

# MAYNOOTH NEWSLETTER



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*Maynooth Taekwon-do Club*

*1st Year Post Primary Talent  
Show*

*Gardening in February*



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## Editorial

Maynooth Newsletter – Editorial for February 2008.

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

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

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

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

Brid Feely,  
Maynooth Newsletter.

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# Maynooth Community Council Notes

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

## **Park and Ride Facilities for Maynooth.**

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

## **Sub- Committees**

### **Maynooth Development Plan**

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

### **Maynooth Development Plan**

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

## **Tidy Towns**

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

## **Phone Mast at Maynooth GAA Club**

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

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

## **Christmas Lights**

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

## **TD'S and Councillors meeting**

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

## **Presentation**

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

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

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# Maynooth Community Council Notes

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Next Maynooth Community Council meeting will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> January

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

### **A Vote of Sympathy**

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

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

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

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

### **Christmas Lights**

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

### **Tidy Towns**

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

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

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

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

### **Newsletter**

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

### **Festival**

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

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

### **St Patrick's Day Parade**

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

### **Local Matters**

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

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# Clubs, Organisations And Societies

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

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



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



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

# Maynooth Community Council Notes

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

## **Pay-Parking and other changes in Maynooth**

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

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

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

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

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

Next Community Council Meeting 11 February 2008

**PRO Marie Gleeson**

## **T.D. Michael Fitzpatrick, Fianna Fail** **"Always Working For You"**



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# Clubs, Organisations And Societies

## XMAS UNDERGROUND

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

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



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





# Clubs, Organisations And Societies



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

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

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

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

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## MAYNOOTH TAEKWON-DO CLUB TAKE HOME GOLD



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

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

For more information contact Stephen at 087 6986491 or e-mail [oldebawn@rita-irf.org](mailto:oldebawn@rita-irf.org)



**Gold medal winner  
Kevin Molloy**

# Clubs, Organisations And Societies

## Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Know your rights

### Question

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

### Answer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Question

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

### Answer

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

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

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

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

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

### Question

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

### Answer

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

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ent person who:

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

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

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

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

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

## Question

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

## Answer

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

In the recent Budget, the Widowed parent grant was increased from €4,000 to € 6,000. To be entitled to the grant, you must be eligible for one of the following payments:

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

The Bereavement Grant is a payment of €850. Eligibility for the Bereavement Grant usually depends on the number of PRSI (Pay-Related Social Insurance) contributions that have been paid by either the deceased person or his/her spouse or partner. You may also be eligible based on entitlement to certain social welfare payments.

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

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

**Further information is available from your local Citizens Information Centre.**



# Clubs, Organisations And Societies

## Maynooth Golf Society

15th December 2007

Christmas Four Scramble at Knockanally in aid of Maynooth Senior Citizens

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

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<b>2nd</b>	<b>Kevin Loftus Colm Loftus Barry Maloney Mick Fahy</b>	<b>65.7 Net</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>John Saults John Byrne Tom Nolan</b>	<b>66.3 Net</b>
<b>4th</b>	<b>Paddy Foy Liam Farrelly Pat Connelly</b>	<b>66.5 Net</b>



Pa Conway Capt. Gerry McTernan



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



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

# First Year Post Primary Talent Show

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



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



**L to R Emma , Rebecca , & Muriel**

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



**L to R Anna Lavelle and Emma Brady**



**Lauren Tracey with her tin whistle**

# February in the Garden

## Fruit and vegetable garden

### Fruit

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Vegetables

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# Clubs, Organisations And Societies

## PRESENTATION OF PROCEEDS OF TONY SMITH MEMORIAL WALK 2007



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

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

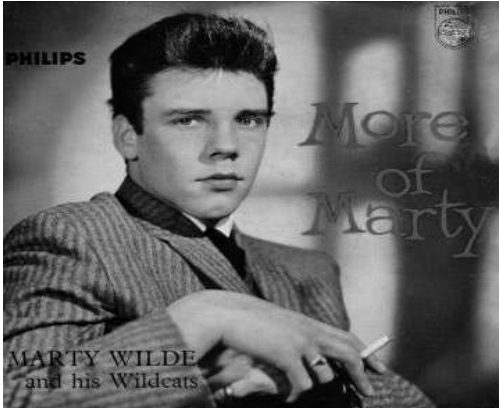
**A Record sum was raised this year of €9,771 up from €7,617 in 2006.**

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# Features

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW

### MARTY WILDE



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

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

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

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

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

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



# Horoscopes



## **ARIES—March 21—April 20**

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



## **TAURUS—April 21—May 21**

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



## **GEMINI—May 22—June 22**

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



## **CANCER—June 23—July 23**

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



## **LEO—July 24—August 23**

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



## **VIRGO—August 24—Sept 23**

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



## **LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23**

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



## **SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22**

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



## **SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21**

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



## **CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20**

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



## **AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19**

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



## **PISCES—Feb 20—March 20**

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

# Clubs, Organisations And Societies

## Maynooth Tidy Towns

### *Maynooth achieves major improvement in IBAL Litter League*

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

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

**Maynooth: 25<sup>th</sup> out of 50 towns / cities surveyed.**

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

#### **Kilcock Approach Road: Moderately Littered.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Maynooth Tidy Towns

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

### ***Tidy Towns is fifty***

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

*Paul Croghan,*  
**Pro Maynooth Tidy Towns**

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## Hurling at Streete Parish Park



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Shinty challenge at Streete Parish Park

30th December, 2007

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

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

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

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

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

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

Monilea Mullingar provided the specialised hurls for the event.

Teams:

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

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

# Valentine Recipes

## Raspberry Crust

### Ingredients

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

### Topping

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

### Method

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

## Quick Pavlova

### Ingredients

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

### Method

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



## Plum Pie

### Ingredients

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



### Method

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

## Pineapple Upside-Down

### Ingredients

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

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### (Pineapple Upside Down Cake)

#### Method

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

### Orange & Apricot Bars

#### Ingredients

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

#### Method

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

## Classic Love Poems

### *There can be no good-byes*

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

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

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

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

### *A Never Ending Love*

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

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

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

# Clubs, Organisations And Societies

## Maynooth I.C.A. Notes

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

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

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

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

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
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## Features

# Valentine's Day History



St. Valentine

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

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

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

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

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

### ***Afternoon in February***

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

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

*Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*



Valentine Postcard 1910

### ***Be My Valentine My Love.***

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

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

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

# Clubs, Organisations And Societies

## MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES

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

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

### **EAST 1**

Niamh Feeney  
Róisín Fanthom  
Sarah Jennings  
Eoin Bonass  
Anthony Barrett

### **EAST 2**

Michael Carton  
Darragh Burgess  
Thomas Feeney

Fergal Stack  
Subs Connor Gorhan  
David Moynon

### **WEST 1**

Seoirse Murray  
Ross O'Connor  
Austin Dunne  
Michael Jones

### **WEST 2**

Darren Maguire  
Gerard Hegarty  
Samuel Miller

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

Forthcoming events:

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

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

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

## Features

### A New Life in Winter

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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## Application Form for Parade

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Entrance Fee:

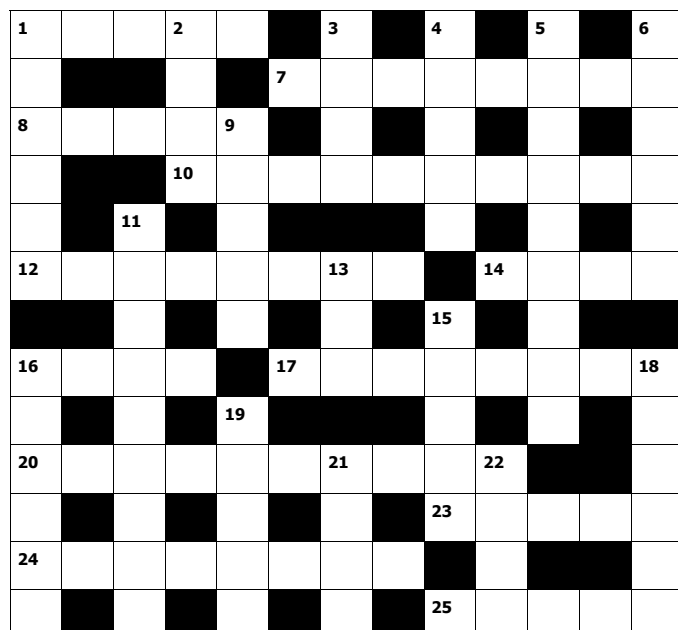
- **Commercial Float ~ €50**
- **Club/Organisation ~ €20**
- **Bands ~ Free**

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

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

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

# Crossword No: 63



Entries before Friday 8th February 2008

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Across:

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

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## Winner

**Maeve Moloney,**  
**Woodlands,**  
**Maynooth**

Down:

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

## Solutions to Crossword No. 62

Across:

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

Down:

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

**Doodle Box**



# Poetry Corner

## ***This Enchanting Love***

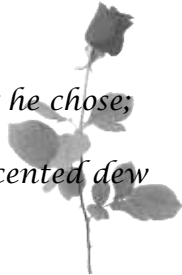
*A cry of want from a lovely heart  
Deep in passion with a love so pure  
This enchanting ecstasy that never will  
depart  
To achieve your dream a lot to endure  
I stare into this ladies lovable face  
Then sense the anguish her heart desire  
A modern lady of the human race  
With a hot love just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

*Patrick Murray*

## ***One Perfect Rose***

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

*I know the language of the floweret.*



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

*Love long has taken for his amulet*

*One perfect rose.*

*Why is it no one ever sent yet*

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

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

*One perfect rose.*

*Dorothy Parker*



## ***How do I love thee?***

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

*Elizabeth Barrett Browning*



## **Acknowledgement**

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

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

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

# Puzzles—Sudoku

**Easy**

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

**Medium**

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



**Difficult**

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

**Super Difficult**

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



# Planning Permissions

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

# Planning Permissions

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



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# Clubs, Organisations And Societies

## Maynooth Band Bulletin



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

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

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

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

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

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

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



# Party Political

## Party Political



*Emmet Stagg T.D.*

### Maynooth Labour News



*Cllr. John McGinley*

#### **Broken Seats at The Square, Maynooth**

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

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

#### **Water Charges on Schools:**

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

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

#### **Domestic Refuse Collection:**

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

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

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

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

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# Party Political

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

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

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

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

John Submitted the following motion to the Leixlip Area Committee:

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

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

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

## **Commuter Parking in Silken Vale, Maynooth**

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

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

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

Council Officials replied as follows:

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

## **Pay Parking in Maynooth**

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

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

John got the following reply to his motion:

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

## **Landscaping for the Bottom of Old Greenfield, Maynooth**

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

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

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

## **Additional Litter Bins and Bin Repairs**

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

## **Infiltration of Sewage into the Meadowbrook Stream**

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

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

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

*We will continue to monitor the situation closely."*

## **Tony Smith Memorial Walk Raises Record Amount**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **STAGG ACCUSES GOVERNMENT OF STALLING REGULATION OF MANAGEMENT COMPANIES**

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

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

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

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enactment of the Legislation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **337 CHILDREN AWAITING ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT IN KILDARE**

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

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

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

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

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## Comments from Aine Brady TD

**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.**

### Proposed new arrangements of policing Kildare - Brady

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

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

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

### €1.4m for Agricultural Research in Maynooth says Brady

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

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

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

### Applications now invited for Sports Capital Programme - Brady

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

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

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

### Broadband Coverage for Kildare raised with Minister

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

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

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## **Support for Commuter Feeder Bus**

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

## **School Extension - Girls School Maynooth**

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

## **Maynooth Commuter Services see improvements in Timetable**

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

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

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

## **Major Sections of the M50 Upgrade nearing completion says Brady**

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Budget 2008**

### **Older People and Young Parents.**

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

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at its heart.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Young Parents**

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

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

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

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

## **Works on Moyglare Road complete says Brady.**

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

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

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

## **Working for Maynooth**

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

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

Please see below –

### **Local Government**

#### **fund Allocations 2008**

Dear Michael,

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

Kildare County Council has been allocated a 6.42% increase.

Nass Town Council has been allocated 7.55% increase.

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

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

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

Press Release issued by Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick T.D.

11<sup>TH</sup> December 2007

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

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick warmly welcomes this

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

Security devices included under this scheme are as follows,

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

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

### **SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS TO NEW CHILDCARE SCHEME ANNOUNCED**

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

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

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

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

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



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

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



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