

MAYNOOTH NEWSLETTER

April 2008



More Fun Pictures of Parade
and Report inside



Sean Cushen
Maynooth Tidy Towns



Brian Farrell
Enjoying the Day



Scoil Rince Ui Dhubhail



Maynooth GAA Club



Kidz @ Play

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

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

Medium

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



Difficult

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

Super Difficult

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



Tidy Towns

MAYNOOTH TIDY TOWNS CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

HOW CAN YOU HELP KEEP MAYNOOTH
CLEAN & GREEN???

Join Maynooth Tidy Towns!



SATURDAY 5 APRIL 2008
NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN AND TIDY TOWNS CAMPAIGN GETS
UNDERWAY

MEET AT SUPERVALU CAR PARK AT 9AM

Phone 087 3153189

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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St. Patrick's Day Parade 2008 (continued)

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. SPLENDOR 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.

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.

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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.

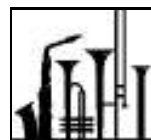
St. Patrick's Day in the Band Hall began with a little nostalgia when someone remarked that "this time ten years ago we were preparing to play the American National Anthem before the start of the Kansas City St. Patrick's Day Parade". Ah, how time flies. However this year was a red letter day in a different 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.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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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Recipes

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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.

Spicied 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.

Features

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

Features



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)

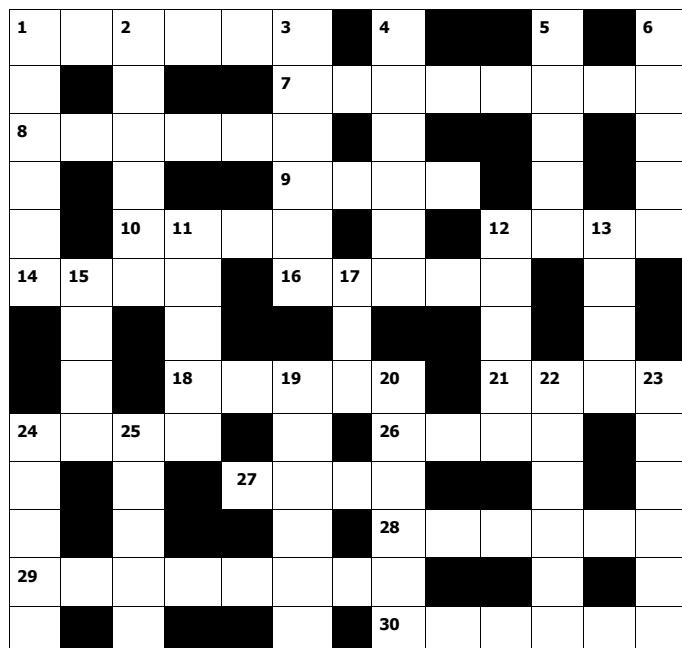
MAYNOOTH ADULT DAYTIME EDUCATION (MADE)	Contact: Bernadette Duffy	6016179
MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY	Contact: Rita Edwards	087-6387687
MAYNOOTH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION	Contact: Brid Feely	087-2052649
MAYNOOTH FAIR TRADE	Contact: Dr. John Sweeney	087-2476516
MAYNOOTH JUDO CLUB	Contact: Mary Mc Donald	087-9677596
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
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Crossword No: 65



Entries before Monday 7th April 2008

Name _____

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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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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.

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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 Eireann 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 Eireann'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.

Issued on behalf of Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick T.D.

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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.

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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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



Fifty Years of Tidy Towns

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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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