; the increased traffic, problems with traffic light sequences and a certain amount of road rage.

The Newsletter is produced by the FÁS project sponsored by Maynooth Community Council and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their ongoing support. We would also like to thank Intel for their recent support of the Community Council Office and their help with the Newsletter; it is a very welcome development. Hopefully this partnership will continue in the future.

Finally, the seismic shift in the politics of the USA must be mentioned. Who would have thought that 2008 would see an African-American, Barack Obama, elected to the highest office of the largest democracy in the world? I'm sure that many Irish people went to work bleary-eyed the following day from staying up to watch the results or getting up in the cold, dark Irish winter to see who won this historic election that could have seen the first female president of the USA. We wish him the best of luck; the hopes, dreams and expectations of his supporters were visible in their emotional faces and tearful eyes as they listened to his moving speech in Chicago. They were of every colour and creed and he carries their dreams on his shoulders – it will be a heavy burden.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

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Community Council Notes

Community Council Notes for 10th November 2008

The Community Council had two presentations at the meeting of the 10th November. The first was made by Deirdre Watters who explained the new advertising campaign on behalf of NUIM that will launch on the 17th November. She showed some examples of the posters that will appear on bus shelters etc. along the commuter lines used by the students. The University is the fastest growing one in Ireland and Maynooth is the only University town. They wanted a language to describe the experience of going to college in Maynooth; to engage and to inspire.

The members drew attention to the existence of the town crest, the cooperation between the town and the college that led to the Fair Trade town and mentioned support for Town Council status. The planning sub-committee would be pleased to meet with the College and that all stakeholders should be involved in future developments. It was noted that the Carton application had gone ahead without any consultation with the Community Council or the town.

The second presentation was given on Adult Education Classes by Ann Cumerford of the Leixlip Adult Learning who outlined their activities. They cater for people over 16 and engage in part-time learning such as English, Maths and History to Junior and Leaving Certificate level, now they are teaching English as a second language and they cater for all North Kildare. Premises are the problem since the MADE centre closed down; they use the library in Maynooth. Most of them are volunteers.

Another topic that was discussed at length was the traffic in the town, traffic jams and the new traffic lights system that is the one known as 'intelligent' lights and that it takes time for the lights to 'learn' about the traffic patterns and this will take time. However, the problems were exacerbated by the inadvertent cutting of some cables and this will take time to correct.

A connected issue was the new pay parking system in the railway station, some members noted that the machines are badly placed and that this system will push cars into the surrounding estates where people can park free of charge. Pay parking will need to be introduced in the whole town to ensure that commuters cannot take up parking places all over the town and park all day leaving no room for the people of the town and shoppers.

It was agreed to invite the four local councillors to the next meeting, 8th December, to discuss the Draft Development Plan for Maynooth that will go on display in the New Year. The Planning and Development committee will be inviting the Heritage Officer and the Conservation Officer for Kildare to a meeting.

The chairperson congratulated the Tidy Town committee on the Awards Ceremony and the committee thanked everyone involved, particularly the Glenroyal Hotel and Ray Grehan for hosting the event.

The Ladies Football Team were congratulated on reaching the semi-finals on Sunday.

M. Callaghan said that the Maynooth would be united for Community Games again instead of the North/South division of the past number of years.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

Poetry Corner

A Christmas Childhood

One side of the potato-pits was white with frost—
How wonderful that was, how wonderful!
And when we put our ears to the paling-post
The music that came out was magical.

The light between the ricks of hay and straw
Was a hole in Heaven's gable. An apple tree
With its December-glinting fruit we saw—
O you, Eve, were the world that tempted me

To eat the knowledge that grew in clay
And death the germ within it! Now and then
I can remember something of the gay
Garden that was childhood's. Again

The tracks of cattle to a drinking-place,
A green stone lying sideways in a ditch
Or any common sight the transfigured face
Of a beauty that the world did not touch.

My father played the melodeon
Outside at our gate;
There were stars in the morning east
And they danced to his music.

Across the wild bogs his melodeon called
To Lennons and Callans.
As I pulled on my trousers in a hurry
I knew some strange thing had happened.

Outside the cow-house my mother
Made the music of milking;
The light of her stable-lamp was a star
And the frost of Bethlehem made it twinkle.

A water-hen screeched in the bog,
Mass-going feet
Crunched the wafer-ice on the pot-holes,
Somebody wistfully twisted the bellows wheel.

My child poet picked out the letters
On the grey stone,
In silver the wonder of a Christmas townland,
The winking glitter of a frosty dawn.

Cassiopeia was over
Cassidy's hanging hill,
I looked and three whin bushes rode across
The horizon — The Three Wise Kings.

An old man passing said:
'Can't he make it talk'—
The melodeon. I hid in the doorway
And tightened the belt of my box-pleated coat.

I nicked six nicks on the door-post
With my penknife's big blade—



There was a little one for cutting tobacco,
And I was six Christmases of age.

My father played the melodeon,
My mother milked the cows,
And I had a prayer like a white rose pinned
On the Virgin Mary's blouse.

by Patrick Kavanagh

Baby's First Christmas

You have to hold him up to see
The angel on the Christmas tree.
And even though he's still too small
To know the meaning of it all
You watch his eyes reflect the glow
Of coloured lights that come and go
And feel him quiver with delight
At every new and wondrous sight.



There's Santa with his jolly face
Beaming from the fireplace.
And from the stocking hanging there
Peeks a cuddly teddy bear.
Bright ornaments and candy canes --
Musical toy and wooden trains --
There's just no end to the delights
Spread out for him this night of nights!
He points and grins from ear to ear
And then he yawns - his bedtime's near!
Dad gives him a kiss and you tuck him away
To rest up for the fun of his first Christmas Day!

by Alice E. Chase

Our Christmas Robin

A Robin on a holly tree
Christmas morning bright and early
Plucking berries as its eyes see
It feasted on them daily

Chuttering as loud as it could
It seldom felt no danger
A tiny creature feeling so good
Never minding any stranger

A songster of many-it is indeed
As all birds are of plenty
Once it had its daily feed
Its tiny stomach was never empty

Fly with me my little one
To a place full of holly
Until your berries are all gone
On your Christmas time so jolly

by Patrick Murray





The 12 signs Of The Zodiac

DECEMBER 2008 /JANUARY 2009



ARIES—March 21—April 20

Things get a little out of hand this week when events you thought you could not control take a new turn. But is it lady luck, you will just have to wait and see. You have a skill that sets you apart from the crowd. You'll be called on to use it and are also being considered for work in a larger capacity.

Your lucky day is Saturday , Number 1, Colour yellow.



TAURUS—April 21—May 21

You're drawn to activities that don't interest the people around you. Give yourself permission to be an original. Life is changing all around you and the season brings joy and family happiness . It is also a time for meeting new and old friends. Take some time to yourself to avoid last minute shopping and worn out feeling. Merry Christmas.

Your lucky day is Wednesday, Number 4, Colour green.



GEMINI—May 22—June 22

You know when to make a big deal over little details, like the accomplishments of children, the words you choose when you greet people and the side dishes you prepare for dinner. The time to get things together for the Christmas is now as you will be busy at work and at home. Get a plan and get things moving.

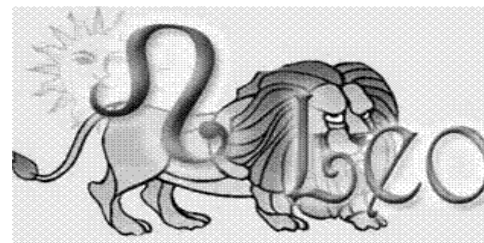
Your lucky day is Sunday, Number 16, Colour sky blue.



CANCER—June 23—July 23

Much depends on other people knowing about your talent, so get the word out. Show people how to view you, highlight your strengths and frame your accomplishments in the best possible light. Christmas is going to be good this year. You will be kept busy and the big day will be all you hope for. Don't eat too much.

Your lucky day is Friday, Number 12, Colour white.



LEO—July 24—August 23

Though others think you're terrific as you are, there are many areas in which you'd like to improve. Choose one goal and stay with it until you feel a change. The holiday season starts now and so to the parties with family and friends. Things go with a bang this week and a good time is had by everyone.

Your lucky day is Tuesday, Number 22, Colour purple.



Virgo—August 24—Sept 23

When the gossip mill gets churning, it creates a kind of suction. Stay your distance so that you don't get slurped into a nasty and negative conversation. If you must chime in, inject something positive. Someone will surprise you this Christmas with their present. Things go well and there will be a night you will remember.

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



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LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23

You have reserves of physical strength to tap into for that extra push at the gym or to handle the heavy lifting at work. Just don't forget the warm up and cool-down that your muscles need. This Christmas season is the first of many good ones for you.

Your lucky day is Friday, Number 10, Colour pearl white.



SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22

You see so much around you that could be better, and many of your ideas would work if they were applied. Getting others to hear you as a supporter and not a critic will be key. You are looking forward to a family Christmas and the 24th when a visit to Santa brings joy to the little ones and time to do some late shopping.

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



SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21

You're happy when others are recognized for their accomplishments. Really you are. It's natural to have pangs of jealousy. They will soon subside. The tree is up and the holly is out so it must be Christmas time again. Are you ready for all that goes with the holiday season?

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



CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20

People you used to know pop into your mind, and you wonder whether this might be a good time to get back in touch. Just pick up the phone and dial. Nothing to loose. Happy Christmas and a peaceful new year and all that you wish for the new year.

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



AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19

The work that's in front of you is not your favourite. Get it over with quickly so you can go back to being your happy self. Pull a cracker make a wish and this Christmas your dreams could come true , and one long remembered in time to come.

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



PISCES—Feb 20—March 20

You get a power surge this afternoon and will truly feel that you can do anything, especially that one thing you've been worrying about all week. Take it on. You're invincible. Its' carol singing all the way and having a good time this holiday season. Easy on the cake and chocolates. Enjoy your Christmas.

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

Features

SANTA CLAUS



It was Noel's birthday in two day's time, he had been a Christmas baby six years ago. He had a lovely head of black curly hair and the most deep blue eyes when he was born, his mother and father were so delighted they called him Noel, they knew he would be an only child. His Birthday was the twenty third of December, and they thought they were so lucky, as he was the happiest baby, even then.

Noel was six this Christmas, and he always got his presents on Christmas day. This Christmas he wanted a Train Set, Action Man and a Harry Potter book, his letter to Santa Claus for his presents had gone weeks ago, but his Mother and Father told him not to ask for too much as there were a lot of children for Santa to get to and he could only carry a certain amount on his sleigh. He was a good child and they loved him very much and promised something special for his birthday too

His parents, Margaret and Simon, were busy getting things ready for Christmas. She was baking three Christmas cakes this year, and was icing two of them and leaving the other one plain. They were expecting a lot of visitors as well. His Dad was also busy putting up the Christmas tree and decorating it, Noel was helping him too. It was going to be a really good Christmas this year. They were all getting into the Christmas spirit and had the turkey ordered and ready to collect.

They told him that he would have to go to bed early that night because Santa Claus was coming down the chimney with all his presents. Noel put out some Christmas cake and a glass of milk for Santa Claus and he didn't forget his reindeers, he put two big carrots out for them. Then he went to bed looking forward to Santa Claus coming, he was asleep as soon as his head hit the pillow, excitement making him tired.

When he woke up that morning, he remembered straight away that it was Christmas day. He got out of bed and ran downstairs to the Christmas tree. Sure enough Santa had brought Noel his presents. The cake, milk and carrots were gone with only crumbs to show where they had been. His Mum and Dad were in their bedroom when they heard the commotion coming from the sitting room. They smiled knowing that it was Noel, as they came downstairs to him, he said "Look Santa Claus has come."

He began to open his presents, first there was his Train Set then his Action Man and his Harry Potter book, he was so delighted and happy that he got all he asked for. Just then his Mum and Dad said "look what we got you for your Birthday". They brought him over to the window and said look outside. Standing in front of the window was a little white pony. "You didn't tell me that Santa was bringing me a pony" Noel said. "Well your such a good little fellow we got it, not Santa, we said we had a surprise for you"

"Is that really for me daddy.?" Noel said with awe. "Yes it is son so get dressed and we'll go out and see the pony" His Dad replied. He put Noel on the pony and led him round for a bit. All of a sudden it started to snow. Lovely white flakes started to come down from the skies. It was a white Christmas and Santa Claus had come to a little boy. "Isn't Christmas and Birthday's great daddy, thank you" He smiled at his Dad, They stayed out in the snow till it got too heavy so they went into the warm kitchen and got some hot Chocolate for the start of a very happy day.

Enda Clavin

Happy Christmas Puzzles—Sudoku

Happy New Year

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Medium

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Difficult

8	4							
9								
7								
	3							

Super Difficult

8								

Solutions



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Christmas Houseplants



Houseplants need to be pampered to thrive in a modern house. Wilting, flower failure and pest and disease outbreaks are common problems. Here's what to look out for.



Azalea

Q Why has my azalea withered?

A Leaves and flowers may fall off an azalea exposed to draughts, watered erratically, or if the rootball dries out. The secret of success with azaleas is keeping the compost moist at all times. Azaleas are acid-lovers so if you live in a hard water area, use rainwater if you can.

When the water is at room temperature, submerge the whole pot in it. You will see air bubbles coming from the pot – wait until these stop, then remove the pot and let it drain. Don't leave azaleas standing in water – this can be as bad as under-watering. How often you water will depend on the temperature of the room. You will probably need to water two or three times a week, but small pots may need daily watering. Increase the humidity around the plant by standing it on a tray of wet pebbles and spraying daily with tepid water. Remove faded flowers carefully so you don't damage the growing buds underneath. Azaleas don't like hot, dry rooms and prefer to be cool; a hall or porch is ideal. Make sure you don't put them near radiators. They will do best at a constant temperature of 10-15°C, though they will survive at temperatures as low as 4°C. Excessive heat will cause the leaves and buds to drop and inhibit flowering.

Azaleas like to be in bright, indirect sunlight and will do well on a west, east, or south facing windowsill. Don't leave them on a windowsill at night as the temperature behind the curtain can drop rapidly. You can revive a plant showing early signs of drought by plunging the pot into a bowl of tepid water, but one that has been exposed to prolonged drought may not recover.

Q How do I keep my azalea for next year?

A Once flowering has stopped, begin to feed your azalea weekly with a liquid feed. Pot on in ericaceous compost and if there are any long shoots, prune these to half their length. After the last frosts in spring, stand the plant outdoors in a semi-shaded position. Azalea roots are very sensitive to drought and water logging so add grit to ensure good drainage; the peat-based compost will provide a moist, acidic environment. Bring the plant back indoors just before the first frost and it should flower again the following spring.

Christmas cactus

Q How do I stop the flowers falling off?

A Christmas cacti do best at an even temperature of 13-15°C and the flowers should last about six weeks. Water sparingly, but don't let the compost dry out completely. Plants can be saved for next year, but let them rest for two months (keep cool and water rarely). Then stand them outside in summer in a shady spot.

Q How can I get it to flower again next year?

A The Christmas cactus is a short-day plant so it will only flower as the days shorten. When you bring it inside at the end of summer, keep it in a room where it will not get artificial light until the flower buds develop, then it can be moved. Choose a room with a similar temperature, or shock may cause the buds to drop.

Q My plant has rotted. What happened?

A The usual cause of root and base rot is overwatering. Although water is needed during the winter, the compost should be allowed to dry between waterings and kept only just damp. Discard the plant if the rot is well advanced, but you could try taking some cuttings from less affected parts.

Q How do I get rid of the 'cotton wool' growths on it?

A This 'cotton wool' is the protective coating of mealy bugs. Adults and eggs are covered in tufts of white, waxy wool. These sap-feeding insects cluster around the joints in the leaf-like stems. A heavy attack can weaken the plant. A light infestation can be dealt with by hand. Pick off individuals with a paintbrush or similar implement. To clear a heavy infestation, use repeated sprays of a houseplant insecticide approved for use on cacti and succulents.

Cyclamen

Q Why has my plant wilted?

A Cyclamen wilt due to lack of water. To rehydrate a plant, stand the pot in a saucer of tepid water and let it soak up moisture from the base. After a couple of hours, tip out any water left in the saucer. In heated houses, wilting is often due to high temperatures. Keep them around 5-10°C.

Cyclamen are prey to vine weevils. If the plant wilts for no obvious reason, these could be to blame. Check the corm to see if it is infested with white, maggot-like grubs which

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are about 9mm long. They can quickly eat their way through the corm, often severing the plant just below soil level.

Plants with severe damage are best discarded, along with the compost. If damage is restricted to a few roots, tease out the roots and wash them carefully to make sure no grubs remain. Repot in fresh compost. Keep an eye out for adult weevils and destroy them.

Q Why has my cyclamen stopped flowering?

A This is probably due to lack of light and underfeeding. While flowering, they need good light and winter sunlight is weak. During the flowering period, give the plant a weekly liquid feed, or add a slow-release fertiliser to the compost.

Q How do I keep my cyclamen for next year?

A Once spring arrives and your cyclamen finishes flowering, stop watering to allow the corm to dry out. Store the dry corm until late summer when it will begin to show signs of growth. Repot using fresh compost so the corms are just showing above the compost and start to water again.

Poinsettia

Q Why has my poinsettia wilted and the 'flowers' faded?

A Poinsettias wilt when they get too hot and dry. They do best at a draught-free 15-21°C and should keep flowering for 12 weeks. To extend the flowering and keep the leaves in tip-top condition, place the pots on a pebble tray, mist the leaves and feed regularly. Put your plants in the brightest possible winter light to maintain the bract colour at its best. Water the poinsettia from the top of the pot, allowing the compost to become completely dry before the next application. But if the leaves start to wilt, water thoroughly with tepid water.

Q How do I make my poinsettia 'flower' again next year?

A You are unlikely to get your poinsettia to produce its colourful bracts again next year, as 'flowering' is triggered by a regime consisting of 14 hours a day of constant darkness at a temperature of 18-20°C, followed by ten hours of daylight every day for eight weeks.

If you'd like to have a go at creating these conditions, be prepared to provide light and dark in the sequence required starting in September. To provide adequate darkness, try putting the plant in a sealed cupboard or covering it with a thick, black polythene bag.

Winter cherry

Q Are winter cherries (*Solanum capsicastrum*)

poisonous?

A Yes, the brightly coloured fruits are poisonous.

Q Why have the leaves fallen off my winter cherry?

A Leaf fall is usually due to the plant being dry. Keep the compost just moist at all times. Excessive heat can also encourage leaf fall.

Q How do I keep my winter cherry for next year?

A To get fruit next year, prune back stems by half after fruiting has finished (usually during February or March), stop feeding and reduce watering. Place outside for the summer in a sheltered but sunny spot, feed and water regularly. When the flowers appear during summer, spray with tepid water to help with the production of fruit. Then return indoors by September.

Common pests and problems

Q What is the grey, fluffy growth killing the leaves of my houseplants?

A This is grey mould (*Botrytis*), a menace to cyclamen and poinsettias. It typically affects plants grown in cool, humid conditions where the grey, fluffy mould spreads rapidly. Destroy the affected parts. To stop grey mould recurring, improve ventilation and reduce watering and misting. Twist gently when removing dead stems from cyclamen so that they break cleanly at the base – half stems that are left can rot.

Q What are the small, white flies on my houseplants?

A These are adult whitefly, though it's their larvae that do the most damage. Apart from a brief 'crawler' stage, the larvae live as immobile scales on the underside of leaves. They feed on sap and excrete sticky honeydew. The adult flies are wedge-shaped and fly around in clouds when disturbed. Eradication is difficult and will require spraying with a houseplant insecticide every few days until well after the infestation appears to have ceased.

In a way winter is the real spring, the time when the inner things happen, the resurgence of nature.

Edna O'Brien



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Kildare Ladies Football The Best Maynooth GAA Football Team Ever? Probably



Team:

1. Rachel Tallon, 2. Louise Walsh, 3. Aisling Farrell, 4. Annmarie Farrell, 5. Sinéad Murray, 6. Catríona Dolan, 7. Michelle Kearney, 8. Fiona Bradley, 9. Siobhán Mac Court, 10. Róisín Murray, 11. Simone Gilabert, 12. Hazel Mulligan, 13. Eimear Connolly, 14. Aodhín McBride, 15. Zoe Dunbar,

Substitutes:

16. Anto Mooney, 17. Sarah Quinn, 18. Heather McAree, 20. Roisin Kearney, 21. Orla Canning, 22. Aisling Rodgers, 23. Jenny Moore, 24. Laura Corcoran, 25. Ailbhe Flynn, 26. Meaghan Dunne, 27. Béibhinn Ni Chosáin, 28. Yvonne McAndrew, 29. Anne Dempsey

Manager: Anto Mooney



Fiona O'Neill & Catríona Dolan

While Maynooth just missed out on a place in the Junior Club All Ireland by the slenderest of margins, great credit is due to the team and Manager Anto Mooney. Having struggled for a while in recent years as the team lost all of the players from the nineties, except Annemarie Farrell, and a new young team emerged from the underage ranks they won back their Division 1 Senior League status in 2005 and have now consolidated that position. This year they went into the Junior A Championship as hot favourites, and justified that rating with a smooth run to the final and a well deserved win when they got there. Into Leinster was a challenge, but they carried their form through the Quarter and Semi Final and then had a magnificent win in the Final. The trip to Liverpool was a costly affair but the girls took on the necessary fund raising with a great gusto and assisted by a few loyal troopers they and Dunne's Stores made it a very successful trip. On Sunday they were up against a physically stronger and much more mature team but went within an ace of upsetting Kilmihill. The Clare club had the benefit of neighbouring Doonbeg not fielding this year, and the 5 or 6 recruits gave them that little bit extra.

While Kilmihill go on the play Knockmore of Mayo in the Final in 2 weeks time, Maynooth can look back with pride on an exceptional

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year. Having won the County Title after a 10 year gap and then adding the Leinster title they can deem the year a success.

Kildare Ladies Football

Another success was the outstanding way in which the Club hosted the game. A pre-match reception for a host of invited guests, as well as having the table well laid for the Kilmihiill team and supporters as they arrived was second only to the work done on the pitch. New fencing had been erected at the Club House end as were new dug-outs, and the pitch was roped off with plenty of stewards on hand. The big work was the miracle worked on the playing surface as all of the rain on Saturday left large pools on the playing surface but great work by the Club Members got rid of every single drop before the game started and when the game was over there were piles of sandwiches etc for the supporters of both sides and a hot meal for both teams. Great credit to all involved especially the Club Executive lead by Chairperson Matt Doran and Gerry Egan's Ladies Football Committee.



Simone Gilabert



Hazel Mulligan & Elaine O'Halloran

Competition: VHI All Ireland Ladies Football Junior Club Championship Semi Final

Played: Sunday 9th November 2008

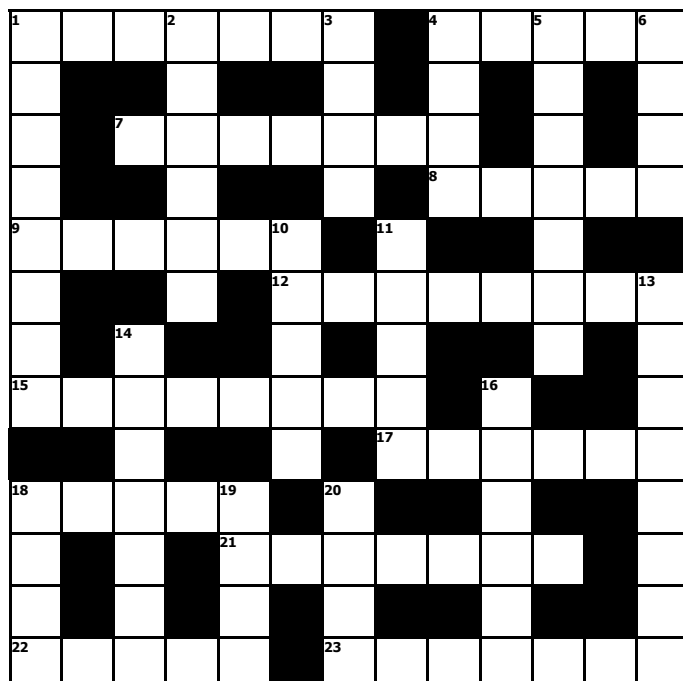
Venue: Maynooth Time: 2 pm

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Features

Crossword No. 73



Special Prize

Book Voucher

Give yourself the luxury of browsing and choosing the book/books which take your fancy from the wide selection available in the store of our sponsor

The Maynooth Bookshop
68 Main Street, Maynooth

Winner

Caroline Mulligan,
Ballinakill, Enfield

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1. Comedienne, _ _ _ Wood (8)
2. Provoke (6)
3. American university (4)
4. Essence (4)
5. Settle elsewhere (7)
6. Nimble (4)
10. Swift (5)
11. Sparse (5)
13. Game of chance (8)
14. Idolised (7)
16. Wager (6)
18. Bulk (4)
19. Imperfection (4)
20. Prevent (4)

Solutions to crossword No. 72

Across: 1. Rotated, 5. Part, 7. Etna, 8. Shrub, 9. Ming, 10. Leaf, 12. Yoghurt, 14. Grotto, 18. Fad, 19. Afters, 23. Louvred, 25. Race, 26. Beta, 27. Roams, 28. Talc, 29. Lava, 30. Element.

Down: 1. Rising, 2. Torero, 3. Tablet, 4. Delay, 5. Pamphlet, 6. Tight, 11. Fonda, 13. Ruhr, 15. Reno, 16. Traviata, 17. Offer, 20. Fierce, 21. Ethane, 22. Sunset, 23. Label, 24. Dance.

Entries in before: **15th January 2009**

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Address: _____

Phone: _____

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1. Assortment (7)
4. Soft Shoes (5)
7. Red (7)
8. When _ _ _ Met Sally, film (5)
9. Edible shellfish (6)
12. Forefather (8)
15. Apply for a role (8)
17. TV Show, The _ _ _ Quiz (6)
18. Inflexible (5)
21. Beatles fit of 1970 (3,2,2)
22. Bequeath (5)
23. Artist's board (7)

Doodle Box

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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre

Question

I would like to take a couple of months off work to care for my children but my employer does not want to give me unpaid leave. Do I have any legal rights in this regard?

Answer

Parental leave law entitles you to take leave to care for your child. It applies if the child is up to eight years of age or up to 16 years for a child with a disability.

If you have more than one child qualifying, you can take leave for a total of 14 weeks for each child, though you can only take one 14-week entitlement in any 12-month period. You may take the leave as one continuous period or as two separate periods of at least six weeks each, but your employer may agree to more flexible arrangements or to longer leave.

The leave is unpaid and does not entitle you to a social welfare payment. But your employment rights are not affected if you take the leave so, for example, you continue to accumulate your entitlement to annual leave and public holidays.

To qualify for parental leave you must have been working for your employer for at least a year. However if your child is nearing the age limit and you have been working for less than a year but more than three months, you have a pro-rata entitlement of one week's leave per month of employment.

If you intend to take parental leave you must give your employer six weeks' notice in writing, stating when you intend to start the leave and for how long. Then, at least four weeks before the leave starts, you will need to sign a document with your employer confirming the details.

Before this confirmation stage, your employer may postpone the leave for up to six months if your absence will have a significant negative impact. You are entitled to four weeks' notice of the postponement.

If you feel you are being denied your entitlements to parental leave you can refer the dispute to a Rights Commissioner at the Labour Relations Commission, Tom Johnson House, Haddington Road, Dublin 4, Tel: (01) 613 6700.

Question

I have an ATM card and Laser card at the moment and have paid stamp duty on them with my current bank. If I change now to a new bank will I have to pay the stamp duty again to get the cards on that account?

Answer

Stamp duty is charged each year for cards that are held on December 31. This means that you can change to a new bank account during the year but you will not be charged for cards on your previous account if it is closed before December 31. The stamp duty you paid earlier this year was for the use of the cards in 2007.

In the 2009 Budget, the stamp duty on ATM cards and Debit/Laser cards was reduced from €5 per card to €2.50. If you have a card that combines both ATM and Debit/Laser functions, the stamp duty on the card is €5. These new rates apply to the current year, the stamp duty for which will be collected in early 2009.

The duty applies to each card, rather than each account, but it does not apply to replacements for lost cards.

There are a number of cases where stamp duty does not apply.

If you have not used the ATM or debit functions of your card during the year then it is not liable for stamp duty.

It does not have to be paid if you have only used the card to request a chequebook, a balance statement, or to establish your identity or account number.

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There is no duty payable if the card is issued on a deposit account which has an average balance of less than €12.70.

You are also exempt from stamp duty if your billing address is outside the State.

Question

In the media coverage of the Budget I heard about a government scheme that pays for the cost of medication. Who can avail of this scheme?

Answer

The Drugs Payment Scheme applies to everyone who is ordinarily resident in Ireland. That is, everyone who is living here and intends to continue living here for at least a year.

The scheme applies if the cost of approved prescription drugs, medicines or certain appliances used by an individual or family is above a certain amount. For 2008, the most that an individual or family unit is required to pay in a calendar month is €90 but this threshold increases to €100 from 1 January 2009.

Family expenditure covers the nominated adult, his/her spouse or partner, and children who are under 18 years of age or under 23 if in full-time education. There is no age limit for a dependant with a physical or mental disability or illness living in the household who does not have a medical card and is not able to fully maintain himself/herself.

The scheme doesn't apply to medical card holders because they are entitled to approved prescription drugs and medicines free of charge.

You may register for the scheme by completing a registration form which is available from pharmacies or your Local Health Office. Your Local Health Office will then issue a plastic swipe card for each person named on the registration form. You present this card when you are having prescriptions filled.

Your application for a new card can take a number of weeks to process. If you incur any expenses during this period, you should retain your receipts until you receive your card and then forward the receipts to the Drugs Payments Scheme Division of your Local Health Office.

If you pay tax, you can claim tax relief on money that you spend on prescribed drugs and medicines for yourself or for another person. You can contact your regional Revenue office to apply for this relief at the end of the tax year.

Question

My employer has told me that he is changing my conditions of employment by reducing my wages. Is he allowed to do this?

Answer

If you work for an employer for a regular wage, then you have a contract of employment with your employer, whether it is written or not. Certain terms of your employment including your rate of pay and your hours of work must be given to you in writing by your employer within two months of starting work.

Your employer cannot make changes to your contract of employment without your agreement, unless your contract already allows for such changes. If there are changes in the law that require your contract to be amended then you and your employer must comply with these.

If there is agreement between you and your employer to change the contract, then you must be given details in writing within one month of the changes coming into effect.

In some cases, change could come about by implication rather than by formal agreement. If, for example, you start work earlier at the request of your employer and continue with this new start time, this could be taken to mean that there has been an implied change in the contract.

If your employer makes a significant change to your contract which you do not accept, you should first raise the issue with your employer and maybe also your trade union if you are a member. If you cannot resolve the matter you may refer the dispute to a Rights Commissioner. 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.

You may feel you have no choice but to leave the job and claim unfair dismissal. If you are forced to leave the job by the actions of your employer it is known as constructive dismissal. It is advisable to seek legal advice before taking this course of action as you may later need to prove that you left as a last resort having used all available means to resolve the problem.

Further information is available from Citizens Information Centres and from the Citizens Information

Phone Service, LoCall 1890 777 121

Pet Corner



Christmas Safety for Pets



When Christmas time approaches it's easy (and fun sometimes) to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of it all., but before you do, it's a good idea to consider your pets at this time of year, and make sure you're doing all you can to give them a happy, and a safe Christmas.

Food: Christmas just wouldn't be the same without all of the delicious treats that come with it. Unfortunately, most of our favourite festive snacks are also some of the most dangerous to our pets. **Turkey**, for one, can be dangerous to your pet if you are not careful to dispose of **bones** safely. Bones can easily puncture your pet's lungs or digestive tract, or cause your animal to choke, either of which can potentially be fatal. **Chocolate** is another potential hazard, and can actually kill your dog or cat depending on their size, the type of chocolate and the quantity consumed. It can also lead to extreme hyperactivity or even seizures in your animal. It is important to avoid keeping chocolates in easily accessible areas for pets, such as hanging in stockings or on your tree. If you feel like you have to give pets a special treat on Christmas day, try making their regular diet more exciting, say by giving them the canned version instead of dry.

Plants: Many of the beautiful and fragrant plants we fill our homes with at Christmas also put our pets at risk. Popular plants like **poinsettias**, **mistletoe**, and **holly** are extremely toxic if ingested, and can cause anything from gastrointestinal upset to cardiac problems to comas to death. For these reasons, these plants might be one of those things worth avoiding this Christmas. If you simply must have them, make sure you keep them far out of reach. Luckily, your Christmas tree isn't toxic, and shouldn't pose any serious threat to your pet.

Decorations: There are a wide range of decorations people use to brighten up their homes for Christmas, and a wide range of hazards that accompany them. From the toxic **artificial snow** in the windows to **sharp staples** and **tacks** that deck the halls, decorations should be used with caution. All **electrical wires** should be taped down or placed behind heavy furniture.

Visitors: Christmas generally means a lot more visitors than usual, and a general air of excitement that can leave people a little more carefree (and careless) than usual. With so many people going in and out, the chance of your pet getting out of the house is greatly increased during the holidays. Find a place in your home that you can set aside for your pets for when the house gets busy; not only will this allow you to enclose them during times when the front door is opening and closing, but it will also give your pets a place of refuge for when they feel overwhelmed. Like anyone, your pets can become stressed by the crowds and noise at big family gatherings, and most will appreciate the chance to be alone for a while.

Microchips: Now is the perfect time to have your pet **microchipped**. Thanks to current technologies, it is now possible to provide your pet with a means of identification far superior to the name written on their collar. Microchips are a permanent and reliable form of identification. Not much bigger than a grain of rice, these chips are implanted just under the skin on the back of your pet's neck. Unlike ID tags which can get scratched or fall off, microchips remain functioning and in place for the entire length of your pet's life. Also, unlike a tattoo or other permanent marking, When workers at the local animal shelter or veterinary clinic are presented with a lost animal, the first step they will always take is to scan the animal for a microchip. With this number, it is simple for microchip companies to search their database for your information, which they will provide to the clinic or shelter where your animal is located. After that, your pet's safe return is **only a phone call away**. The information contained in microchips can be read and understood by virtually any veterinary clinic or animal shelter.

Pets for Christmas.

The S.P.C.A. strongly advises against the giving of pets as presents so please don't give Christmas puppies or kittens as a surprise gift. **Remember a pet is for life not just for Christmas.**

"If you are worthy of its affection, a cat will be your friend but never your slave".

"A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself".

Wishing all our readers a Purrfectly Happy Christmas

New Pet Shop Opens in Maynooth



It's a welcome addition to the Maynooth area, where there has never been a pet shop. The new shop is large and airy with lots of space to walk around and has a wide range of products for all your domestic animals, and even some exotic ones. The experienced staff are on hand to give advice and help with choosing food or accessories for your pet. They also carry a wide range of tanks and pet habitats, be it a Dog house or Rabbit hutch. The staff are also there to give advice on the best pet for you or your children and how to care for them. So don't be shy, call in and see for yourself, the friendly atmosphere sets you at ease.

Budgies Pet Shop



Main Street
Maynooth
And
Kilcock



Budgies Pet Shop has also been in Kilcock since Feb 06, where it has established a regular cliental from all over the surrounding areas and even as far as Naas and Clane. They carry a wide range of Pet food including Red Mills, Royal Cannin, Purina and Eukanuba, which come in a verity of sizes from small boxes to large 10kg bags. The new shop in Maynooth will carry an even bigger range as it has lots more space, but if you need something that they don't carry just ask and they will do their best to help. You can get your pets name and your phone number on their collars as they also provide this service, so your pets can be safe.



We wish Budgies Pet Shop all the best in the future.

Features

TONY SMITH MEMORIAL WALK 2008

The Tony Smith Memorial Walk 2008 was held on Sunday 19th October.

The Walk, which started from Maynooth G.A.A. Grounds, was led off by Deputy Emmet Stagg and Cllr. John McGinley and proceeded down to the Village and up the Avenue into Carton Estate.

The amount raised this year is expected to be in the region of €9,000 and all funds will be handed over to the Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee at their Xmas Party on Sunday December 14th.

Maynooth Labour Branch would like to thank all those who took part in the walk and those who sponsored our walkers. We would also like to thank Lee Mallaghan for allowing the walk to proceed through Carton Estate and we want to congratulate Ellen Leavy who raised an incredible €4,539.90 for the Walk.





Maynooth Newsletter

2009 Calendar



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Clubs, Organisations And Societies

Maynooth Taekwon-Do School

Maynooth Taekwon-Do School is celebrating after two of its students achieved the coveted rank of Black Belt. Taekwon-Do is a popular Korean Martial Art and the Maynooth Taekwon-Do School has been teaching it in the area for over 20 years. The Instructor is current Republic of Ireland National Head Coach Stephen Doyle who holds a 6th Degree Black Belt. Maynooth's two new Black Belts are Suzy Farrell (15) and Kevin Molloy (17). Suzy successfully passed the bi-annual R.I.T.A Black Belt Grading under the panel of Irelands most Senior 8th Degree Masters, Master Robert Howard, Master Anthony Phelan and Master Francis Barrett on September 27th. Kevin Molloy attended the International Instructors Course conducted by Senior Master Francis Barrett over the week-end of 18th & 19th of October. After the two days of training he was examined by Senior Master Barrett and was promoted to Black Belt. Maynooth Taekwon-Do now has three Black Belts who all go to the Maynooth Post Primary School after Richard Judge achieved his Black Belt in 2007.

Next up for the members will be the Team Challenge event on 8th November and the Irish Open National Championships on 6th December both in Tallaght, Dublin.

Training is in St Marys Boys National School Wednesdays from 8.30-9.30pm and on Fridays in NUI Maynooth from 7-8pm. New and old members are always welcome to attend. Contact Stephen Doyle at 087-6986491



Suzy Farrell



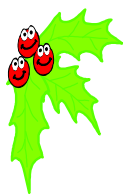
Kevin Molloy & Stephen Doyle

If you require any Further information please contact me at any of the below.

Regards
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A Letter To Santa

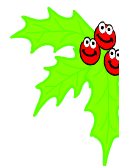


Santa Claus
The North Pole

Dear Santa Claus,



December, 2008



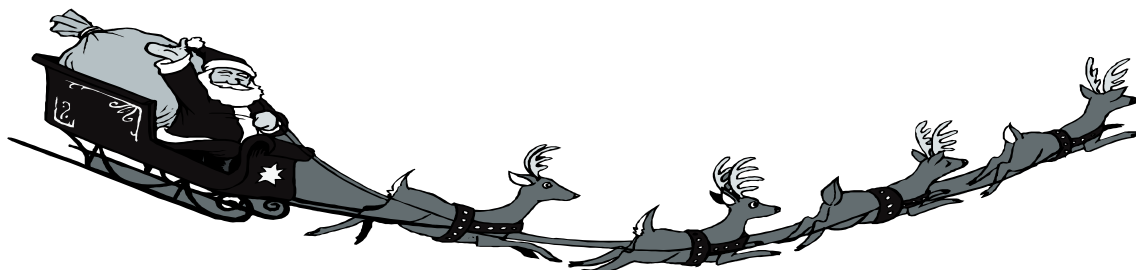
Love,

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Post your letter in Casey's Super Valu Maynooth (beside Glenroyal Hotel)
Santa will be visiting on Saturday 6th December to collect all your letters.

Features

Maynooth Credit Union Limited

Happy End to a Successful Year!



*Peter Greene presenting the cheque to
Bernie Fitzpatrick*

Ms Bernie Fitzpatrick, from Maynooth and now living in Clane, was the lucky winner in the second round of Maynooth Credit Union's First Cash Prize Draw. The delighted mother of two thought it was a wind-up when word reached her on Saturday morning within minutes of her name coming up first on the computer screen. When she began to understand that the story was true, she was shocked. By the time she met Peter Greene, Chairperson, pictured above presenting the €8000 cheque to Bernie, she was beginning to enjoy her good fortune.

When Bernie joined Maynooth Credit Union as a teenager, she was following a family tradition which she has passed on to her children. Bernie's seven-year-old son Daniel has been a member almost since he was born and his younger brother Rhys will soon become a member. In this way, Bernie has passed on from her parents the saving habit that they encouraged in her.

'The Credit Union is great when it comes to saving for holidays or taking out a loan to buy a car,' Bernie says.

Maynooth Credit Union exists to enable members like Bernie to create the fund in the community to finance such needs.

The success of the first Cash Prize Draw has encouraged Maynooth Credit Union to turn it into an Annual Cash Draw. Members have already started to build the prize fund. When the final size of the fund becomes clear, the plans for this year's rounds will be announced. The more Members in, the more there is to win! This is also how the Credit Union core business works: the more members pool their savings, the more there is available to lend when the need arises.

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Simple Christmas Recipes

All-in-one Fruit Cake Recipe

Ingredients: Makes one 20 cm / 8 in cake
Important : All ingredients must be at room temperature.
175g/6 oz butter or margarine, softened
175 g/6 oz soft brown sugar
3 eggs
15 ml/1 tbsp golden syrup
100 g/4 oz glace cherries
100 g/4 oz sultanas
100 g/4 oz raisins
225 g/8 oz/2 cups self-raising flour
10 ml/2 tsp ground mixed spice
2 tablespoons whiskey

Method:

Place all the ingredients in a bowl and beat together until well blended, or process in a food processor. Spoon into a greased and lined 20 cm/8 in cake tin and bake in a preheated oven at 160°C/325°F/gas mark 3 for 1.5 hours until a skewer inserted in the centre comes out clean. Leave in the tin for 5 minutes, then turn out on to a wire rack to finish cooling.

Brandied Chicken Liver Pâté

Ingredients

1/2 cup butter, divided
1 lb chicken livers
1 small sprig fresh rosemary (or 1 tsp dried)
1 bay leaf
5 Tbsp brandy
Salt & freshly ground pepper to taste

Method

In a large skillet over high heat, melt 2 Tbsp of butter. Add the chicken livers and herbs. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the livers are crisp outside but still a bit pink inside, about 3 minutes. Remove and discard the herbs. Add a splash of brandy to deglaze the pan and transfer the livers and pan juices to the bowl of your food processor. Process until smooth. Add the remaining butter and brandy and process a few seconds longer. Taste and adjust the seasoning. Scrape into serving dish (or individual ramekins). Cover with plastic wrap and let it firm up in the fridge for a few hours.

Victoria Sponge

Ingredients

225g/8oz butter or margarine
225g/8oz caster sugar
4 eggs beaten
225g/8oz self raising flour
Pinch of salt
3 tbs warm water

Method

Cream the butter/margarine with the sugar until light and fluffy, and then slowly beat in the eggs. Sift the flour and salt together and fold gently into the egg mixture. Sufficient warm water can be added to make the mixture just drop from a spoon.

Prepare two 8in/ 20cm cake tins by greasing and lining with paper before pouring half the mixture into each tin.

Bake in the centre of the oven at Gas 5, 190 deg C, 375 deg F until golden and risen. When cooked, turn out of the tins and leave to cool completely on a wire rack.

Sandwich the layers together with jam or butter icing. Sprinkle the top with icing sugar.



Mulled Wine

2 large oranges
3 pints of water (48 fluid ounces)
8oz granulated sugar
2-3 cinnamon sticks
10 cloves
2 bottles of good red wine
1 apple, sliced and cored
1 orange, deseeded and sliced
Brandy (optional)

1. Slice 2 oranges and place in a saucepan with 3 pints of water, 8oz granulated sugar, 2-3 cinnamon sticks and 10 cloves. Heat gently until the sugar is dissolved. Then bring to the boil and simmer for 30 minutes.
2. Strain the syrup. (The syrup can be prepared in advance and left to sit in the fridge for a day or two.) Return the syrup to the pan, bring to the boil, add 2 bottles of red wine, add a sliced, cored apple and a whole deseeded sliced orange into the mixture and serve.



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Simple Christmas Recipes

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Fresh Cranberry Sauce

12 oz fresh cranberries .
1 cup sugar
1 cup water

Heat the sugar and water until boiling. Add the fresh cranberries and bring back to a boil.

Cook on a light boil until the cranberries burst open. This should take about 5 minutes. Do stir occasionally during this time. Reduce heat to low. Let the cranberries simmer along. They should start to shrink. The overall look of the mixture should be like a soft jam. Stir fairly often to make sure that the berries do not stick to the bottom of the sauce pan. Pour the mixture into a bowl and let cool to room temperature. Then chill.

Cranberry Sauce can be made several days ahead. Just pour in a bowl when you're ready to serve.

Easy Mince Pies

Ingredients

350g/12oz Plain Flour
225g/8oz Butter (at room temperature)
125g/4oz Caster Sugar
1 jar Mincemeat
1 small Egg (beaten) - optional for brushing
Icing Sugar for dusting



Method

Preheat oven to 200°C/400°C/Gas 6. Lightly grease two bun trays.

Place flour into a large mixing bowl. Rub in the butter, then mix in the sugar. Bring the mixture together to form a ball! Do not add any liquid, keep bringing the dough together and it will form a ball. Press small walnut sized pieces of pastry into each section of two patty tins. Put a teaspoon of the mincemeat into the centre.

Take slightly smaller pieces of pastry than before and pat them out between your hands to make round lids, big enough to cover the pies. Top pies with the lids, pressing the edges together to seal – you do not need to seal them with milk, egg or water as they will stick on their own! If liked they may be brushed with the beaten egg.

Bake for about 20 minutes until golden. Leave to cool in tin for 5 minutes, then remove to a wire tray.

Gluten Free Cranberry & Orange Bread

Ingredients

1 packet Wheat Free Multigrain Quick Bread
100g packet Dried Cranberries
Grated Rind of 1 Orange
350ml/12 fl oz Water
2 tablespoons Vegetable Oil

Method

Lightly grease a 900g/2lb loaf tin. Preheat oven to 200°C/400°F/Gas 6.

Empty contents of packet into a bowl, add the cranberries, orange rind, water and oil.

Mix well with a spoon to produce a batter.

Transfer to prepared tin. Smooth top with a wet spoon.

Make a deep cut lengthwise along the centre.

Bake for about 35 minutes until golden brown.

Turn onto a wire tray and cool completely before slicing.

Quick Christmas Pudding

Ingredients

50g / 2oz Self Raising Flour
125g / 4oz Brown Sugar
125g / 4oz Margarine
2 Eggs
1 teaspoon Cinnamon
1 packet (375g) Fruit Mix
1 tub (100g) Cherries
125g / 4oz Breadcrumbs
300ml / 1/2 pint Stout



Method

Beat margarine and sugar together, add the eggs and mix well.

Stir in the flour and cinnamon, next add the fruit and cherries. Mix well.

Finally, add the breadcrumbs and stout, stir well.

Cover and allow to stand overnight.

Next day, transfer to a greased 1 litre / 2 pint pudding bowl.

Steam for about 6 hours.

Steam for 6 hours.

Clubs, Organisations And Societies

Maynooth Tidy Towns



*Ray Murphy (left) & Sean Lyons
(Chairman Maynooth Tidy Towns) and
in the background Conor Dempsey*

*Left to right ; Conor Dempsey, Fr. Liam
Rigney P.P., Rosaleen Higgins,
& Sean Cushen.*



*Owen Leavy, Gerard Heraghay, Boys of
6th Class, St. Mary's School. They are
very interested in green School*

Features

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is the world's largest children's Christmas project. It delivers love-filled-shoeboxes to millions of needy children across the world.

Many of these children are in orphanages, shelters and hospitals. Operation Christmas Child is more than a shoebox; it means so much to the boy or girl to know that someone, far away, whom they will never meet, is thinking of them. It brings joy, hope and a little bit of God's love into desperate situations.

Last year I accompanied the Operation Christmas Child team on a distribution trip in Romania. There I experienced 1st hand the joy, excitement and hope each time a box was opened. The wonderful happiness a simple pair of flip flops, bag of sweets or toy brings to these under privileged kids cannot be expressed in words. Here we were strangers in a foreign land bringing the most amazing joy during Christmas. I want everybody who participates in Operation Christmas child to know that their effort to fill a box makes a big difference in the lives of kids who otherwise would go through Christmas empty handed.

Thanks to Hugh O Neill from Maynooth who kindly donated the use of his warehouse this year. Its located behind the TSB bank on main street Maynooth if anybody wants to pop in and say hello and see what goes on. We have had a great number of volunteers turn up to help with the logistics this year to whom I would like to say a huge thank you! This job couldn't be done without you!

We have collected over 1000 boxes in the Maynooth area already. We would like to say a very special thank you to all the Schools in Maynooth, Maynooth ICA, The Bridge Club, The Glenroyal, Department of Agriculture, and many other organizations who participate. Also, to everyone who has made a shoebox. Every shoebox means a happy child at the other side.

I would personally like to thank Jacqui Hobbs and Carmel Nolan for all the hard work they put into Operation Christmas Child. They have coordinated this area for the past 5 or 6 years and they really do great work. Well Done Ladies! I would also like to thank my church Maynooth Community Church for the hours of work they have done for us. Thank you all so much!

I look forward to doing it all over again, with you all, next year.

Thanks Sinead Hussey

Operation Christmas Child
Boys National School



*Pupils : Gareth Cummins, Keith Kelly, Michael Jones,
Darren Maguire, Gracious Palissery, Shane Roche, Louis Hartnett,
Alex Howell & Teacher, Cathal McGready.*

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Operation Christmas Child Boys National School

Every year St. Mary's BNS school takes part in Operation Christmas Child. This year it was organised by Teacher Roísín Murphy. Coming up to Christmas, the children are asked to fill a shoe-box with presents suitable for children. Some contribute second hand toys in good condition that they no longer need while others spend their pocket money on buying new items.

The boxes are then wrapped in Christmas paper and labelled for either a boy or a girl. They are then sent off to parts of the world less fortunate than ourselves.

The boys learn that even a colouring book and some pencils could make someone's day in some places. Our corridors as ever were filled with colourful boxes this year.

The children worked very hard collecting the shoe boxes. They put presents that are suitable for both boys and girls. The boys collected a total of 354 boxes, this was 100 up on last year.

Thanks to boys, & parents for boxes, and teachers for their co-ordinating effort.



Pupils collecting parcels & bringing them to the van



Pupils loading the van consisting of 354 parcels



Job completed

PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT GLUAISEACHT AN PHOBAIL

Covenant launched



The People's Movement has launched a ***Covenant between Irish Public Representatives and the People of Ireland***. The text declares that the signatories believe the referendum on the Lisbon Treaty 'expressed the democratic will of the people of this State and must be fully respected'. In addition to existing public representatives, candidates in next June's local and European elections will be invited to sign the document. We believe that local TDs, county councillors, and town commissioners, by virtue of the fact that they hold public office as a result of the same democratic process that rejected the Lisbon Treaty, have a special role and responsibility to ensure that the Government fully respects the decision of 12 June. In particular, because of this democratic process, we hold that this responsibility applies equally to public representatives who campaigned for a Yes vote as those who called for a No vote. In the interests of the intergety of politics we sincerely request and expect a positive response from all our local public representatives and look forward to advising the public of north Kildare with the outcome of our initiative.

EU to make our tax a double?

Can you remember the Government or any of the other supporters of Lisbon Treaty telling us prior to

the referendum last June that Lisbon provided for direct EU taxes? Recently, People Movement researchers have brought to our attention that if implemented Lisbon would give the EU the power to raise its own taxes and impose any tax, including income tax or sales tax, by consensus amongst the governments, without the need for further new treaties or referendums (Art.311 TFEU /Treaty on the Functioning of the EU). So, it would be a case of giving unto our own Caesar (The Irish Revenue) what is Caesar's and then unto Caesar Maximus (Brussels) whatever the EU bureaucrats decree. Seems to us another very good reason to insist: NO means NO.

Safeguard Valuable Jobs

One of the hallmarks of the 'Celtic Tiger' era was the use of a flexible corporation tax regime to attract blue chip multinational to Ireland. North Kildare benefited hugely from this, with thousands of jobs at Intel and HP. This flexibility has been criticised by the dominant EU Big States, Germany and France in particular. If we sign up to Lisbon we put this policy at risk. Can North Kildare afford to gamble with the loss of these and future jobs?

Solve your Xmas present problem for 2008 - with a Ballagh

What can you give the man or woman in your life that has everything? Robert Ballagh is one of Ireland's most prominent living artists. His paintings are on display in the National Gallery, Ulster Museum and Hugh Lane Municipal Gallery. Robert is also a patron of the People's Movement and has kindly made available, as a fundraiser, a limited edition of his evocative fine-art print, entitled *Mise Éire*. Each print is signed, numbered and blind-stamped by the artist. Cost is 300 euro, framed or 250 unframed – modest at the price for a work of art that can be expected to appreciate in value! To view a copy locally, please contact the undersigned or visit our site at www.people.ie



Michael Quinn, Sec.

North Kildare Branch
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Maynooth Community Library

MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY CHESS CLUB

CHILDREN : Mondays 6 - 7pm

ADULTS: Thursdays 6 - 8pm

PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP meets every Wednesday morning at 10am in Maynooth Community Library.

YOUNG ADULTS!

See our new range of Graphic Comic Novels in Maynooth Library.

MAYNOOTH **"Film for All" club's** next film is " The Diving Bell and the Butterfly" and takes place in the John Hume Theatre in NUI Maynooth on Wednesday 3rd December at 7.45pm . It tells the moving story of Dominique Bauby, editor-in-chief of French Elle who went from playboy to paralysed. For details contact Maynooth Community Library at 01- 6285530.

HUMOUR FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas Mistletoe Jokes:

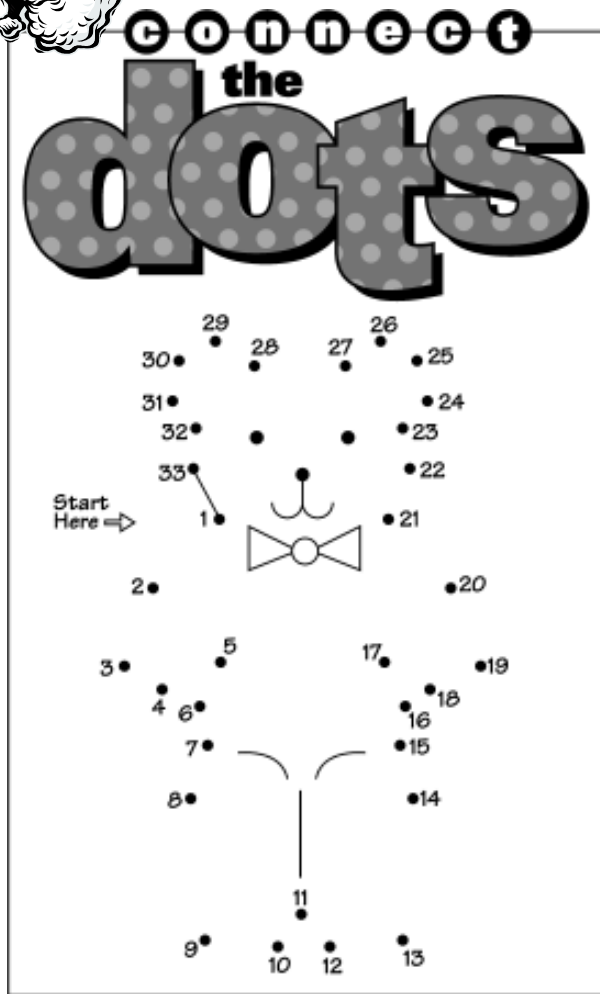
Jennifer was a pretty 18 year old girl. In the week before Christmas she sauntered up to the curtain counter, and was trying to decide which of the many types of tinsel she would buy. Finally, she made her choice and asked the spotty youth who was manning the fabric section. 'How much is this gold tinsel garland'. The spotty youth pointed to the Christmas mistletoe above the counter and said, 'This week we have a special offer, just one kiss per metre'. 'Wow, that's great', said Jennifer, 'I'll take 12 metres'. With expectation and anticipation written all over his face, the boy measured out the tinsel, wrapped up the garland, and gave it to Jennifer. She then called to an old man who had been browsing

Christmas Wiscrack:

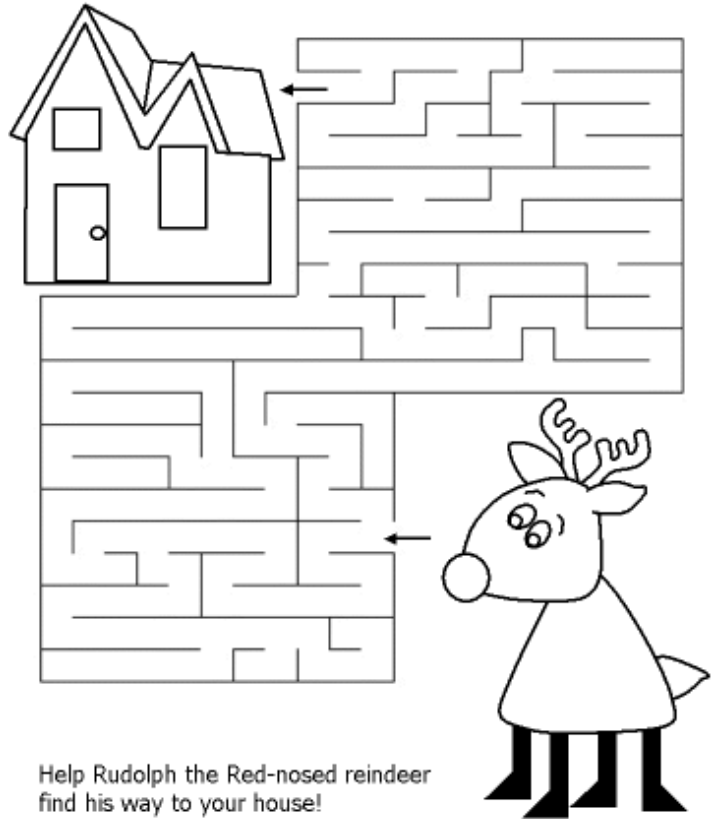
Picture this, it was just before Christmas, and the magistrate was in a happy mood. He asked the prisoner who was in the dock, 'What are you charged with?' The prisoner replied, 'Doing my Christmas shopping too early'. 'That's no crime', said the magistrate. 'Just how early were you doing this shopping?' 'Before the shop opened', answered the prisoner.



Children's Corner



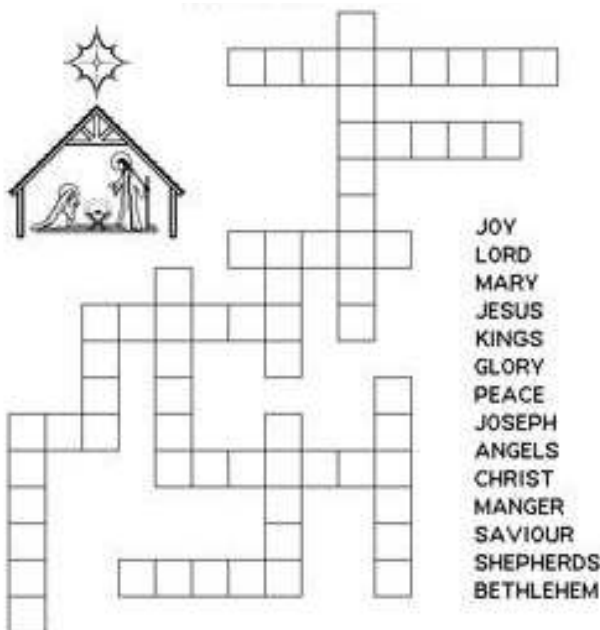
Christmas Maze



Help Rudolph the Red-nosed reindeer find his way to your house!

Christmas Crossword

Make all the words fit into this crossword. Each word is only used once



Word Search

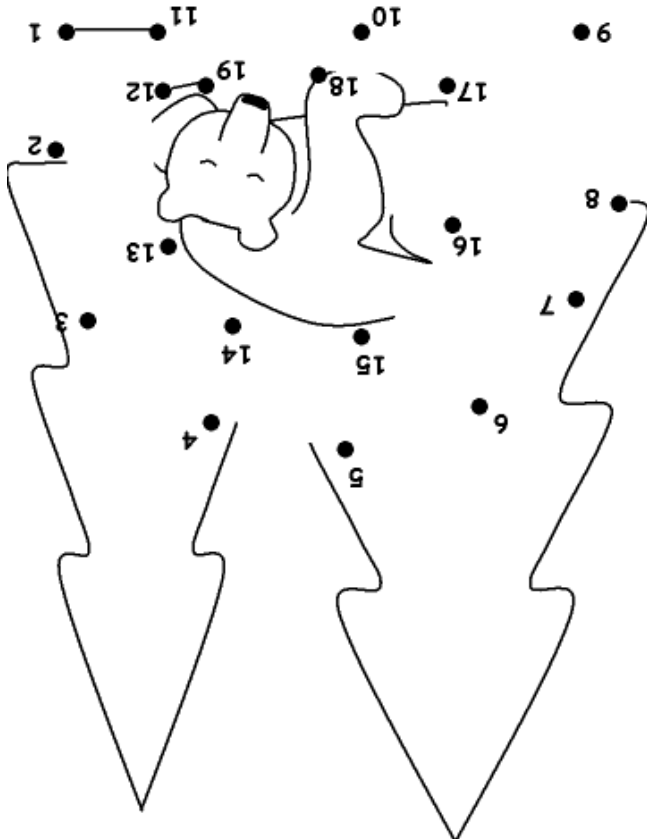
Can you find the hidden words? Each word ends with the letter **H**. The words may be horizontal or vertical.

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Answer to Spot The Difference



Connect The Dots



Can You Spot The Difference

Across

2. June
4. Saturn
7. Play
9. Month
10. Space
14. Milkyway
15. Rocket
17. Travel
19. Comet
21. Pluto
22. Crayon

Down

1. Stars
2. Jupiter
3. Near
5. Rings
6. Shuttle
8. Orbit
11. Planets
12. Earth
13. Sky
14. Mercury
16. Crater
18. Venus
20. Moon

Answers

1. The Milky Way is made up of these stars.
2. First month of summer.
3. Opposite of far.
4. This planet has the largest set of rings.
5. Saturn has these rings.
6. 30 days equal one year.
7. Children do this.
8. Outer planet.
9. One name for a collection of millions of stars.
10. Before the Space Shuttle this was used to travel of space.
11. Take a trip.
12. Our planet.
13. You see this when you look up.
14. Closest planet to the sun.
15. The moon has these craters.
16. This planet is called our sister planet.
17. Earth has one, it comes out at night.



SPACE CROSSWORD



Christmas Stories

A Christmas Story

There was a kindly nobleman whose wife had died of an illness leaving the nobleman and his three daughters in despair. After losing all his money in useless and bad inventions the family had to move into a peasant's cottage, where the daughters did their own cooking, sewing and cleaning.

When it came time for the daughters to marry, the father became even more depressed as his daughters could not marry without dowries, money and property given to the new husband's family.

One night after the daughters had washed out their clothing they hung their stockings over the fireplace to dry. That night Saint Nicholas, knowing the despair of the father, stopped by the nobleman's house. Looking in the window Saint Nicholas saw that the family had gone to bed. He also noticed the daughters' stockings. Inspiration struck Saint Nicholas and he took three small bags of gold from his pouch and threw them one by one down the chimney and they landed in the stockings.

The next morning when the daughters awoke they found their stockings contained enough gold for them to get married. The nobleman was able to see his three daughters marry and he lived a long and happy life.

Children all over the world continue the tradition of hanging Christmas stockings. In some countries children have similar customs. In France the children place their shoes by the fireplace, a tradition dating back to when children wore wooden peasant shoes.

In Holland the children fill their shoes with hay and a carrot for the horse of Sintirklass. In Hungary children shine their shoes before putting them near the door or a window sill.

Italian children leave their shoes out the night before Epiphany, January 5th for La Befana the good witch. And in Puerto Rico children put greens and flowers in small boxes and place them under their beds for the camels of the Three king



Santa Claus

Santa Claus, also known as **Saint Nicholas**, **Father Christmas**, **Kris Kringle**, or simply "**Santa**", is the ghost of Saint Nicholas who, in Western cultures is described as bringing gifts on, Christmas Eve December 24 or on Saint Nicholas Feast day, December 6. The legend may have its basis in folklore tales concerning the historical figure of Saint Nicholas.

The modern depiction of Santa Claus as a fat, jolly man (or gnome) wearing a red coat and trousers with white cuffs and collar, and black leather belt and boots, became popular in the United States in the 19th century due to the significant influence of caricaturist and political cartoonist, Thomas Nest. This image has been maintained and reinforced through song, radio, television and film. In Europe, he is depicted often as identical to the American Santa, but he is commonly called *Father Christmas*.

Father Christmas is said to reside in Lapland he is married and lives with Mrs. Claus; and that he makes a list of children throughout the world rewarding the Children according to their behavior with presents including toys and sweets

One legend associated with Santa says that he lives in the far north, in a land of perpetual snow. The American version of Santa Claus lives at the North Pole, while Father Christmas is said to reside in Lapland. Other details include: that he is married and lives with Mrs. Claus; that he makes a list of children throughout the world, categorizing them according to their behavior; that he delivers presents, including toys, candy, and other presents to all of the good boys and girls in the world, and sometimes coal or sticks to the naughty children, in one night; and that he accomplishes this feat with the aid of magical elves who make the toys, and eight or nine flying reindeer who pull his sleigh.

Party Political-Labour News



Emmet Stagg T.D.

Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

The Dreaded Traffic Lights at The Glenroyal.

At the Area Meeting on 24th October Cllr. McGinley again demanded that the traffic lights at The Glenroyal be switched off in order to get traffic moving again. He stated that the distance between the Glenroyal, Doctors Lane and Main Street was too short to make traffic lights work no matter how modern the system. He pointed out that the €150,000 spent on Doctors Lane had been wasted because cars cannot get out of it at peak time because of the Glenroyal lights.

The engineer stated *"that the system is still being monitored. However, due to damage caused by utilities the full impact of the new system is not clear yet."*

Teenage Activity Area & Fitness Zone at The Harbour Field

Work began on the two projects on 7th November and Cllr. McGinley was advised that work should be completed before Christmas.

Flooding at Laraghbryan Cemetery

The Area Engineer has advised Cllr. John McGinley that due to a backlog of works the laying of the pipe across the road cannot be done until next year. John stated that this news was very disappointing and he asked that a private contractor be employed to carry out the work now.

The Process of Preparing a Local Area Plan for Maynooth:

The first step in preparing a new Local Area Plan (LAP) for Maynooth was taken on the 5th June 2008 when the Council sought Pre-Draft Submissions from members of the public. Cllr. John McGinley made the following submission:

"The Kildare County Development Plan 2005 to 2011 states:

"Given the level of land currently zoned for housing (2,700 acres in the county) it is not anticipated that any further housing/residential zoning will be necessary during the period of this plan. This however does not preclude additional such zoning in specific locations where the council is satisfied that a clearly established need for such zoning is evident."

There are 3,800 housing units occupied in Maynooth at present.

There is enough land already zoned residential to build a further 2,010 units, 1,117 of which have already got planning permission.

So the size of Maynooth can increase by more than 50% without any further rezonings.

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In my opinion it would be planning madness to rezone any further land for housing in the Proposed Maynooth Local Area Plan."

At the first stage of the preparation of a new LAP, it is the Planners who prepare the draft, having regard to the submissions received at the informal pre-draft consultation and having regard to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area, regional planning guidelines, county development plan, national spatial strategy, retail planning guidelines, county strategy and any other national or local policies.

The Council has advised Cllr. McGinley that the Planners will have a Draft of the Maynooth LAP ready in early 2009.

The Planners will discuss the details of the Plan with the 4 Area Councilors before it goes on Public Display and the Councilors can recommend changes. However, the Planners need not include these changes as it is still the Managers Plan at this stage.

When the Draft is published, the public have 6 weeks to make submissions, the Planners have 6 weeks to write the Manager's Report on those submissions and all 25 Councilors have a further 6 weeks to consider the Manager's Report. In reality it is the four Area Councilors who will make the changes and it now becomes the Councilors Plan rather than the Managers. We can decide to accept the draft LAP as published, accept or reject some or all of the Manager's recommendations arising out of the submissions and propose changes of our own. If we change the draft LAP in any material way, within 3 weeks of that decision, the **proposed changes** go back out on public display for a period of not less than 4 weeks for a second round of consultation. The Manager has another 4 weeks to prepare a report for the members on the submissions received and the Full Council have a further 6 weeks to make a Final Decision on the Plan.

As can be seen from the above it can take 35 weeks from the time that the Draft Plan is published to approve it and as the Draft Maynooth Plan will not be published until January or February it won't be completed until September/October 2009.

Proposed Extension of the 66 and 67 Bus Routes

Cllr. John McGinley was informed by the Council that Dublin Bus have yet to confirm the route extension and when the Department of Transport issues the licence that the council will make contact with Dublin Bus. John asked that Dublin Bus and the Department of Transport be invited to the next meeting and that in the meantime that the Roads Department of the Council check the proposed routes for suitability of the bus extensions.

Safe Route to the Soccer Pitches on The Rathcoffey Road

Cllr. McGinley was advised that the Council have not yet finalised a design for the project.

Taking in Charge of Silken Vale/The Arches:

As a result of Cllr. John McGinley's motion The Councils, Willie Hannigan, was due to give a report on the completion of Silken Vale at the October Area Meeting, however he was unavailable on the day. John asked that in view of the failure of the developer to complete the estate that Court procedures be considered. He also asked that the process for taking the Main Road in charge be started immediately. It was agreed that Willie would be at the next Meeting on 21 November.

Provision of a pedestrian crossing on the Rathcoffey Road

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion to the October Area Meeting:

"That a pedestrian crossing be provided on the Rathcoffey Road, Maynooth from the Castledawson side, where the footpath ends, to house number 75 Cluain Aoibhinn, as there is no footpath on the left hand side from there to Bond Bridge and that funding be taken from the '09 Deficit in Infrastructure Fund."

Council Officials stated that they would examine the proposal and report back to the November meeting.

Motion on Removal of Medical Cards:

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Council:

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Eamon Gilmore, T.D., Nessa Childers

Nessa Childers is the Labour Party candidate of EU elections

The Labour Party convened in the Glenroyal Hotel on Sunday 9th November to elect a candidate for the EU elections to take place in the summer of 2009. Nessa Childers was selected before a packed audience who listened to speeches from the candidate herself as well as the Party Leader, Eamon Gilmore. Also present were Emmet Stagg T.D.,

Jack Wall T.D. and Liz McManus who will be Director of Elections. Deputy Gilmore congratulated her and pointed out that she came from strong political roots on both sides of her family. Deputy Stagg stressed the need for a strong and vibrant Labour Party in the present political climate.



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"That this Council condemns the recent government budget decision to remove medical cards from over 70year olds and the refusal to reverse this decision in total."

Stagg Welcomes Climb Down on Medical Cards for Over 70`s But Calls for Universal Access for All

The Labour Party believes that it would have been more honest if the government had announced that it has simply decided to scrap its original proposal and stuck with the principle of universal access to medical cards for all those over 70. Medical research has shown that full eligibility for the cards has led to significant improvements in the health of the elderly. In addition, it is likely that there will be significant costs involved in administering the complicated means testing system that will now be required.

However, the announcement by the Taoiseach on revised criteria for eligibility of the over 70s represents a climb-down by a government on a budgetary issue that is unprecedented in recent decades. It is a particular political humiliation for the Minister for Health, Mary Harney, who devised the scheme and the Minister for Finance who made it a central part of his first budget.

However, I am concerned at the Taoiseach's statement that the government intends to proceed with its plans to repeal Section 1 of the Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act. This will mean that those over 70 have no legal entitlement to a medical card. It also means that at any time in the future, the income limits announced by the government today can be cut at the stroke of a ministerial pen.

We also need further clarification as to how the actual limits will be set. The Taoiseach referred to 'gross incomes' while the procedure to date has been that eligibility for medical cards has been based on 'net income' i.e. income after tax and after payments such as rent or mortgage payments.

If the income levels are as generous as those announced , it is difficult if not impossible to see how the government can still make the savings of €100m, which they are still claiming will be made.

While the announcement will be positive news for many who would otherwise have lost their cards, the political implications are enormous. The Taoiseach and the Minister for Finance introduced a budget that they are now incapable of getting through the Dail. In any other country this would have led to resignations.

ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION FOR HOUSING GRANTS OF €250,000 WELCOME BUT ONLY A DROP IN THE OCEAN

Deputy Emmet Stagg contacted the Minister for Environment in relation to the serious shortfall in Funding for Housing Grant Schemes for the Disabled and Elderly in Kildare.

The Minister for Environment has advised Deputy Stagg that a further sum of €250,000 has been allocated to Kildare Co. Council for the Housing Grant Schemes.

Whilst welcoming the further allocation, the shortfall of €7 Million identified in Co. Kildare, stated Deputy Stagg is critical to the needs of our Disabled People and our Senior Citizens and the level of funding provided by the Government has totally underestimated demand in Co. Kildare. The additional allocation is only a drop in the ocean.

The Housing Adaptations Grant provides grant assistance up to a maximum of €30,000 for downstairs extensions to build a bedroom/bathroom for wheelchair bound people. The Mobility Aids Grant scheme provides grant assistance to a maximum of €6,000 to enable the provision of stair lifts and level access showers in homes of people who have difficulty in climbing stairs or simply getting in or out of a standard bath. The Housing Aids for Older people Grant provides grant assistance up to €10,500 for structural works to the homes of Senior Citizens including rewiring, central heating provision and replacement of substandard doors and windows.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that it was time the Government allocated real resources for the provision of these necessary grants to enable disabled people and our senior citizens to live with some modicum of comfort in their homes. To do other wise represents a further attack on the most vulnerable people in our Society.

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UNEMPLOYED ABANDONED AS LIVE REGISTER GOES OVER 250,000 – 74% INCREASE IN KILDARE

Deputy Emmet Stagg has stated that the Live Register figures published on 5th November and the Figures Published on 7th November for Co. Kildare are truly shocking and suggest that unemployment is now spinning out of control.

With almost 252,000 on the Live Register in real terms and a seasonally adjusted level of 260,000, there are now almost 100,000 more on the Live Register than twelve months ago. This is the first time the figures have exceeded the quarter of a million figure since August 1997.

The figures for Kildare show an increase from 5,662 people in October 2007 to 9,851 people in October 2008, an increase of 4,189 or 74%. That is the equivalent of 84 Medium sized businesses closing down in the past year in Co. Kildare.

It is clear now that unless some action is urgently taken, we are again going to see 300,000 again on the Live Register – a figure not seen since the 1980s.

The huge increase in the numbers out of work is greatly adding to our economic difficulties. We are losing the tax revenue that people in work would be paying, while we are facing significant additional costs for unemployment and secondary benefits for those who could be in work and who want to be in work.

And this is before you even consider the social damage caused by unemployment and particularly, long term unemployment.

The budget came and went and again it did not contain a single significant initiative to deal with the unemployment. Indeed virtually the only action taken in the budget that impacts on the unemployed was to make it more difficult to qualify for jobseekers benefit and to restrict the period over which it is paid.

The government appears to have abandoned the unemployed and thrown in the towel in on the unemployment problem.

The Labour Party has proposed a series of measures to combat the unemployment problem that have been totally ignored by the government. These include a major school building programme to take 40,000 children out of pre-fabs and put them into proper classrooms and a national insulation scheme to make our housing stock more energy efficient, thus reducing carbon emissions and reducing household energy bills. Both of these programmes would have the potential to take back into employment many of the workers who have lost their jobs as a result of the downturn in the construction sector.

We also need a substantial programme of investment in skills and retraining, and an increase in the number of places available under the Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme.

STAGG DENOUNCES TARGETING OF CHILDRENS EDUCATIONAL CHANCES IN BUDGET CUTS

Addressing the Dail on 30th October on Labour's Private Members Motion calling for the reversal of Education Cutbacks Deputy Emmet Stagg denounced the targeting of children by the Government in their attempts at balancing the books.

In his address Deputy Stagg outlined how Fianna Fail had promised to reduce class sizes in 1997, 2002 and 2007, when the State had money, and yet they failed to address the issue. Over the years of the Celtic Tiger we consistently had the worst class sizes in the EU and despite a major campaign launched by the INTO before the last Election, they again failed to deliver.

Deputy Stagg went on to say that in his time as a member of the Dail he had never seen a Budget like this before, where cutbacks were targeted at children who only have one chance to lay a foundation for the rest of

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their lives. The Government will damage that chance and that foundation by what it is proposing here. All of those who vote for the budget proposals – including Deputy Paul Gogarty, who runs with the hare and chases with the hounds, and my Constituency colleague, Deputy Aine Brady – who is a very fine Deputy – will be damaging these children. Resigning from her teaching post in Celbridge, as Deputy Brady promised to do in the local newspaper, will have no effect at all on this issue. What Deputy Brady needs to do, if she wants to be effective, is vote against the cuts.

Referring to the Minister for Education's claims that Teachers Pay was the problem by using up 80% of the Education Budget Deputy Stagg said that the reason so much of the Budget went on Pay was because the Minister's Government had consistently refused to fund the very many other facilities which are needed to run a proper educational system which in turn forced parents out begging on the streets to provide such essential facilities.

Specifically in relation to the effects of the cuts Deputy Stagg made the following points:

- In the 15 National Schools in Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge as of now 28% of pupils were in classes of more than 30. That position will now worsen.
- In one of these schools, St. Brigids in Celbridge, there are at present 4 classes of 34 pupils and that school is to loose 2 teachers under the cutbacks proposed.
- Deputy Aine Brady's school, Scoil Na Mainistreach in Celbridge will loose 3 teachers. She said if it lost any teachers she would resign her job as a teacher. I understood her job was in this House, but that is a matter for her.

St. Patrick's National School in Celbridge, where 85% of the pupils have foreign parents will loose 3 language support teachers – down from 5 to 2.

Concluding his remarks in the Dail Deputy Stagg accused the Government of targeting the poorest children by the shameful removal of the school books grants scheme and the reduction in capitation grants for schools attended by Travelers. He stated that the Government should be ashamed of themselves for not going after the Fat Cats in the Budget and instead introducing cuts aimed at the poorest of victims.

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Clubs, Organisations And Societies

Maynooth I.C.A. Notes

The members have been very busy for October and November months. Craft classes continue each Monday night and Badminton players are out twice a week. The federation has just completed an Effective speaking course. The members helped at the arthritis foundation church gate collection. We are very busy reinventing I.C.A. at the moment and updating our constitution as we must move on with the times. Lots of meetings have been held around the County discussing the new constitution which will be passed at a meeting in the Gresham in December. The members will travel to An Granáin this year for their annual Christmas Party. A craft day had been organised for Saturday the 22nd November in Sarsfields G.A.A. in Newbridge and all guilds have been notified. A trip to tour Croke park has also been arranged for December. A sculpture exhibition took part in botanic Gardens and included work by our member Marian O' Donnell and was also attended by some of our members. A guild auction was held in October for a scholarship to An Granáin and the lucky winners were Cara Walsh, and Mary Dunne. Winners of an October guild competition was Cara Walsh with Mary Halton taking second place and Eileen Flynn in third. At the craft class the members are still very busy making teddies, bonnets and vests for Babies in underprivileged countries as lots of these babies will never have or own anything. The recent make and model competition took place in Killeel, and Killeck guild was the winner. Competition's coming up over the next few months are to design a new I.C.A. brooch. Creative writing, an essay of 2000 words on "what if", a hand knitted toy of any variety, make a decoupage Card, do a variety show for 15 minutes on a T.V. Programme, and a set dancing competition. So as you can see there is lots to do in I.C.A. over the next couple of months. The next federation meeting takes place on 19th November in Kill G.A.A. The competition for the guild in December is make a Christmas stocking. The raffle winners at November meeting were 1st Mary Deane, 2nd Catherine Reilly, and 3rd Irene Mathews. The usual Christmas raffle will take place at the December meeting and a special members raffle will also take place. Our meetings take place the first Thursday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in the I.C.A. Hall in the Harbour and as you can see by the report there is something for everybody in I.C.A. Do feel welcome to come along to our meeting and join I.C.A.

Norah Mc Dermott P.R.O.

Maynooth Band Bulletin



It's hard to believe that we have almost reached the end of another year, where do the years go but it's good to report that the Band is facing in to 2009 on a very positive note. While not always appearing in the Newsletter notes we still go through the weekly recitals all through the year with the exception of a short break in August just to give our lips a little breather.

While the Band traces it's origins back to 1795 it has been going non-stop since 1931 and there are still a number of very loyal members still with us since 1954.

As with many other local organisations there is a very high turnover of members who join and leave afterwards for various reasons but we are delighted to report that we are currently in an upward mode with a large number of younger members among our ranks. This was particularly obvious at our Mass for Deceased Members last month where we really appreciated the huge volume of congratulations received on our performance in the Church and it is responses of this nature that make the weekly rehearsals worthwhile. We had to make a quick getaway from the Church to play the National Anthem at the beginning of the Maynooth Junior Ladies Football team's All Ireland Semi-Final where the local ladies just missed on a final spot by a single point. Commiserations girls.

As in previous years December tends to be a hectic month for Maynooth Band. Our programme gets underway with our Annual Christmas Concert on Sunday 7th December at 3pm. This year it is being moved from the Church of Ireland to the Aula Maxima in St. Patrick's College as we anticipate a larger audience than normal due to the amount of new members in the Band this year. So just to confirm the details once again Sunday 7th December in the Aula Maxima, Maynooth College at 3pm and we hope to see you all there for a feast of popular and Christmas music at prices that really allow for the downturn in the economy.

Our Christmas Carol programme has not yet been decided on but keep an eye out for the Band in the lead up to Christmas and if you have any money left over after your shopping we can make sure it will be put to very good use. There has been a huge drop off in paying engagements for the Band over the past number of years and we have become very much dependant on donations and fundraisers to cover the running costs, especially insurance which is a huge problem, and with the recent increase in band membership extra uniforms will be needed over the next year. To this end we intend organising a couple of fundraising events next year so hopefully we can count on your support and to make sure that St. Mary's Band will continue to flourish for many years to come.

Finally just to remind you all of one of the traditions which has survived for many, many years - Carols after Christmas Day Mass - which this year will again be provided after the 11.30 Mass.

It's just our way of thanking the people of Maynooth for their continued support throughout the years and I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of St. Mary's Band to wish all of you a happy and holy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.



Party Political—Michael Fitzpatrick T.D.

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Deputy Fitzpatrick welcomes move by Government to stabilise Irish financial system

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick has been informed by Minister for Housing, Urban Renewal & Developing Areas, Michael Finneran T.D. that a supplementary allocation of €250,000 has been allocated to Kildare County Council towards the operation of the Housing Adaptation Grant Schemes for Older People & People with a Disability.

This further allocation reflects the importance of these grant schemes at a local level and will assist local authorities in meeting the needs of some of the most vulnerable members of our society.

Earlier this year Kildare County Council received €1,642,680 for the operation of these grant schemes in 2008.

Deputy Fitzpatrick added "local authorities have been advised to operate the grant schemes on a prioritised basis, with particular consideration to be given to applicants requiring adaptations to facilitate discharge from hospital or to alleviate the need for hospitalisation in the future and those applicants requiring improvement works to facilitate the continuance of care in their own home".

New Grant Scheme for Parent and Toddler Groups to be funded through City and County Childcare Committees.

The Minister for Children & Youth Affairs, Mr. Barry Andrews T.D., launched a new grant scheme which his Office will provide funding for from January 2009 through the local network of City and County Childcare Committees.

The new scheme, is funded under the National Childcare Investment Programme (NCIP).

The scheme was allocated €250,000 in 2008 and a similar level of funding will be allocated in 2009. Parent and Toddler Groups who are interested in participating in the Scheme should contact their local City and County Childcare Committee for further details.

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick in welcoming the grant scheme, added this grant recognises that Parent and Toddler Groups are providing informal support to parents, grandparents and childminders, as well as to young children and are an important source of social contact especially for families new to an area. This is an important community service which brings children and their families together within their local community."

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Suckler Welfare Scheme payments to begin – Fitzpatrick

Payments under the 2008 Suckler Welfare Scheme will begin on Monday the 17th of November according to local Fianna Fail TD Michael Fitzpatrick.

"The payments of €80 per cow will continue on a rolling basis for calves born in 2008 as additional animals become eligible."

"Payments will begin now and continue into 2009."

"Eligible farmers should complete and return their forms, either paper or on-line as soon as possibly to ensure speedy process and payment."

"The Minister for Agriculture has assured me that his Department are now issuing letter to farmers where there are any queries and that every effort is being made to clear outstanding cases."

"Any farmers in Kildare who need clarification or have any queries should phone the lo-call number 1890 252 707," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

Fitzpatrick encourages local voluntary groups to apply for grants

Groups who provide marriage, child and bereavement services have been urged to apply for grants by Kildare North Fianna Fail TD, Michael Fitzpatrick.

"The grants will be provided through the Family Support Agency for 2009."

"Last year over €11 million was provided to over 600 organisations nationwide."

"Letters have been issued to organisations who received funding last year, but any organisations providing these type of services in Kildare can also apply for funding."

"The services provided by groups who provide marriage, child and bereavement counselling are vital for families and people in severe distress and emotional difficulty and these grants provide practical support for that excellent work."

"Full details and application forms can be found at www.fsa.ie. I would encourage any organisations who think they might qualify to apply for a grant," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

Issued on behalf of Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick T.D.

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Medical Card – for the Over 70's – Question and Answers

I have received a large number of calls from residents in Maynooth in connection with the withdrawal of the medical card for the over 70's. I have made strong representations to the Minister to have the situation reviewed. I enclose below a Q&A in connection with the revised Entitlements. I hope the revised entitlements are more acceptable.

Questions and Answers – Medical Cards for people aged 70 and over

What has the Government announced?

Today, the Government has announced that with effect from 1 January 2009 new income thresholds will apply for medical cards for people aged 70 and over.

The current arrangements for medical cards will continue to apply until the end of this year.

All existing medical cards will continue to be valid after 1 January 2009 unless your income exceeds the new thresholds.

The new arrangements mean everyone aged 70 or over whose gross income is less than €700 a week (€36,500 a year) if single and €1,400 a week (€73,000 a year) for a couple **can now be sure** they will keep their medical card.

These new arrangements are designed to make the system as clear and user friendly as possible. They mean that:

- those whose income is less than €700/€1,400 will have a medical card;
- those whose income is over the limit may still get a medical card if their personal or health circumstances cause them undue financial hardship; and
- other people will be covered by the Drug Payment Scheme.

How many people will keep their cards?

95% of those aged 70 or over – about 330,000 out of 350,000 – will keep their cards.

Will you be contacted by the HSE?

The HSE will write to all medical card holders aged 70 and over informing them about the new arrangements. People whose income is below the new threshold will simply keep their cards and continue to use them as normal. Only those above the income limits will be required to notify the HSE.

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If you know your income is below the limits you don't need to wait for the letter to arrive to be sure you are keeping your medical card.

The HSE will start sending out letters in Mid November.

Why was income set at €700 for a single person and €1,400 per couple?

The new income thresholds are designed to ensure that the vast majority of persons aged 70 and over will continue to have a medical card, and that only those on higher incomes will lose their entitlement. The new income thresholds announced by the Government for persons aged 70 and over mean that, from 1 January 2009:

retired Ministers, Ministers of State, Judges and Secretaries General of Government Departments will not qualify for a medical card;

retired nurses, teachers and gardaí would be expected to qualify for a medical card if single or if married to someone with a similar or lower level of pension;

retired TDs, school principals and principal officers in the civil service will not qualify for a medical card if single but may qualify if married subject to the income of their spouse.

Will there be a means test?

People who are aged 70 years or over and apply for a medical card after 1 January 2009 will be means tested to establish that their income is under €700/€1,400 a week.

Existing card holders will not have to undergo a means test unless their income is above the limits and they want to apply for a discretionary medical card on the basis of their personal circumstances.

There will be a means test for new applicants after 1 January 2009 to establish that their income is under €700/€1,400 a week.

People whose gross income is above €700/€1,400 (single/couple) a week will have to declare this to the HSE. In January next, the HSE will review the self-assessment process outlined above, examine the level of compliance and consider available options to confirm the information received.

Legislation to give effect to the new arrangements will provide that all existing medical cards will continue to be valid after 1 January 2009 if the person's income is below the relevant new threshold.

What does income mean? Is it gross income or net income?

Income is any earnings you receive in the form of a pension or through investments or savings. What is assessed is gross income, i.e. income before tax or other deductions. It is easier for people to know what their gross income is.

The new gross thresholds are well in excess of the net limits of €360/€720 (single/couple) which previously would only have qualified an applicant for a GP visit card.

What about savings?

It is only the interest earned on savings that is counted as income, not the savings.

Income from savings up to the first €36,000 for a single person and €72,000 for a couple is not counted.

What happens to people whose income is above the limit?

The HSE will write to everyone aged 70 or over. People whose gross income is above €700/€1,400 (single/couple)

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a week will have to declare this to the HSE and will not be entitled to use their existing cards after 31 December 2008.

Those whose income is over the limit may still get a medical card if their personal or health circumstances cause them undue financial hardship.

The existing HSE appeals mechanisms will also continue to apply.

What will happen on 1 January 2009?

All existing medical cards will continue to be valid after 1 January 2009 unless the person's income exceeds the relevant new thresholds.

Persons who reach age 70 will be able to apply for, and receive, a card in the normal way and will get a medical card if their income is below the €700/€1,400 threshold.

What about someone who is under 70 now and married to someone over 70?

If one member of the couple is aged 70, they will both qualify for a medical card if their income is below €1,400 a week.

Maynooth Traffic Flow raised with Kildare Co Co

Deputy Aine Brady has made representations to Kildare Co Co to have the traffic management systems analysed with a view to seeking an improvement to the flow of traffic through Maynooth.

'Since the turning on of extra traffic lights on the Straffan road, I did feel that the traffic flow had slowed and this was raised with me by many residents in Maynooth.' stated Deputy Brady.

'Following my representations, the council has assured me that signalised junctions are included on the scoot traffic system and are currently under extensive monitoring via CCTV and Loops. Apparently, there were some problems caused by the ESB excavating at the Celbridge / Straffan Road Junction which destroyed some loops and these will be replaced next week.'

'I have been assured that significant resources are being allocated to the Maynooth area to minimise the timescale between the start-up and when the system is working in a satisfactory manner.' concluded Deputy Brady.

HUMOUR FOR CHRISTMAS

What A Boy Wants For Christmas:

Darren remembers accompanying his father out shopping in the toy department of a large store one Christmas Eve. Dad said, 'What a marvellous train set. I'll buy it.' The girl behind the counter looked pleased and murmured, 'Great, I'm sure your son will really love it.'

Dad replied with a glint in his eye, 'Maybe you're right. In that case I'll take two.'

What A Girl Wants For Christmas:

The Santa Claus at the shopping mall was very surprised when a Emily, young lady aged about 20 years old walked up and sat on his lap. Now, we all know that Santa doesn't usually take requests from adults, but she smiled very nicely at him, so he asked her, 'What do you want for Christmas?' 'Something for my mother, please,' replied Emily sweetly. 'Something for your mother? Well, that's very loving and thoughtful of you,' smiled Santa. 'What do would you like me to bring her?'

Emily answered quickly, 'A son-in-law.'

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Application Form for Parade

Name of Business: _____

Organisation, Club or
Band: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Contact Person: _____

- All vehicles entering **must have a float**, preferably a live band with **traditional, rock or pop music**.
- HGV's, lorries or cars ***without a float will not be accepted***.
- Do ☐ you ☐ wish to do a demo (3-4 mins) at Reviewing Stand? **Yes**

Entrance Fee:

- **Commercial Float ~ €50**
- **Club/Organisation ~ €20**
- **Bands ~ Free**

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1 Best Commercial Float

Trophy

3 Best Band

Perpetual
Cup

**5 Best Portrayal of International
Culture**

Trophy

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**4 Best Portrayal of Irish
Culture**

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Environmental Awareness**

Trophy

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