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Happy
Easter



 Happy St. Patrick's Day!



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Editorial

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

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

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

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

Brid Feely,
Editor.

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Maynooth Community Council Notes

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

Pay Parking In Maynooth:

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

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

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

Theatre and Community Centre for Maynooth:

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

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

Tidy Towns:

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

Festival:

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

St. Patrick's Day Parade:

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

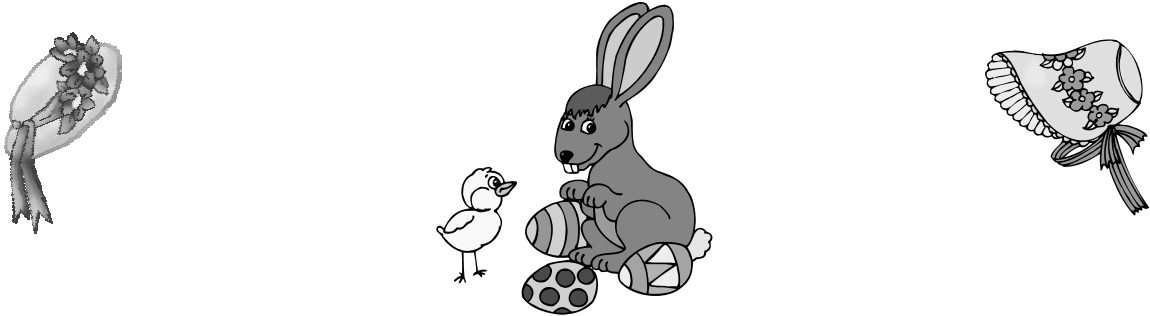
The St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place on Monday 17th march. Starting at the Greenfield Shopping Centre at 11.00 p.m.

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

PRO Marie Gleeson

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THE EASTER BUNNY



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

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

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

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

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



Features



ST PATRICK MYTH OR LEGEND

Author Vera Phelan

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

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

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

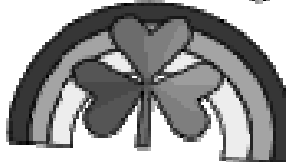
Its not known if he was religious before he came to Ireland, but he soon found it to be a great source of comfort to him. One night in a dream a voice told him to escape and go to Waterford where a boat was waiting for him, he walked for two hundred miles and sure enough a boat was there waiting.

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

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



Happy St.
Patrick's Day!



St. Patrick's Day Parade

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Fairtrade in Maynooth

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

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

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

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

Some quotes –

- "Coffee is second only to crude oil as the world's most highly traded commodity"
- "70% of the world's coffee is grown on farms of less than 10 hectares. The vast majority is grown on family plots of between one and five hectares"

"A bag of coffee bought for US\$50 in the Third World can retail in Irish coffee shops for between US\$15,000 and \$20,000"

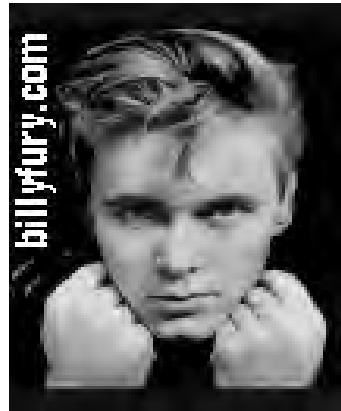
Maynooth Castle Keep Art Group forthcoming exhibition



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

Features

IDOL OF THE 1960s



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

By Kevin Shannon.

Clubs, Organisations And Societies

Maynooth Citizens Information Centre

Question:

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

Answer:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Question:

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

Answer:

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

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

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

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

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

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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre—Know Your Rights

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

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

Question:

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

Answer:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Telephone: 01 - 6285477

Lo - call: 1890 - 777 - 121

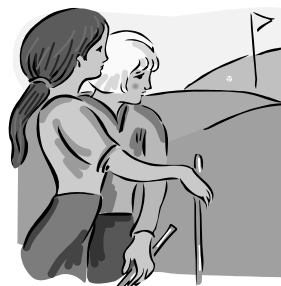
Maynooth Ladies golf Society Call For New Members

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

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

The remainder of the season is as follows:

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



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

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MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Maynooth Community Games Cont'd

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



The Staff of The Newsletter

Wish

All Our Readers

A Very Happy Easter



Horoscopes



ARIES—March 21—April 20

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

Your lucky day is Tuesday, Number 1
Colour black.



TAURUS—April 21—May 21

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

Your lucky day is Monday Number 3
Colour white.



GEMINI—May 22—June 22

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

Your lucky day is Wednesday Number 2
Colour yellow.



CANCER—June 23—July 23

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

Your lucky day is Friday Number 8
Colour green.



LEO—July 24—August 23

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

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

Your lucky day is Tuesday Number 9
Colour red.



VIRGO—August 24—Sept 23

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

Your lucky day is Thursday, Number 12
Colour orange.



LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23

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

Your lucky day is Saturday Number 5
Colour Brown.



SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22

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

Lucky day Saturday
Number 9 Colour Indigo.



SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21

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

Your lucky day is Friday Number 14
Colour Bright Blue.



CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20

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

Your lucky day is Monday Number 10
Colour yellow.



AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19

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

Your lucky day is Sunday number 15 Colour gold.



PISCES—Feb 20—March 20

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

Your lucky day is Wednesday Number 18
Colour green

March in the Garden



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

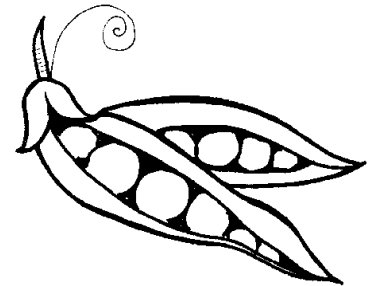
Plant early spring vegetables and flowers. These include spinach, lettuces, peas, and leeks as well as sweet peas.

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

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

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

Prune roses just before they start to bud out.

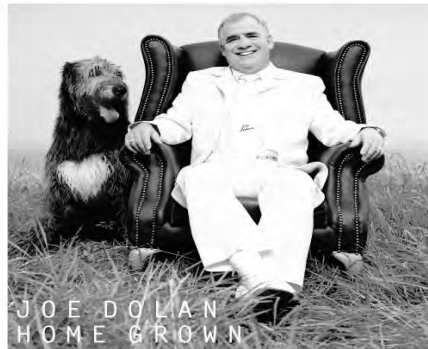


Attend to your indoor plants too. They've just come through a long winter and need a bit of fertilizer. Re-pot those that are root bound. Avoid over watering as weakened plants are more readily subject to disease and root rot. Dig out clumps of violets to bring indoors. Keep them cool.

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



HEAVEN'S GOT ANOTHER STAR



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

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

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

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

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

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

Features



THE YEAR OF THE RAT, 2008

7 February 2008 - 25 January 2009 (Earth)



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

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

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

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

The Sign of the Rat

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

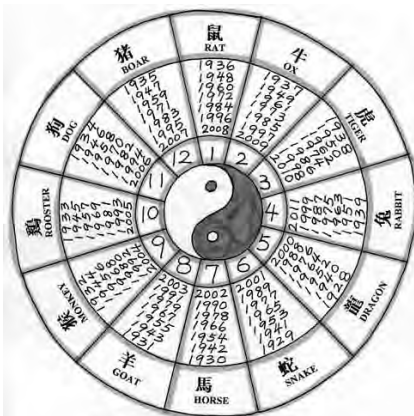
The sign of the Rat is the first one in the cycle, giving Rat people great leadership qualities and they are

usually good at taking the lead.

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

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

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



Chinese Zodiac

The Chinese say others should always listen to the advice of the Rat. Because of their intellect and observatory powers, Rat people possess prudence and perception. They can anticipate problems, and are always able to see the big

picture. Status, money, title and recognition are important to the Rat. They have a keen sense of observation that allows them to foresee upcoming business opportunities as well as potential occupational problems. The Rat makes a better boss than an employee. Rats work better in flexible situations where they can be freely creative.

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

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

Features

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

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

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

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

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

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

life of a great racehorse.

Tribute from Richard Stone Reeves (Renown American Equine Artist)

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

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



Piggott rides Shergar as Walter Swinburn suspended

Shergar's Racing Record

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

Conferring of Mark Jennings



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

Clubs, Organisations And Societies

Maynooth Tidy Towns

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

St. Patrick's Day Parade

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

National Tree Week 3-7th March

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

Cleaning up is ongoing

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

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

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

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

Maynooth doing well but could do better

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

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

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Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

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

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

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

REMEMBER MAKE MAYNOOTH GREAT IN 2008

Paul Croghan PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns

Have you some spare time?

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

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

To get involved just simply text us at 087 3153189

St. Patrick's Day & Easter Recipes

Saint Patrick's Porter Cake

Ingredients

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

Method

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

Easter Egg Cakes

Ingredients

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

Method

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

Dairy-Free Chocolate Cake

Ingredients

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

Method

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

Open Fruit & Apple Pie

Ingredients

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

Filling

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

Method

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

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Planning Permissions

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

Recipes continued

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

Quick Baked Cheesecake

Ingredients

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

Method

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



The Staff of The Newsletter

Wish

All Mothers

A Very Happy Mothers Day



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Features



Create CDs and DVDs

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

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

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

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

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

CRACKING THE CODE

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

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

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

PLUS POINTS

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



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

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

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

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

More next month!

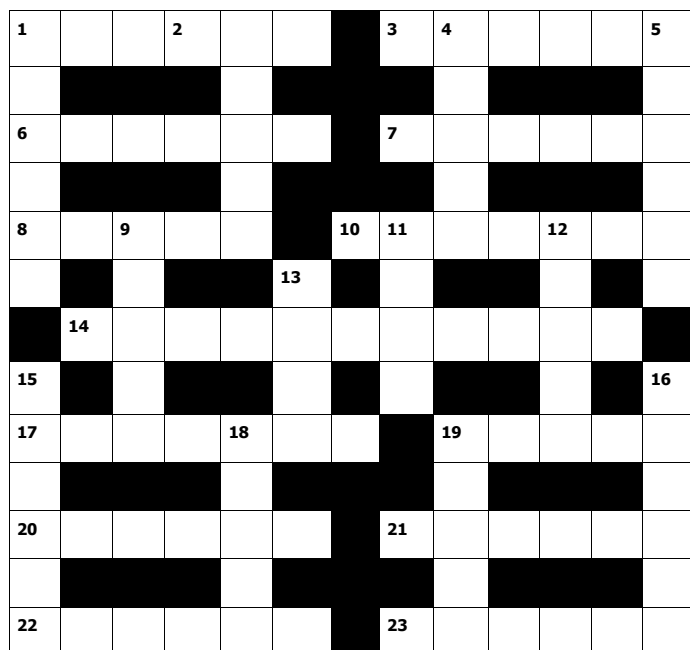
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TIDY TOWNS PROJECT



Crossword No: 64



Entries before Monday 10th March 2008

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Across:

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

Down:

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

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Down:

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

Doodle Box

Puzzles—Sudoku

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7	Best School Float	Trophy			

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

Clubs, Organisations And Societies

Maynooth Band Bulletin For March

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

St. Mary's Brass and Reed Committee 2008

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



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

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

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

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

Secretary, Melanie Oliver at 087-9704910



Features

Jenny's Robin

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

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



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

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

BY Enda Clavin

D. I. Y. Beauty Tips

Clay Mask



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

Use Toothpaste



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

Face

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

Wrinkles

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

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

Lips/Pores/Nail Polish



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

Egg whites tighten pores.

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

Poetry Corner

St. Patrick's Day

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

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

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

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

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

Patrick Murray.

Blessed Mother

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

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

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

Dedicated to my mother Nancy Murray

Patrick Murray

Daffodils

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

Williams Wordsworth

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Random Quotations



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

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

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

Saul Bellow (1915 - 2005)

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

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

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

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

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

Fernando Tapple

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

Jefferson Davis (1808 - 1889)

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

Noel Coward (1899 - 1973)

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

Sir Richard Francis Burton (1821 - 1890)

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

Plutarch (46 AD - 120 AD)

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

Bob Hope (1903 - 2003)

Education has for its object the formation of character.

Herbert Spencer (1820 - 1903)

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

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

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

Chinese Proverb

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

Thomas Carlyle (1795 - 1881)

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

George Carlin (1937 -)

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

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

This hath not offended the king.

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

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

Thomas A. Edison (1847 - 1931)

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

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

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

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

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Emmet Stagg T.D.

Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Maynooth Labour News

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

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

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

Provision of a Fit Zone in the Harbour Field, Maynooth

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

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

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

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

Safety Measures at Boys National School

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TWO ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS TO BE ASSIGNED TO KILDARE PRIMARY SCHOOLS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

STAGG SLAMS SCANDALOUS WAITING TIMES FOR ASSESSMENT FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ADDITIONAL SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPISTS TO BE MADE PERMANENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

There was 1 murder in 2006 and 3 in 2007

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

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

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

INITIAL 2008 SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAMME BRINGS LITTLE JOY

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

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

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

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

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

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Michael Fitzpatrick

New energy-saving tax incentive for Business

January 31, 2008

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please note:

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

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

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Michael Fitzpatrick

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, the Department introduced, in November 2007, a new scheme of Housing Aid for Older People with the aim of providing targeted support to improve the housing conditions of older people.

A transfer date of the end March 2008 was set, but has been postponed and the SHAE Scheme will continue to operate, and be administered by the HSE, until such time as all outstanding issues are resolved.

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

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Comments from Aine Brady TD

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Aine Brady T.D.

Applications now invited for Sports Capital Programme - Brady

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Speed Tables suggested on the Rathcoffey Road

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

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

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

Lands at Castletown, Celbridge, acquired by state says Brady

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kildare businesses to benefit from Research & Development funding - Brady

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parson Hall Estate - Taken in Charge

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

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Old Greefield - €20,000 for Landscaping

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

Submissions on Bus Transport and Congestion sought

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

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

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

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

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

Traffic Safety at Girls Schools

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

Events

Local Events

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

BY

Brian Tuohy

In

The Mill Wine Cellar

Now on view.

Maynooth Flower & Garden Club

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

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

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

Admission €5.00

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

Features

Mothering Sunday



Mothering Sunday, often called "Mothers' Day" in Ireland falls on the fourth Sunday of Lent (exactly three weeks before Easter Sunday). It is believed to have originated from the 16th century Christian practice of visiting one's mother church annually, which meant that most mothers would be reunited with their children on this day. Most historians believe that young apprentices and young women in servitude were released by their masters that weekend in order to visit their families.^[1] As a result of secularization, it is now principally used to celebrate and give thanks for mothers, although it is still recognized in the historical sense by some churches, with attention paid to Mary the mother of Jesus as well as the traditional concept 'Mother Church'

Men who adored their mothers

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



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

His most famous painting is that of his mother.

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



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