

MAYNOOTH NEWSLETTER

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*Oil Painting of The Boat House, Carton
Artist Emma Boyce
One of the Paintings shown at the recent
Castle Keep Art Group Exhibition*

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Puzzles—Sudoku

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Features - Maynooth Scouts

“Who wants to be a Thousandaire? - Press Release”

Background:

On 29th May 2008 at 8pm the Maynooth Scouts will bring the hugely popular “Who wants to be a Thousandaire” to the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth. This show has attracted large audiences all over Ireland over the past five years and is fast becoming the most popular source of fund-raising for schools and clubs. Contestants are drawn from ticket sales and each contestant will play for €1000. The show is fully computerised with 50/50, Ask the Audience and a brilliant video linked Phone a Friend. The questions and four possible answers are displayed on two 8ft x 6ft screens, one at each side of the stage.

This incredibly successful show, is provided by Pallas Marketing Ltd., and is being run by the 8th Kildare Scout Group as part of their fundraising campaign to build a new Scout Hall in the Harbour Field in Maynooth. The Scout Hall will be a state of the art facility for use by the wider community of Maynooth. The 8th Kildare Scouts is a voluntary group who work with over 100 children, teenagers and young adults and was formed in 1975. The current Scout den is a prefabricated building well over 20 years old.

NB....The media launch night for the show was hosted by the main sponsor of the ‘Thousandaire’ event: The Newtown Inn, Maynooth, on the **29th April 2008**. Special guests: **Joe and Keith from Spin 103.8s Breakfast Express launched the night**. Other invitees will included associate sponsors Mary Cowhey & Co. Solicitors, Mr. Pat Nevin & Sons Construction and Mizzoni Pizza & Pasta. Local Politicians and Councillors were also invited along with Louise Boland from Pallas Marketing (show providers).

We are all looking forward to a great night on the **29th May** as the show is really hi-tech and offers a superb night’s entertainment. The show is timed to start at 8pm and we would encourage people to come early to ensure a seat. We would also like to say a particular word of thanks to Joe and Keith for taking the time to come to Maynooth to launch our fundraiser and our main sponsor, Newtown Inn, Maynooth and to all of those who have taken out advertising at the show.

Tickets for “Who wants to be a Thousandaire” cost €10 and are available from any member of the fundraising committee or at the door on the night.

'Any businesses interested in advertising during the event can contact Cathy Killeen 086 891 6320 or Karl Quinn 087 6783047 adverts cost €150'



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Castle Keep Art Group Maynooth

Exhibition

Susan to give little write up



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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Know Your Rights

Question:

I'm unhappy with a recent experience I had when hiring a taxi. Where can I make a complaint ?

Answer

The Commission for Taxi Regulation has overall responsibility for regulating taxis, hackneys and limousine drivers.

It deals with complaints related to:

- Overcharging or other problems with fares.
- The conduct or behaviour of the driver.
- The condition or cleanliness of a vehicle.
- The hiring of the vehicle.

The Commission operate a consumer information line that provides information on the hiring of taxis, hackney's and limousines and advises callers about making a complaint. If you wish to make a complaint, you can obtain a form from the information line at Lo-call 1890 60 60 90 or you can download a form from [www.taxiregulator .i.e.](http://www.taxiregulator.ie)

When the commission receives the complaint it will send an acknowledgement letter. Once the complaint has been investigated, the Commission will decide whether to take further action. If it does, it can either issue a formal warning or progressed with prosecution in court.

If the complaint is about a driver who was smoking in the vehicle, you can report the details to The Office of Tobacco Control compliance line at Lo-call 1890 333 100.

If the complaint relates to criminal behaviour then it is a matter for the Garda Síochána and you can contact your local Garda Station to report it.

An Garda Síochána is also responsible for property that is lost in taxis and hackney's. Lost property in Dublin is stored at its office in Dublin Castle, and you can make enquiries at the Property room or phone 01- 6669857. Outside Dublin you can enquire at your local Garda Station

Question

What are the new rates of payment for Child Benefit?

Answer

Child Benefit is paid monthly by the Department of Social and Family Affairs for each qualified living with you and being supported by you.

To qualify, a child must be dependent on you and must also be;-

- Under the age of 16 **or**
- Aged 16,17 or 18 and attending full -time education or a Fás Youthreach course or have a physical or mental disability.

The payment is generally made to the mother of the child. Where the parents are living apart, it is paid to the parent with whom the child lives most of the time. If the child is not living with or being maintained by the parents, then it may be paid to the person who is caring for the child. From April 2008, the Child Benefit rates are as follows:

Number of Children	Monthly Rate
1 Child	€ 166.00
2 Children	€ 332.00
3 Children	€ 535.00
4 Children	€ 738.00
5 Children	€ 941.00
6 Children	€1,144.00

The rate of Child Benefit for twins is 1.5 times the normal monthly rate for each child. Where three or more children of a multiple birth qualify, the benefit paid is double the normal monthly rate for each child.

If you are from a country in the European Economic Area (EEA) or are a Swiss national working in Ireland, you may be entitled to Child Benefit, even if your child is not living in Ireland. If you are not an EEA National, then you must satisfy a habitual residency condition to qualify for the benefit.

Application for Child Benefit is made on Form CB1 for children under 16 years of age or on form CB2 for a child aged 16 or over. Claim forms are available from your local Social Welfare Office, Post Office or from The Child Benefit Section, Social Welfare Services Office, St. Oliver Plunkett Road, Letterkenny, Co.Donegal, Lo -call: 1890 400 400

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Question

My employer has told me that I was not entitled to a public holiday for Saint Patrick's Day because I had been absent from work for a time leading up to it. Is this correct?

Answer

There are some situations where an employee is not entitled to public holiday benefits because they have absent from work immediately beforehand.

This is the case where the absence is:

- Over 26 weeks and due to illness or injury
- Over 52 Weeks and because of an occupational injury
- Over 13 weeks, due to some other reason and authorised by the employer
- Due to a strike
- After the first 13 weeks of carer's leave .

Within these limits, you are entitled to public holiday benefits if you are on annual leave or on sick leave before or during a public holiday. Your employer may give you an extra day's pay; an extra day of annual leave ; or paid day of within a month. Part - time staff must have worked a total of more than 40 hours in the five weeks before a holiday to be eligible for public holiday entitlements.

Employees on maternity leave, parental leave or adoptive leave maintain their public holiday entitlement for the duration of their absence.

Information about public holiday entitlements is available from the National Employment Rights Agency which operates an information helpline on Lo-call 1890 80 80 90

Complaints in relation to holiday entitlements may be referred to a Rights Commissioner at the Labour Relations Commission, Tom Johnson House, Haddington Road, Dublin 4, Lo-call 1890 220 227. www.irc.ie

Question;

I notice that I have just been changed the annual stamp duty on my Credit Card. Will I be charged again if I change my credit card during the year?

Answer

Stamp duty is payable on credit cards on 1 April each year. The duty you have just paid is the duty that applies for the preceding 12 months; the stamp duty for the current year will be changed in April 2009. If you close your account before the end of that period, the stamp duty will be charged when the account is closed.

If you are changing to a different credit card you do not have to pay the stamp duty for the year again. When you are closing your account you should obtain a letter of closure from your provider, confirming that you have paid your stamp duty for the year. If you give this letter to your new card issuer, it will not charge you again. You can change your account a number of times during the year without incurring additional stamp duty if you follow this procedure each time.

The change applies to the account, so you can have additions cards issued on your account without paying extra duty (unless it is a company account). The stamp duty does apply if your billing address is outside the state for the entire period.

The amount of the stamp duty on credit cards was changed in the Budget last December. It was reduced from € 40 to € 30 per year. This means that the stamp duty you have just paid for the preceding 12 months was changed at € 30 but, if you had closed your account before the Budget, you would have been entitled to a refund of € 10 from the bank or financial institution.

The stamp duty that applies to ATM cards and Debit (or Laser) cards was also reduced in the Budget from € 10 to € 5 or, for cards where both ATM and Debit functions are combined in the one card, from € 20 to € 10.

For ATM and Debit that applies to ATM cards, the stamp duty changed each year on 31 December on cards that are held on that date. This means that you can change cards and accounts without are combined for each one, provided that you no longer hold the previous cards on 31 December.

Further Information is available from your local Citizens Information Centre.

Recipes

Roast Rack of Lamb with Onion & Thyme

Ingredients

Rack of lamb
2 x 900 kilogram rack of lamb
Finely grated rind of one lemon
4 tablespoon oatmeal
1 cup fresh white breadcrumbs
4 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
2 tablespoons butter, melted
2 tablespoons clear honey
salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 large onion
4 sprigs of thyme
olive oil for frying

Preheat the oven to 200C. Trim most of the skin and any fat from the meat.

Mix the lemon rind, oatmeal, bread-crumbs, parsley and seasoning, and stir in the melted butter.

Brush each rack of lamb with honey, then press the oatmeal mixture evenly over the surface until well coated.

Place the racks in the roasting tin with oatmeal sides facing up. Roast for 40 to 50 minutes, depending on how you like your lamb. Cover if it starts to brown too much.

Make gravy with the pan juices, adding a little red wine and seasoning.

Slowly cook the onion in olive oil with fresh thyme and seasoning.

Serve the rack of lamb on a bed of mashed potato with onion and thyme, and the red wine flavoured lamb jus.

Italian Lamb Meatballs

Ingredients for Meat balls

450 grams minced lamb
2 grams cloves garlic, chopped
1 tablespoon scallions, chopped
1 tablespoon soy sauce
1 tablespoon chilli sauce
tablespoon salt and black pepper
Tomato sauce
5-6 tablespoon tomatoes, diced
1 tablespoon basil, chopped

tablespoon juice of half a lemon
2 tablespoons olive oil
tablespoons salt and black pepper

Pasta

350 grams pasta, cooked and kept warm

Mix the lamb with all the meat ball ingredients and shape into little meatballs. Mix the tomato sauce ingredients together. Cook the meatballs in a little hot oil for 4-5 minutes. Add the tomato mixture to the hot pasta, toss well. Then add the meatballs plus any juices from the pan.

Serve with some extra chopped basil.

Lamb Stew Casserole



Ingredients

680 g shoulder lamb chops
4 onions, peeled and thinly sliced
0.9 g dried parsley
12 g carrots, sliced
1 g pepper
3 g salt
6 small potatoes, peeled and sliced

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Trim excess fat from the lamb chops and place them into a greased 2 quart casserole dish. Cover the lamb with a layer of sliced onion, then sprinkle with 1/3 of the parsley, salt and pepper. Cover the onions with the sliced carrots, then sprinkle with another 1/3 of the parsley, salt and pepper. Cover the carrot layer with a layer of potatoes, and sprinkle with remaining parsley, salt and pepper. Add enough cold water to fill the dish halfway.

Bake, covered, for 30 minutes in the preheated oven, then remove the cover and continue to bake for an additional 30 minutes.

Classical Mint Sauce

1/4 pint vinegar, 1/2 pint water, 4 tablespoons chopped fresh mint, 2 tablespoons sugar, 2 tablespoons lemon juice, 4 tablespoons warm water

Simmer vinegar and water with 2 heaped tablespoons chopped mint until reduced to half the original quantity. Remove from heat and strain. Add 4 tablespoons warm water, lemon juice, and sugar. When cold add another 2 tablespoons chopped mint leaves.

Planning Permissions

File Number	Applicant Name	Application Type	Application Received	Development Description	Development Location	Development Type
08/592	Eugene Ridge	P	02/04/08	Two storey extension at side and single storey extensions at front and rear	51 Parklands Crescent Maynooth Co. Kildare	Extension
08/610	Elite Confectionery Limited	P	07/04/08	Change of use from bakery to rear to commercial to be incorporated into shop at front, office to first floor with independent front door to Main St and ancillary site works	Main St Maynooth Co. Kildare	Commercial Development
08/611	Deirdre Mc Gowan	P	07/04/08	Single storey sun room to south side of existing dwelling	No. 1 Leinster Mews Leinster Park Maynooth Co. Kildare	Extension
08/612	Tom & Renee Jenkins	P	07/04/08	A 46sqm extension over two floors including alterations to existing driveway	12 Meadowbrooke Lawn Maynooth Co. Kildare	Extension
08/667	John Lennon	P	14/04/08	Construction of a single storey extension to the side of existing dwelling	Kilmacredock Maynooth Co. Kildare	Extension

Horoscopes

ARIES—March 21—April 20



LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23



TAURUS—April 21—May 21



SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22



GEMINI—May 22—June 22



SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21



CANCER—June 23—July 23



CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20



LEO—July 24—August 23



AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19



Virgo—August 24—Sept 23



PISCES—Feb 20—March 20



Features



Donadea Forest Park



On a fine sunny day there is no better place to visit than Donadea Forest Park. If you want to get away from it all, head to Donadea. It is located 8km south of Kilcock on the R407 to Naas and is also accessible via the R407 about 13km north of Naas on the Kilcock road. It can be found on discovery map number 49, grid reference N-838 332.

Facilities: Donadea Forest Park has a car park, café shop, picnic site, toilet and a variety of forest walks.

The park is open daily.

Admission charges are as follows:

Admission: Daily pass - €4 (correct change required, €2, €1 & 50c coins accepted only)
Season pass €30 (available in park café or phone 087-8621617)

History: Donadea originally belonged to the Birmingham family and it passed into the hands of the Aylmers in the first half of the 16th century. The ruin is an accumulation of rebuilding over the centuries and is a fascinating succession from a Norman keep, which can be readily distinguished, to a 1624 house, a 1775 reconstruction and a further reconstruction when the wings were enclosed in the 1830s. The last of the line of Donadea Aylmers died in 1935.

Habitat: The Park is situated in the lush pasture lands of Kildare and is fairly typical of a demesne landscape, comprising of mixed woodland.

Forest Walks: The Nature Trail is less than 2.5km long and winds through the various natural and man-made elements that make up Donadea. There is also the short Shrubbery Trail - only 300 meters long - which has been laid through the collection of trees and shrubs planted in the last century.

Forest walks include:

- Lake Walk - 0.8km in length around the lake and is wheelchair accessible.
- Aylmer Walk - 5km in length winding along forest roads and paths, incorporating Lime tree Avenue and finishing at the lake. It also walks past the 9/11 Memorial.
- Aylmer Sli na Slainte walk.

9/11 Memorial unveiled at Donadea

On September 11th 2001, along with 343 members of the New York emergency services, a young Irish American, Sean Tallon, lost his life in the Twin Towers of the World Trade Centre. Sean was a fire fighter with the New York Fire Department. Sean's father was born in Donadea, Co. Kildare, and the Tallon family had always kept close connections with their relatives and friends who still live in the community. In the year prior to his death, Sean had travelled to Donadea where he visited the park.

Following the death of Sean Tallon and the tragic events of September 11th, the Donadea 9/11 committee was formed which worked together to develop a permanent memorial at Donadea Forest Park which was unveiled on 21st September 2003, in commemoration of all who died in the attacks in the U.S. and especially dedicated to the memory of Sean Tallon. The memorial is set in a specially prepared plot of native oak trees in the serene and tranquil setting of the park. It is a scaled replica of the Twin Towers carved in blocks of limestone.



Tree Species: There is a magnificent grove of beech, approximately 150 years old, which covers an area of 1 hectare. Other broadleaved species include young oak - planted in 1938 and common ash. Sitka spruce, grand fir and Norway spruce are also present. The Shrubbery Trail has holm oak (also called Holly Oak) horse chestnut, copper beech, silver birch, larch, hazel, yew, Lawson cypress and monkey puzzle.

Biodiversity: Flora - Along the walls, the ivy-leaved toadflax, maidenhair spleenwort and hart's tongue fern can be observed. The muddy bottom of the shallow lake provides an ideal habitat for aquatic plants. Pond weed is abundant while reed mace is prominent in the shallow waters. The large-leaved yellow water lily can also be seen.

Fauna - In Donadea Woods both the red and grey squirrel can be seen. On the lake our most common duck, the mallard, is present all year round. Coots and moorhens can also be seen. The mute swan is an occasional visitor.

Useful Telephone Numbers

Name	Details	Telephone No.
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ADULT CEILI AND SET DANCING	Contact: Rita Doyle	086-2862475/ 6286169
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BRIDGE CLUB	Contact: Joan Howard Williams	6289239
CASTLE COMMITTEE	Contact Tony Bean Sec. Gerald &Joan Howard Williams, Carton Demense	087-949459
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MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY	Contact: Rita Edwards	087-6387687
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MAYNOOTH FAIR TRADE	Contact: Dr. John Sweeney	087-2476516
MAYNOOTH JUDO CLUB	Contact: Mary Mc Donald	087-9677596
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ST. MARY'S BRASS AND REED BAND	Contact: Melanie Oliver	087-9704910
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U3A	Contact: Bernadette	6289131
VIOLENCE IN THE HOME		1800-341-900

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7-A-Side Soccer Tournament 16th—29th June 200

Rules

1. Each panel will consist of not more than ten Players. A player may play for only one team in the tournament. Players must have been reared in Maynooth or have lived here for the last 12 months.
2. The committee reserve the right to refuse any entry.
3. **Participants are not insured and enter the competition at their own risk.**
4. Names of players and entry fee must be submitted with the official entry form. The team must be named after a housing estate e.g. Old Greenfield.
5. Fifteen minutes will be played each way and three substitutes may be used.
6. The format of the competition will be decided by the committee.
7. All games must start at the stated time, in the event of a team being late the match will be awarded to the opposition, under no circumstances will any postponement be given.
8. Any team playing players not included in their entry form will be removed from the tournament.
9. The organising committee will not be responsible for any articles lost or damaged.
10. The organising committee will not be responsible for any injury to any player.
11. All protests will be dealt with by the organising committee.
12. Protests, together with a fee €10.00, refundable if protest is upheld, must be lodged with the Secretary of the organising committee within thirty minutes of the finish.
13. Teams will not be included in the draw unless entry fee is paid €50.00.
14. In the competition studs may be worn but must conform to F.I.F.A. standards. Shin-guards must be worn. Match referee's decision will be final in this matter. Flat footwear must be of proper standard, be safe for wearer and not constitute a danger to other players. Referee's decision is also final in this matter.
15. In the event of an objection it will be up to the team allegedly guilty to prove that they are innocent.
16. In the event of a walk-over or an objection the other team will be rewarded a 2-nil win.
17. The committee's decision is final in all matters.

John McGinley (Phone 6285293) (087-9890645)
Secretary Organising Committee
Entries before 1st June 2008

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Maynooth Golf Society

Maynooth Golf Society outing to Moate Golf Club on Saturday 12th April was played in good conditions for this time of the year although weather forecasters were predicting thunder storms and very wet conditions. 30 members played this demanding course. A close finish saw 2 players post the same score of 36 points. The eventual winner was our society's new secretary Marty Maguire closely followed by our new captain Norman Kavanagh.

John Byrne of Maynooth Bookshop who sponsored this outing presented prizes in Brady's B2 that evening to a large number of the society's members and friends. Thanks to all who attended, our next outing is to Rathcore G.C. on Thursday 1st May 2.00-3.30.

Outing to Moate Golf Club - Date:12/04/08

Sponsored by

The Maynooth Bookshop (John Byrne)

1st Prize	Marty Maguire	36ptsB9
2nd Prize	Norman Kavanagh	36pts
3rd Prize	Don O'Sullivan	35ptsB9
4th Prize	Ken Donnelly	35pts
5th Prize	John Saults	34pts
Front 9	Colm Savage	19pts
Back 9	Sean Farrelly	18pts
Visitors	Dave Meagher	
Neareast the Pin	Ken Donnelly	
2's	John Byrne, Gary Moffat, Michael Flynn, Liam Farrelly	

Next venue: Rathcore G.C. on Thursday 1st May 2.00-3.30

Giant Easter Egg Draw Results			
1st Prize	Weekend Away	Stacey Crowe	Ticket No. 800
2nd Prize	Easter Egg	Genie Hennessey	Ticket No. 154
3rd Prize	Easter Egg	Karen Weafer	Ticket No. 770
4th Prize	Easter Egg	Pauline Loftus	Ticket No. 313
5th Prize	Easter Egg	Bigsy	Ticket No. 619
6th Prize	Easter Egg	Shot	Ticket No. 850
7th Prize	Easter Egg	Niall Byrne	Ticket No. 49
8th Prize	Easter Egg	Janette Weafer	Ticket No. 783
9th Prize	Easter Egg	Shot	Ticket No. 847
10th Prize	Easter Egg	Aoibhin Killeen	Ticket No. 595
11th Prize	Easter Egg	Lar Byrne	Ticket No. 208

The Committee would like to thank Keoghs Delicatessen for their Sponsorship

Features

Kildare Hurlers



Kildare in action against Roscommon

The Kildare hurlers got off to a flying start this season with a convincing win over Roscommon. The game which was the first of the season, was played away in Roscommon, Kildare won the game 2-12 to Roscommon's 11 point's. This was a much needed boost to Kildare who don't have much support, but with their new manager Andy Comerford and all his new signing's i.e.; Billy White, Alan Bourke and Tony Murphy, they looked like they had a chance in this year's league. Kildare then went on to win against Mayo and Wicklow which put them top of the league for the first time. Unfortunately they had some injuries which has led to losing the next two matches. Though they are now out of the league, they continue to train very hard, for their next game in a few weeks time. What Kildare badly needs now is some support from the home county and some bodies at the matches. These boys put a lot of hard work into their training which takes them away from their families, their home ground in Newbridge is very well maintained with plenty of shelter.

So come on Kildare, lets go to the matches and show some support and get some fresh air to booth!



Fighting back against Wicklow

Features



Gardening in the Merry Month of May



The month of May is a time when the weather can either turn your garden into an Eden, or a wasteland. Be aware of the weather forecasts and trends.

If a frost or cold weather is in the forecast, protect your tender plants with a mulch, newspapers, light cloth or some type of overnight protection or a frost cap made with clear poly film tented over the plants. (*Be sure to remove the plastic tent as soon as the danger is over or your plants will bake in the sun*). On the other extreme, if the weather is sunny and dry, don't neglect your watering. Most flowers and shrubs need about an inch of water each week to perform well, and newly planted seedlings will perish if their roots are allowed to dry out.

May is also a time of gardening inspirations and dreams. Look around yourself and notice what your neighbours are growing in their gardens and what they are creating in their landscapes. Think of how you might utilise some of their ideas along with your own brainstorm to make your garden just wonderful!

Here are a few May gardening projects that you can do to help keep your garden looking its best the rest of this season.

Shrubs and trees

- It's still not too late to fertilize your trees and shrubs. Use a 'Rhododendron' or an 'Evergreen' type of plant food to feed evergreens and acid loving plants like Rhododendrons, Camellias, Azaleas, and Junipers, etc. Use an all-purpose garden fertilizer (10-10-10) to feed roses, deciduous shrubs and trees. Be sure to water the fertilizer in thoroughly after it is applied.
- Early flowering deciduous shrubs such as Forsythias, Weigela, and Spiraea should be pruned back when they have finished blooming. Cut back a third of the oldest canes to ground level, then cut back one third of the remaining branches by one third of their height.
- Remove the wilting seed heads from Rhododendrons and Azaleas, so that the plants energy can go to foliage growth and next years flowers, rather than seeds.

- Remove any sucker growths from fruit trees as soon as they appear.
- Keep a vigilante eye on the roses. Keep them sprayed for **aphids and other pests and diseases** such as black spot.
- Pines and other conifers can be kept to a compact size by pinching off the new growth 'candles'.
- Lilacs should be pruned lightly after they finish blooming, removing sucker growths and dead blooms.. Feed lilacs in May with a good all purpose 10-10-10 fertilizer after they have finished blooming. If your soil has an acidic pH, work a little lime into the soil as well.

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Lawn

- May is a good month to repair your lawn. Fill in the bare spots by slightly loosening surface of the soil and sow a good quality lawn seed over the area evenly. Tamp the seed in gently and water. Keep the patch moist by covering with light mulch of lawn clippings.
- This is the time to eliminate lawn weeds by hand pulling, or the application of a 'weed and feed' fertilizer.... *before they go to seed!*
- Setting your mower for a higher cut during the spring months will help the grass to grow in fuller and help choke out the weeds

Odds and ends

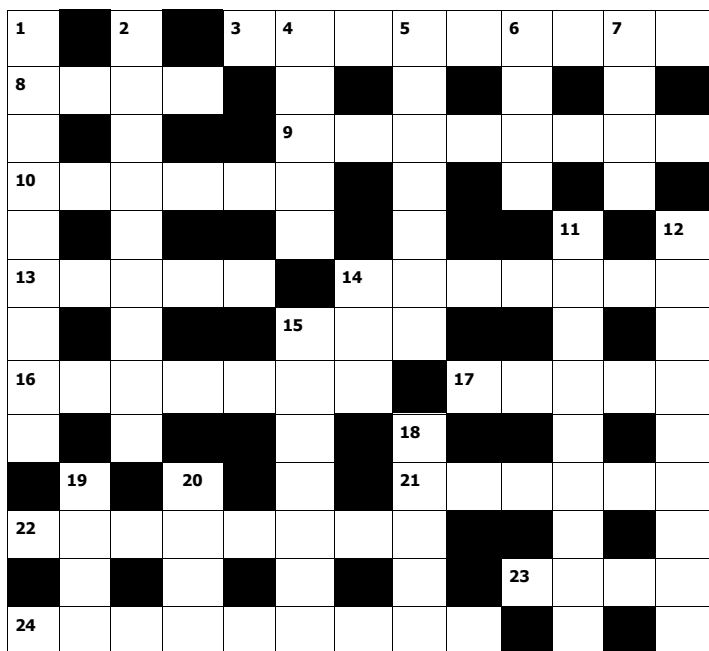
- Slugs and snails are out in full force right now. Be sure to take steps to control them now, before they have a chance to reproduce and devastate your garden. Please do not chemical slug deterrents as they could cause harm to birds and other animals in your garden.
- The first flowers you'll see will be your weeds. Work to eliminate the weeds (roots and all), before they have a chance to go to seed, or you will be fighting them for years to come!

House Plants

Check to see if your house plants are rootbound. Water them thoroughly and carefully remove them from their pots. If the roots have compacted around the outside of the rootball, it is time to repot.

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Crossword No: 66



Entries before Tuesday 6th May 2008

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Across:

3. Shame (9)
8. Rear end (4)
9. Keith Barron TV sitcom (4,4)
10. Stupor (6)
13. County (5)
14. Side-view (7)
15. Circuit (3)
16. Country east of Argentina (7)
17. German pistol (5)
21. Ratify (6)
22. Part of the body (8)
23. Incline (4)
24. Control by intimidation (9)

Down:

1. British rock band (6,3)
2. Funny (9)
4. Computer phone link (5)
5. Belgian port (7)
6. Starched neck-frill (4)
7. Egyptian canal (4)
11. Foolish (9)
12. Gradual reduction (9)
14. Remunerate (3)
15. Walsh (7)
18. Mends (5)
19. Foot cover (4)
20. Raymond __ __ __, Ironside actor (4)

Solutions to Crossword No. 65

Across: 1. Tundra, 7. Unawares, 8. Intact, 9. Undo, 10. Ream, 12. Palm, 14. Step, 16. Norma, 18. Copes, 21. Desk, 24. Path, 26. Cyan, 27. Ulna, 28. Radius, 29. Recreate, 30. Dinner.

Down: 1. Trials, 2. Nature, 3. Autumn, 4. Warder, 5. Drama, 6. Psalm, 11. Epoch, 12. Panda, 13. Less, 15. Tina, 17. One, 19. Pillar, 20. Scared, 22. Ensign, 23. Kaiser, 24. Parry, 25. Tracy.

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Doodle Box

Poetry Corner by Patrick Murray



A Loveable Man Joe Dolan

*A showman we love so
Your voice hit our hearts
In Heaven your soul grow
Where ecstasy never departs
To hear your voice
In our ears it sings
A star of our choice
As the melody rings.
Joe, you were the best
In the Drifters done proud
Filled all the fans with zest
And really won the crowd.
A voice so unique
To the audience gave it all
All of us came and seek
To your own call.*

*Rock'n Rollin Joe Dolan
What a great man by far
All of our hearts were stolen
And proved you a star.
A gifted showman forever be
It is written in the sky
A artist a joy to see
And always in our cry.
You sang your heart
And brought much ecstasy
Now we all have to part
When you were set free.
All we have of you is our memory
A CD or DVD to relive our dream
Your glory never cease to be
On a stage stars forever gleam.*

Patrick Murray Dedicated to Grandma

*What a Lady she was to me
Looked after me so well
Now her soul did flee
To a world I cannot tell
A kind hearted Lady is she
With eyes so bright and clear
Grandma my prayers for thee
To the one I hold so dear*

*Remember the good times
Cherished with love and care
It is of you my heart unwinds
With lots of love to share
Farewell I say to you
As Heaven is your home
You are a Lady so true
With our prayers we're never alone*

Patrick Murray



THE MERRY MONTH OF MAY

*THE month of May, the merry month
of May,
So frolic, so gay, and so green, so green,
so green!
O, and then did I unto my true love say,
Sweet Peg, thou shalt be my Summer's
Queen.*

*Now the nightingale, the pretty
nightingale,
The sweetest singer in all the forest
quire,
Entreats thee, sweet Peggy, to hear thy
true love's tale:
Lo, yonder she sitteth, her breast against
a brier.*

*But O, I spy the cuckoo, the cuckoo, the
cuckoo;
See where she sitteth; come away, my
joy:
Come away, I prithee, I do not like the
cuckoo
Should sing where my Peggy and I kiss
and toy.*

*O, the month of May, the merry month
of May,
So frolic, so gay, and so green, so green,
so green;
And then did I unto my true love say,
Sweet Peg, thou shalt be my Summer's
Queen.*

Thomas Dekker

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Computer Hints & Tips

There are quite a few little tricks that you can use in order to make life easier when using your computer:

Print orders

When printing out very long documents it can be annoying that Word prints out pages in the order that they appear onscreen, so the printout has to be manually reordered. Fortunately it is possible to print out documents in reverse order, so that the pages are properly collated when they arrive in the printer tray. To do this open the Tools menu, select Options and move to the Print tab. Click to tick the box next to the 'Reverse print order' option and click OK.



Vary Your Icon Size

With Vista, it's possible to configure Desktop icons to a larger size by visiting the Personalise section Control panel (found in the Start menu). While large icons can be useful from time to time, you may feel they don't need to be that large all of the time. To save having to constantly change settings, hold down the Ctrl key and move the scroll wheel on the mouse. Moving the wheel forwards increase the size, the reverse movement decreases the size. Window's own icons look impressive, although the appearance of other icons may not be so good.

Clock Stock

If you are travelling abroad, or if you have friends or family living abroad, it can be useful to know what the time is in other countries—particularly when planning phone calls. Windows Vista makes it possible to add two extra clocks, in addition to the main one that resides in the Notification Area. Right-click the existing clock and select the Adjust Date/Time option from the menu that appears. Move to the Additional Clocks tab and tick one or both of the 'Show this clock' boxes before assigning a time zone and name. Left click the Notification Area clock to view the additional ones.



Click to type

A good way to prevent passwords and credit card details from being stolen online is to use the On-screen Keyboard utility. You enter letters and numbers by using mouse clicks instead of the keyboard, which means your security details will not be compromised by keyboard actions—defeating many key-logging systems. You can find the On-screen Keyboard in Windows XP by going to Start, then All Programs, followed by Accessories and the Accessibility. Right-click to create a shortcut on the Windows Desktop. In Windows Vista, you will find the keyboard by going to Start, followed by All Programs followed by Accessories followed by Ease of Access.



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Emmet Stagg T.D.

Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Maynooth Pay Parking By Laws First Draft 'Feb. '08

Cllr. John McGinley has made the following comments to the Council on the First Draft of the Pay Parking By Laws for Maynooth:

1. There should be double yellow lines on Mill Street to the Church.
2. Should put 3 parking bays at the back of A.I.B.
3. Should put 2 parking bays at back of O'Neills
4. Should put 8 parking bays on Kelly's Lane (O'Neill side).
5. Put yellow box at band hall entrance. Still room for the 3 parking bays shown.
6. Pedestrianise Coates Lane provided of course that the businesses on the Lane can still use it.
7. Double Lane. I'm awaiting the views of the Residents' Association.
8. Back Lane 1-28 needs to be resurfaced. Lane to remain 2 way. Residents' Association to submit agreed proposals.
9. Convent Lane. Extend the Parking Bays to number 10 and Mariaville.
10. There should be no Double yellow lines at Dillons Row. It can accommodate parking bays on the road outside the houses. Residents don't want double yellow lines.
11. Remove the 8 parking bays at the entrance to Carton Avenue and complete as per the already agreed proposals i.e. cobble lock and bollards per Dwg. No. E3065 Dated July 2004.
12. Dublin Road. Have parking bays on the Carton Avenue side. It has parking there at present and there is adequate room.
13. Move the wheelchair spot from the entrance to Doctors Lane to front of CIC in the interest of safety.
14. Leinster Street/The Harbour. The proposal is to remove many of the existing spaces on the west side. The parking is used by commuters and there would be much anger if they were removed. Why not ask Waterways Ireland about using the hard surface at The Harbour for daytime parking and let them keep the money raised? Could then do a proper pedestrian friendly job on Leinster Street. An extra 50 spaces can be provided here as a temporary measure until the Park & Ride is in place. Leinster Street/The Harbour is a highly pedestrianised area with students and others going to/from the train station and there is no footpath and the road surface is a disgrace. As pedestrians have to walk in the mud or on the potholed road at present a footpath has to be provided and it could go on the east side up to the Geraldine and then continued across the road up to KCC entrance. There is a trench dug at Dukes Harbour and it has never been re-instated. Also there are very large pot holes outside The Roost.
15. There should be parking bays on Parson Street on the houses side in order to have permit parking for the residents of Parson Street.
16. The provision of additional Park & Ride for the Train Station commuters needs to be speeded up. The daily throughput at the station at present is 5,924 passengers (2592 boarding and 2,432 alighting)
As I have previously stated the public car park at the back of Caulfields needs to be trebled in size i.e. one underground, one at ground level and a first storey level. Discussions should take place with the landowner at

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the

Paddock in order to make the project viable.

Other Points:

Leinster Arms Car Park is controlled by NCPS and has 30 spaces.

Pay & Display costs are:

€1 per hour
€6 per day
€20 per week
50c min

It was half full at noon on 19/2/08

Mall Car Park also NCPS has 50 spaces

The charge is €1 per hour.

It was nearly full at noon on 19/2/08

Suggested Traffic Management on Back Lane and others

The Back Lane should remain a 2 way road. However, there should be 3 speed cushions put in place at locations to be agreed with the Presidents Association Kelly's Lane. One way out to Main Street Fagan's Lane. One way in from Main Street and to be in the correct lane when coming from Straffan Road i.e. not the filter Lane Coates Lane. For pedestrians only, while allowing the two businesses of the Lane to use it. Double Lane/Buckley's Lane. Two Way as at present

Main Street Improvements

Cllr. John McGinley got the following reply to his motion:

"That the following works be carried out on the footpaths at Main Street, Maynooth in the interest of public safety:

That the cycle track lines be repainted without any further delay and that the dirty signs be cleaned."

The thermoplastic paint, which is used to line roads, is not durable on paving slabs (such as are on the footpaths in Maynooth). As a result the lining has a short life. The contractor has been researching the market for a more durable product and he hopes to have new suitable product in a few months. The

Area Office will arrange to renew the lines when a new product is to hand and will also attend to any signs, which need cleaning.

(b) That the loose, broken and sunken paving slabs be replaced as they are extremely dangerous for pedestrians.

The Area Office endeavours to replace any broken slabs on the Main Street on a regular basis. However if the damage involves manhole chamber covers belonging to the utilities the issue is more difficult; it is not the policy of the Council to fund the replacement of utility chamber covers.

Fit Zone at The Harbour Field

Cllr. John McGinley got the following reply to his motion:

"That the proposed Fit Zone exercise area in the Harbour Field, Maynooth be funded from the €377,000 euro allocated to Community and Enterprise under the supplementary budget adopted at the monthly meeting on 28 January 2008. The €50,000 to €60,000 estimated cost can be used as matching funds as the Mid East Regional Authority have paid for the exercise equipment."

The report issued for the meeting of 15.2.08 was rejected by the members. These facilities are not specifically for elderly people and do not require perimeter railing-fencing as detailed in the report. It was suggested that a visit be made to Dunshaughlin where there is a successful exercise area in operation.

The Dunshaughlin site has been visited as suggested by the members.

As per discussions with the Members at the January meeting, the design of the Fit Zone in the Harbour Field Maynooth will mirror that of the Dunshaughlin project, subject to the availability of necessary funding.

Funding in the sum of €377,000.00 was allocated to the Community & Enterprise Section under the supplementary budget as adopted by Council on 28 January 2008 and included as a separate line item in Programme Group 4 Community and Enterprise.

Following discussions with the Corporate Policy Group, it was agreed that these monies be used to lever matching / additional funding for projects

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in community, social, economic and / or tourism areas.

In view of the above, the Community & Enterprise Section will investigate the possibility of securing funds for the Fit Zone project in the Harbour Field, Maynooth from other sources, on the basis that appropriate match funding is available.

Wall Repairs at The Pound (Green) and the Small Pound

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply to his Question:

"When will the work, for which €50,000 has been allocated in the Capital Budget, be carried out on the walls of the Small Pound and The Pound (The Green) in Maynooth?"

A design has to be prepared for the construction of the wall in Pound Park. This will be done over the summer months and it is anticipated that construction of the wall will take place in the second half of the year. There is no need for a design for work on the wall at The Small Pound and it will proceed at the same time

Dumping Prosecutions at Maynooth Re-Cycling Centre

Cllr. McGinley got the following reply to his question:

"How many fines and prosecutions have there been as a result of dumping at the bottle bank in the council car park, Maynooth?"

There have been 159 fines issued as a result of dumping in the Maynooth bottle banks during the period 12/10/06 to 01/03/08. We had 3 prosecutions – 2 very recently which we were awarded €250 fines and €240 costs. There are 2 more cases which have been adjourned and are due to be heard in early April.

Provision of a Youth Cafe in Maynooth

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

"That the 485sq.m space offered by TESCO Maynooth for community use, in Planning Permission 05/2371, be used as a Youth Cafe and that the layout/fit-out and staffing of it be decided in consultation with The

Health Service Executive, Kildare Youth Services, the VEC and the Leixlip Area Committee."

Installation of New Public Lights:

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

"That the Councillors allocation for this year's Public Lights Funding be allocated as follows:

1. 3 new Lights on the green in Kingsbry as proposed in ESB tender Ref: DG09 dated 28 August 2007
 2. New Light at house 100 Carton Court
 3. New Light at house 18 Carton Court
- Additional light in the pedestrian walkway between Kingsbry and Greenfield Close"

Silken Vale Taking in Charge to be Raised

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

" What progress has been made on the taking in charge of the main access road in Silken Vale, Maynooth?"

Lack of Footpath at Two Locations at Celbridge Road, Maynooth

Following representations by Cllr. John McGinley and others a design will be prepared by Roads Design Section of the Council for the construction of the sections of footpath missing on the Celbridge Road opposite house No. 1 Laurence Avenue and from the end of Cassells new houses to the Maxol Station. It was agreed that the work could be funded from the Deficiency in Infrastructure Fund.

COLLEGE AUTHORITIES TO REOPEN NEGOTIATIONS ON LANDS REQUIRED BY OPW AT MAYNOOTH CASTLE

Deputy Emmet Stagg wrote to the President of NUI Maynooth last December asking him to use his good offices to see if the purchase of a portion of land which the OPW were seeking from Maynooth College could be renegotiated given that the transfer of the land would allow greater use of Maynooth Castle and the previous asking price did not reflect the value of the land according to the OPW.

The Director of Corporate Services in NUIM has now

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advised Deputy Stagg that the President of St. Patricks College has now requested his property advisors to make contact with the OPW to discuss the matter.

Welcoming this move Deputy Stagg stated that he hoped a successful conclusion could be reached thus enabling the transfer of the land and thereby allowing for the possibility that Phase 2 of the Restoration Works to Maynooth Castle would become a possibility.

Just under €2 Million was spent on Phase 1 of the Restoration Works which involved the development of the ground floor vaulted areas for exhibition purposes together with access to the first floor and the provision of small-scale guide and visitor facilities. Phase 2 of the Restoration works which was shelved by the Government in 2001, would have seen the provision of a roof on the Keep of the Castle and an auditorium.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that if we can acquire this piece of ground then additional pressure can be piled on the Government to complete the Phase 2 Restoration Works once and for all make the Castle more accessible for the people of Maynooth and North Kildare.

Home Care for Elderly Handed Over to Care for Profit Organisation

Deputy Emmet Stagg has condemned the move to further privatisation of the Health Service creating a 'for profit only' regime that will exploit the sick and the elderly for profit when they are at their weakest. The latest manifestation of this is the launching of the private for profit 'Comfort Keepers' that is designed to replace the community based Home Help Scheme and Home Care Package Scheme.

I have seen the hourly rates charged by this organisation and it is obvious that the level of charges are such that the 'Home Care Package' provided by the H.S.E. will fall far short of the funding required to cover the cost of this private service for a full year. If there is to be a 'for profit' system the tax payer will end up providing that profit.

In the lead up to this privatisation decision the H.S.E. deliberately ran down the 'Home Help Service' with the most recent action a refusal to pay them the travelling expenses due to them.

I deplore this move from a Community Based Service to the exploitation for profit of the old and disabled. I say shame on Fianna Fáil for allowing this.

33 ADDITIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS WILL HAVE DIRECT ACCESS TO EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS

Deputy Emmet Stagg has continued to raise the issue of Direct Access for Primary Schools in Co. Kildare to Educational Psychologists.

The Minister advised Deputy Stagg recently that following the appointment of a further 2 Educational Psychologists to the Kildare Area an additional 33 Primary Schools in Co. Kildare will now have direct access to an Educational Psychologist.

The additional Schools in North Kildare which are now to receive the Service are as follows:

Presentation Convent, Maynooth * St. David`s N.S., Naas, * Primrose Hill N.S., Celbridge * Hewetson N.S., Clane * Scoil Brid, Celbridge * St. Josephs B.N.S., Kilcock * Rathcoffey N.S. * Maynooth B.N.S. * Kill N.S. * Ardclough N.S. * Ticknevin N.S. * Killina N.S. * Johnstownbridge N.S. * Kilshanroe N.S. * Scoil Na Mainistreach, Celbridge * Straffan N.S. * Newtown N.S. * Aghards N.S., Celbridge * St. Patricks N.S., Clane * Scoil Bhride N.S., Clane * Scoil Ui Riada, Kilcock * North Kildare Educate Together, Celbridge * Scoil Ui Fhiaich, Maynooth * Scoil Brid, Naas * Gaelscoil Nas Na Riogh * Timahoe N.S. * Scoil Mhuire, Donadea * Cadamstown N.S. * Clocha Rince N.S. * Broadford N.S. * Tirmoghan N.S.

In welcoming the news Deputy Stagg stated that children with learning difficulties in each of the National Schools will now have the chance to improve their educational opportunities.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated 80% of Primary and Post Primary Schools in the County now had direct access to Educational Psychologists and he vowed to continue the campaign until the service was available in every school.

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Marie and her Playmates

The Morning was very cold and the rain began to beat off the window. The weather man on the Television predicted snow. Marie sat by her window in her bedroom, she was reading one of her Famous Five books, and was engrossed in the story. It was early morning, her mother had gone shopping, and her dad was eating his breakfast, but she didn't have to leave for school yet. That evening the family were going to visit friends, who lived in the country. Marie who was eight, lived in a town, with her parents, and brother, he was sixteen and he was away at school.

She put away her book and went downstairs to get a drink, Polly, the maid was baking scones, for the tea and she asked her for a drink. Polly got a glass and poured some orange juice into it for her. Marie thought about when her mother come back from her shopping, how Polly would have the tea ready and she would join her mother in the breakfast room.

She still had some time before she went to school, and as it had stopped raining she went out into the garden. It was very big with large trees at the back, she loved to look at them as they were so majestic. She looked with an amazing eye up through the trees towards the sky, it made her feel so small and was one of her favourite things to do. Suddenly she heard her daddy leave for work, and knew she had to go to school too, so she went back into the house to collect her lunch from Polly.

As she ran into the house, her cat Fluffy, (called that because he looked like a big yellow ball of fur) scurried out from under the coat stand, and ran out into the garden. Marie ran into the kitchen and picked up her bag and went of to school. She left Polly in the kitchen, where she had a lot to do.

Marie concentrated on her work in school. At play time she was with the girls in the playground playing hopscotch, she was about to hop on a square when one of the boys football rolled over to where the girls were playing, the girls stood still, and the boys began to laugh. They asked the girls to give back the ball, but Marie said "we didn't take it." "Well could you just pass it back please" one of the boys said. Then Una (the wild girl in the group) said "come and get it yourself." All the boys began to laugh again. Marie picked up the ball and passed it back. The other girls looked at her with admiration. The boys went back to playing.



Going home from school that evening the boy with the football caught up with Marie. "Thanks for passing the ball back this morning at break" he said. She smiled back at him. "What's your name" he asked her. "It's Marie, What's your's". "My name is Rory" he said. They walked home from school together as they were going the same way. When they stopped at Marie's gate, she turned to Rory "see you tomorrow in school" she said. "Goodbye, see you tomorrow" Rory replied.

At home she had to eat her dinner and get ready to go to their friends, so she wouldn't keep her Mam and Dad waiting. Polly had everything ready for her so it didn't take long and she had time to go out to the garden again, looking up through the trees, she thought about the new friend she had made, and wondered if he liked trees too. Maybe he could come and play when the weather gets better?.

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Maynooth Community Games

Maynooth Community Games held the annual swimming competition in Maynooth College pool on Sunday 13th April. Results are as follows.

Maynooth East		
	Boys	Girls
U 8 Freestyle		
1st		Fiona Lynch, Nicola Ffrench
2nd		Ruth Millet
3rd		Martina Gilligan
U 10 Freestyle		
	Conor Lynch	Laura Millet, Alison Hastings
1st		
2nd		
3rd		
U 10 Backstroke		
1st	Conor Lynch	Laura Millet
2nd		
3rd		
U 12 Freestyle		
1st	Joseph Millet	Laura Hastings
2nd		Aoife Lynch
3rd		Donna Ffrench
4th		Sarah O'Keefe
U 12 Breaststroke		
1st	Joseph Millet	Lauren Hastings
2nd		Aoife Lynch
3rd		Donna Ffrench
U 12 Backstroke		
1st	Joseph Millet	Lauren Hastings
2nd		Aoife Lynch
3rd /Joint 3rd		Donna Ffrench
U 14 Freestyle		
1st	Jack Ffrench	Sarah Curran
2nd	Eoin Mc Comarck	

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Maynooth East		
U 14 Breaststroke	Boys	Girls
1st	Jack Ffrench	
2nd	Eoin McCormack	
U 14 Backstroke		
1st	Eoin McCormack	
2nd	Jack Ffrench	
U 16 Freestyle		
1st	Sean McKnight	Katie Curran
Maynooth West		
U 8 Freestyle		
1st	Cathal Quinn	
2nd		
3rd		
U 10 Freestyle		
1st	Fiachara O'Sullivan	Sorcha Quinn
2nd		Saoirse O'Sullivan
3rd		
U 10 Backstroke		
1st	Fiachra O'Sullivan	Saoirse O'Sullivan
2nd		Sorcha Quinn
3rd		
U 12 Freestyle		
1st	Oisín O' Sullivan	Brenda Finlay
2nd		Ainbhe Quinn
3rd		
U 12 Breaststroke		
1st	Oisín O'Sullivan	Brenda Finlay
2nd		Aibhne Quinn
3rd		
U 12 Backstroke		
1st	Oisín O'Sullivan	Brenda Finlay
2nd		Aibhne Quinn

Congratulations & well done to our **Under 6 Fergal O'Sullivan**.

Clubs, Organisations And Societies

Maynooth Community Games (continued)

Congratulations and well done to all the boys and girls and good luck in the County Final in Athy on Saturday 31st May.

Please note!!! Congratulations! Your child has qualified for the Community Games County Final which will be held in Athy on **Saturday 31st May**. We are in the process of arranging extra swimming coaching prior to this event. In order to fund this coaching there will be a bag packing day in Dunne's Stores Maynooth on Saturday 10th May. We would grateful appreciate if you could spare a couple of hours on this day. The more volunteers we have the better. Please ring Anne Lynch 086 3670486 for details.

Many thanks to Maynooth College for the use of the pool. Thanks to the lifeguard who were on duty the day especially Mairead Hynes.

Maynooth Boys & girls attended the **Kildare County Final in Art** on Sunday 9th March in Patrician Primary in Newbridge. Two of the girls came home with gold medals.



*Lara Feehan
Winner of
under 8 Competition*



*Sarah Curran
Winner of Under 12's Competition*

*Well done to both girls and good luck in Mosney
on weekend 23rd to 25th May*

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Pet Corner



Moving house with a cat

Clear out a secure shed or small room some days before your moving date. It must be escape-proofed and preferably lockable. Remove all contents so that the removers don't need to go in there. If you have a kitten pen, place that in the room. Get your cat used to eating and sleeping in his 'secure room' or kitten pen as sudden changes in routine can upset cats

On moving day, put him in his secure room or kitten pen with food, water, litter tray, bed and a familiar smelling blanket or towel and cat toys. If you have a battery radio, leave it playing on low to keep him company. Even if he doesn't normally wear a collar, make sure he is wearing one bearing his NEW address. Securely shut or lock the door (keep the key on your person). Unlocked doors can be opened in error during a house move so tape a notice to the door to tell the removers not to enter.

Prepare a secure, well-ventilated travelling cage and make sure it doesn't get packed with the furniture. You also need a litter tray and litter, water bowl and flask of water for the journey, especially for a long journey. On moving day, give the cat a light meal or, if he is a bad traveller, no meal at all. A vet may prescribe a sedative for the journey. Your cat must travel with you, NOT with the furniture. Once the furniture van has gone put your cat in his travelling cage and pack everything from his secure room.

When your cat arrives at your new home you need a secure room and/or kitten pen as before. The cat may now be hungry so provide food, but remember that an upheaval can upset a cat's system and make it sick. Make sure that no-one enters that room; if necessary, temporarily fit an out-of-child's-reach bolt on the door. Your cat may have to live in that room for a few days while you try to organise the rest of the house. When he is allowed to explore the rest of the house, keep external doors and windows shut. You will need to keep your cat indoors for two or three weeks to get used to his new home. If your cat is to be allowed outdoors, familiarise him with his surroundings by escorting him using a harness a lead for the first few days. Sprinkling some used cat litter (but not cat faeces) close to the house will provide him with a scent 'signpost'. Some cats settle in quicker than others. He will need plenty of reassurance and petting while settling in and it is critical that he wears a collar and tag, at least until he has settled in.

Dog Grooming

It is important that you get your dog accustomed to bathing and grooming early in life by starting off with small, fun sessions when your dog is a puppy. You must also choose a method which will be fun for you and carry it out only when you have plenty of time. If you are stressed or rushed when bathing or grooming your dog, your dog is not likely to enjoy the experience. Grooming your dog offers an ideal opportunity to also check its nails, teeth, ears and eyes, and to check for any lumps or scabs which may have developed since last time. Many dogs do not visibly need grooming on a regular basis except when they are shedding their coat. However, some breeds of dogs require extensive grooming on a regular basis to avoid widespread knotting of the hair and possible sores on the skin.

Tip for removing Cat & Dog Hair

One of the best methods that also happens to be the cheapest method is the masking tape method. It works in the same way as a lint roller, and just as well. Basically just buy a roll of masking tape and roll it around your whole hand with the sticky side facing the air not your skin. Then just tap your clothing or furniture with your hand. The stray hair will stick to the tape. Once the tape is full of hair, slide it off your hand and start again.

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Litter Bins Grant Scheme

The Council may be in a position to assist resident's associations, community groups, Tidy Towns Committees and similar organisations by giving a grant of 75% (maximum €750) towards the cost of bins provided by the applicant (s).

For further information, please contact the Environment Section of Kildare County Council, Arás Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas. Tel: 045 980588.

April change to payments to benefit over 3,000 carers (Part of overall €37.7 million carer's package announced in Budget 2008)

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick welcomes the announcement by Martin Cullen TD, Minister for Social and Family Affairs (31 March 2008) that over 3,000 people will benefit from changes to the Carer's Allowance and Carer's Benefit schemes which will come into effect this week.

The changes relate to a carer's income disregard (i.e. discounted income), announced as part of Budget 2008.

Increases to the Carer's Allowance income disregard provided for in Budget 2008 means that from Thursday 3 April -

*a single person can have an income of €332.50 per week

*a couple can have an income of up to €665 per week

This still qualifies for the maximum rate of Carer's Allowance.

The earnings threshold for Carer's Benefit is being similarly increased a carer with earnings of up to €332.50 per week can still qualify for Carer's Benefit from 3 April.

3,000 Carers will benefit directly from this improvement said Deputy Fitzpatrick.

"These April changes come on foot of increases in the rates of payment to carers which came into effect in January when almost 41,500 carers received an increase". Added Deputy Fitzpatrick.

Carer's Benefit also increased under Budget 2008.

Carer's Allowance is a means-tested payment provided for carers on low to middle incomes who provide full-time care and attention to a person/people in need of such care.

Carer's Benefit is the corresponding social insurance based payment.

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

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

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

The All Ireland Free Travel Scheme proves a huge success. Approx 800 Senior Citizens of Kildare Free to Roam the Country.

Introduced just last year, the All Ireland Free Travel Scheme for senior residents in all parts of the island, has proved a great success.

Minister for Social and Family Affairs, Martin Cullen TD, confirmed that over 40,000 older people resident in the State have received Senior SmartPass cards in this first year of the Scheme.

The scheme enables seniors (over 66) resident in the Republic to travel free of charge on all bus and rail services in Northern Ireland (NI). Likewise, seniors (over 65) in NI can travel free of charge on bus, rail and ferry services participating in the Free Travel scheme in this State.

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick welcomed the success of this scheme and hoped that the approximately 800 Senior residents of Kildare who are in receipt of this SmartPass are enjoying the benefits. "This All-Ireland Free Travel initiative has opened up limitless travel opportunities for older people all over the island which effectively provides a concession to travel without charge all over the island." Agreeing with the Minister, he also added: "This scheme is delivering a very practical benefit to older residents on the island both North and South and I would encourage those eligible for the card to make use of this special all-island arrangement facilitating unrestricted free travel for older people."

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Those wishing to apply for the all-Ireland Free Travel Scheme card may do so by requesting a form from the Department of Social and Family Affairs:

LoCall line 1890 20 23 25 open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Or at a Social Welfare Local Office (details of which are listed on the green pages of the phone directory and also on the Department's website) www.welfare.ie/contact/index

Cill Dara Ar Aghaidh Teo

The news that KELT, Kildare Community Partnership & The Oak Partnership are to merge to form one body, Cill Dara Ar Aghaidh Teo, has been warmly welcomed by Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick.

Deputy Fitzpatrick also expressed his appreciation to the three organisations, their boards of management, and staff who have worked successfully in Kildare. These companies were responsible for a range of activities including education, community development; supporting and mentoring new and emerging small businesses. "I wish the new body well and promise it my full support in any way I can" added Deputy Fitzpatrick.

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Aine Brady TD - Constituency Office Maynooth, No 2 Centre Point, The Mall, Maynooth - available to meet constituents every Monday. Please phone 01 618 3057 or 01 628 5257 for an appointment.



Aine Brady T.D.

Progress on the provision of Wheelchair Access at Sallins Rail Station says Brady.

Deputy Aine Brady, Convenor of the Oireachtas Transport Committee, has been informed by the Chief Executive of Iarnrod Eireann, Richard Fern, that a funding application for a new footbridge to facilitate wheelchair access will be submitted shortly to the Department of Transport.

'In January, I met with the Minister for Transport, Noel Dempsey TD, and raised this issue with him, following a number of queries from public representatives and commuters.'

'Iarnrod Eireann has now informed me that, as part of their general programme of access improvements, a new footbridge, with lifts to facilitate wheelchair access to both platforms will be provided at the Sallins Station.' stated Deputy Brady.

'A funding application to the Department of Transport will be submitted shortly and the lifts and footbridge will be installed in the next 12 to 18 months.' concluded Deputy Brady who had also raised the issue at recent meeting with Iarnrod Eireann.

Brady welcomes new Educational Partnership between NUI Maynooth and Intel

Deputy Aine Brady has welcomed the announcement by NUI Maynooth that it has reached an agreement with Global Computer Company, Intel, to provide an innovative ME degree programme (Master of Engineering) for Intel Staff.

'The National University of Ireland, Maynooth announced that it has reached agreement with locally based global computer company Intel to deliver an innovative ME degree programme (Master of Engineering) for Intel Engineers.' stated Deputy Brady who recently organised a visit to the college by Minister for Innovation, Michael Aherne TD.

'Ensuring that we build relationships between Knowledge providers and Industry is going to be key to maintaining and building our current employment levels. NUI Maynooth have launched a number of new courses recently and also now have a Commercialisation of research Department.' Stated Deputy Brady.

'Education, Taxation Policy and Social Partnership have been the key to our economic success. Now, we have to focus on investing in our Human Capital and this initiative will allow Intel Engineers up-skill and add value to both Intel and NUI Maynooth.' Stated Deputy Brady.

'Strong links between universities and industry are key to sustaining our employment locally. This partnership, which will see Intel Engineers commence their Masters programme in September of this year, will strengthen Intel and NUI Maynooth.'

'This announcement comes on the back of a funding boost of €4.9 million by the Government to improve facilities

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at the college and funding of €320,000 under the Department of Education's Strategic Innovation Fund – both recently announced.' Stated Deputy Brady.

'This is a very significant development at NUI Maynooth, and as stated by Minister John McGuinness TD at the Clane Chamber of Commerce AGM last week, it is important that the SME sector also continue to develop links with the University to build their businesses.' Concluded Deputy Brady who has highlighted in the past the value of NUI Maynooth to our locally based industries.

McGuinness outlines importance of Clane Chamber of Commerce

Minister for Trade and Commerce, John McGuinness TD addressed the recently inaugurated Clane Chamber of Commerce at their AGM in Clane during the week.

Minister McGuinness pointed out the importance of having a coherent strategy of small businesses, in a community like Clane, in dealing with relevant stakeholders including the Local Authority.

'It is important that the Chamber engages positively with the local authority on sensitive issues like rate payments, pay parking and resources. Effective two way engagement can bring about benefits to the Local Authority and the Small Business Community. We can no longer just have a negative approach to 'rates', we must take a co-operative approach and understand where every party is coming from.'

'Clane must derive benefits from the very significant resources at its disposal to assist enterprises in the area to flourish.'

Deputy Aine Brady stated

'Clane has many resources at its disposal. Clane is home to the Kildare Enterprise Board, KELT and has a very efficient local authority office in the town.'

'In addition, it is only a few miles from Naas, which is home to a growing Food Industry Sector. Naas is also a home to many service Industries, including in the Financial Services area.'

'In Leixlip and Celbridge, again only a few miles from Clane, we have one of the worlds most dynamic technology companies in Intel and HP. All of these

companies require addition services some of which could come from places like Clane.'

'With the very progressive work that is now on-going in transposing NUI Maynooth into a Research and Innovative led University, with innovation and commercialization of research, a key element of the new syllabus, we have the infrastructure locally to sustain and grow more local businesses.' concluded Deputy Brady.

Dublin Bus has proposals to Improve services in Maynooth says Brady

North Kildare TD, Aine Brady, has been informed by Dublin Bus that they have plans to improve their Bus Service to Maynooth. Deputy Brady raised the issue of an improved Bus Service recently.

'Dublin Bus has applied to extend and reschedule the Route 67 service to take into account Moyglare Road'

'There are a number of infrastructural changes required before such an undertaking can be completed including Moyglare requires a turning facility, a terminus, bus stops and shelters.' stated Deputy Brady who stated that these issues will now be raised with Kildare Co. Co.by Dublin Bus.

'In addition, Dublin Bus have informed me that they have applied for a statutory order from the Gardai to provide a Bus Stop adjacent to Griffin Rath on the Celbridge Road. The Bus Stop will be erected as soon as Dublin Bus receive the go ahead.' concluded Deputy Brady.

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

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

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

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

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"The changes relate to a carer's income disregard or discounted income which was announced as part of a €37.7 million carer's package in Budget 2008. This should allow even more carers to qualify for payment."

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

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

"I am very much in support of this change, which allows for further, practical supports for the important work that carers do."

"The upward adjustment to the income levels means that over 3,000 carers nationally will receive a weekly increase in their carer's payment with some carers now, for the first time, coming in under the net and qualifying for a carer's payment."

"The changes to come into effect this week follow payment increases which came into effect in January, further underlining the Government's commitment to supporting carers who do such vital work in our communities."

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

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

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

"There is also an opportunity to participate in the consultation process for the National Carer's Strategy which continues until April 18."

"The Strategy will set out the Government's vision for family and informal carers and establish a set of goals and actions in areas such as income support, health care and services, housing, transport, information services, labour market issues, programmes of training, social inclusion and research and technology development," concluded Deputy Brady.

Submissions on the development of the National Carer's Strategy can be made to the Department of Social and Family Affairs by emailing carers.strategy@welfare.ie; faxing to 01-7043457, or by post to National Carer's Strategy Consultation, Planning Unit, Floor 1, Department of Social and Family Affairs, Áras Mhic Dhiarmada, Store Street, Dublin 1.

Ardclough set for Community Bus Service says Brady

Deputy Aine Brady has been informed by OK Community Transport that they will provide a weekly service from Ardclough to Celbridge.

'I am delighted that we are making progress on the provision of a service from Ardclough to Celbridge. Currently Ardclough has no Bus Service and it is important that we try and set up a service which ensures that Ardclough gets connectivity to our public transport network and give some of our older people a service to link into Celbridge.' Stated Deputy Brady.

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'Over the last year, I met with Bus Eireann and Dublin Bus seeking asking them to provide a service. Currently there does not seem to be a Business Case to provide such a service, but I will keep in on their agenda.'

'However, OK Community Transport have now made the decision to set up a weekly service to and from Celbridge. The day of the week and the time of the day have to be agreed between Ardclogh Community Council and OK Community Transport.' Stated Deputy Brady who complimented both groups on the positive approach that they have adopted to project.

'I would urge the community of Ardclogh to make use of this service so that we can maintain it into the future for the people of Ardclogh. If the service does attract users, it will be expanded.' concluded Deputy Brady.

Brady welcomes increase in childcare benefits

Kildare North, Fianna Fail T.D., Áine Brady has reminded families that the increase in childcare benefits announced in the 2008 Budget last December are due to be implemented from April 2008.

"Budget 2008 saw Child Benefit rates increase by €6 per month for each of the first and second qualifying children to €166 per month, and by €8 per month for each subsequent qualifying child, to €203 per month."

"The early Childcare Supplement, payable in respect of all children under 6, will increase by €100 – bringing the payment to €1100 every year for every child under 6."

"The increases in child benefit combined with the early childcare supplement means parents of 2 children under the age of 6 will receive direct payments of €6,148 in 2008 that equates to over €118 per week."

"Child Benefit is payable to the parents or guardians of children under 16 years of age, or under 19 years of age if the child is in full-time education, FÁS, Youthreach training Youth or has a disability."

"These increases which come into effect in April will give a welcome financial boost to young families," concluded Deputy Brady.

Solution for Car parking at Confey Rail Station raised by Brady

Deputy Aine Brady has again raised the issue of Car Parking for Commuters at the Confey Rail Station with Iarnrod Eireann.

'At a recent meeting with Iarnrod Eireann, I again raised the issue of Car Parking adjacent to the rail station.'

'Almost two years ago, I suggested that Confey GAA should be contacted to see if the space which they have could be used as a Park and Ride facility for Commuters. I understand that Iarnrod Eireann have made contact with the Confey GAA and I hope that progress will be made which could benefit the GAA and the Rail Commuters.'

'The Maynooth Line will see further significant improvements, to improve the level of service, over the next couple of years. However, we must also make progress on Park and Ride facilities to encourage more people to use Public Transport.'

'I look forward to Kildare Co. Co. and Iarnrod Eireann working together to ensure that we provide Park and Ride facilities and ensure that the county benefits from part the funding that is available for such facilities.' concluded Deputy Brady.

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