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Maynooth Festival 08



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Editorial

Festival roundup. The festival, organised under the auspices of the Maynooth Community Council, ran from 25th to 29th June. It was a great success and managed to avoid the showers. Contingency arrangements had to be made in the face of inclement weather which in planning terms almost meant organising two festivals. Congratulations go to the organisers who gave of their time to this community event - Andrew McMullon and the Planning Committee and to Marie Gleeson who seemed to be everywhere and who ensured that reports of the events and photographs were included in the month's Newsletter. Thanks to everyone who came out and supported the events. More inside!

The launch of the Festival on Wednesday night was a major success, with a lovely balmy evening in the Square. The Maynooth Brass and Reed Band gave their all yet again for the community and this was not their only appearance over the festival. The Garda Band followed with a riveting performance. The night was rounded off with "Push for Porter" who provided a most enjoyable traditional music night in O'Neill's Pub. There was something to suit everyone. The inter- estate 7-a-side soccer competition in the Harbour Field as always attracted much interest. The competition was fierce and eventual winners of the Joe Murphy Memorial Trophy were the Newtown Inn team. A children's quiz ran on Wednesday afternoon and was followed by the announcement of the winners of the Children's Poster Competition. There were over a hundred entries for this festival-themed competition and the wonderful art work was on display in Maynooth Community Library. The Castle and its surroundings was the setting for the Rita Doyle Dancers who gave a great display of their talents. The Maynooth Brass and Reed Band performed and was made particularly enjoyable for the children in the audience who got to see what the most recent members were able to accomplish in a year. The evening rounded off with poetry and prose from the Maynooth Local History Group and the Writer's Group organised by Hilda Dunne and introduced by Dr. Mary Cullen. The Castle was also the venue for the Nuadha Players to tread the boards with two plays, run over three nights. This for me was one of the highlights of the festival – a most enjoyable evening. Family fun day in the GAA was again blessed with goodish weather, with dancers, puppet shows, barbecue, bouncy castles, bonny baby competition, pony rides and gymnastic displays to mention just some of the activities. A quiz, and various music events were hosted by the local pubs - Brady's, Caulfields, O'Neills and the Roost. The festival culminated with a Big Band Revival dance in the Glenroyal on Sunday night. Well done to all! Susan Durack

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Maynooth Tidy Towns

Maynooth Tidy Towns – 50th Anniversary Family Day was a great success

Much favourable comment has been received following our 50th Anniversary celebration with a family day in St. Patrick's College grounds on June 8th last. Blessed with good wishes and the weather the event was attended by three hundred people approximately. On the day there were a number of popular traditional games such as sack races, shooting a ball through a tyre and trying to hook a bottle. A number of field games took place also which involved most of the young people that attended. Formalities were kept to a minimum with just one speech from Tidy Towns Chairperson, Sean Lyons.



Such an event could not have been arranged without the co-operation and support of a number of people. Maynooth Tidy Towns would like to thank the Maynooth Brass & Read Band who are always sure to attract a crowd and Rita Doyle for leading the dancing. Also the Kildare Sports Partnership for arranging the parachute game. Much gratitude is due to the many members of the committee and their friends and families for helping out and to our supporting junior members from the Post Primary school who demonstrated a wonderful enthusiasm for encouraging participation in all the events.

For the support from businesses in the town that supplied the refreshments a big thank you and acknowledgements were made on the day. Many thanks to Fr. Rigney our Parish Priest for his promotion and encouragement for the event. Finally, we are indebted to St. Patrick's College for allowing us to hold the event in what turned out to be a most suitable venue and to everyone that attended we hope that you enjoyed the day. **(see pictures Page 24)**

Tidy Towns Annual Collection – Thank you for your support

Without the generosity of the business community and the people of Maynooth we could not undertake our enhancement projects for the area. The business community donations were received in the period up to May and we will be recognising this important support later in the year. We held our annual collection over two weekends to facilitate the committee to cover a number of collection points. As usual the people of Maynooth gave generously with both money and praise for our work. Running an effective voluntary group involves the need for people with a range of skills all playing their part in the combined efforts. Indeed a special thanks to the people that assisted us with the collection even though they are not members of the committee.

Hanging baskets in place for 2008

This year again we were able to put in place the flower hanging baskets in the centre of the town. Thanks to all those that assisted us in this difficult logistical task over a two day period. We have also put in place new planters in Courthouse Square this year and we are pleased with this work. Over the next few months all our flowers will be watered by a contractor and in this regard we acknowledge the support that we receive from Leixlip Town Council and Intel Ireland in allowing us to have access to the specially designed machine for this purpose.

New Approach Road signage

We have a plan to put in place new stone signs on the approach roads to Maynooth. The first of these is already in place at the Maynooth exit from the M4 Motorway. The stones have been sand blasted with a greeting welcoming people to Maynooth. This project is a big undertaking and one that we hope will be appreciated.

National Tidy Towns Judging

The National Tidy Towns judges will make their assessment of the town sometime between the June Bank Holiday weekend and the end of August next. Maynooth Tidy Towns made an application in May outlining our plans as well as identifying the positive and negative issues that impact on the judging criteria. The result of the judges decision will be known in early September and in the interim we would appreciate your support in keeping Maynooth litter free and tidy. Everyone's single effort combines to make an impact for the town – Remember:

Make Maynooth Great in 2008.

Paul Croghan

PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns (more Tidy Towns news on Page 39)

Poetry Corner



DUBLIN

Though my streets I like to roam
By alleys to my destined home
A place where I'm never alone
Yes Dublin is my pride

A Smokey city it is indeed
Where traffic now is in great speed
A city of love as my heart does bleed
Yes Dublin is my pride

Children playing in little alley ways
Reminds me of where I spent my days
The law of God each child obeys
Yes Dublin is my pride

From O'Connell Street to Parnell Square
Where doves do fly high in the air
Such beauty that you can never compare
Yes Dublin is my pride

Time is changing so fast
As my old ways do not last
Yes Dublin is my pride

The Liffey flows along the way
Where bridges seem forever to stay
Through its quays I spend my day
Yes Dublin is my pride

Busy like bees people walk along
As Dublin is any man's song
It is of you my soul has gone
Yes Dublin is my pride

Patrick Murray

YOUR BEAUTY

Your life are of a pink shade
Eyes of brown to enlighten me
In perfection you really have it made
With such eyes I wonder what you see
A perfect nose to compliment your face

Hair as black as the darkest night
You are a beauty of the human race

With you by my side every thing is alright
When you smile the whole world is of laughter
When you cry the world is full of rain
I will watch over you forever more after through
good and bad times I never complain

Your teeth are of ivory white
You talk softly with a precious smile
How you get rid of my weary night
I will watch over you all the while

Tempt me with your loving life on mine
Feel the passion of love guiding both of us
You taste of late summer wine
Just look at what your enchantment does

A picture of a lady in full prime
A face as perfect as the wild rose
Knowing that you are for ever more mine
As you are in nature's beauty pose

Patrick Murray

THE ROSE DID CAPER ON HER CHEEK.

The Rose did caper on her cheek,
Her bodice rose and fell,
Her pretty speech, like drunken men,
Did stagger pitiful.

Her fingers fumbled at her work,—
Her needle would not go;
What ailed so smart a little maid
It puzzled me to know,

Till opposite I spied a cheek
That bore another rose;
Just opposite, another speech
That like the drunkard goes;

A vest that, like the bodice, danced
To the immortal tune,—
Till those two troubled little clocks
Ticked softly into one.



Emily Dickinson
(1830-86).

Puzzles—Sudoku

Easy

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

Medium

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



Super Difficult

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

Difficult

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



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Maynooth Community Games

Art

M.C.Games has had a good season. Two of Maynooth's girls represented us at the art in Mosney on Saturday 24th May.

Well done to Sarah Curran and Lara Feehan. Hope you enjoyed the experience.

Swimming

Maynooth Swimmers headed off to Athy pool for the Kildare County Trials on Saturday 31st May and came home with lots of silverware.

Gold	Conor Lynch	U10	Boys	Freestyle
Cert	Laura Millett	U10	Girls	Freestyle
Cert	Aoife Lynch	U12	Girls	Freestyle
Silver	Brenda Finley	U12	Girls	Backstroke
Silver	Joseph Millett	U12	Boys	Breaststroke
Silver	Laureen Hastings	U12	Girls	Breaststroke
Silver	Jack French	U14	Boys	Backstroke
Cert	Eoin McCormack	U14	Boys	Breaststroke
Gold	Sean McKnight	U16	Boys	Freestyle
bronze	Katie Curran	U16	Girls	Freestyle



Sean McKnight (Maynooth East) will be Kildare's representative in U-16 Freestyle

Gold U13 Boys Squad Maynooth East

Shane Monaghan, Eoin McCormack, Conor Lynch, Jack French and Joseph Millett.

Silver U13 Girls Squad Maynooth East

Laureen Hastings, Sara Curran, Aoife Lynch, Laura Millett and Alison Hastings.

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Well Done to all the Boys and Girls and good luck to all in the finals in Mosney.

Many thanks to Martin McCann and his team in Maynooth College Pool for all his help with the training.



Conor Lynch (Maynooth) who came first in the boys U10 Front Crawl in the Community Games County Kildare Swimming finals which took place in Athy on 31st May 2008.

Gymnastics

Four girls are heading to Newbridge on Sunday 15th June.

U10	Zoe Mauraghan
U12	Aoibhinn Kilduff
U12	Aiubhe Quinn
U14	Shauna Cullen

Good Luck Girls

May I take this opportunity to thank the local businesses for their donations to help run the events.

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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Know Your Rights

Question:

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

Answer:

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

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

- A choice of either a refund of your ticket (with a free flight back to your initial point of departure when relevant) **or**,
- Alternative transport to your final destination, and (Depending on the length of the delay), refreshments, meals, hotel accommodation, transport between the airport and hotel, two free telephone calls telex/fax messages, or e-mails, and compensation totalling ;
- € 250 for flights of 1500km or less.
- €400 for longer flights within the EU and other flights between 1500 and 3500 km.
- €600 for flights over 3,500km outside the EU.

These compensation amounts may be reduced by 50% if the alternative transport offered allows you to arrive at your final destination within certain time limits.

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

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

legislation have been breached, you should contact the Commission for Aviation Regulation, telephones : (01) 661 1700: website: www.aviationreg.ie.

Further information is available from your local Citizens Information Centre.

Question:

I understand that if I am a full-time carer, to someone with a disability, I can get Respite Care Grant. How do I apply?

Answer:

The Respite Care Grant is paid once a year to certain carers of people in need of full-time care and attention. It is paid automatically in early June by the Department of Social and Family Affairs to those who are getting Carer's Allowance, Carer's Benefit Constant Attendance Allowance or Prescribed Relative's Allowance. It is paid automatically by the Health Service Executive to those who are getting Domiciliary Care Allowance.

Other carers providing full-time care have to apply, if however, you received the grant last year, you do not need to apply again as the Department writes to you to verify the details. To qualify you must be:

- Aged 16 or over and ordinarily resident in the state.
- Caring for the person on a full-time basis.
- Caring for the person for at least six months—this period must include the first Thursday in June.
- Living with the person being cared for, or, if not be contactable quickly by a direct system of Communication, for example, telephone or alarm.

You do not qualify if you are working. Studying or training more than 15 hours per week outside the home, if you are getting an unemployment payment, or if you are signing on for unemployment credits. You also do not qualify if you are living in a hospital, Convalescent Home, or similar Institution.

The person being cared for must have a disability that requires full-time care and attention and must not be receiving it from someone else. He/she must not normally live in a hospital, convalescent home, or, similar institution, but may attend a non-residential

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training course or day care centre.

For 2008, the Respite Care Grant is €1,700 for each person being cared for.

The application from (RCGI) is available from your Local Social Welfare Office or Citizens Information Centre. If you are caring for more than two people you will also require a Form RCGI (a) for each additional person.

Question :

I am travelling in Europe this summer. Am I entitled to use public healthcare in other countries if I fall ill ?.

Answer :

If you are visiting certain European countries and you become ill or get injured, the European Health Insurance Card allows you to access public healthcare services. It replaces the E111 form which had previously been required.

If you are going on a short stay to an EU country, an EEA country (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) or to Switzerland, it is advisable to have the card to cover you and your family for public healthcare. Each person travelling will need a card. It is not required for a temporary visit to the UK if you can show that you are ordinarily resident in Ireland.

You can apply for the card online at www.ehic.ie if you already have a medical card, GP visit card or a Drugs Payment Scheme card. Otherwise you can download an application form from this website or get it from your Local Health Office. You will need to provide your name, address, date of birth and Personal Public Service Number (PPS No.).

You should apply for the card a month before travelling if possible. If there is not enough time to get the card before you travel, contact your local Health Office to get a Temporary Replacement Certificate for each person travelling instead.

If you have a card that has expired, you can apply online to renew your card. You will require your existing card number. If you have changed your address or your name, you will need to contact your Local Health Office. If you have concerns about getting a renewed card in time, you can get a Temporary Replacement Certificate.

You may also wish to consider taking out private travel

insurance for some expenses that are not covered by the European Health Insurance Card. These may include the costs of repatriation home or the expenses of relatives who travel to you if you fall ill abroad.

Question :

What entitlement do I have to a redundancy payment if I am laid off ?.

Answer :

If you lose your job due to redundancy you may be legally entitled to a statutory redundancy payment. This is the minimum entitlement ; your employer may agree to pay you more than this or to pay employees who do not have an entitlement to statutory redundancy.

The payment is a lump sum that depends on your pay and the length of time you have worked for your employer. You must have worked for your employer for at least two years and be aged over 16 years to be eligible.

All eligible employees are entitled to two weeks pay for every year of service plus one further week's pay. Pay refers to your current normal weekly pay, before tax and PRSI deductions, up to a maximum of €600 per week. The statutory redundancy payment is tax free.

Your period of service that is taken into account will not be reduced by absences that occurred more than three years ago. Nor will your reckonable service be reduced by absences in the last three years due to illness, holidays, or leave such as maternity leave, adoptive leave, parental leave, or carer's leave. However if you have been absent in the last three years for more than 26 consecutive weeks due to illness or more than 52 weeks due to injury at work, the time in excess of these periods that you were absent will not count towards your reckonable service.

On the date your employment ends your employer must pay the redundancy lump sum due to you and give a Redundancy Certificate (section B of Form RP50). If your employer has not given you your redundancy lump sum you may apply for this on form RP77 which is available from the Department of Enterprise Trade and Employment, Davitt House, 65a Adelaide Road, Dublin 2, Tel (01) 631 3131.

If you have a dispute in relation to your redundancy you may bring a claim within 12 months to the Employment Appeals Tribunal, Davitt House, 65a Adelaide Road, Dublin 2, Tel (01) 631 3006

Features

Best Mates for the Holiday's

Jimmy and Peter had been best friends for as long as they could remember, today they were getting their school holiday's, they were very excited as it was only June, and they had the rest of the summer to look forward to. They had finished all their exams in school about a week ago and they were planning on having fun. They went behind the parish hall to share some smokes, (they always had a sneaky one in the evening going home from school). Now what would they plan to keep them occupied during the holiday's, they smoked their cigarettes and talked for a few minutes. They were not expected home from school yet by their parents, their mother would have a big stew or casserole ready for them, they were hungry now, as their lunch seemed a long time ago. They said good bye to one another. Peter said "see you here tomorrow at eleven o'clock". "Right" replied Jimmy. So they went their separate ways.

When Peter went in the door his mother was just putting some icing on a cake that she had baked that morning, when she finished, she got Peter his dinner. "Well what have you planned for the holiday's, you can't mope around here all day". She said. "I will think of something to do then", he said, as he sat down to his dinner. Meanwhile Jimmy's mother was getting dinner for everybody in his home, his father was a farmer and so he had his dinner with his family, they all sat down to dinner including his little sister Susan who was only eight years old and she was always teasing Jimmy.

"I will be expecting you to help me around the farm now that you have your holiday's. I will give you pocket money for a job well done, (when it is done)". Jimmy's father said. "Yes dad I will help out, but what about me going around to Peters". Jimmy said. "I am sure Peter will be alright". His dad replied. So after dinner Jimmy went out to help his dad. They didn't finish until six o'clock that evening. Jimmy rang Peter and told him he wouldn't be able to meet him the following morning at the back of the Parish hall. "I will ring you when I can get away". he said. Peter said "that's alright, see you when I see you".

So the holiday went on, Jimmy was helping his dad and Peter got himself a job in the local supermarket, they just had no time to meet. So after two weeks Jimmy finally rang Peter "I will meet you on Saturday morning in the café". So Peter met Jimmy on Saturday morning in the café, both of them had money to buy whatever they wanted, they bought chocolate milkshakes, burgers, French fries and some ice-cream. They started to talk about their jobs. Jimmy told Peter all about working on the farm, and Peter talked about working in the local supermarket. They had a great time but knew they wouldn't get to see each other very much this summer.

They didn't see each other for another three weeks, when they just happened to be in town on Wednesday morning. "When will we meet again?" Jimmy said. "I will be able to get off on Sunday afternoon". Peter replied. So on Sunday afternoon they met outside Jimmy's gate, Peter walked the whole way from the town, it was only about a mile anyway. Jimmy had a tan from working in the fields, but Peter had got skinny from working in the shop. "I didn't think that we would be working throughout the holiday's, school will be starting soon and we won't have had any fun". Peter said. "Yes you are right, we haven't had any fun yet". Jimmy replied mournfully "How about we ask them for a day to ourselves". "Yes lets do that". Jimmy said. "Peter ring me if you can get next Wednesday off" Jimmy told his father that night that himself and Peter would like a day to themselves before they go back to school and Peter was asking his parents the same thing. They had worked hard all summer so their parents said of course they could, so they met up on the following Wednesday.

"There is a good film on in the cinema at the moment". Peter said. "I would like to see it too". Jimmy said. So in they went to see the film. It was an action movie that they went to see, and afterwards, they went to the carnival in the local town that night. They had a really good day to themselves and they wanted it to last, as it was their last year at school, they would have to work very hard. They would be going to college the following year, and needed the points as Jimmy wanted to be a vet and Peter wanted to study business.

On their way home that night they talked and laughed just like friends do. "No matter what we do in life or how much holiday work we have to do, we will always be friends, best friends", they said as they went behind the parish hall to have their smoke. They would meet again at the start of the school year. New classes, new teachers! "Here's to friendship and nobody will ever separate us". They cheered.

Enda Clavin

Useful Telephone Numbers

Name	Details	Telephone No.
A.C.R.A	National Association of Resident Associations Contact Michael Quinn, 3 Laurence Avenue, Maynooth	6285258
ADULT CEILI AND SET DANCING	Contact: Rita Doyle	086-2862475/ 6286169
AN NUADA PLAYERS	Contact: Terry Nealon	086-8068068
BRIDGE CLUB	Contact: Joan Howard Williams	6289239
CASTLE COMMITTEE	Contact Tony Bean Sec. Gerald &Joan Howard Williams, Carton Demense	087-949459
CASTLE KEEP ART GROUP	Contact: Susan Durack	6289349
CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTRE		6285477
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MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY	Contact: Rita Edwards	087-6387687
MAYNOOTH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION	Contact: Brid Feely	087-2052649
MAYNOOTH FAIR TRADE	Contact: Dr. John Sweeney	087-2476516
MAYNOOTH JUDO CLUB	Contact: Mary Mc Donald	087-9677596
MAYNOOTH PHYSIOTHERAPY CLINIC & LEINSTER CLINIC		6290895
MORTALITY SOCIETY	Contact: Paddy Nolan	6286312
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PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP	Contact: Bronwyn Mooney	6289405
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POST OFFICE		6286259
MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY LIBRARY	Librarian: Bernadette Gilligan	6285530
ROYAL AMENITY AND RESTORATION GROUP CANAL	Office Contact: Mark Kennedy, 83 Maynooth Park Maynooth	6290980 6286443
SCHOOLS	Boys' National School Presentation Girls' Primary School Post Primary School Scoil Ui Fháich	6293021 6286034 6286060 6290667
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SWIMMING CLUB	Contact: Edel	087-2680405
TIDY TOWNS	Contact: Secretary	087-3153189
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VIOLENCE IN THE HOME		1800-341-900

Horoscopes



ARIES—March 21—April 20

Things are likely to get on top of you, over the next week or so try to step back and look at things with a fresh look at what you are really looking for.
Your Lucky day is Monday, number 14, colour silver.



TAURUS—April 21—May 21

Team work makes your day go faster, and makes it more fun, so even if you don't think you need help ask your friends, their only too willing to help.
Your lucky day is Tuesday, number 5, colour gold.



GEMINI—May 22—June 22

You'll be drawn to someone who is hard to figure out. It's well worth the effort to build trust as friends are found and lost far to often.
Your lucky day is Thursday, number 7, colour green.



CANCER—June 23—July 23

You feel a little lost at the moment but a friend will take you under their wing this week and every thing will be fine, good for you.
Your lucky day is Saturday, number 11, colour pink.



LEO—July 24—August 23

You lay the foundation of friendship now, true friends will last forever. The time is right to take things on board and make them work for you.
Your lucky day is Friday number 5, colour navy blue.



Virgo—August 24—Sept 23

Rearrange your schedule to make more room for the people you care about. It only takes a little to mean a lot.
Your lucky day is Saturday, number 9, colour black.



LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23

For a few hours you feel as if you've mastered the art of timing. Remember that feeling when it gets hectic, you can only do your best
Your lucky day is Monday, number 19, colour peach.



SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22

You're doing the work it takes to be great, and don't think it goes unnoticed. You have what it takes to go all the way, you can't get it wrong.
Your lucky day is Tuesday number 18, colour white.



SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21

You have a set of preferences, and ways you like the World to be, and it would be so much better if the World would comply. Alas the World didn't get your memo and so you have to inform them one person at a time.
Your lucky day is Wednesday, number 11, colour lemon.



CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20

Someone is making it ok for you to follow your whims. Do not miss the opportunity to seize this rare chance to do what seems to have no other merit except that it pleases you.
Your lucky day is Tuesday, number 2, colour orange.



AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19

Colleagues you've worked with for a long time keep it fresh with a good mix of characters around. You now have a chance to meet with friends new and old.
Your lucky day is Sunday, number 13, colour purple

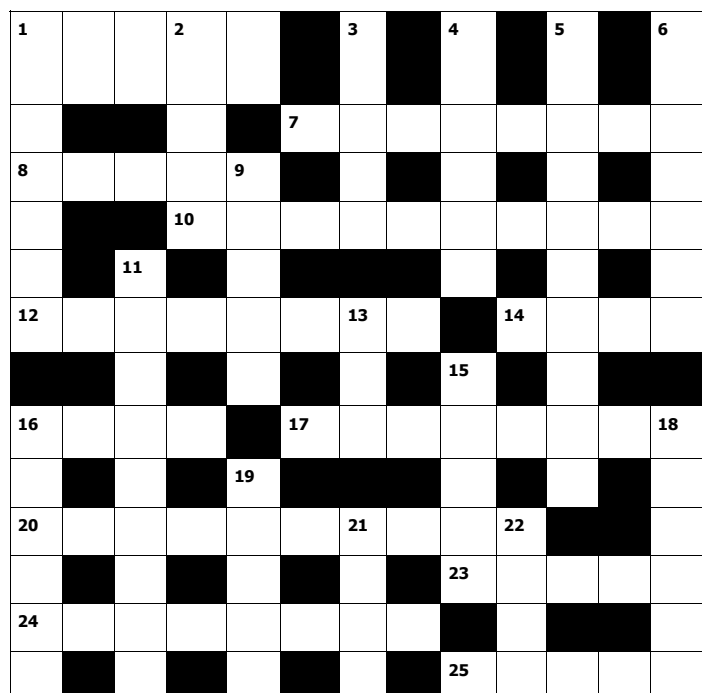


PISCES—Feb 20—March 20

Sometimes you like to be seen, heard and noticed, other times you'd rather hide and watch others. You will have both opportunities today and will enjoy the contrast.
Your lucky day is Wednesday, number 23, colour red.

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Crossword No: 68



Entries in before 16th July

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Across:

1. Lively (5)
7. Well-known (8)
8. Cold dish (5)
10. Margaret - - -, Miss Marple Actress (10)
12. Trend (8)
14. Repudiate (4)
16. Marsh Plant (4)
17. TV detective played by John Nettles (8)
20. Royal residence, - - - Palace (10)
23. Mountain ash tree (5)
24. Type of milk pudding (8)
25. Bring (5)

Doodle Box

Special prize

BOOK VOUCHER

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

The Maynooth Bookshop
68 Main Street, Maynooth

Winner

Margaret Houlihan,
Cowanstown,
Maynooth

Down:

1. Container (6)
2. Strut (4)
3. Johnny - - -, country music star (4)
4. Tempestuous (5)
5. Unit of distance (9)
6. Crusoe's companion (6)
9. Bed quilt (5)
11. Undesirable (9)
13. Revolutionary, - - - Guevara (3)
15. Samantha - - -, actress (5)
16. Sturdy (6)
18. Crispy sound (6)
19. Foolish (5)
21. Departed (4)
22. Burrowing creature (4)

Solutions to Crossword No. 67:

Across: 1. Soldier, 4. Bates, 7. Diamond, 8. Yeast, 9. Reject, 12. Resolute, 15. Eligible, 17. Recipe, 18. Chief, 21. Liberty, 22. Piste, 23. Squeeze.

Down: 1. Surprise, 2. Driver, 3. Roof, 4. Body, 5. Tetanus, 6. Slot, 10. Tribe, 11. Osier, 13. Envelope, 14. Sidings, 16. Scythe. 18. Crop, 19. Flue, 20. Ebbs.

Clubs, Organisations And Societies

Maynooth Tidy Towns – 50th Anniversary Family Day



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6th Class Community Day

"Tall Oaks from Little Acorns Grow". A truer saying could not be found for what can only be described as a Great Day for all 6Ts, which is the community of 6th Classes in the Parish of Maynooth, in transition from primary to secondary school this September. "St. Mary", GNS, Boys N.S. and Gaelscoil, Maigh Nuid, attended the event which was also a ceremonious certificate celebration. The success of this first ever event of its kind can be attributed to the Parents Associations, Silent Participating Parents, Teachers and Principals. However very special thanks to the "brainmam" "Dearbhla", who for some time has been perusing with the idea and brought it to its finality with the support of many. Gratitude's to, Peter Davis, Sports Dept. NUIM and Rita Doyle, Irish Dancing School for making the heart-warming activities possible. The provisions of the facilities and instruction in sports and Ceili Dance promoted great laughter and exercise for all. The Juvenile Section of the GAA Maynooth kindly contributed the sports equipment. The packed lunches were provided as part of an enterprising research project undertaken by www.Caramobokids.com. For a small nominal fee it proved to be an appetizing pack and with great cheers a surprising Whipped Ice Cream Cone was awaiting all from an Ice Cream Van in the College Grounds.



Jacqui Mullally, Ger Quinn, Ann Feehan, Edel Van, Nuala Ford, Theresa Flattery, Han Haffioui, Betty O'Hare and Mary Walsh



Sinead Condren, Sarah Jones and Paula Ferrari



Conor Mullany and Darragh O'Neill proudly receiving Certificates from Doreen Duignan

6th Class Community Day



Group 14 Maynooth Red Socks awaiting instruction to participate with the 126 students in attendance



Shauna Haughney and Doreen Duignan

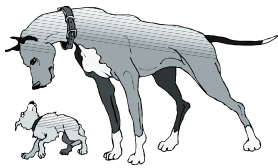


Paul Davies, Sports NUIM, Peter Coakley Principle BNS and Máirín Ní Cheileachair Gaelscoile Maigh Nuid.



The Principle of the Boys National School
Mr. Peter Coakley

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Pet Corner



Dogs & Chocolate

You may have heard that chocolate is poisonous to dogs. As with many substances, the poison is in the dose. A little bit of chocolate won't hurt your dog, but like many of us, dogs tend to overindulge in the rich taste of chocolate. Chocolate contains an ingredient that acts like caffeine and makes dogs very hyper and excitable. If they eat too much it can cause seizures. You should think twice about offering your dog chocolate. Stick to the doggie treats.

The Garden Diggers

The annoying habit of digging ranks high on the list of behaviour problems of dogs. Unfortunately, there is no one answer to solve this particular problem. In some instances, the instinct to dig is the heritage of the breed. Over the centuries dogs have been bred for a variety of tasks ranging from the close interaction of toy breeds with their owners to sporting dogs who require regular sessions of physical activity. Nordic dogs dig holes to cool themselves. The heritage of terriers has been to dig underground after rodents and small game. Dachshunds were developed to chase badgers into their holes.

Some dogs, regardless of heritage, may be more inclined to dig if they are left alone in the yard for long periods of time. Digging is often the result of boredom and this can be a learned behaviour in some dogs. Companionship is a primary reason for having a dog. Being a companion means forging a bond through regular play and exercise with your dog. Without this stimulation, dogs often turn to digging or other forms of destructive behaviour to alleviate their boredom.

Your dog's behaviour is influenced by the lifestyle you maintain for it. Regular walks or play periods with your dog and praise for tricks you teach it will make its life fun and stimulating. Such a dog is less likely to develop annoying behaviour problems resulting from boredom.

During summer months your dog may dig a hole to cool itself, so be certain it has access to some shade throughout the day and that fresh drinking water is always available.

How to Pick a Healthy Hamster

- Visit the pet store in the evening when they are more likely to be more active and energetic, since hamsters are nocturnal animals.
- Observe their general behaviour and overall condition.
- Look for a hamster that is active, alert, energetic and playful.
- Tap lightly on the tank and see if it responds.
- Check the coat and make sure that is nice and smooth, not dull.
- Look at its eyes. They should be bright and clear, not watery.
- Check its breathing. A healthy hamster's breathing is clear and there should be no discharge from its nose. The area around the nostrils should be dry and not have a crusty look.
- Check its behind. Make sure it is clean. If it appears wet or dirty, the hamster may have diarrhoea, which is a symptom of wet tail. This is very difficult to cure. Bring this to the attention of the pet attendant immediately, as it is contagious and the other hamsters in the cage may become affected.
- Pick a hamster with a broad and round body. This indicates that it is eating well. Avoid hamsters that have lumps or bumps on their body.
- Have fun picking your hamster!



Gardening in the Month of July



Perennials, Annuals, and Bulbs

- * Continue to dead head (remove dead flowers) your annuals to encourage continued blooming. If your annuals have died off, pull them out and add them to the compost pile. Replant that spot with hardy annuals or perennials, such as Pansies, Calendulas, or Armeria. Get a second bloom from faded annuals by cutting them back by one half their height, then fertilize them with a liquid 5-10-10 fertilizer.
- * Roses will need to be fertilized each month through the summer. In colder areas, allow shrub roses to ripen by discontinuing feeding them at the end of the month.
- * Fertilize container gardens regularly with a liquid all purpose plant food.
- * Chrysanthemums should be lightly fertilized every two weeks. Discontinue pinching your mums in mid month so they will be able to develop flower buds for the fall. To promote 'trophy size' flowers, allow only one or two main shoots to develop. Remove all side buds as they begin to develop.
- * To produce the largest Dahlia flowers (especially 'Dinner plate' Dahlias), the main stems should be kept free of side shoots, allowing only the main terminal bud to develop. Be sure to provide adequate support to prevent wind damage.
- * Bearded Iris may be divided and replanted when they have finished blooming. Discard all shrivelled and diseased parts
- * Sweet peas may tend to fizzle out with the hot summer weather, but with heavy mulching to keep the roots cool and moist you can prolong the flowering season by a few more weeks. A little mid-day shade will also help to maintain the quality of the flowers and prolong the blooming season.
- * Verbenas, Euonymus, Pachysandra, Ivy, and climbing roses are some of plants that will root fairly quickly by layering them into the warm soil. Fasten a section of the stem containing one or more "eyes" down onto cultivated soil with a horseshoe shaped piece of wire and cover it with additional soil. By summers end, the stem should be rooted sufficiently to sever it from the parent plant and replant into another area of the garden..
- * Sow seeds of Hollyhocks, English daisies, Foxgloves, Violas, Canterbury bells, and Sweet William into the garden now for next year's bloom.
- * Geranium cuttings may be made in late July to start plants for indoor bloom during the winter months, and for setting into the garden next spring. You may need to provide supplemental lighting with florescent Grows lights for really good winter blooms indoors

Fruits and Vegetables

- ◆ Begin enjoying the harvest of your home grown fruits, vegetables and herbs!
- ◆ Fertilize June bearing strawberries after the harvest, and ever-bearing varieties half way through the season.
- ◆ Plant out successions of salad crops for continued harvesting throughout the summer. Sow seeds for cool-season crops directly into the garden by mid-July.
- ◆ Continue to protect your fruit from the birds with netting.
- ◆ Empty areas of the garden, where the crops have finished, should be replanted with either a fall vegetable crop, or a cover crop of clover or vetch to help control weeds. Cover crops can be tilled into the soil later, to add humus and nitrates to the soil

Lawns

- * Contrary to popular belief, a brown lawn isn't necessarily a dead lawn. Grasses go dormant in times of drought, but will quickly return to life with the Autumn rains. If a lush green lawn is important to you, and you don't mind mowing, water it regularly, and deeply.
- * If a water shortage is expected, or you hate tending to grass, you may choose to just let your lawn go

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Features

Neil Diamond



Neil Diamond is one of pop music's most enduring and successful singer-songwriters. As a successful pop music performer, Neil Diamond scored a number of hits world wide in the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s. Born Neil Leslie Diamond on the 24th January 1941, New York city, New York U.S.A. As of 2001 he claimed world wide record sales of 115 million though his recorded sales declined somewhat after the 1980s. Neil Diamond continues to tour successfully, and maintains a very loyal following. Neil Diamond's songs have been recorded by a vast array of performers from many different genres.

Diamond spent his early career as a writer in the Brill Building, and had an early success writing "I'm a Believer", "A Little Bit Me, A Little Bit You," "Look Out (Here Comes Tomorrow)," and Love to Love which were recorded by The Monkees. There is a popular misconception that Diamond wrote and composed these songs specifically for the "Pre-Fab Four." In reality, Diamond had written, composed and recorded these songs to release himself, but the cover versions were released before his own. The unintended, but happy, consequence of this was that Diamond began to gain fame not only as a singer and performer, but also as a songwriter. "I'm a Believer" was the Popular Music Song of the Year in 1966.

Neil Diamond was inducted into the song writers hall of fame in 1984, and in 2000 Received the Sammy Cahn life time Achievement Award in 1980. Neil Diamond starred in a remake of the Al Johnson classic THE JAZZ SINGER three top 10 Hits "Love on the Rocks", "Hello Again", and "America". For his role in the film itself, Diamond became the first ever Winner of a Worst Actor Razzie Award, yet he was nominated for a Golden Globe Award for the same role. Diamond sang the national anthem at Super Bowl XXI in January, 1987.

In December 2007, a 2008 UK tour was announced calling at Manchester on June 7th & 8th, Birmingham on June 10th & 11th, & London on the June 21st, 23rd & 24th. A month later, further UK dates were added including Hampden Park in Glasgow on the 5th June, Rose Bowl, Southampton on the 17th June & the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff on the 19th June. On January 31, 2008 it was announced that he would also appear at the upcoming Glastonbury Festival in the UK.

Though later divorced in 1969, Diamond married school teacher Jaye Posner in 1963. They had two children, Marjorie and Elyn. In 1969, Diamond married Marcia Murphy; they also had two children, both sons; the first was Jesse, and the second was Micah. Diamond's second marriage ended in 1995. He has been involved with Australian native Rachel Farley, since 1996, having met her while she was handling his Marketing for the Promoter during his 1996 Australian tour. In 1979 Diamond had a tumor surgically removed from his spine and was wheel-chair-bound for three months.

Diamond's new album "Home Before Dark" was released on May 6, 2008. On May 15, 2008, the Billboard Hot 200 listed the album at number one. This marked the first chart-topping album of Diamond's storied career. On May 18, 2008, the album also entered the UK Album Chart at number one. It's was his second British number one on that chart, after hitting the summit in 1992 with a compilation-album. As a result, Diamond, whose debut album was released in 1966, became the artist who has taken the longest to top the album chart with an original work.

Charitable work.

In April 1992, Diamond worked with Australian artist Sharon Davson to launch the Hands Up project of Artists For Life. Diamond originally just donated his autographed hand prints to raise funds and awareness for the charity, but the impact of the initiative spread, and over the years, Davson personally painted the hands of over 400 world leaders from many fields of endeavour. The concept has been copied by many other people and causes leading to countless funds raised for numerous causes.

Recipes For Summer

Hamburgers

INGREDIENTS:

1 lb. lean ground beef
4 drops Worcestershire sauce
1 tsp. crushed oregano
Salt and pepper to taste
6 hamburger buns

Method:

In a large bowl, combine the beef, Worcestershire, oregano, salt and pepper. Mix well and form the meat into 6 patties. When the coals are hot and evenly distributed, place the burgers in the centre of the grill and set the buns, open-face down, to the outside edge. As soon as the buns are toasted, flip the burgers and place a bun top on each. This will help the meat cook through while the bread soaks up juices. Serves 6. Set out with your favourite condiments.

Pan-fried Trout

INGREDIENTS:

1/2 cup Plain flour
2 tsp. dried parsley
1 tsp. dried minced onions
1 tsp. garlic powder
1 tsp. dried basil
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. dried lemon peel
1/4 tsp. pepper
Pinch of cayenne pepper
Two 9 oz. trout
1 tbsp. butter or oil

Method:

Mix the dry ingredients in a large, sealable plastic bag. Clean and filet the fish. Shake the cleaned fish in the bag of dry mix. Heat the butter or oil in a heavy frying pan set on a grill about 1 inch above hot coals. Cook the coated fish for 6 minutes, flip, and continue cooking until it flakes. Makes 4 servings.

Children's Favourite Fruit Salad

INGREDIENTS:

1 can fruit cocktail, drained
1 1/2 cups miniature marshmallows

1/4 cup cherries, halved
2 medium bananas, sliced
1 medium apple, coarsely chopped
1 1/2 cups frozen whipped topping, thawed, or sweetened whipped cream
Lettuce leaves.

Method:

In large bowl, combine all ingredients except whipped topping and lettuce; mix lightly. Gently fold in whipped topping. Serve immediately, or cover and refrigerate until serving time.

To serve, spoon salad onto lettuce-lined plates. If desired, garnish with additional cherries.

Chicken Fingers on a Stick

INGREDIENTS:

4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves, pounded
1/2 to 3/4 inch thick
Salt and pepper
24 (10-inch) bamboo skewers, soaked in water for 30 minutes
3 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 tablespoons barbecue sauce
1 1/4 cups plain dried bread crumbs

Method:

- ◆ Cut each chicken breast lengthwise into 1/2-inch-wide strips and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Fold the chicken strips slightly and weave them onto the skewers.
- ◆ Prepare a charcoal fire or set a gas grill to medium-high, close the lid, and heat until hot -- about 10 to 15 minutes.
- ◆ In a small bowl, stir together the oil and the barbecue sauce. Spread the bread crumbs on a sheet of waxed paper. Lightly brush the sauce mixture over the chicken strips and then roll them in the bread crumbs.
- ◆ Grill the chicken fingers uncovered until they're no longer pink inside, about 2 to 4 minutes per side on a gas grill.

Serve with the dipping sauce of your choice. Serves 6 to 8.

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Maynooth Golf Society

Result Sheet

Outing To Moyvalley Golf Club Date 31/ 05/ 08

Eddie Kavanagh Memorial Cup Sponsored by Bronagh & and Kevin Donovan

1st Prize	Derek Murray	45 pts
2nd Prize	John Carroll	38 pts
3rd Prize	Berry Desmond	34 pts B9
4th Prize	Sean Farrelly	34 pts
5th Prize	Colm Savage	33 pts B9
6th Prize	Pat Connolly	33 pts B6
7th Prize	Joey Edwards	33 pts
Front 9	Terry Moore	17 pts
Back 9	Norman Kavanagh	18 pts
Longest Drive	Derek Murray	
Visitors	P.L. Malone	
Nearest the Pin	Dermot Myles	
2's	Barry Desmond X2, Brendan Leigh, Derek Murray, Norman Kavanagh, Sean Farrelly, Joey Edwards, Dave Mahony	

Next Venue: Captain Norman Kavanagh's Prize to
Glasson on 21 st June

The Eddie Kavanagh Memorial Cup outing took place in Moyvalley Golf Club on Saturday 31st May. Played in brilliant sunshine a total of 34 members turned out for this very popular outing. This new course proved very challenging, but none the less was in fantastic condition and a great days golf was enjoyed by all who played.

Derek Murray was our overall winner with a fantastic score of 45 pts, in second place was John Carroll with 38 pts which on any other day would have been good enough to take top prize.

May we express our thanks to both Bronagh and Kevin Donovan for their generous sponsorship of our annual Eddie Kavanagh Memorial Cup.

It was with great sadness that we learned about the death of our former member and captain (1989) Tommy Sheehan. Tommy was a very popular and respected member of the society for many years. To his wife Mary and family may we offer the sincere sympathy of all the members of Maynooth Golf Society.

SUMMERS HERE AGAIN

How To Keep the Children Happy

Yes its that time of year again, whether the days are hot or cold, we have to keep the children happy. If we are very lucky the weather will be really good this year, but if its like last year, the summer can seem a long, long one, but no matter what?, we still have to find something to do to keep our offspring busy, whether they are little ones or teenagers. So here are a few examples to help keep them entertained.

Dublinia and Viking World

St Michael Hill
Christchurch
Explore Dublin of long ago
Ph No 01-6794611

Dublkin Circus Festival

Dublin City Centre
Four days of Street Theatre and Circus Performances
10th -13th July

Temple Bar Backstage Theatre and Arts Centre

Ph No Box Office 04347888
ART Camp Mon 14th - Fri 18th at 1pm Daily
Theatre Camp Week 1 Mon 21st - Fri 25th July
Week 2 Mon 28th -Fri 1st Aug
7 to 12 year olds

Temple Bar Dublin Cultural Quarter

Chocolate Festival
Taste the Delights of Chocolate making
Ph No 01-6772255

National Museum

Children's Art Workshop: Exotic Butterflies
12th July -10.30--15.30 Open to 7 to 12 year olds
Ph No 01-6486332

Leinster Fleadh 2008

Competitions, Concerts, Festivals, Sessions and Dancing
Ballinteer, Dundrum, Co Dublin
Ph No 087-6240043

Meath

Puddenhill Activity Centre Garristown, Ph No 01-8354444
Karting-----Barrage Painting -----Clay Pigeon Shooting
Animal Farm-----Play Centre-----Fun for all Ages

Laois

Stradbally Steam Museum

Ph 057-8674348

Fossey Mountain Springs Ph No 057-8736527

Timahoe,

Offering off road trekking Western style and horsemanship for all levels.

Also Archery -Javelin-and Horse Shoe -throwing.

Wicklow Art Centre

Mon 16th - Fri 20th July

Children's Ballet Ireland Workshop

At the end of the week you get to perform in front of your family and friends and the general public

11pm- 1pm for 9+ and 2pm -4pm for 6-8 year olds

Ph 01-2724030

Children: Young Gaiety Make a Movie

Mon 9th -13th July 11- 15 year olds
Learn the exciting world of movies and you will receive

An edited movie at the end

10-5pm daily Ph 01-6799277

Goldilocks and the three Bears

A humorous puppet show from the Lambert family

Thurs 12th - Sat 14th July at 12pm

Young Gaiety Summer Drama

Mon 16th-Fri 20th July and Mon 23rd -Fri 27th
8-10 yrs 10-1pm 11-13 yrs 2-5pm

Ph 01-6799277

Children: Pottery Workshop

Mon 30th July-Fri 3rd Aug

Ph 01-2724030

Clara Lara Fun Park Larragh Co Wicklow

Fun for all the Family and a great day out
Ph 0404-46161

Open from May to September

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Maynooth Tidy Towns – IBAL League Result(First Judging in 2008)

**Maynooth: 32nd out of 55 towns / cities surveyed.
Overall Rating: Clean to European Norms**

Maynooth Tidy Towns Comment:

IBAL is a league and whilst our placing was 32nd out of 55 it is an improvement over Maynooth's last result in December 07 when the placing was 25th out of 50. The reason that we say an improvement is because it is the first time in three years where the town has scored an overall rating of "Clean to European Norms". It is not so long ago since the placing was third from the bottom with a "Seriously Littered" designation.

Paul Croghan

PRO

Maynooth Tidy Towns

Judge's Report

IBAL Anti-Litter League 2008.

A total of 55 towns/cities and environs with a total population of 2million+ were surveyed. 40% of marks have been allocated for approach roads – it is important to create a good first impression, especially during the tourist season. The second round of surveys will take place in June, July and August, 2008.

Maynooth Report

Another improved result. Many of the sites surveyed in Maynooth had improved considerably e.g. Main Street, Kilcock Approach Road and Public Park / Walk by River. The majority of the sites surveyed had moderate levels of litter but some of these could get the top litter grade with a little extra effort, care and attention e.g. Main Street. All of the approach roads were littered and this cost Maynooth marks.

Kilcock Approach Road: Moderately Littered. There have been some overall improvements along this route but still small amounts of food related litter prevailed all along.

Dublin Approach Road: Moderately Littered. There were moderate levels of a wide variety of food related litter along this approach. However, if not addressed this could quickly deteriorate to a serious litter problem.

Maynooth Railway Station – Inside: Clean to European Norms. This was an excellent site. The whole environment was in good condition. Clearly the station staff are very attentive – the car park was spotless and the whole station was clear of all litter.

Rail Park: Clean to European Norms. The overall impression created at this residential area was very positive. Both the private areas and public spaces were clean and tidy and well presented.

Main Street: Moderately Littered. Overall there have been some improvements in the general presentation of this busy main street. However, there were still some dirty litter bins and a small scattering of litter. With just a small further effort this could easily get the highest litter classification.

Public Park and walk by River: Moderately Littered. As with some of the other sites in Maynooth there have been improvements at this park / walk but it still has some way to go. Grass / shrubbery areas could be better maintained – too often poorly maintained shrubbery becomes a magnet for litter. There were just two litter bins in the area surveyed.

Moyglare: Clean to European Norms. This was a very good site – the overall impression is a well-kept environment which was clear of all litter.

Maynooth College – West Wing – Inside and Outside: Clean to European Norms. The general environment was in excellent condition. There were plenty of litter bins in the area surveyed and separate recycle facilities – clean and well presented. The overall impression was very positive.

Clane Approach Road: Moderately Littered. This busy secondary road had much of the litter typical of approach roads – all food related. It was scattered throughout with no areas particularly obvious.

Moyglare Approach Road: Moderately Littered. As with all the other approach routes into Maynooth there were moderate levels of litter along this road. It was all food related litter – sweet papers, fast-food wrappers, cans and plastic bottles.

Maynooth Geraldine Festival 2008

A Note of Appreciation from the Chairperson and festival committee.

I wish to thank Marie Gleeson and the office staff for their hard work on the preparation of the festival .

I also wish to thank Hilda Dunne for the work on the evening of light entertainment in the castle, and Rita Doyle and her dancers, and Maher School of Dancing, and St. Mary's Brass and Reed band.

Special thanks also to Willie Kiernan for keeping me plugged in with speakers for the week. Also Patricia Moynan, Ann Marie Coyne, Catherine Carton.

All in all the festival was well attended in all events .

A special thanks to John McGinley and crew for running the Joe Murphy Memorial Trophy 7-A-Side Soccer.

The festival table quiz was very well supported. Special thanks to Nora and Freda for their help on the score board.

I would like to thank Mick Gleeson for his help with the children's races at the Family Day. And David Commeford for organising the kids penalty kick outs.

The family Day was a successful day and was very well attended. A special thanks to GAA for the use of grounds. Sean Dovan for the use of his Barbecue and for supplying all the food. A very special thanks to Ann O'Keefe, Edel and David Van Buyvoordre, Ann Feehaw for helping in the Barbecue. Also to Carton Equestrian for the Pony Rides . Mary Molloy and Terry Connolly for been just there and ready to asked what do I do next! And Liz Stall for painting the children's faces with her colourful display of animals, superheros, characters and so fort. This day proved to be one of the most successful of the festival.

Festival Launch.

Well where can I start. The weather it was a very tense day to start between the band ringing me "are we playing in the Square or not " but thankfully God said let them play on the Square of Maynooth so they did and it was the most wonderful sound of music that I have heard in a long time. Well done to both Bands. A special thanks to Dermot and His family and the staff of O'Neill's for providing us with food song and dance for the night .

A Nuadh Players.

A very special thanks to Terry Nealon and Players for providing Entertainment in the Castle for 3 nights. Watch out for a report in this Issue.

A very special thanks to the Buskers who entertained the people of Maynooth all day Saturday.

Apologies to anyone that has not been mentioned.

The next few pages have photographs and information on the festival.

Andrew McMullon

The festival committee would like to thank the following sponsors:

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St. Patrick's Pharmacy
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Maynooth Fireplaces
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Maynooth Geraldine Festival 2008

Festival Launch in O'Neill's Lounge



Mick Hennessey joining Push For Porter



Gary playing the banjo



**Andrew McMullon
keeping the audience
entertained.**



Cathy & Kevin Carr

Maynooth Geraldine Festival 2008

Children's Poster Competition

The winners of the festival poster competition are as follows:

:

Age 9-12

1st Hose Diego Lorenzo
2nd Jack Kervison
3rd Mairead Burke

Age 4-8

1st Lara Feehan
2nd Tom Fogan
3rd Joint winners Maire O'Neill
Conor Ganly

Overall winner is Kate Essex



Cllr. John McGinley & Hose Lorenzo



Cllr. John McGinley & Lara Feehan



Tom Fogan with Cllr. John McGinley.



Jack Kervison & Cllr. John McGinley

Maynooth Geraldine Festival 2008

THE JOE MURPHY TROPHY

Maynooth Community Festival Tesco 7-a-Side Soccer Tournament 2008

This very popular 7-a-side soccer tournament was held in the Harbour Field from the 16th to the 28th June. Despite the wintry weather there was an average attendance of 250 spectators each evening, with around 400 watching the Final and it was the highlight of The Community Festival.

The teams were divided into two groups of 4 teams and two groups of 3 teams, with the winners and runners up going through to the quarterfinal knockout stage.

Group 1		Group 2		Group 3		Group 4	
Old Greenfield	E	Newtown Rangers	J	Laurence Avenue	N	Newtown Ninja Turtles	
Newtown Inn	F	Old Greenfield X	K	Old Greenfield Celtic	P	Greenfield Galatasaray	
Maynooth Park	G	Greenfield Drive	M	Moyglare Magic	Q	Real Greenfield	
Kingsbry Galacticos	H	Carton Court					

Group 1 was won by Newtown Inn and Kingsbry Galacticos were the runners-up. Maynooth Park and Old Greenfield made their exit.

Group 2 was won by Old Greenfield X and Newtown rangers were the runners-up. A very good Greenfield Drive team finished with the same points as the winners and runners up but they lost out on goal difference. An unlucky Carton Court team also made their exit.

Group 3 was won by Moyglare Magic and Old Greenfield Celtic were the runners-up. Laurence Avenue made their exit having put up good displays

Group 4 was won by Newtown Ninja Turtles and the runners-up were Greenfield Galatasaray . Real Greenfield made their exit.

Moyglare Magic were odds on favourites going in to the Quarter Finals.

Quarter-Finals

Newtown Inn	1	-	0	Newtown Rangers
Old Greenfield X	1	-	1	Kingsbry Galacticos
(Old Greenfield X won 3 : 1 in a penalty shoot out)				
Moyglare Magic	1	-	2	Greenfield Galatasaray
Newtown Nin Turt	0	-	2	Old Greenfield Celtic

So the favourites Moyglare Magic and Kingsbry Galatasaray the winners for the last two years were out.

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Semi-Finals

Newtown Inn 0-0 Old Greenfield X
(Newtown Inn won 3 : 1 in a penalty shoot out)
Greenfield Gal 0-0 Old Greenfield Celtic
(Old Greenfield Celtic won 4 : 3 in a penalty shoot out)

The Final

Old Greenfield Celtic were marginally the favourites. They had 4 very good Polish players on their team in addition to 6 excellent Maynooth players. It was a very close game with goal changes for both teams missed. However, it was scoreless at full time and the result was decided in a penalty shoot out. The experience and determination of Newtown Inn came to the fore and they won 3 : 1 in a dramatic end to the tournament. It was very good result at long last for Thomas Halton. It was his first time to be on the winning team even though he has taken part for many years. It was also great day for the Manager of Newtown Inn, Trevor "Curly" McMahon, as it was his first success in the tournament as a Manager.

Thanks

I would like to thank the organising committee for giving so much of their time in preparing the pitch each evening. They had to be present for 4 hours on each of the 7 (wet) evenings and also attend the Final on Saturday the 28th June. Special thanks is due Willie Saults, Michael O'Reilly, John Doogan, John Saults, Lenny Murphy, Pat Moynan, Shaun Doogan, Christina Saults, Maynooth Town Soccer Club and staff of the College for transporting the goals and other equipment.

Interestingly Lenny Murphy had the distinction of having a son and grandson playing in the tournament and they were on different teams.

Also, many thanks to our Referee, Bill Gannon, who handled all of the matches very professionally. As Bill knows being a Referee is a thankless job. However, on behalf of the Committee I want to say a warm Thank You. Some people don't seem to realise that without a Referee we would not be able to run the tournament.

Finally, on behalf of the organising committee I would like to thank all of the teams for taking part, TESCO for their sponsorship and the Murphy family for the beautiful trophy.

John McGinley
Organiser

Maynooth Geraldine Festival 2008

Children's Table Quiz



1st Prize

Sarah Jennings

Sarah Curran

Roisin Fanthom

Niamh Feeney



2nd Prize

Nathen McGeough

Breen McGeough

Conor McBrearty

Lara Feehan

Rory Feehan

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**Quiz Master Mr. McBride
and
Martina McBrearty**

**Darren McGuire
Michael Jones
Ross O'Connor
Paul Maguire**



**Calum McCabe
Cathal Duff
Samuel Corrigan
Ross Kavanagh**

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Plays at the Castle



The Maynooth Festival and An Nuadhá Players brought for the 1st time, "Theatre to the Castle". Two one act plays each night entertained full houses, which were performed in the recently renovated area. This is now a very suitable space for one act plays and full credit must go to Catherine O'Connor the OPW and the Castle Committee.

"When Shakespeare's Woman Meet" by Charles George got the evening off to a great start. Shakespeare's ladies discuss with Juliet the ways of love. Juliet however has learned a thing or two in her short life.

This was performed in Costume and the whole ambiance of the Castle worked so well to enhance this most enjoyable play.

This was followed by "No Pastry for the King" by local writer Declan O'Connor. A look at the visit of George V and Queen Mary to Maynooth in 1911. A local twist to national events and the involvement of St. Marys Band and the Last Governor General of Ireland - a local man.

An original piece by a local writer based on a true event. This was a good night's Theatre and let's hope we will see more "Theatre in the Castle" on a regular basis.

Terry Nealon

An Evening of Entertainment

Thursday 26th June saw a wonderful evening of music, song, dance, poetry and prose in The Historic surroundings of the "Geraldine Castle"

The "Rita Doyle School of Dancing" had us all tapping our toes in keeping with the dancers.

Maynooth's own "St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band" who can be traced back to around 1795, gave a wonderful recital under the able Baton of Aine Doyle and had us wishing we had more time, but the crows were starting to circle overhead, letting us know it was near their bedtime, so it was time to move on to the poetry and prose. This part of the evening was introduced by Mary Cullen and started with "A Tribute to the late Stuart Lane, a former member of the "Writers Group" and a member of the "Local History Group and the arts forum. The Tribute was given by John Conroy. It was Stuart's idea to produce the book of Maynooth, which is permanently on display in The Town Library, Main St. Two of Stuart's poems were recited by Dominick Cogan.r

We had contributions from The Rathcoffey History Group, Maynooth Local History Group, Conrád Na Gaelige, Maynooth Writers Group and U. 3. A.

A Big Thank You to all involved, especially the O.P.W. Staff including Cathering, Brian, Rita, Donna & Edel.

Finally the feathered occupants of the Castle, namely the crows were allowed to settle down, and we left for home after a very enjoyable soíree.

Hilda Dunne



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Bonny Babies



Arthur Byrne



Abby Fagan



Craig Fagan



Emily Connolly

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Fun Races

RESULTS OF THE FUN RACES

AGE GROUP UNDER 4 Boys

1st Oisin Kearney
2nd Thomas Richard

UNDER 4 GIRLS

1st Eimer Quinn
2nd Leah Callaghan

UNDER 6 BOYS

1st Conor Van Venvoorde
2nd Adam Byrne
3rd Adam Jordan

UNDER 6 GIRLS

1st Caolfeinn Miller

UNDER 10 BOYS

1st Joshua Agbor
2nd Dillion Brady
3rd Karl Broekhuizen

UNDER 10 GIRLS

1st Sórcha Quinn
2nd Maeve Hamilton

UNDER 12 BOYS

1st Jonathan Agbor
2nd David Moynan
3rd Adam Bell

UNDER 12 GIRLS

1st Edele Murray
2nd Aible Quinne

UNDER 13 BOYS

1st Sean Kearney
2nd Patrick O'Connor
3rd Michael Carton



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Fun Races



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Family Day



Lara Connelly enjoying a pony ride one of the famous ponies Molly (Carton Equestrian) who make yearly visits to the festival and also a regular visitor to the RDS

Ann Feehan, David & Edel Van Buyvoorde, & Catherine Carton Feeding the crowds



Having fun on the Bungee run



Essence Gymnasts

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Winners of Table Quiz

1st Jerry Durack, Susan Durack, Emma Tracey and Tom McMullon.

2nd Joe McBride, Brian O'Malley, Declan O'Connor and Paul Daly.

3rd Patricia Moynan, Catherine Carton and Lorraine Rush.

Winners of Monster Raffle

Niamh Butler

Ciarain Reynolds

Sean Lynch

Laura O'Brien

Angela

Terry Connelly

Morley

Hilda

Patricia Healey

John Brennan

Tess Kane

Killian Fagan

Eoin Connelly

Anne O'Rourke

Patricia Moynihan

Family Day



Ann Feehan, Ann Maria Coyle, Catherine Carton,

Olivia Carton, David

Moynan & Joseph Michael Carton.



Julie Rose Mc McCormack who entertained the crowd

Maynooth Geraldine Festival 2008

Having a Ball at Big Band Revival Festival Dance Night



The Big Band Revival



Cristina Sauls, Willy Sauls & John McGinley



Terry Connelly & Edna Calvin office staff having a great night



Taking a break from the dancing at the Big Band Revival night



Eamonn & Fionn Mag Uidhir & Colm O'Cearuil enjoying a good night



Maura McMullon & Betty Brilly

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Emmet Stagg T.D.

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Cllr. John McGinley

Proposed Extension of the 66 and 67 bus Services in Maynooth

Following meetings with representatives from Dublin Bus Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the council:

"That the Council facilitates Dublin Bus in their proposed extension of the 66 and 67 bus routes in Maynooth by:

- 1. Helping to create a new terminus for the 66 bus on the Meadowbrook Road between public light poles 9 and 10 and with any additional bus stops that are necessary.*
 - 2. Asking Mycete, the developer of Moyglare Hall to create a new bus terminus for the 67 bus at The walk central car park in Moyglare Hall.*
 - 3. Making the traffic ramps on the Moyglare Road bus friendly.*
 - 4. Helping with the provision of whatever additional bus stops that are necessary on the Moyglare Road.*
- Liasing with Dublin Bus Chief Inspector, Mr. Joe Stobie, in order to progress the extension of both bus routes."***

Harbour Action Area Plan

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion to the Leixlip area Committee:

"That the Parson Street houses from number 1 to 18 be included in the revised Maynooth Harbour Action Area Plan."

Housing Waiting Lists

As a result of the Council removing people from the housing waiting without due cause Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion to the Full Council:

"It is hereby resolved and accepted as Council Policy that housing applicants will not be removed from the waiting list where it can be established that they have a continued housing need e.g. by being in receipt of Rent Subsidy, income record etc., and that applicants who do not meet deadlines for review of their applications are not required to forfeit their place on the waiting list and start from scratch and that the Annual Review Procedure be examined to see if a simpler format could be devised for the application form. "

Cutting Grass on Sides of Meadowbrook Road

The Council agreed to Cllr. John McGinley's proposal and the grass is now being cut along the Meadowbrook Road.

Pedestrian Friendly Measures Sought for Leinster Street, Maynooth

The Council replied to Cllr. McGinley's motion as follows:

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"This issue can be most effectively considered in the context of the recommendations from the Traffic Management Plan study and the funding of any works that will result from that study."

The Council have already agreed to use money from the *Deficiency in Infrastructure Fund* for drainage and resurfacing. Cllr. McGinley has asked them to use some of the €1.1m provided by the Dublin Transportation Office (DTO) to install footpaths in this highly pedestrianised street.

Improvement Works Sought for Public Car Park in Maynooth:

The Council replied to Cllr. McGinley's motion as follows:

"The Area Office staff clean this area twice weekly. However we will endeavour to clean it on a regular basis subject to work demands in other areas."

"This issue of planting the area in question has been referred to the parks department for assessment. Environment Section have been requested to investigate the dumping at this location."

"Environment Section has been requested to look at the possibility of moving the receptacles as per the Councilor's suggestion."

"The two new clothes banks will be removed."

Progress on the Provision of the Northern Relief Road

The Council replied to Cllr. McGinley's motion as follows:

"Roads Design have prepared a preliminary alignment for the proposed road and forwarded it to Meath County Council, as the lands in question is within their functional area. Meath have included the provision of the road in their current County Development Plan."

A developer is proposing to provide this road in conjunction with the development of the area and is preparing proposals in this regard."

Fitness Zone for The Harbour Field

County Kildare will become the second county in Ireland to have a **Fitness Zone** park with equipment that can be used by people of all ages for toning and exercise.

President Mary McAleese arranged for the purchase of the exercise equipment from China, through the Mid East Regional Authority, for installation in Meath, Kildare and Wicklow.

She launched the opening of the Meath one in Dunshaughlin last October.

Cllr. John McGinley asked that the equipment bought for County Kildare be installed in The Harbour Field, Maynooth.

The good news is that the Director of Services, Tommy Skehan, has advised Cllr. McGinley that he has approved the expenditure for the installation of the equipment.

It is envisaged that the equipment will be installed in conjunction with the new Teen Activity Area later in the summer.

CLLR. JOHN MCGINLEY WARMLY WELCOMES THE COUNCIL'S REFUSAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION FOR PARSON STREET/HARBOUR AREA, MAYNOOTH

Cllr. John McGinley has warmly welcomed the Kildare County Councils decision to refuse planning permission for 98 housing units and 10 retail units in 5-storey blocks with flat roofs behind 11 to 15 Parson Street, Maynooth.

Cllr. John McGinley, his colleague Deputy Emmet Stagg and local residents lodged objections to the proposal, which would have been an unmitigated disaster for Maynooth if granted.

The Council cited 3 conditions in their Refusal to grant permission:

1. The proposed development by reason of its predominantly residential use, and lack of co-ordination with any of the adjoining landowners and together with its scale, layout and distribution of buildings within the site would contravene the Maynooth Harbour Action Area Plan.
2. It is considered that the proposed development would, by reason of its scale, density, layout, height and design would seriously injure the residential amenity of the future occupiers and of adjoining residents and would result in an obtrusive feature in the townscape.
3. The proposed development in the absence of a co-ordinated framework with the adjoining landowners would be

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inconsistent with the provisions of the Maynooth Harbour Action Area Plan and if permitted would prejudice the overall comprehensive redevelopment of the area and as such would be contrary to the provisions of the Maynooth Development plan and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

In conclusion Cllr. McGinley stated the developer and the adjoining landowners should sit down with Council Officials in order to progress Johns proposal to have the Harbour Action Area Plan implemented as one project and by one major developer. This approach is essential to ensure that this highly sensitive area at the Historic Core of the Town is developed to 5 star standards.

ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT SERVICE IN CRISIS IN KILDARE – WAITING LIST DOUBLES IN 2 YEARS

Deputy Emmet Stagg sought information in relation to the number of children on the waiting list for Orthodontic Treatment in Kildare and the number of children awaiting assessment for Orthodontic Treatment.

The HSE have advised Deputy Stagg that at present 331 children are awaiting treatment whilst a further 540 children have yet to be assessed for treatment.

Describing the situation as a crisis Deputy Stagg stated that in June 2006 there were 171 children awaiting treatment and therefore in 2 years the Waiting List for Treatment had doubled. There are 9 specialist orthodontics working on a part time basis dealing with children from Kildare and Dublin and it is about time that full time orthodontists were hired by the HSE.

Children stated Deputy Stagg who are caught up in this crisis are regularly in distress because of the importance of looks in this day and age and creating waiting lists such as this is placing additional pressure on hard pressed parents to pay privately for what can be extremely expensive treatment.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he would raise the issue further with the Minister for Waiting Lists, Mary Harney, as it was high time we had a first class service for children. The difficulty though is she probably does not give a damn like the rest of the Government.

WAITING TIMES TO ASSESS CHILDREN FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY AND PHYSICAL AND SENSORY DISABILITY ARE A DISGRACE

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Health in relation to the Waiting Times for Children for assessment for Intellectual Disability and Physical and Sensory Disability in the Kildare/West Wicklow Region.

The HSE responding on behalf of the Minister for Health shows a service in turmoil stated Deputy Stagg which is a disgrace given the wealth of the Country in recent times and is a clear indication of a lack of resources provided by the Government for these children. It places enormous additional pressure on Parents who are often left to their own devices as the service is unable to cope.

Below are some of the Waiting Times for Assessment:

- Children up to 5 years seeking Intellectual Disability Services in North Kildare are waiting on average 10 months for assessment.
 - Children from 5 to 12 years seeking Intellectual Disability Services in North Kildare have to wait approximately 2 years for assessment.
 - There are 14 Children seeking Physiotherapy awaiting assessment since November 2007.
 - There are 46 Children seeking Speech & Language Therapy awaiting assessment since August 2006.
- There are 28 Children seeking Occupational Therapy awaiting assessment since June 2007.

The Local Manager for Disability Services is constrained by the resources provided by the Government stated Deputy Stagg, but the above waiting times are truly shocking and a testament to an uncaring attitude to these children by Taoiseach Brian Cowen and his partners in this crime Gormley and Harney.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he would raise the Waiting Times further with the Minister for Health and seek information on waiting times nationally to see if the Kildare/West Wicklow Service is a phenomenon.

STAGG DEMANDS ACTION ON MANAGEMENT COMPANIES IN DAIL DEBATE

Addressing a Dail Debate on Thursday May 8th on Property Management Companies, Deputy Emmet Stagg demanded Action by the Government to end the rip off of young families through excessive Management Fees.

In his speech Deputy Stagg made the following points:

- Labour had tabled a motion on the Regulation and Control of Management Companies in November 2005 and since then promised legislation from the

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Government has not seen the light of day.

- The issue had not been dealt with because F.F. and the P.D.'s did not want to upset their friends in the building industry.
- Builders were given a blank cheque to set up Management Companies in the Planning and Development Act 2000. That Legislation enabled County Managers to impose planning conditions requiring the setting up of Management Companies. County Managers imposed such conditions and required that individual property owners had to be party to the management company agreement and that the agreement had to be registered as a burden on the individual property folios in the Land Registry.
- Without the required Regulation or Control, Householders have been forced to pick up the tab for services that are clearly the responsibility of developers.
- Some 4,000 housing units in Kildare North are now covered by Management Companies with some 3,200 of these being traditional housing units with absolutely no need for a Management Company. The only benefit they gain from the Management Fees they pay is to get the Grass Cut and up to €4 Million is collected annually by Management Companies in North Kildare. Homeowners are also picking up the tab for the ongoing liability of the developer for water, sewerage, roads, paths, lights and open spaces.

Deputy Stagg stated that whilst the Government is promising a Licensing System for anybody involved in property services which will set and enforce standards for property management agents, what the people now caught up in this trap want is the abolition of these rip off companies and the restoration of clear title to their homes. Anything less is tinkering at the edge of the problem.

GOVERNMENT RENEGE ON PROVISION OF REPLACEMENT AUDIOLOGIST FOR CHILDREN

Despite assurances given to Deputy Emmet Stagg last December that a replacement Audiologist would be hired to reduce the Waiting Time for Hearing Tests for Children in Co. Kildare, Deputy Stagg has recently been advised by the HSE that a Review of the delivery of the Audiology Service is presently being undertaken and when this review has been concluded the issue of additional resources will be looked at.

Waiting Times for Hearing Tests for Children in Kildare at both Newbridge and Tallaght Health Centres stated

Deputy Stagg went from 3 to 4 weeks in June 2006 to 3 to 6 months in 2008. At that time the HSE stated that the reason for this drastic increase in waiting times was the transfer of an Audiological Scientist to another service and the delay in finding a replacement audiologist.

To find now that a Review of the Delivery of the Service has effectively suspended the appointment of the Replacement Audiologist is nothing short of scandalous stated Deputy Stagg. It smacks of a cost cutting measure as the HSE are running over budget with the Government failing to deliver adequate resources to run the Health Services.

Children with Hearing Difficulties stated Deputy Stagg will have developmental difficulties and reducing the service available to them is typical of the move to privatise the Health Services and force parents into seeking Private Hearing Tests.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he was not prepared to accept the ridiculous reason put forward by the HSE on behalf of the Government and indicted that he would pursue the matter further.

NEW MAYNOOTH AMBULANCE BASE EXPECTED TO BE IN OPERATION IN LATE JUNE

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

The HSE have advised Deputy Stagg that the interior works to the Unit are well advanced and it is anticipated that the building will be ready for occupation by the end of June.

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

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

HSE LOOKING AT EXISTING PUBLIC NURSING HOME SITES TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CARE UNITS

Deputy Emmet Stagg has continued to press the Government and the HSE in relation to the provision of

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additional Public Nursing Homes in Co. Kildare given the fact that on average at any given time there are over 120 elderly people awaiting admission to a long stay bed in Co. Kildare with 60% of these elderly people residing in the Community being cared for by members of their families, neighbours and friends.

The HSE in their most recent response to Deputy Stagg have disappointingly indicated that there is no Planned Capital Provision in 2008 for additional Public Nursing Homes but that planning for the future includes identification of an existing site for the location of extended care units.

In effect what this means is that the HSE will be looking at providing extensions to either the Maynooth Community Care Unit, Drogheda Memorial Hospital in the Curragh or at St. Vincent's Hospital in Athy. There is room certainly at the Maynooth site for an extension to accommodate additional long stay patients but such a construction scheme would have to be carried out with great care as we do not want to turn what is an exceptional facility into a building site for any length of time causing distress to the existing patients.

Deputy Stagg has now written back to the HSE asking them to look at extending the Maynooth Community Care Unit with the proviso that agreement on extending the facility must take account of the concerns of existing patients and their comfort during any proposed construction. This is not beyond the Construction Sector in this day and age.

REPORT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW KILDARE GARDA DIVISION AND ADEQUACY OF 24 HOUR COVER IN NORTH KILDARE NEARLY READY

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

The Assistant Commissioner has advised Deputy Stagg that research into the proposed new Garda Division for Co. Kildare is well advanced and has reiterated that the provision of a 24 Hour Garda Station forms part of the research. The Commissioner further advised Deputy Stagg that he hoped to present firm recommendations on Kildare in Early June to the Programme Board overseeing the Boundary Changes.

Welcoming this further progress Deputy Stagg reiterated his firm belief that if the North Kildare Towns of Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth, with a combined population of 50,033 people, are to be properly policed then a 24 Hour Garda Station will have

to be opened in one of the Towns. It is inconceivable that Naas Divisional Headquarters would give 24 hour cover to North Kildare.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that we are near the end of the campaign for a 24 Hour Station for North Kildare and he expressed the hope that the case made for the 24 Hour Station will arrive at a successful conclusion and that the current economic climate would not prevent the provision of a proper policing service for the people of North Kildare.

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Make one person happy each day and in forty years
you will have made 14,600 human beings happy for a
little time at least.

Charles Wiley

Love is the only force capable of transforming an en-
emy into a friend.

Martin Luther King

As long as you keep a person down, some part of you
has to be down there to hold him down, so it means
you cannot soar as you otherwise might.

- Marian Anderson

Finish each day and be done with it. You have done
what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no
doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. To-
morrow is a new day; begin it well and serenely and
with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old
nonsense.

**Ralph Waldo Emerson 1803-1882, American
Poet, Essayist**

I would just love once to be called sexy. Just because
it would make me something other than cute.

Jennifer Love Hewitt

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Michael Fitzpatrick T.D.

Michael Fitzpatrick T.D. **There are alternatives to travelling to school by car.**

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick T.D. has welcomed the announcement by **Mr Noel Dempsey TD, Minister for Transport**, that there are now plans in place to let over a quarter of a million schoolchildren know that - **there are alternatives to travelling by car.**

Minister Dempsey, has pledged financial support of up to €2 million per annum to An Taisce's Green-Schools Travel Module up to 2012. The targets by which progress under the Module would be judged are -

*Expansion in the number of participating schools from 49 in 2007 to 274 in 2008 and rising incrementally to over 1,150 in 2012;

*An increase in the numbers of participating pupils from 20,000 in 2007 to 265,00 in 2012;

*Cycle training delivered in schools;

*Extension of coverage from the Greater Dublin Area in 2007 to all provinces in 2008.

Deputy Fitzpatrick said "The decision to expand support for the Green-Schools Module comes on foot of impressive results achieved under a 2007 pilot scheme overseen by the Dublin Transportation Office. "The pilot, which involved 49 schools and 20,000 pupils in the Greater Dublin Area, delivered an average 10% decline in car use for school journeys - the decline was replaced by an 8% increase in walking / cycling and 1% increases in use of public transport and mixed mode travel."

There are 10 schools involved in this project in Co. Kildare, Deputy Fitzpatrick said, and we are very hopeful that come September when the 270 schools for 2008 are announced, the number of schools in Kildare will be expanded. I am very proud to say that from 2005 when there was only Scoil an Linbh Iosa in Prosperous, Kildare has improved 10 fold in 2007". Added Deputy Fitzpatrick. The lessons learned in childhood tend to stay with one for life". Educating young people that there are alternatives to the car for school travel - for example, walking (even some of the way), cycling and public transport - will open their minds for the rest of their lives to the possibilities offered by alternative travel options.

In addition to financial support for the Travel Module, Minister Dempsey also announced the establishment of a consultative committee, representative of bodies such as local authorities, the Road Safety Authority, relevant Government Departments, Dublin Transport Office and An Taisce to advance thinking and help adopt a more holistic approach to tackling the challenges faced by parents and schoolchildren in choosing alternative school travel arrangements. In respect of certain schools, these challenges include -

- ◆ Lack of appropriate traffic calming measures
- ◆ Lack of footpaths in rural locations

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- ◆ Dangerous parking by some parents near the school gates
- ◆ Lack of cycling infrastructure in schools
- ◆ The growing weight of school books.

Deputy Fitzpatrick is aware that a lot of schools in North Kildare would be experiencing these challenges, and he is particularly happy that Minister Dempsey is going to tackle them.

Kildare County Council allocated €1,642,680.00 for Private House Grants for Older People and People with a Disability.

Minister Finneran, Minister for Housing, Urban Renewal and Developing Areas, has announced a capital allocation to KCC in excess of €1. 5 million for the payment of Disabled Persons, Essential Repairs and Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability, for private dwellings in 2008.

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick in welcoming this allocation said "These Schemes are vitally important in assisting older people and people with a disability to continue to live in their own homes and communities with the dignity that they deserve".

Demand for assistance under the Schemes has increased dramatically in recent years and I am proud to say that this government had responded to this demand by increasing funding every year.

www.teenspace.ie

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick T.D. would like to advise all the teenagers and parents of teenagers of a very welcome new development just launched by Barry Andrews T.D. Minister for Children & Youth Affairs.

A website which provides information about activities and facilities for teenagers all over the country has been launched. www.teenspace.ie will provide information on gigs, cafes, sport, arts, outdoor activities and much, much more. You can check for things to do and you find clubs to join.

"This development was one of the top recommendations from Dail na nOg 2006/07, said Deputy Fitzpatrick, and the timing of the launch could not be better, the

summer holidays are here and this website will make it easier for young people to get information on recreational opportunities and events in each county."

This Government is committed to listening to children and young people and taking their concerns seriously, the creation of www.teenspace.ie is further evidence of this commitment, added Deputy Fitzpatrick.

All service providers are urged to register to promote their activities or clubs. Registration is free.

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Have your say on the Leaving Certificate reforms – Fitzpatrick

Students who sat the Leaving Certificate this year have an opportunity to have their say on the changes to the exam timetable in a meeting with the Education Minister in Dublin next week, according to local Fianna Fáil TD, Michael Fitzpatrick.

"The Minister for Education and Science, Mr Batt O'Keeffe TD, is inviting students who sat the Leaving Certificate this year to visit him in the Department in Dublin next Tuesday (July 1) to discuss the reforms to the exam which were introduced this year."

"Minister O'Keeffe is inviting officials from the State Examinations Commission to attend the meeting so that they can also hear the views of the students."

"Places are limited, but I would like to encourage Leaving Certificate students from Kildare to apply to the Department to take part in this very worthwhile exercise."

"The new revised timetable introduced by the former Minister, Mary Hanafin TD, was the most student-centred reform in decades. The changes introduced meant that most students will get a half day or two over the first few days of the exams."

"Those taking both exams on the first day seen time spent in the exam hall shortened by 50 minutes, compared with previous years when the two English exams were taken."

"The State Exams Commission consulted with all the partners in education over six months in an effort to make the plan for reform of the timetable a reality, and a lot of very helpful changes were made."

"However, the Minister is keen to get feedback from students who actually sat the exam this year, to hear their views first-hand."

"Students who would like to meet with Minister O'Keeffe can make arrangements to do so by contacting the Minister's office at minister_okeeffe@education.gov.ie, or by contacting the Minister's office by telephoning 01 8896637 at the Department of Education, Marlborough Street, Dublin 1," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

Features

Lisbon Treaty decisively rejected by voters.

On behalf of The People's Movement I wish to send my congratulations to all the NO voters in Maynooth who helped Ireland deliver a majority verdict nationwide against the Lisbon Treaty. This was a brave and decisive victory, not just for Irish democracy, but also for all peoples throughout the EU who were denied the right of similar referenda in their own lands. The verdict showed that many voters, particularly working people, were waiting in the long grass to ignore the entreaties and bullying of 'the great and the good' of Irish society and the Brussels' bureaucrats to send a clear message that this flawed treaty is not acceptable. Unlike the political establishment and the mass media, the electorate cut through all the propaganda and could see that Lisbon was in line with the old Irish *seanfhocail*: *Comh casta le hadharc reithe* – As crooked as a ram's horn!

As the dust settles on the people's verdict it is vital that the decision of the electorate be fully respected and honoured. Any attempts by Irish Euro-federalists to subvert the Lisbon Treaty referendum result by urging the other EU States to continue with their ratification process must be exposed and denounced as acts of sabotage against the democratic verdict. EU Treaties must be ratified unanimously. Each country ratifies a Treaty on the assumption that all other countries will do so too. If one country says that it cannot ratify a Treaty as it stands - in Ireland's case because the Irish people have rejected it - there is no point in the other countries proceeding, and the Irish Government should request them to stop.

The Labour leader Eamon Gilmore is correct when he said after the result that Lisbon is dead and should not be revisited. "I do not think there is any question of treaty being put a second time to the people". (*Irish Times*, 14 June). But what will Taoiseach Brian Cowan do? Will he align himself with his own people and respect the Irish people's vote by telling his EU colleagues that Ireland cannot ratify Lisbon as it stands, and therefore there is no point in the remaining States continuing with their ratifications? Or will he align himself with the other EU States against the Irish people, and urge the former to proceed with their ratifications on the assumption that Ireland will re-run the referendum when everyone else has ratified, as Bertie Ahern did with Nice? For that is the implication of other EU States now proceeding with ratifying the Treaty with the Irish Government's encouragement. The Irish No vote is on a much more substantial level than the 35% of Nice One in 2001. The No majority for Lisbon is much stronger at 53.4% on a turnout of 53%. It reflects much wider concern at the way the EU project is going. This provides Ireland and Europe with an opportunity to take a fundamental look at the EU integration process.

Neither the Irish people nor the peoples of the other EU countries want an EU that is given the constitutional form of a State, as the Lisbon Treaty and the EU Constitution proposed, even though this issue was not highlighted in the referendum. The peoples of Europe will not tolerate such a fundamental subversion of their national democracy and independence. Even if this federalised EU were to be brought off, it would not be sustainable.

Instead of the "period of reflection" which was supposed to follow the French and Dutch No votes in 2005, and which turned out to be an excuse for repackaging the rejected Constitution in the form of the Lisbon Treaty, Europe now needs a period of consultation - with its own peoples, with citizens everywhere - and not just a matter of Brussels talking to Brussels.

The best course now is to return to the aspirations of the Laeken Declaration, which called for democracy, transparency and closeness to the people. The EU Member States should now go back to the drawing board, for their own sakes, for Ireland's sake and for Europe's. Fundamental to any new Treaty is Lisbon's population-based voting system, which is not acceptable to Ireland or to other smaller States, for it represents a power-grab by the Big States. Each State must retain its national Commissioner. Each State must retain the right to decide whom its national Commissioner is, instead of that right being altered to a right to make "suggestions" only. Any future new Treaty should contain special Protocols to safeguard Ireland's position as regards company taxation, public services, fundamental rights or mutual defence commitments. People who are directly elected to make them, either in the European Parliament or National Parliaments, should only make laws in Brussels.

These are fundamental principles of democracy.

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Aine Brady T.D.

Advice Centre

I hold a clinic every Monday in my Maynooth Office. Please contact my office to arrange a suitable time if you wish to raise any issue.

Bus Service for Maynooth raised at meeting with Dublin Bus.

I arranged a meeting recently with Dublin Bus in an effort to increase the level of service for our Bus commuters. Dublin Bus have again assured me that they will:

- Look again at the Provision of a Service to Moyglare Road.
- Provide Bus Stops adjacent to Griffith Rath
- Consider the provision of a Loop Service connecting Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth.
- Service to NUI Maynooth.

Service to Straffan Way and Beaufield Estate

Following my representations, Dublin Bus have also met with Kildare Co. Co. to discuss the local infrastructure in order to facilitate an effective Bus Service.

I have also been informed by the Quality Bus Network Office that a Bus Lane will be provided on the Straffan Road to improve travel times for Buses.

Maynooth Football Club

I have been working with the Maynooth FC to resolve outstanding issues in connection with their Sports Capital Grant to facilitate the completion of the works at the Club. Great is due to the club officer board for their work in recent months to resolve the issue.

Green School Travel Module receives support says Brady.

Deputy Aine Brady, Convenor of the Joint Oireachtas Transport Committee has been informed by the Minister for Transport, Noel Dempsey TD, that his Department is pledging €2m per annum upto 2012 for An Taisce's Green School Travel Module to encourage sustainable modes of transport for children.

'Earlier this year, I met with John Henry, CEO, Dublin Transport Office, who have spearheaded the One Small Step Campaign, and I have supported their efforts to increase the awareness of the 'Green-School Travel Module.'

'Currently 20,000 pupils, including some from Kildare, in the Greater Dublin Area, participate in the Green-School Travel Module. It is planned that this will reach 265,000 pupils by 2012.'

'As part of the programme, Cycle Training will be delivered to Schools. We must also consider our footpath and cycling infrastructure, the weight of school bags and traffic calming measures to encourage more walking and cycling to schools.' Concluded Deputy Brady who pledged to continue working to have these facilities put in place.

Other information is available from the following Websites

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www.dto.ie , www.onesmallstep.ie - <http://www.walktoschool.org.uk/>

Ardclough Bus service now links with Maynooth says Brady

Deputy Aine Brady has welcomed the linking of the Ardclough Community Feeder Bus Service to Maynooth. The service is provided by OK Transport and is funded by the Department of Community and Rural Affairs through Pobal.

'Following consultation with OK Transport, an agreement has now been reached to link the service in with Maynooth; which has further links to Public Transport and other services. The service will still leave Ardclough at 9.30am, link into Celbridge and then travel to Maynooth. The service will then return to Ardclough via Celbridge.'

'I would like to again congratulate all those involved in bringing this project to the level that it is now at. For those interested in obtaining further information about the service, please contact OK Transport on 045 528 124.' concluded Deputy Brady, who launched the service earlier this month.

Works on Maynooth Ambulance Base to start says Brady

Deputy Aine Brady has been informed by the HSE that the works at the Maynooth Business Campus to convert a unit and make it suitable for an Ambulance Base will commence week beginning 8th of June.

'The planning permission (change of use) was granted recently and a fire certificate has been issued. Actual works will commence next week and it will take approximately 10 weeks to complete the work and will be ready by August.'

'The new site will be an ideal location given its access to the Motorway and other link roads. It will also provide better facilities for those working with the Ambulance Service.' concluded Deputy Brady

€1,000 Childminding Grant Launched says Brady

Deputy Aine Brady has been informed by the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, Barry Andrews TD, that his Department has launched the New Childminders Development Grant, allowing for a Childminder to invest in Equipment, Toys or minor household adaptations to assist in childminding.

'The new Childminders Development Grant scheme contains a number of significant improvements, including a major increase in the maximum grant from €630 to €1,000 for Childminders, the Grant is also available to Childminders who have already been grant aided under the EOCP (Equal Opportunities Childcare Programme) scheme.'

'For many families, childminding is the primary source of childcare provision for their children and this is mainly due to the home-from-home environment that it offers. The Government recognises the valuable contribution of childminders and has established a variety of supports for the childminding sector.'

'Full Details of the Childminding Grant can be obtained from the Kildare County Childcare Committee in Kildare.' concluded Deputy Brady.

Further Details:

Kildare County Childcare Committee - www.kildarechildcare.ie - 045 861 307
Office of the Minister for Children - www.omc.ie

Carers Respite Grant increases this month says Brady

Deputy Aine Brady has welcomed the increase in the annual Respite Care Grant for carers, which has increased by €200 to €1,700, and is applicable from Thursday 5th of June.

'Over the last two years, I have met with the Minister for Finance and lobbied to improve the conditions for our carers. '

'The work of carers needs to be recognised and acknowledged and this is one support measure that is important. The Respite Care Grant, which is not means tested, is paid automatically to any carer who is in receipt of Carer's Allowance and Carer's Benefit. It is available to all carers providing full-time care and attention to an older person or a person with disability.'

'If carers provide full-time care for more than one person, they are entitled to €1,700 in respect of each person that they are caring for. Full details on carers entitlements can be got from the Carers Association in Naas or Carers Ireland on 1 850 24 07 24, or the Department of Social Affairs on 1890 66 22 44.' concluded Deputy Brady who re-iterated her commitment to working on behalf of carers.

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Brady raises Kildare Schools with the new Minister for Education

Deputy Aine Brady has raised the issue of extensions to existing schools and construction of new schools for a number of areas in North Kildare with the new Minister for Education, Batt O'Keeffe.

'In recent years we have seen substantial investment in schools in the North Kildare area. However, we still have some gaps to fill and I am anxious to keep the pressure on the Department so that we can make further progress.'

'Maynooth Boys National School needs an extension. The Minister informed me that a technical site visit took place recently and the options for the school building project are being assessed at the moment.'

'The new school for Ardcloagh is at the architectural planning stage. I have pressed the case with the Minister to ensure that this project be given priority.'

'I have pressed for further progress.'

€1.64m allocated to Kildare for Housing Adaptation Grants

Deputy Aine Brady has been informed by the Minister for Housing, Michael Finneran TD, that a capital allocation of €1.64m has been allocated to Kildare County Council for the payment of Housing Adaptation Grants for Private Dwellings.

'The allocation to Kildare Co Co is for the payment of Disabled, Essential Repair and Housing Adaptation Grants for Older people and People with Disability, for private Dwellings,' stated Deputy Brady.

'This scheme was revised last year, with a revised framework to target the available resources to those most in need. The revised scheme also provides a more seamless set of responses to the needs of the applicants,' concluded Deputy Brady, who welcomed the commitment from the Minister to the scheme. Details of the scheme can be obtained from Kildare Co Co on 045 980 200.

Almost 800 Kildare carers benefit from payment changes in April – Brady

Kildare carers are set to benefit from increases in their payments in April as changes announced in Budget 2008 for Carer's Allowance and Carer's Benefit come into force according to local Fianna Fail T.D. Áine Brady.

"Almost 800 Kildare carers could benefit from changes to the Carer's Allowance and Carer's Benefit schemes which will come into effect this week."

"It is only right that the Government, through the Budget each year, should continue to recognise the great contribution that carers make to the welfare of so many people in our society."

"Increases to the Carer's Allowance income disregard provided for in Budget 2008 means that from 3 April last, a single person can have an income of €332.50 per week and a couple can have an income of up to €665 per week and still qualify for the maximum rate of Carer's Allowance."

"The previous levels were €320 and €640 per week respectively. The earnings threshold for Carer's Benefit is being similarly increased so that a carer with earnings of up to €332.50 per week can still qualify for Carer's Benefit from 3 April."

"Furthermore carers receiving these payments can engage in employment, self-employment, education/training outside of their caring role, for up to 15 hours per week."

"Carers in receipt of Carer's Allowance can also avail of Free Travel and receive the Household Benefits Package which includes an electricity/gas allowance, telephone allowance and a free television licence."

"And recipients of the Carer's Allowance and Carer's Benefit automatically receive the annual Respite Care Grant, which increased to €1,700 in respect of each care recipient from June."

Brady welcomes funding boost of 4.9m for NUI Maynooth

Kildare North Fianna Fail T.D. Áine Brady has welcomed the news that NUI Maynooth is to get a funding boost of €4.9 million.

"The funding will pay for two projects. The enhancement of the Callan Building will receive €2.9 million. This funding will allow for the creation of a new and refurbished laboratory and office space in the area of the biosciences as well as consolidating and enhancing the existing facilities into a single more effective unit for the benefit of researchers."

"The balance of €2 million will pay for the renovation of

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St. Anne's House to accommodate the ICARUS research group and the Innovation Value Institute, two of Maynooth's key research areas and areas of strategic growth."

"The funding will enable the NUI Maynooth to advance research and develop expectations and goals offered by national and European initiatives in the area."

"The funding has been awarded by the Department of Education under the Research Facilities Enhancement Scheme initiative."

"This investment will send a strong message that Ireland is investing heavily in research in all areas of the country."

"It will also enhance NUI Maynooth, make it more attractive for students and develop cutting edge research in Kildare," concluded Deputy Brady.

Extra Carriages bring Extra Capacity on Maynooth Line says Brady

The Maynooth Line at peak times is now almost completed serviced by eight carriages according to Deputy Brady who raised the issue with Iarnrod Eireann earlier this year. Some of the services on the Line were only serviced by four carriages.

I was informed by Iarnrod Eireann that, six out of the seven sets of rail cars serving the Maynooth Line are now eight carriages. The extra four carriages can carry an extra 600 passengers which should assist at peak times.

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dormant, and water it as seldom as once a month.

- ✻ Raise the cutting height of the mower. Raise the cutting height of the mower. Taller grass cools the roots and helps to keep the moisture in the soil longer.
- ✻ Avoid using fertilizers in hot, dry weather.

House Plants

- ✻ House plants can be moved outside to a shady, protected spot.



- ✻ Do watch out for insects
- ✻ Warmer and drier weather means it will be necessary to water and mist your house plants more often.
- ✻ Feed your house plants with 1/2 the recommended strength of a good soluble house plant fertilizer while they are actively growing.

Odds and ends

- ✻ Be alert to slug and snail damage. These creatures will be hiding during the heat of the day, but will come out of hiding in the cool morning and evening hours or after it rains. Seek and destroy ALL slugs and their eggs!
- ✻ Keep the weeds pulled, before they have a chance to flower and go to seed again. Otherwise, you will be fighting newly germinated weed seed for the next several years.
- ✻ Change the water in your bird bath regularly, and keep it filled. Standing water may become a breeding ground for mosquito larvae.
- ✻ Continue to watch for insect or disease damage throughout the garden, and take the necessary steps to control the problem.

Have a great month!!

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