

# MAYNOOTH NEWSLETTER

November 2008

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Teenagers

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Sudoku  
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Answers



*Pupils of The Presentation Convent with their teddies for the Third World with Margaret Houlihan & Teacher Doreen Duignan*

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## Editorial

No doubt about it as we head into the winter months, that the subject of the moment is the economy – not just in Ireland but Ireland against the backdrop of a European and indeed Worldwide threat of recession.

We have just seen the chaos and calamity that visited upon America and resulted in a 700 billion bail out of financial institutions, chief among them the casualties being giants such as Lehmann Brothers, Fanny and Freddie mortgage providers, etc. etc. etc.

As we speak, the Chairman of the Federal Reserve has announced that a further stimulus package may well be necessary in order to try and stimulate the economy into recovery and growth rather than into decline and recession.

In Europe, the Irish Government acted swiftly and decisively with their guarantee scheme to save our banking institutions and so residents with deposits in such banks are assured that their savings are safe. All these positive steps are taken with a view to instilling confidence in the institutions of commerce and ultimately in the economies of the world.

With this in mind, the Government has brought forward the budget by two months and we have all realised that each member of society and the community must play a part in helping to resolve our difficulties as quickly as possible even if at immediate loss to ourselves.

The issue of withdrawal of medical cards without means testing, from all over 70's, in order to re-issue according to means testing has quite rightly resulted in a revolt from our senior citizens, other members of the population and also from our politicians. Ultimately sense has prevailed and the Taoiseach, at time of going to press, has just announced that this measure will not now go ahead. Rather, the principle of means testing or qualification for such cards, based on single income limits of 36,500 and 76,000 for a couple, will still be retained but this will undoubtedly result in a very large percentage of our senior citizens being able to enjoy the security and benefits of such a scheme, while also reflecting a fairer system where those who are on good income will be able to pay for their own medical needs. The political system has been seen to work well : the politicians made a mistake, the general public objected and revolted, the politicians recognised their error, apologised and corrected their mistake – the way it should be.

Brid Feely  
Editor.

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# *Community Council Notes*

## **Community Council Notes 13<sup>th</sup> October 2008**

### **Night classes**

The possibility of having night classes in the Post-Primary School was discussed in detail. There has been correspondence between the council and the school and the VEC. The classes that appear elsewhere should be looked at and the possibility of making them available in Maynooth.

Night classes in the College were discussed but it was noted that there was a huge amount of night-time teaching in the University already with such adult education as Diploma courses.

It was agreed that an item would be presented in the Newsletter asking people to say what their choice courses would be. Other suggestions for feedback were: a straw poll at Tesco or a letter sent to the parents via the school children.

The Community Council would like to thank the people of the town for their contributions to the annual flag day.

There was a lot of discussion on the plans for a 24-hour medical clinic. Brian Noone has proposed this development located near his premises on the Straffan Road. T. McMullon outlined the plan including 14 consulting rooms for consultants, about 8 interested already, general practitioners and dentists. It would serve both medical card and private patients, they would have their own ambulance. The plan is submitted to Kildare County Council. The idea is based on the Spanish model. It was agreed to write to KCC to formally back the project.

Maynooth Community Council met with their counterparts in Celbridge in early October to discuss the fact that both towns were looking for Town Council Status.

P. Croghan reported that the meeting was very positive meeting and both in favour of the same actions. Agreed to work together and to meet in Maynooth this time on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2008.

The Planning and Development committee expressed their concern about the growing number of inadequate signage on shops and an increase in neon and inappropriate signs. They are asking for people to report these to the committee and they will meet soon to discuss the issue.

The Awards for the Tidy Town will take place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October in the Glenroyal at 8pm. It will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and they are asking that those involved over the years to be present. The Post-Primary School received the first Green Flag this year.

The issue of Traffic and Traffic Lights was discussed at length particularly since the new lights were turned on at the Glenroyal entrance. It was agreed to write to the Traffic Management Section of the Road Design Section to ask them about the lights and ask if it were possible to meet them in this regard.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin  
Secretary, Maynooth Community Council

# Poetry Corner

## Leaves

How silently they tumble down  
And come to rest upon the ground  
To lay a carpet, rich and rare,  
Beneath the trees without a care,  
Content to sleep, their work well done,  
Colours gleaming in the sun.



At other times, they wildly fly  
Until they nearly reach the sky.  
Twisting, turning through the air  
Till all the trees stand stark and bare.  
Exhausted, drop to earth below  
To wait, like children, for the snow.

*Elsie N. Brady.*

## November

November comes  
And November goes,  
With the last red berries  
And the first white snows.

With night coming early,  
And dawn coming late,  
And ice in the bucket  
And frost by the gate.

The fires burn  
And the kettles sing,  
And earth sinks to rest  
Until next spring.

*Clyde Watson*

## In Flanders Fields,

"In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below

We are the dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields."

*Colonel John McRae,*

## My Teacher Took My iPod

My teacher took my iPod.  
She said they had a rule:  
I couldn't bring it into class  
or even to the school.

She said she would return it;  
I'd have it back that day.  
But then she tried my headphones on  
and gave a click on "Play."

She looked a little startled,  
but after just awhile,  
she made sure we were occupied  
and cracked a wicked smile.

Her body started swaying.  
Her toes began to tap.  
She started grooving in her seat  
and rocking to the rap.

My teacher said she changed her mind.  
She thinks it's now okay  
to bring my iPod into class.  
She takes it every day.

*Kenn Nesbitt*

## An Autumn Greeting

"Come," said the Wind to the Leaves one day.  
"Come over the meadow and we will play.  
Put on your dresses of red and gold.  
For summer is gone and the days grow cold."

# Clubs, Organisations and Societies

## Maynooth I.C.A. Notes

In early June 2008 I approached Mrs. Duignan teacher of 6th class girls in the presentation Convent to teach the girls to knit. Instead of just knitting one item and when finished put into the bottom of a drawer forever to be forgotten. We came up with the idea to knit.

### "Teddies For Tragedies"

Doctors who treat children in the third world countries are asking for Teddies, as they have found that children who have their own teddies to cuddle in their cots get better quicker than those who don't have one. Each child keeps his/her own teddy and can take it home, so the doctors need a continual supply. The idea met with great enthusiasm and all the girls did great work producing different teddies each with own personalities (coloured eyes, noses etc. dicky bows, tutu skirts and multicoloured scarves ) in all 166 teddies were produced.

Some of the girls did not want to let them go but they knew were heading for loving arms. On that day Fr. Liam Parish Priest remarked of the industries enthusiasm by all.

"I could not believe I was met with such great spirit by all and I would like to say many thanks to all the girls and wish them good luck in the future."

This is a simple idea that anyone can take part in, if you wish to take part please contact the undersigned.

Margaret Houlihan  
President  
Maynooth I.C.A.



*Girls and their teacher saying  
goodbye to the teddies*



*166 Teddies*

# Features

## *The Month of November*



November is the eleventh month of the year in the Gregorian Calendar and one of four Gregorian months with the length of 30 days. November retained its name (from the Latin *novem* meaning "nine") when January and February were added to the Roman calendar.

The birthstone for November is either topaz, citrine, or aquamarine. The birthflower is the chrysanthemum.[citation needed]

November starts on the same day of the week as February in common years, and March every year.

All Saints' Day (also called All Hallows or *Hallowmas* often shortened to All Saints,) is a feast celebrated on November 1 in Western Christianity, and on the first Sunday after Pentecost in Eastern Christianity in honour of all the saints, known and unknown. In terms of Roman Catholic theology, the feast commemorates all those who have attained the beatific vision in heaven, while the next day, All Souls' Day, commemorates the departed faithful who have not yet been purified and reached heaven.

Thanksgiving, or Thanksgiving Day, is a traditional North American holiday, which is a form of harvest festival. The date and whereabouts of the first Thanksgiving celebration is a topic of modest contention, though the earliest attested Thanksgiving celebration was on September 8, 1565 in what is now Saint Augustine, Florida.[1] Despite scholarly research to the contrary, the traditional "first Thanksgiving" is venerated as having occurred at the site of Plymouth Plantation, in 1621.

Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November in the United States.

### **Thanksgiving**

The year has turned its circle,  
The seasons come and go.  
The harvest all is gathered in  
And chilly north winds blow.  
Orchards have shared their treasures,  
The fields, their yellow grain,  
So open wide the doorway~  
Thanksgiving comes again!  
~Old Rhyme



"The First Thanksgiving", painted by Jean Leon Gerome Ferris (1863–1930).

We Wish All Our American Readers  
" A Very Happy Thanksgiving"

# DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY NUI, Maynooth

SEMINAR SERIES 2008-2009

1st SEMESTER

Thursdays - 12.00 noon – 1.00

Theatre 2, Arts Building

16 October, 2008. Dr. Cyril McDonnell, Philosophy Department, NUIM.

“Reflections on the Finite and the Infinite in Husserl, Heidegger and Schleiermacher”

Response: Dr. Mark Dooley  
Chair: Dr. Michael Dunne

23 October, 2008. Dr. Mark Dooley, Philosophy Department, NUIM

“Saving the Sacred: Roger Scruton and Richard Rorty on Religion”

Response: Dr. Cyril McDonnell  
Chair: Dr. Mette Lebech

13 November, 2008 Dr. Wayne Waxman, Philosophy Department, NUIM.

“Universality and the Analytic Unity of Apperception in Kant: A Reading of the *Critique of Pure Reason* (B133-4n)”

Response: Dr. Cyril McDonnell  
Chair: Dr. Mark Dooley

27 November, 2008 Dr. Mette Lebech, Philosophy Department, NUIM.

“Edith Stein on the Body”

Response: Dr. Mark Dooley  
Chair: Dr. Cyril McDonnell

**ALL WELCOME!**

# Clubs, Organisations And Societies

## Return of MAYNOOTH FILM FOR ALL: FILM CLUB 2008/2009 Second Season



Kildare County Council Arts Service in partnership with The Centre for Media Studies NUI Maynooth presents the second season of Maynooth Film for All, film club.

### VENUE

The comfortable surroundings of the JHL2, lecture hall in the John Hume building, North Campus, Maynooth College is the venue for the club. Invited lecturers from various NUI Maynooth departments will briefly introduce the films and facilitate a short discussion following the screenings.

Registration date has already passed. For further enquiries contact Brenda Brady Arts Assistant Tel: 045 448328 or Email: [bbrady@kildarecoco.ie](mailto:bbrady@kildarecoco.ie)

- ◆ Membership is open to all over 18yrs. and costs €45.00 for a full season of eight films
- ◆ Concession € 20 per season
- ◆ Students € 2 per screening with valid student card
- ◆ Admission for non-members on the night €8

### DATES AND LISTING FOR REST OF THE SEASON

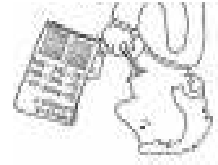
1. October 8 - Garage
2. November 5 - Lust, Caution
3. December 3 - The Diving Bell and the Butterfly
4. January 14 (2009) - The Edge of Heaven
5. February 4 - Taxi to the Dark Side
6. March 4 - Kings
7. April 8 - La Antena
8. May 6 - You Kill Me



For application form and more detailed information on the films see [www.kildare.ie/arts](http://www.kildare.ie/arts)







**Solutions**

Super Difficult								
1	2	9	5	7	4	8	3	6
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9	8	5	3	6	2	1	4	7
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Difficult								
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Easy								
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**Difficult**


**Super Difficult**


**Easy**


**Medium**

**Puzzles—Sudoku**

# Features

## Susie's Party

The school had just reopened after the summer holidays and all the girls were discussing their holidays, and what they had done. Susie was feeling very lonely because her mother and father were going on a trip for two weeks leaving Susie in the care of her aunt Bridget. She had one best friend at school but Tara was out sick today, so Susie was on her own in the playground. Her Aunt was a quiet spoken person but she was quite old fashioned as well. She did like her sisters child. She had no children of her own. Bridget was older than her own mother Nora, and had never married. Her mother had married Seamus thirteen years ago and Susie was born the year later.

Bridget was a person who wanted a career. She taught music at home in her own house. She also went to the local school on Friday's to teach the girls how to sing, and played the piano for them. Susie heard from one of the girls that day that the class snob Noreen was having a party in two weeks time. Everyone wanted to be invited to the party. Noreen lived in a big house and she went horse riding on a Saturday. She was very popular as well. The day came to an end and everyone left the school grounds and went home.

Bridget was waiting with a piping hot stew for Susie when she got home. "Had a good day " Bridget asked. "Yes it was alright but Noreen Byrne is having a party in two weeks. Her parents said that she could have a party". Her Aunt looked at Susie and knew that she was a quiet girl and didn't talk much. She was very intelligent but not outspoken like the other girls. Things had to be coaxed out of her. "Well who has she invited or are you not invited". "No she hasn't given out the invitations yet. Tara wasn't in school today so I had no one to talk to". "Will she be in tomorrow? "Yes I think so". "Well that should cheer you up". Then Susie did her homework and looked at some television.

The next morning Susie put on some make up and some lipstick. She wanted to impress the other girls and she wanted to look more grown up. She left the house without her Aunt Bridget seeing her with the make up on her face.

Tara was in school today. Susie was glad. "Well anything happen while I was away yesterday? " Tara said. "Noreen Byrne is having a birthday in two weeks time. What shall we do if we are not invited?" Susie replied "Well you see we have to be invited or we will be a laughing stock" moaned Tara. Noreen Byrne and her friends kind of owned the class. They were the class stars. Whatever they said everyone jumped to their demand. Susie hadn't much confidence but Tara put some in her. Tara didn't want to see her friend upset about Noreen Byrne. They didn't want to impress her just to go to her party but how else could they get invited. So they concocted a plan. They would let Noreen score a ten in her spelling test on Friday and they would get invited to the party. The next week Noreen came with the invitations for the party. Everyone was getting to go to the party. That means she would be getting thirty presents. Noreen was delighted about getting all these presents. Her mother however was only letting her keep five of the presents. She told her that there were other children worse off and to share them.

Now Susie had to think of a present for Noreen. Bridget was delighted that Susie was invited to the party. It would give her more confidence. She was an only child and was always been comforted by her parents if she got upset. This was the first time that they has left Susie on her own. "Well we will have to get you a new dress. We'll go on Saturday to buy one", she said

On Saturday morning Susie put on her jeans , jumper, and boots and went shopping with her Aunt. They looked in a few shops before coming to a cosy little boutique for girls. They went inside to the shop. There were beautiful dresses on display. Then Auntie said "which one would you like? She fitted on a few. She fitted on a green dress with a white collar and white cuffs. It was beautiful on Susie. "I like this one." It was expensive but worth it if she was to have a good time at the party. She also bought her a new pair of white socks. Now she was kitted out. Now to get the present! In the window of a stationery shop they saw lovely stationery sets. Would that be a good present for Noreen? It was bound in leather with Roses on the paper. It was a lovely gift. So they bought the gift for Noreen.

The day of the party came and everyone was there. Susie found that she didn't need to be comforted all the time. She was having a good time. Her auntie was right. It did get her out of her self and mixing with other girls was good for her confidence. She handed the gift to Noreen. "Happy Birthday Noreen." This was going to be a swell party and it was.

**Enda Clavin**

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# Recipes

## Chilli Lamb with Noodles

### Ingredients

- ◆ 25g (1oz) Flora No Salt spread
- ◆ 1 onion, finely chopped
- ◆ 1 garlic clove, crushed
- ◆ 45g (1lb) minced lamb
- ◆ 400g can chopped tomatoes
- ◆ 1/2 teaspoon chilli sauce
- ◆ 410g can red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- ◆ Black pepper
- ◆ 225g (8oz) noodles
- ◆ Fresh basil leaves, to garnish

### Method

Melt the Flora No Salt spread in a saucepan, add the onion and garlic and cook for about 5 minutes, stirring occasionally, until soft.

Add the lamb and cook for about 5 minutes, stirring. Stir in the tomatoes, chilli sauce, beans and seasoning. Bring to the boil, then cover and simmer gently for 20-30 minutes.

Meanwhile, cook the noodles according to packet directions and drain.

Serve the sauce with the noodles, garnished with basil leaves.

## Potato and Leek Pie

### Ingredients

- ◆ 750g Rooster potatoes
- ◆ 300g well washed leeks
- ◆ 1 onion
- ◆ 50g butter
- ◆ 300g puff pastry
- ◆ 4 tablespoons of chopped flat parsley
- ◆ 1 egg
- ◆ 100ml boiled double cream

### Method

Peel the potatoes and then slice very thinly. Finely slice the onion and leeks. Melt the butter in a pan, add the onion, and sweat for 2-3 minutes without browning.

Add the leeks and cook together until softened.

Add the sliced potatoes and cook for 5 - 6 minutes.

Season and leave to cool.

Roll out two thirds of the puff pastry and line a 20 cm dish. Roll out the remaining pastry to make a lid and rest in fridge for 30 minutes.

Mix the parsley with the cooled potato and leek mixture, and spoon into the pastry case.

Brush the edges with beaten egg and cover with puff pastry lid. Press the edges together, make a small hole in the centre and brush the top with the rest of the beaten egg.

Bake for 45 minutes to 1 hour at 180°C. Cover if it starts to become too brown.

Once cooked, leave to rest for 30 minutes before pouring the boiled cream into the pie through the hole in the centre.

Leave to cool and serve at room temperature.

## Lamb Hot Pot

### Ingredients

- ◆ 2 finely diced carrots
- ◆ 2 finely diced celery sticks
- ◆ 2 finely diced onions
- ◆ 1 crushed garlic clove
- ◆ 2 sprigs of rosemary
- ◆ 75g butter
- ◆ 4 large chump chops
- ◆ 150ml white wine
- ◆ 650ml good lamb or beef stock
- ◆ 8 thinly sliced Rooster potatoes
- ◆ salt & pepper

### Method

Pre-heat oven to 180°C / Gas Mark 4

Lightly cook the vegetables, garlic and rosemary in 50g of butter. Then remove from the pan and keep to one side.

Melt the remaining butter in the pan and brown the chops on each side. Then remove from the pan.

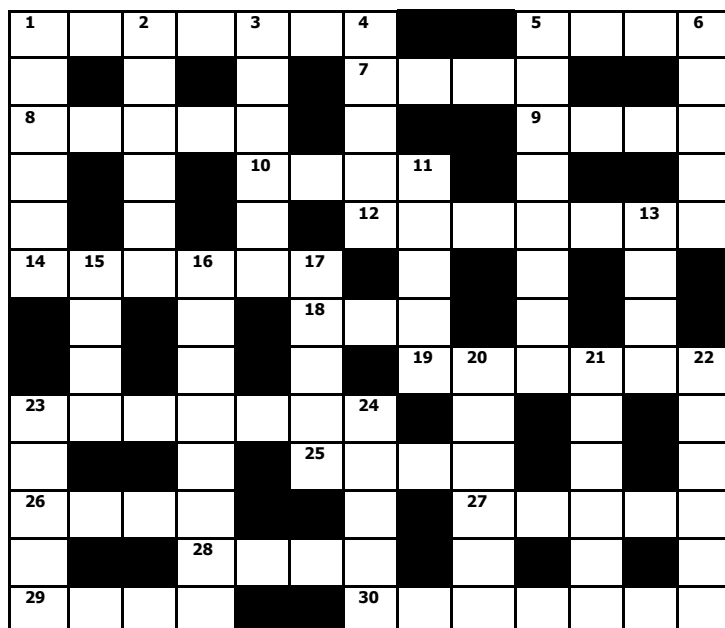
Add the wine. Boil and reduce until almost dry.

Add the stock and bring to a boil. Place the chops into a shallow braising dish and cover with the vegetables. Season with salt & pepper.

Lay the sliced overlapping potatoes onto the chops, pour over the hot stock, and place into oven for 1 hour. Be sure to baste the potatoes every 15 minutes.

# Features

## Crossword No. 72



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Entries in before: 17th November 2008

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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#### Across:

1. Turned (7)
5. Divide (4)
7. European volcano (4)
8. Bush (5)
9. Chinese porcelain (4)
10. Page of a book (4)
12. Dairy food (7)
14. Cave (6)
18. Craze (3)
19. Dessert (6)
23. Slatted (7)
25. Speed competition (4)
26. Greek letter (4)
27. Wanders (5)
28. Dusting powder (4)
29. Volcanic deposit (4)
30. Component (7)

#### Down:

1. Bad moon - - -, song (6)
2. Bullfighter (6)
3. Pill (6)
4. Hold - up (5)
5. Leaflet (8)
6. Close - fitting (5)
11. Henry - - -, US actor (5)
13. German river (4)
15. City in Nevada (4)
16. La - - -, Verdi opera (8)
17. Proposal (5)
20. Savage (6)
21. Refrigerant gas (6)
22. Nightfall (6)
23. Badge (5)
24. Reel (5)

#### Solutions to crossword No. 71

##### Across:

3. Spectacle, 8. Moan, 9. Regiment, 10. Locket, 13. Costa, 14. Plaster, 15. Lee, 16. Treason, 17. Cross, 21. Onager, 22. Infernal, 23. Gown, 24. Usherette.

##### Down:

1. Implicate, 2. Lancaster, 4. Perth, 5. Cagoule, 6. Alms, 7. Lone, 11. Stongbox, 12. Armstrong, 14. Pen, 15. Lozenge, 18. To let, 19. Ants, 20. Here.

Doodle Box

# Clubs, Organisations And Societies

## Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Know Your Rights

### Question

Do I have to pay any charges for a public bed in a private nursing home if I have a Medical Card?

### Answer

Yes you do, whether you have a Medical Card or not.

Under the Health (Charges for In-Patient Services) Regulations 2005 (S.I. No. 276 of 2005) people in receipt of in-patient services in a public nursing home are liable for charges even if you have a Medical Card. If the Health Service Executive (HSE) is providing you with in-patient care in a contracted-out bed in a private nursing home you are liable for the same charges.

The weekly charges, which have been effective since the 14th July 2005 are as follows:

Class1 - where nursing care is provided on a 24-hour basis:  
Total weekly income less €35, subject to €120 maximum per week.

Class2 - where nursing care is not provided on a 24-hour basis:  
Total weekly income less €55 or 60% of the weekly income (whichever is the smaller amount), subject to €90 maximum per week.

The following groups are exempt from these charges:

- People under 18 years of age
- Women receiving maternity services
- People detained involuntarily under the Mental Health Acts
- People in hospitals for the care and treatment of patients with acute ailments, including psychiatric ailments
- People who, in the opinion of the HSE, have contracted Hepatitis C directly or indirectly from the use of Human Immunoglobulin Anti-D or the receipt within the State of another blood product or a blood transfusion

The HSE may reduce or waive the charge where it would cause undue financial hardship.

### Question

I understand that EU/EEA nationals working in Ireland may be eligible for the One-Parent Family Payment without having to satisfy the habitual residence condition. Why is this?

### Answer

In May 2004 the requirement to be habitually resident in Ireland was introduced as a qualifying condition for certain social assistance payments paid by the Department of Social and Family Affairs, including One-Parent Family Payment. In general, to qualify for a payment under this condition, you must have been resident in Ireland or in Northern Ireland, England, Scotland, Wales, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man for the two years immediately prior to applying for a payment.

Since May 2005 One-Parent Family Payment has been reclassified as a Family Benefit. Child Benefit is already

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# Clubs, Organisations And Societies

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## Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Know Your Rights (continued)

classified as a Family Benefit.

As a result of this change the habitual residence condition is not applied to claims for One-Parent Family Payment made by EU/EEA nationals, or by Swiss nationals, who are employed or self-employed in Ireland and who are subject to the Irish PRSI (social insurance) system. They can also receive the payment if they become unemployed and are receiving Unemployment Benefit.

### Question

Are there charges if you request information from an organisation under Freedom of Information?

### Answer

There may be charges in certain circumstances.

Under the Freedom of Information Acts 1997-2003 (FOI) you have the right to access information held by public bodies, and in particular, the right to access information held by a public body about you and to have that information corrected if it is incomplete, incorrect or misleading. It also gives you the right to be given reasons for decisions made by public bodies which affect you.

Examples of bodies that come under FOI are government departments, most state and semi-state bodies, local authorities and third level educational institutions.

There is no charge for the following types of request:

- A request for records containing only personal information
- A request to have incorrect personal information changed
- Requests where you are looking for reasons for decisions taken by public bodies that affect you personally

An application fee of €15 must accompany requests for non-personal information. A reduced fee of €10 will apply if you are a Medical Card holder or a dependent of a Medical Card holder. This fee is in addition to the fees which may be charged for search, retrieval and photocopying.

A charge also applies in most cases where you seek an internal review or make an external appeal to the Information Commissioner concerning access to non-personal information. A fee of €75 applies to internal reviews and a fee of €150 to external appeals. The reduced fee for Medical Card holders is €25 and €50 respectively.

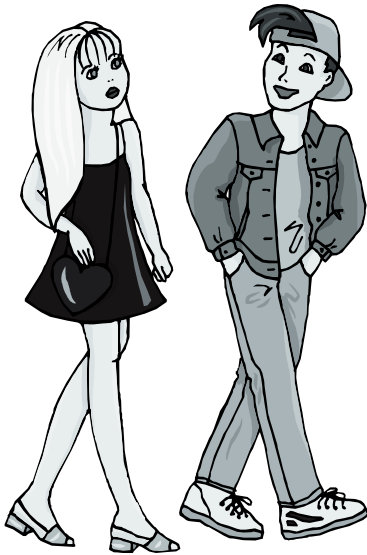
To make an FOI request submit the request in writing along with the appropriate fee, if applicable, to the public body, specifying that the request is being made under the FOI Acts.

**Know Your Rights has been compiled by .....Citizens Information Service which provides a free and confidential service to the public.**

Information is also available online at [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie) and from the Citizens Information Phone Service, Lo-call 1890 777 121.



## Untidy Teens



In the last newsletter, we discussed tantrums. This month, we look at the issue of teenagers and their untidy bedrooms.

If you are lucky enough to have a tidy teenager then you are envied by many parents! Untidiness, in most cases, grows at an alarming rate during the teenage years. Clothes on the bedroom floor, glasses and cups with liquids in the end that have often 'grown' into some type of fungus and so on. If you have girls, throw in lots of makeup, hair brushes and sprays, jewellery and make-up wipes!

Getting your teenager to tidy their room is not an easy task. There are however some clear guidelines that you can set. Pick a time when you and your teen are calm and discuss the problem. Don't get angry and shout about the room – this will only cause your stress levels to rise and make your teen very angry. This will not foster co-operation from the teen and will not help to solve the problem. When you are both calm talk to your teen about how their untidy bedroom bothers you. Tell them, respectfully, that you don't like having such an untidy room in the house. Ask if you can both work out a solution together. Listen to your teen with respect – remember you are trying to work out a solution not give orders. Some ideas to explore may be:

- 1. Do they need more storage space? Maybe some extra storage will help them to organise their space better.**
- 2. Can they make it a habit to bring down their dishes each evening?**
- 3. Talk about respecting their privacy by NOT cleaning the room for them.**

Remember to remain calm and ask the teenager to suggest ways to solve the problem. Write down suggestions, agree a plan and agree a date to review. As the teen has suggested some solutions and you have agreed the plan, this will place more responsibility on the teenager to solve the problem. Don't nag any more about the problem but wait until your agreed review date and discuss results then. In the meantime, encourage the teen by noticing any improvements - "I noticed that you brought the dishes down from your bedroom – well done, you are sticking to our plan".

Dr John Sharry, Dpsych, Msc, MIACT

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# Horoscopes



**ARIES—March 21—April 20**

You spend energy on your loved ones, an investment that will have abundantly fortifying returns. They are your core reason for being. Your lucky day is Monday, Number 12, Colour Red.



**LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23**

Learn from those who have overcome great hardship. Your enhanced perspective will keep you from piddling away your time on small worries. Your lucky day is Saturday, Number 1, Colour Silver.



**TAURUS—April 21—May 21**

Certain trains of thought are unhealthy, and you know it, though it's hard to stop yourself. Do try. If you have the discipline to break one thought chain, you have the power to create your life. Your lucky day is Saturday, Number 8, Colour Green.



**SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22**

It's warfare out there, and you'll do your share of bullet-dodging. You have as good a chance as anyone else at winning. Your lucky day is Monday, Number 19, Colour Grey.



**GEMINI—May 22—June 22**

You'll come into contact with certain people, who, as great as they may be, are still not the correct fit for you. Stay open to new possibilities. You have to feel that click, and after you do, nothing else matters much. Your lucky day is Tuesday, Number 14, Colour White.



**SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21**

You're definitely feeling the pressure. There is so much you want to accomplish before the clock strikes midnight. Your lucky day is Wednesday, Number 2, Colour Gold.



**CANCER—June 23—July 23**

You may review recent interactions and judge yourself according to how well you believe you came across. Go easy. The social you is only a version of the real you. You're a promising work in progress. Your lucky day is Monday, Number 6, Colour Blue.



**CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20**

It takes a huge, disproving realization to change your mind. Such an epiphany could happen this afternoon. Be careful with your finances. Your lucky day is Tuesday, Number 9, Colour Violet.



**LEO—July 24—August 23**

The details matter. You'll pick up important pieces of information from the scrap pile of numbers, receipts and messages. There's a hidden reward in there, and you're destined to find it. Your lucky day is Friday, Number 17, Colour Yellow.



**AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19**

You know you're crazy about someone because being around this person brings out every nervous habit or social quirk in your arsenal. Your lucky day is Friday, Number 14, Colour Gold.



**Virgo—August 24—Sept 23**

You're pretty sure something cannot be done; inexplicably, you try anyhow. The result amazes everyone. Magic may come when you let your curiosity get the better of you. Your lucky day is Sunday, Number 12, Colour Lemon.



**PISCES—Feb 20—March 20**

As much as you would love for someone to know that fantastical version of yourself you've created in your head, the real you is more lovable. Your lucky day is Sunday, Number 5, Colour Brown.

## Pet Corner

### *A Basic Guide To The Keeping of Horses*



#### **Grazing**

When considering the amount of grazing required, think of around 1.5 acres for the first horse followed by an extra one acre for every horse thereafter (this will depend upon the type of land, drainage, etc). The field should also provide some kind of shelter from the elements. Daily checks should be made to ensure that the water supply is constant, clean, and that ice is broken during winter months. Horses should ideally be kept with the company of at least one other to provide the companionship (and a playmate) they would naturally have in a herd environment.

#### **Stabling**

An important consideration on whether or not you can keep and afford a horse is the availability and cost of appropriate stabling and or suitable grazing, especially if you do not have your own land. Horses can be expensive animals not only to buy, but also to keep both on a long and short term basis.

#### **Shoeing Costs**

Unless a horse is not being worked or is in light work on soft ground, it is likely that they will need shoeing. This will need to be carried out every four - six weeks. Costs will vary from farrier to farrier (around €100per set). Even if your horse is not shod, it will still require to have its' feet trimmed as and when it is necessary, again usually every 4-6 weeks

#### **Worming**

All horses should be wormed on a regular basis, every 8 - 10 weeks. The careful maintenance of pasture and turning out paddocks is also required to ensure that horses are given the greatest protection against the infestation of worms.

#### **Veterinary Bills**

These will always be of an un-quantified amount required. Even in good health the horse will still require annual injections and vaccinations from a vet.

#### **Items Required**

You will need a saddle, bridle, irons & leathers, numnah (for under the saddle) a feed bowl, a haynet, water buckets, grooming kit, headcollar, lead-rope, tack cleaning equipment. The list goes on and the cost will soon mount up. Do not forget that you may also need more jodhpurs, wellington boots , and if you are going to compete you will need the correct dress e.g. hacking jacket, top boots, shirt, tie / stock etc.

### *Horseback riding safety tips*

- \* Choose a horse to ride that matches your riding skills. Be sure that the horse you choose is safe to ride in areas such as on the road where traffic could be an issue.
- \* Wear a helmet that's securely fastened and worn at all times while on a horse.
- \* Sturdy shoes or boots with about a one inch heel take good consideration.
- \* The saddle of a new or inexperienced rider should be furnished with break-away stirrups which is a safety feature which will help prevent falls and therefore keep them from being dragged if the horse does not stop.
- \* Riding with a friend can be more fun than if you are alone and it is always a good idea to bring along radio or a mobile phone in case there are circumstances that require immediate action.
- \* Younger children especially should always wear a back support.

## Features



# November in Your Garden



**N**ovember is the second last month of the year. It is STILL a good time to plant. You can still plant trees, shrubs, flowers and much more. For colour you can't go wrong with pansies, if planted now you can have beautiful flowers and colour until late April.

You can plant directly into the ground or in just about any container as long as it has good drainage. Plant them in an area that receives plenty of sunlight. Feed with an "all purpose" fertilizer. Remove spent blossoms regularly to encourage new blooms. You can also add stock, dianthus and snapdragons to this list as well. **Here are a few gardening tasks and projects that you can do this month to help keep your garden looking it's best for the rest of this season, and prepare for the long cold winter and upcoming spring.**

### Perennials, Annuals and Bulbs

- ✦ Make sure that the canes of your climbing roses and other vining plants are securely fastened to their supports. Winter winds can whip and severely damage unprotected plants. Don't tie them so tightly that the string or twist-tie cuts into the stem. I recommend using a length of an old nylon stocking because it will stretch as the plant grows, rather than cutting into the stem
- ✦ Mound five to six inches of soil around the bases of your hardy fuchsias and roses. *Use soil from another part of the garden, rather than risking damage to the roots by digging around the base of the plant.*
- ✦ Cut Chrysanthemum stems to 2-3 inches from the soil once they have begun to die back.
- ✦ You can continue to transplant your perennials throughout the fall and winter, as long as they remain dormant.
- ✦ Tulip bulbs may still be planted in the early part of the month.
- ✦ Tender bulbs should be dug up and stored in a cool, dark area after first frost. Be sure that your tender plants are protected from frost. Mulching with bark, sawdust or straw will help create a blanket of protection over the root system. Should the weather get suddenly cold, place cloth or dark plastic over your *tender plants* to give them some added protection from the cold. Be sure to remove this covering when the weather has stabilized!.

### Shrubs and trees

- ✦ One of the most asked questions at this time of year is "when can I transplant my shrubs and trees?" This month and throughout the next several months will be good times to transplant trees and shrubs. At this time of the year, most ornamentals have entered into dormancy, and can be safely dug and replanted. The key to transplanting is to dig a large root ball (*get as much of the root system as is possible*). Equally important, is getting the plant back into the prepared soil as quickly as possible, to keep the roots from drying out. (*Only a transplanting fertilizer should be used at this time of the year.*) Large trees or shrubs should be staked to protect them from wind whipping during winter storms. Keep them staked until the roots have a chance to develop and anchor them.
- ✦ Prune your evergreens to shape.
- ✦ Drain your hoses and put them away so they don't freeze and burst.

### House Plants

- ✦ Winter heating dries the air out in your home considerably. Help your house plants survive by misting them or placing the pots on a pebble filled tray of water to ensure adequate humidity and moisture.
- ✦ Pot up some spring flowering bulbs for indoor colour during the winter. Store the pots in a cool, dark place, until new growth emerges from the soil, and then move them to a bright window.
- ✦ A tip from The 1899 Old Farmer's Almanac "Useful Hints": "Keep all fruit stones (pits), cooked or uncooked. Dry them slowly in the oven, put in a large jar, and in winter throw a handful on the fire of an evening. They will crackle for a moment, send up a bright flame, and fill the room with a delicious aroma.

# Features

## Cattle shown to align north-south



*Cattle partake in some directional grazing*

### Have you ever noticed that herds of grazing animals all face the same way?

Images from Google Earth have confirmed that cattle tend to align their bodies in a north-south direction.

Wild deer also display this behaviour - a phenomenon that has apparently gone unnoticed by herdsmen and hunters for thousands of years.

In the Proceedings for the National Academy of Sciences, scientists say the Earth's magnetic fields may influence the behaviour of these animals. The Earth can be viewed as a huge magnet, with magnetic north and south situated close to the geographical poles.

Many species - including birds and salmon - are known to use the Earth's magnetic fields in migration, rather like a natural GPS.

A few studies have shown that some mammals - including bats - also use a "magnetic compass" to help their sense of direction.

Dr Sabine Begall, from the University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany, has mainly studied the magnetic sense of mole rats - African animals that live in underground tunnels.

"We were wondering if larger animals also have this magnetic sense," she told BBC News.

This sense may be quite widespread in the animal kingdom. Dr. Begall and Colleagues first decided to study the natural behaviour of domestic cattle. The researchers surveyed Google Earth images of 8,510 grazing and resting cattle in 308 pasture plains across the globe.

"Sometimes it took hours and hours to find some pictures with good resolution," said Dr Begall.

The scientists were unable to distinguish between the head and rear of the cattle, but could tell that the animals tended to face either north or south. Their study ruled out the possibility that the Sun position or wind direction were major influences on the orientation of the cattle.

Dr Begall said: "In Africa and South America, the cattle (were) shifted slightly to a more north-eastern-south-western direction.

But it is known that the Earth's magnetic field is much weaker there," she explained.

The researchers also recorded the body positions of 2,974 wild deer in 277 locations across the Czech Republic.

Their fieldwork revealed that the majority of grazing and resting deer face northward. About one-third of the deer faced southward.

"That might be some kind of anti-predatory behaviour," speculated Dr Begall.

Willy Miller - a Scottish cattle farmer - remarked: "I've never noticed that my cows all face the same way."

Cows are social animals: "[They] all sit down before it rains [and] huddle together in a circle formation during blizzards. But from a cow's point of view, that's just sensible," he told BBC News.

Professor John Phillips, a sensory biologist from Virginia Tech University, US, commented that this sixth magnetic sense might be "virtually ubiquitous in the animal kingdom".

He added: "We need to think about some really fundamental things that this sensory ability provides in animals."

The challenge remains for scientists to explain how the animals behave in this way - and if Scottish cattle are the exception to the rule!



## *MAYNOOTH TOASTMASTERS*

Following our exciting and successful competitions this week, our meetings takes place at 7.45pm on 10th and 24th November 2008 in Bradys Clockhouse Bar. We invite you to come along and enjoy a great nigh enjoyment. Toastmasters is a learning experience in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

You can get further information on [maynoothtoastmasters.com](http://maynoothtoastmasters.com) or contact Maureen Giblin at 087 2258020 or John Fleming at 087 2041334.

Looking forward to seeing in November and you might consider joining us.



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# FEATURES

## HUMOUR ABOUT THE FUNNY THINGS IN LIFE

"I'm not upset that your lamb followed you to school, Mary, but I would like to know how he got a better grade than you!"

Save on electricity by turning off all the lights in your house and walking around wearing a miner's hat.

Old telephone directories make ideal personal address books. Simply cross out the names and address of people you don't know.

Buy a television set exactly like your neighbours. Then annoy them by standing outside their window and changing their channel using your identical remote control.

Avoid parking tickets by leaving your wipers turned to 'fast wipe' whenever you leave your car parked illegally.

As the doctor completed an examination of the patient, he said, "I can't find a cause for your complaint. Frankly, I think it's due to drinking." "In that case," said the patient, "I'll come back when you're sober"

A man walks into a pub and sits down next to a man with a dog at his feet. "Does your dog bite?" "No."

A few minutes later the dog takes a huge chunk out of his leg. "I thought you said your dog didn't bite!"

the man says indignantly. "That's not my dog."

Bert took his Saint Bernard to the vet.

"Doctor," he said sadly, "I'm afraid I'm going to have to ask you to cut off my dog's tail."

The vet stepped back, "Bert, why should I do such a terrible thing?"

"Because my mother-in-law's arriving tomorrow, and I don't want anything to make her think she's welcome."

What you call dog with no legs?

Don't matter what you call him, he ain't gonna come.

You tried your best and you failed miserably. The lesson is 'never try'.

Energizer Bunny arrested, charged with battery.

I told the doctor I broke my leg in two places. He told me to quit going to those places.

When I was kidnapped, my parents snapped into action. They rented out my room.

A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kick boxing.`

I think animal testing is a terrible idea; they get all nervous and give the wrong answers.

# *Maynooth Tidy Towns Awards 2008*

## **Maynooth Tidy Towns Awards 2008**

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**Presented 22nd October 2008**

### **Best Business Shop Front Competition**

**Best new build - O'Neill's**

**Best Renovation – Charters (Estate Agents)**

**Best Traditional – Hula Bou**

### **Residential Awards**

**Small Estates (under 100 houses)**

**Cluain Aoibhinn (over 25 years old)**

**Pebble Hill (under 25 years old)**

**Estate Awards- Large Estates (more than 100 houses)**

**Railpark (over 25 years old)**

**Moyglare Village (under 25 years old)**

**Special Residential Award  
Old Greenfield**



Moyglare Residents Association being presented with their Prize



Bob O'Reilly ( President) , Catherine Carton & Tom McMullon.  
Catherine Carton received a Special Residential Award on behalf of Old Greenfield.

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## *Maynooth Tidy Towns Awards 2008*

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**Pupils from St. Mary's Boys School with their teacher Tom Murphy being presented with their Special Award.**



**Pupils from Maynooth Piost Primary School being presented with their Green Flag Award by The Mayor of Kildare, Senan Griffen & Aisling Kellegher**

# Party Political-Labour News



*Emmet Stagg T.D.*



*Cllr. John McGinley*

## Maynooth Labour News

### **FLOODING AT LARAGHBRYAN CEMETERY**

Cllr. McGinley was given the following reply to his motion to eliminate the flooding at the cemetery:

"The Water Services Section and Roads Maintenance Sections are currently reviewing the Capital Flood Alleviation Programme. This programme will be completed by the end of September and presented to the Local Area Committees at the October meetings, prior to presentation to the full Council. The Programme will include major catchment wide capital schemes and a commitment to provide funding to the Roads Maintenance Section for minor flood alleviation works as agreed.

Following the period of heavy rain in mid-August the Fire Service assisted in pumping out the floodwaters in Laraghbryan cemetery which relieved the immediate problem.

The Area Engineer has suggested that a possible solution to prevent the problem of flooding in the cemetery would be to lay a surface water pipe across the main road to the drain.

Estimates are being sought to have this task carried out. A preliminary estimate for this work is between €5,000 and €7,500.

Cllr. John McGinley asked for this work to be carried out as a matter of urgency in order to remove the stress caused to grieving relatives.

### **IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT THE PUBLIC CAR PARK IN MAYNOOTH**

Cllr McGinley was given the following response to his motion to improve the landscaping on the eastern side of the public car park:

**"The Council's Parks Department has been asked to assist in the upgrading of this area."**

### **PROVISION OF EXTENSIONS TO 66 AND 67 BUS ROUTES IN MAYNOOTH**

Cllr. McGinley was given the following update on the proposal to extend bus services:

**"Dublin Bus has yet to apply to the Department of Transport (DoT) for the extension of the bus routes and therefore it would be premature to hold a meeting with them and the Area Committee. However, it is intended to meet Dublin Bus when their proposals are prepared and submitted to the DoT for approval."**

Cllr. McGinley stated it is essential that Council engineers meet now with Dublin Bus in order to get agreement on the location of new bus terminus and the necessary traffic calming changes. He pointed that there was no point in waiting on Government approval before carrying out these infrastructural changes. This was agreed.

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# Party Political-Labour News

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## **ADDITIONAL PARKING MAYNOOTH TRAIN STATION**

Cllr. McGinley was given the following update:

**"The Council's Transportation Department has contacted the DTO to invite their officers or consultants to attend the October meeting of the committee to make a presentation on proposals for Maynooth Railway Station."**

## **SAFE ROUTE ALONG RATHCOFFEY ROAD**

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following update his motion:

**"This matter is still under discussion with the NRA Road safety division. The estimated cost of the works is €250,000. If agreed, a source of funding will have to be identified. The project will be listed for consideration for the 2009 Budget."**

## **SILKEN VALE ESTATE**

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following reply to his motion to have the main road in Silken Vale taken in charge:

**"The road in this estate cannot be considered for taking in charge until the public consultation process has been completed in accordance with the statutory requirements. There are still some outstanding issues to be addressed before the formal process can commence. Development Control Department will prepare a detailed report for the next meeting of the Area Committee."**

Cllr. McGinley stated the he was very disappointed with the report as his motion to have the main road taken in charge was agreed eight months ago. He demanded that there be an end to this long drawn out saga and that he wanted the public consultation process to begin at the next Area Meeting.

## **GREEN WATER PUMP OUTSIDE THE HULA BOU SHOP**

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following reply to his motion to have this ancient pump re-installed:

"This will be arranged and will be undertaken as soon as staff resources and work schedules permit."

## **HGV SURVEY ON MOYGLARE ROAD**

Cllr. McGinley expressed his disappointment that the survey of HGV's using Moyglare Road, Maynooth had still not taken place. He was given the following reply to his motion:

'An Origin/destination survey will be carried out on the Moyglare Road in the coming months.'

## **PUBLIC LIGHTS AT THE SQUARE NOT WORKING**

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the ESB to get the 10 "runway" lights back in working order.

## **BUS STOP AT GRIFFIN RATH ESTATE**

Cllr. John McGinley has asked to Dublin Bus to have the bus stop re-installed. It was removed by the contractor when the modern hardstand was being installed.

John has also asked them when the inward bus stop will be put in place at this location.

## **STAGG AND MCGINLEY APPEAL DECISION TO ALLOW APARTMENT BLOCK AT OLD GREENFIELDS/STRAFFAN ROAD JUNCTION**

Deputy Emmet Stagg and his colleague Cllr. John McGinley have appealed the decision by Kildare Co. Council to grant planning permission for 19 apartments in a 3 & 2 Storey Flat Roofed Apartment Block on the corner site at the junction of Old Greenfield's Lane and the Straffan Road in Maynooth.

In their appeal Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley reiterated the objections they had raised originally to the proposal pointing out that the building would be obtrusive at such a prominent location on the main entrance to Maynooth and the fact that the flat roofed structure would be in stark contrast to the character of buildings along the Road.

A summary of issues raised in the appeal by Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley included the following:

The proposal which works out at 28 units to the acre is excessive for what is an Infill Development in this old part of Maynooth where houses were first built over 100 years ago.

The proposal is out of character with the

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established built environment of the area which comprises cottages and dormer bungalows, many on their own individual sites.

The Building Height`s proposed will cause overlooking, loss of light and a consequent loss of privacy to residents bordering the site.

The proposal does not integrate with existing development in the area.

The excessive proposal will cause a serious traffic hazard given the nearness of the entrance to the site to the junction of Old Greenfield Lane and the Straffan Road.

There is insufficient provision of Public Open Space for the proposal.

There is a serious danger that the building of a basement car park and the demolition of a semi-detached house will cause serious structural damage to neighbouring dwelling`s.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley indicated that it was critical that An Bord Pleanala rejected this proposal given the prominent location of the site and the entirely inappropriate design proposed.

## **OVERCROWDING IN CLASSROOMS IN KILDARE A DISGRACE**

Deputy Emmet Stagg has condemned the Government`s repeated failure to reduce class sizes in National Schools in Co. Kildare and Nationally with repeated broken government promises subjecting a generation of school children, not only to sub-standard classrooms, but also to serious overcrowding putting immense pressure on teachers with the obvious consequence that slow learners will not get the attention they require.

The Government stated Deputy Stagg promised in 2002 that they would reduce class sizes for children under 9 to 20 pupils or less. They reneged on that deal and in their 2007 programme for Government again committed themselves to increase the number of primary teachers by 4,000. The plain and simple fact of the matter is that we continue to have the second highest class sizes in the European Union and not one of the additional 4,000 teachers promised in the Governments latest Programme of fiction has been appointed to address the issue of reducing class sizes. Additional teachers recruited since June 2007 are there to teach extra children enrolling in our national schools.

The Breakdown for Kildare for the 2007/2008 school year compared to the National Figures, stated Deputy Stagg, makes for grim reading:

	Kildare	National
% OF CHILDREN IN CLASSES OF 19 OR LESS	4%	14%
% OF CHILDREN IN CLASSES OF 20-24 PUPILS	20%	26%
% OF CHILDREN IN CLASSES OF 25-29 PUPILS	51%	40%
% OF CHILDREN IN CLASSES OF 30-34 PUPILS	24%	19%
% OF CHILDREN IN CLASSES OF 35-39 PUPILS	1%	1%

Deputy Stagg stated that the Government`s failure to address the issue of overcrowding in our classroom`s has led to the position in the Girls`s Presentation Convent in Maynooth where there are 2 First Classes with 34 children in each class. This represents a difficult challenge for teachers which they should not have to put up with if only the Government lived up to their promises and realised that Education was the cornerstone of our Economy and Society into the future.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he would along with his Labour Colleagues continue to press the Minister for Education and the Government to prioritise the issue of Class Sizes once and for all.

## **DRAFT PROPOSALS FOR CLOSURE OF LEVEL CROSSINGS ON MAYNOOTH SUBURBAN LINE WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Transport in relation to plans for the upgrade of infrastructure on the Maynooth Suburban Rail Line including the removal of level crossings.

The Minister has advised Deputy Stagg that Draft proposals for the removal of the level crossing at Reilly`s

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Bridge in Dublin City and at Clonsilla, Porterstown, Coolmine and Ashtown in Fingal have been prepared and are now with the relevant local authorities for approval in principle prior to submission for planning permission.

In relation to the City Centre resignalling project, which will increase the number of train paths between Connolly and Pearse Stations from 24 per hour at present to 32 per hour once the work is completed, the Minister advised Deputy Stagg that a sum of €7.5 Million has been allocated in 2008 to Irish Rail towards the cost of design and enabling works on the City Centre resignalling project and that this work should be completed by 2011.

Finally in relation to the electrification of the Maynooth Suburban Line the Minister advised Deputy Stagg that design work has also commenced on this project.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he would continue to monitor progress on the removal of the level crossings, the City Centre Resignalling Project and the Electrification of the Maynooth Suburban Line as all three projects will substantially increase capacity for commuters.

## **FF FINANCIAL MESS MUST NOT DELAY NORTH KILDARE SWIMMING POOL**

Deputy Emmet Stagg has reacted angrily to the response he received from the Minister for Arts, Sports and Tourism, in relation to the commencement of a New round of Grants under the Local Authority Swimming Pool Programme.

The Minister advised Deputy Stagg in response to a Parliamentary Question that 'Given current budgetary constraints, it is not intended to launch a new Local Authority Swimming Pool Programme at this time'.

Deputy Stagg stated that despite the fact that a sum of €184 Million has been provided in the National Development Plan 2007-2013 for supporting existing projects and new projects to be identified under a new round, we now have the Minister responsible for the implementation of the new Programme saying that he will not launch it at this time. This is all brought about by FF's mishandling of the Economy and has severe repercussions for the planned North Kildare Swimming Pool to be located at The Leixlip Amenities Centre Site for which Kildare Co. Council would have been seeking a Government Grant of €4 Million.

Over the past number of years various existing club facilities have been relocated at the Leixlip Amenities Centre Site to create the space for the Swimming Pool Complex itself. This work stated Deputy Stagg must continue and not be stalled by Government ineptitude as it is critical that the North Kildare site is ready for any further launch of the Swimming Pool Programme.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that he would be calling on the Minister to reverse his decision to enable Kildare Co. Council to apply for Capital Funding for the new Swimming Pool and thus provide the people of North Kildare with a local facility which they richly deserve.

## **11 ADDITIONAL GARDAI APPOINTED TO CARLOW/KILDARE DIVISION— SIMPLY NOT ENOUGH**

Deputy Emmet Stagg wrote to the Garda Commissioner Fachtna Murphy in relation to the fact that Garda Manning Levels in the Carlow/Kildare Division were the worst in the State.

In his letter to the Garda Commissioner Deputy Stagg highlighted inconsistencies in the ratio of Gardai to Population as follows:

GARDA DIVISION	NUMBER OF GARDAI PER POPULATION
CARLOW/KILDARE	1 Garda for every 575 people
LONGFORD/WESTMEATH	1 Garda for every 385 people
CLARE	1 Garda for every 342 people
SLIGO/LEITRIM	1 Garda for every 276 people
DONEGAL	1 Garda for every 312 people
CAVAN/MONAGHAN	1 Garda for every 319 people

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Deputy Stagg pointed out that he accepted that in City Areas the ratio of Gardai to population had to be higher but refused to accept the ratio`s for areas such as Donegal or Cavan/Monaghan.

Assistant Commissioner Corcoran responding on behalf of the Commissioner advised Deputy Stagg that nine additional gardai had been assigned to Kildare Stations since 31<sup>st</sup> December last and that a further 11 gardai would be assigned to the Carlow/Kildare Division by 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2008 bringing the total garda strength to 375 Gardai in the Division.

Whilst welcoming the additional allocations Deputy Stagg stated that they did not correct the present inequity in the matter of the allocation of Gardai throughout the Country. We may have a historical inequitable distribution of Gardai as can be seen from the above figures but that does not mean that action to correct that can not be taken now.

Deputy Stagg stated that he would re-contact the Commissioner calling for a major review of distribution of Gardai throughout the State with a view to correcting the present imbalance in Kildare, where Headline Crime has increased by 94% since 2000.

## **MINISTERS RESPONSE ON REQUIRED EXTENSION TO MAYNOOTH BOYS N.S. INCOMPREHENSIBLE**

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Education in relation to the appointment of a Design Team for the required extension to Maynooth Boys National School on the Moyglare Road, Maynooth.

The School Authorities stated Deputy Stagg were approached by the Department of Education in Summer 2007 to increase the size of the School from 17 classrooms to 24 classrooms. The School agreed to the proposal and nothing has happened since.

The Minister in his response to Deputy Stagg stated 'The proposed project at this school has a band rating of 1.1, the highest priority that the Department assigns to major capital projects. The first stage in the process is the appointment of a Design Team and this will be considered in the context of the Departments Multi-Annual School Building and Modernisation Programme and is subject to the availability of capital resources.'

Deputy Stagg has reacted angrily to the Minister's response citing the fact that the project has the highest priority rating in the Department and yet the Minister cannot even allow a Design Team to be appointed for the school which has 475 pupils at present. The Minister is consigning pupils to remaining in overcrowded classrooms placing additional pressures on teaching staff at the school.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he would not accept the Ministers refusal to allow this project to proceed to Design Stage and indicated that he would raise the issue further with the Minister.

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## Children's Corner

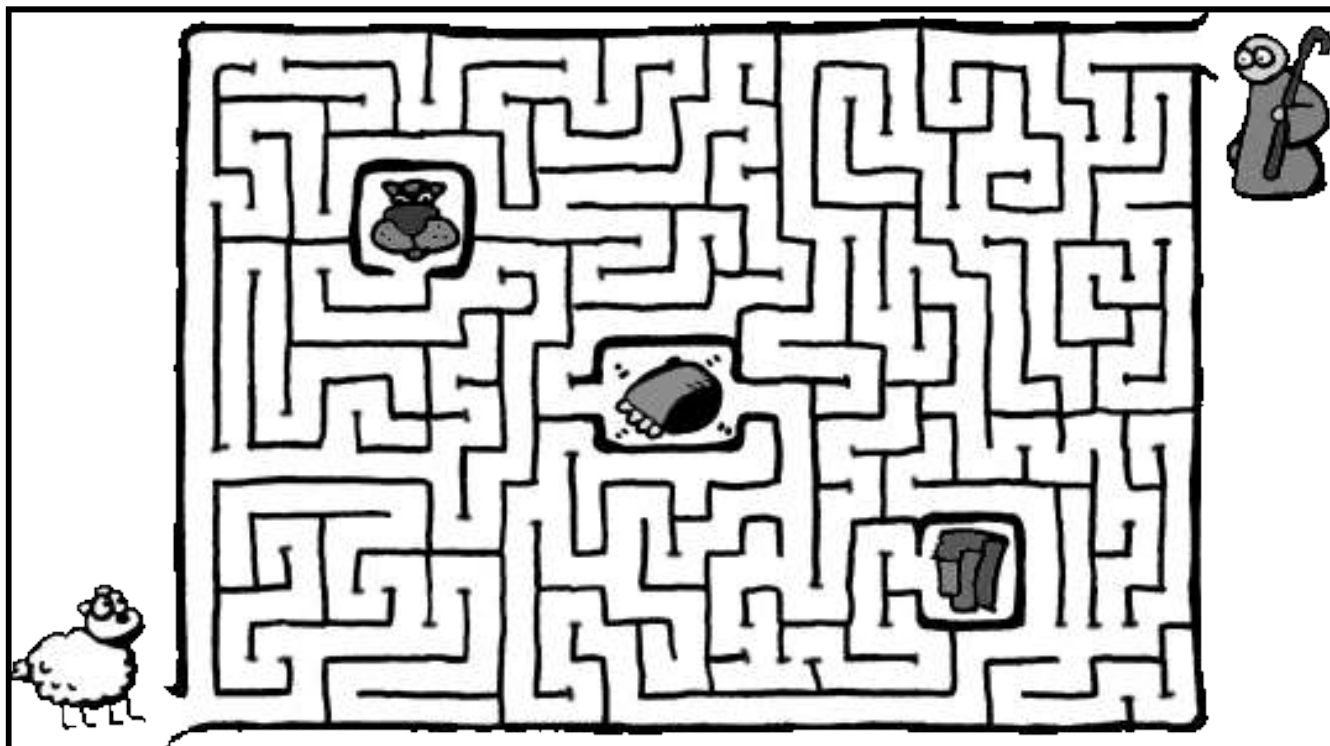
### Brian's first day at School

Brian was so excited he couldn't sleep, today was his first day in school and he was up since six that morning. Now he was dressed and ready to go, but his mother was getting his baby sister dressed and didn't seem to be in a hurry. "Can we go now Mammy" he said. "Brian will you sit down it's only eight o'clock, we don't have to leave for another half hour" his mother said, but he didn't understand. They left soon after, and Brian hopped all the way to the school gates, but as they went into the classroom he hid behind his mother, there were so many other kids, he never thought about that, now all he wanted to do was go home. Tears welled up in his eyes, and he hugged his mother leg, "Please I want to go home" he said to his mother. She bent down to give him a hug, "its alright, there's nothing to worry about". Then he heard someone call "Brian" When he looked around Sean his friend from his road was over at the window playing with Lego, "look at this, they have all the wheels and windows to make a truck, do you want to help". He ran over to Sean and soon forgot how frightened he was, his mother came to say goodbye and said she would be back in two hours.

When all the mothers left the teacher called all the boys together, " now I need to get all your names and find you all somewhere to sit, as I call your name put up your hand and I will sit you at your tables". Soon everyone was settled and making new friends, Brian found he was at the same table with Sean and two other boys, they had puzzles and Lego to play with, but were more interested in each other. They found out that they all lived on the same estate, so could play with each other at home, this was more exciting then school as making new friends helped them all to settle down. At half twelve Brian's mother arrived to collect him, he couldn't believe it was time to go home, he said goodbye to his teacher and all the new friends he made, smiling as he went home. He told his mother all about his day but said he really missed her and baby Amy, now he wanted to go home and have his lunch, then Sean was coming to play with him. By teatime he was very tired, it had been a long day, and he would do it all again tomorrow. He knew he would miss his mother again but there was such a lot of new things to do he didn't mind too much, and he still had to tell his dad all his news.

## Puzzles

Can you help the shepherd find his sheep  
Follow the clue in the middle





## **People's Movement establishes branch in north Kildare**

Local members and supporters of the People's Movement met in the Glenroyal Hotel on 8 October to discuss the latest developments on the rejected Lisbon Treaty and the increasingly blatant manoeuvres by senior Government and opposition spokespersons to foist a Lisbon II on the Irish electorate.

Eoghan O' Neill, who chaired the meeting, stated that as a young person he was drawn to the People's Movement campaign because it "was run by volunteers giving up their free time to help get the message of the out there, not out of self interest or that we in some way wished to doom ourselves into economic crisis by voting no, on the contrary it was about protecting the ordinary Irish Citizen and worker from what could effectively be a race to the bottom for the millions and millions of workers throughout Europe." He concluded his opening address with: "We will need to organise and educate the electorate of the surrounding area to protect our democratic vote".

Following a detailed discussion, the meeting agreed to act on Eoghan's proposal. It was agreed to established a local branch and to campaign actively to encourage residents to send a clear message to local public representatives that the people's verdict of 12 June should be fully honoured.

The meeting was then addressed by Frank Keoghan, National Secretary of the People's Movement, in place of Patricia McKenna who could not attend due to a family bereavement. Firstly, he congratulated the meeting on its decision and assured members that the People's Movement "will actively campaign by using legal and political means to resist the profoundly undemocratic attempts of the Government and establishment political parties to foist another Lisbon referendum". He then detailed how "deceitful" the Brussels elite and high-ranking Irish Government ministers were in promoting Lisbon last June, in the full knowledge that, if carried, the Treaty :

- would have given this legally new Union a State Constitution which would have been identical in its legal effects to the EU Constitution that French and Dutch voters rejected in their 2005 referendums.
- would have fundamentally changed the EU by creating a constitutionally and legally new EU, while retaining the same name, the "Union". This legally new EU would be separate from and legally superior to its Member States, just as the USA is separate from and legally superior to its constituent states, each of which retains its own constitution.
- This new EU could sign treaties with other States in all areas of its competence and conduct itself as a State in the international community. It would also speak at the United Nations on the agreed foreign policy positions of its Member States.

He concluded by declaring "We contend that the Lisbon Treaty is an attempt to construct a highly centralised European Federation artificially, from the top down, out of Europe's many nations, peoples and States, without their free consent and knowledge."

The meeting concluded by congratulating Frank for his efforts with the People's Movement in helping to deliver the No vote and by arranging an early date to lay out a programme of local activities for the new branch.

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# Party Political—Michael Fitzpatrick T.D.

## Michael Fitzpatrick T.D.



Michael Fitzpatrick T.D.

### Deputy Fitzpatrick welcomes move by Government to stabilise Irish financial system

Fianna Fáil TD for Kildare North, Michael Fitzpatrick has welcomed the move by the Government today to stabilise the Irish Financial System.

This morning it was announced that the Government is safeguarding money placed with the six Irish credit institutions.

The measure is being taken to give certainty to customers and the market about the ability of Irish Financial Institutions to honour their financial commitments.

Deputy Fitzpatrick said:

"There has been a lot of speculation and concern about the financial sector in Ireland and in the world on a global scale in recent weeks, and the Government and the Minister for Finance, Brian Lenihan TD, are making this move today to ensure confidence in the Irish Banking System."

"This is further proof of the Government's concrete determination to protect the soundness and stability of the Irish Financial System in this time of global uncertainty."

"What the Government is effectively doing is safeguarding money placed with the six Irish credit institutions – the Allied Irish Bank, Bank of Ireland, Anglo-Irish, Irish Life and Permanent, Irish Nationwide, and EBS."

"The guarantee does not cover banks supported by an overseas parent, such as Ulster Bank, NIB, ACC or Rabobank."

"No financial liability will be borne by the taxpayer as a result of this guarantee. The Government is not subsidising the banks in any way. The guarantee is being offered to the banks on commercial terms."

"In taking this action the Government is acting first and foremost in the interests of the Irish economy and taxpayer."

"A secure and stable financial sector is essential for the Irish economy and this move is being taken with the best interests of the Irish economy and the Irish people in mind," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

### Fire Safety DVD "Tinteán Slán"

A DVD which aims to increase awareness of fire safety in the home and features schoolchildren, is to be distributed to every Primary School in the Country.

Recalling the Irish seanfhocail, "Nil aon Tinteán mar do Thinteán féin" Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick welcomed this initiative saying, "Everyone feels safe at home, but it is vital for children to be vigilant of potential fire related dangers in the home."

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The Fire Safety message in this DVD is communicated in an engaging and exciting manner, while not unduly scaring children.

Tragically, on average 40 people die in Ireland as a result of fires in the home, this most welcome initiative, being supported by the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government will help children be aware of the dangers in the home and how to deal with situations that might arise.

## **Ireland to seek brucellosis-free status – Fitzpatrick**

Local Fianna Fáil TD Michael Fitzpatrick has welcomed the news from his colleague, the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Mr Brendan Smith TD, that he is to apply to the EU for officially Brucellosis-free status.

"Minister Smith informed me that he is to seek brucellosis-free status for Ireland next April."

"The last confirmed outbreak of the disease was in April 2006."

"Securing this would enable Minister Smith to reduce some of the control elements of the eradication programme which would be very beneficial for farmers, particularly in relation to trade."

"The eradication arrangements have been disruptive and costly to farmers and to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, in terms of compensation and the substantial additional costs of testing and from the losses arising from the premature removal of infected cattle."

"The eradication of brucellosis will also bring considerable public health benefits. The disease was a significant threat to the health of farmers, vets and other people working in the agriculture department."

"Minister Smith paid tribute to everyone involved in the eradication process. The process has been disruptive for many, but the testing, depopulation arrangements, the tightening of illegal cattle movements, and the regulation of dealers has all been worthwhile."

"Minister Smith and the Department will consult with the farm organisations and other stakeholders with a view to establishing a plan for the scaling down of the programme over the next few years."

"Farmers should continue to apply sensible bio-security arrangements on their farms, as any new outbreak of the disease between now and next April could jeopardise the attainment of officially-free status," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

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## Features

# HANDY TIPS

**Use air-freshener to clean mirrors: It does a good job and better still, leave a lovely fresh odour**

**To keep lint and dust off glass top tables, wash them in a solution of warm water and fabric softener. Add one tablespoon of liquid fabric softener to one quart of warm water. The fabric softener will clean the glass inexpensively and will help keep lint from gathering on the glass. Also great for computer screens and TV's.**

**Get rid of pet hair on upholstery effortlessly by wiping the furniture with a slightly dampened sponge.**

**Windshield Wiper Frost Free Fluid: When you have to leave your car outside overnight in the winter, mix 3 parts vinegar to 1 part water and coat the windows with this solution. This vinegar and water combination will keep windshields ice and frost-free.**

**Polish jewellery. Drop two Alka-Seltzer tablets into a glass of water and immerse the jewellery for two minutes.**

**Unclog a drain. Clear the sink drain by dropping three Alka- Seltzer tablets down the drain followed by a cup of Heinz White Vinegar. Wait a few minutes, then run the hot water.**

**Get short-term relief from nicotine with drawl symptoms. As long as you're not on a low-sodium diet or have peptic ulcers, drink two Alka- Seltzer tablets dissolved in a glass of water at every meal.**

**When we visit toilets, bathrooms, hotel rooms, changing rooms etc, how many of you know for sure that the seemingly ordinary mirror hanging on the wall is a real mirror, or actually a two-way mirror??**

**Just conduct this simple test: Place the tip of your fingernail against the reflective surface and if there is a GAP between your fingernail and the image of the nail, then it is a GENUINE mirror. However, if your fingernail DIRECTLY TOUCHES the image of your nail, then BEWARE, for it is a two-way mirror !**

**To keep potatoes from budding, place an apple in the bag with the potatoes!**

**Zap garlic cloves in the microwave for 15 seconds and the skins slip right off!**

**If you have problem opening jars: Try using latex dishwashing gloves. They give a non-slip grip that makes opening jars easy!**

**To return discoloured socks to their original colour: Boil them in a pot of water with a few slices of lemon. The fruit acts as a natural bleach.**

**To speed drying time of big bulky items and jeans, add a dry towel to the wet items you're placing in the dryer. The towel will help absorb some of the excess moisture.**

**Baking Soda. 1/4 to 1/2 cup baking soda per wash load makes clothes feel soft and smell fresh.**

# Party Political-Áine Brady T.D.

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*Aine Brady T.D.*

## **Traffic in Maynooth raised with Kildare Co Co by Brady**

Local Fianna Fail T.D. Aine Brady has raised the poor traffic management system in Maynooth with Kildare Co. Co.

'In recent weeks many residents in Maynooth have raised the poor traffic flow system through the town of Maynooth. It took me 30 minutes to get from the Straffan Road to the Kilcock Road one evening recently and it is having a negative effect on the Businesses in the Town of Maynooth.'

'I have asked Kildare Co. Co. to view the situation at first hand themselves at peak times and suggest potential solutions.' Concluded Brady.

## **Rail Infrastructure set for improvement says Brady**

Deputy Aine Brady has been informed by the Minister for Transport, Noel Dempsey TD that the upgrade of the Maynooth Line and the continued improvements on the Kildare Route are still key elements of Transport 21 following Budget 2009.

'Iarnrod Eireann have plans to provide a total of 262 car parking places. At present there is a planning problem to be resolved with Kildare Co. Co. and I will be urging all concerned that this issue be resolved as soon as possible.'

'The new station building at Hazelhatch is being provided as part of the Kildare Route Project, a key infrastructure development under Transport 21. The new upgraded station will be accessible to mobility and sensory impaired customers, and features a new station building with a new ticket office, automatic ticket validation machines, ticket vending machines, customer lifts, CCTV, electronic customer display screens, help points and fire and intruder alarms. The station complex also includes a 400 space Park and Ride facility, benefiting customers in West Dublin and North Kildare, who wish access to the city centre, quickly and efficiently.' Stated Deputy Brady.

Electrification of the Maynooth line will also proceed as planned.

## **Medical Card – for the Over 70's**

I have received a large number of calls from residents in Maynooth in connection with the withdrawal of the medical card for the over 70's. I have made strong representations to the Minister to have the situation reviewed.

## **Traffic Calming – on Rathcoffey Road**

Deputy Aine Brady has raised the issue of traffic calming measures on the Rathcoffey Road in Maynooth.

'Over the last year, I have raised the issue of traffic speed on the Rathcoffey Road with An Garda Síochána and Kildare Co Co.

'While there is definitely an increased Garda presence on the road, I have called on Kildare Co Co to provide some speed tables on the Rathcoffey Road and also to provide a footpath from the Castle Dawson Estate to Bond Bridge.'

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'It would also encourage more walking to the town from the Estates along that road.' Concluded Deputy Brady.

## **Statement by Deputy Aine Brady – NUI Maynooth Award**

Deputy Aine Brady has congratulated NUI Maynooth on their award as "University of the Year 2008" in the Sunday Times University Guide.

'This award is recognition for all at NUI Maynooth who have worked so hard to improve the College's profile and broaden their academic base.' Stated Deputy Brady

'As a local TD, I am very conscious of the importance of a knowledge provider, like NUI Maynooth, in sustaining current Foreign Direct Investment and attracting further Inward investment.'

'Third Level Institutions are now a key enabler (in line with Roads, Broadband and an Educated Youth) to attract and maintain Industries. NUI Maynooth is making an impressive global impact through its teaching partnership with the locally based computer chip manufacturer Intel.' Concluded Deputy Brady.

## **Car Parking charge to be ring fenced says Brady**

Deputy Aine Brady has received assurances from Iarnrod Eireann that the net income generated from the Parking Charge at Rail Stations will be ring-fenced for further provision of Park and Ride facilities adjacent to Rail Stations.

'I am disappointed that Iarnrod Eireann are introducing this charge and in particular the weekly charge of €8, which I strongly feel should have been capped at €5. €5 is currently the weekly charge at Leixlip.'

'However, now that the charge is going to be introduced, Iarnrod Eireann have confirmed to me at the Transport Oireachtas Committee that the net income generated from the charge will be ring-fenced for further Car parking facilities.'

'Iarnrod Eireann have also confirmed that they are looking at options in Maynooth, such as at the Tesco site, to increase the capacity of the Car Park. In addition, they have also confirmed that they are now working closely with Kildare Co. Co. to ensure that further progress can be made in relation to Park and Ride facilities for North Kildare.' stated Deputy Brady who raised the issue at the Joint Oireachtas Transport Committee in the Dail on Wednesday (today).

'In the past there was not enough cohesion between the different bodies when Local Area Plans were been developed. From now on, Public Transport must form a key part of development plans, as we have to retro fit many facilities which should have been provided over the last number of years.' concluded Deputy Brady.

## **Fuel Allowance set to increase by 16% says Brady**

'The Fuel Allowance is being increased by 16%, bringing the allowance to €540 per year. The Gas Allowance will also be increased to €540 per year. ' stated Deputy Brady.

'Further information on the Household Benefit Scheme and Fuel Allowance Scheme can be obtained from the Department of Social Affairs on 1 890 66 22 44 or 01 7043000.' concluded Deputy Brady.

## **Brady urges Kildare Small Businesses to check out Training Programmes**

Deputy Aine Brady has been informed by Kildare County Enterprise Board that it will again roll out its Autumn Training Programme this year, commencing in late September.

'Kildare Enterprise Board has introduced some new workshops / seminars in their training programmes this Autumn. New seminars include – An Introduction to doing Business in China, The Art of Negotiation, Saving on

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Energy Costs and Effective Leadership.'

'Small businesses are the backbone of our economy, currently employing 800,000 in the country. We must continue to support them by introducing measures to reduce red tape, role out of the Tech-Check programme and continue to implement the recommendations from the Small Business Forum report.' Stated Deputy Brady.

'Kildare County Enterprise Board (KCEB) and its Chief Executive Donal Dalton, deserve great credit for updating its programme so that their courses are relevant in a changing business environment. Details of all the courses available can be obtained from the Board on **045 861 707**.'

'Earlier this year the Government announced a revised Research and Development Grant Scheme which will be available to companies across all sectors, including construction and services companies. Details of the grants can be obtained from the Department of Enterprise ' (01 631 2121 or [www.entemp.ie](http://www.entemp.ie)).concluded Deputy Brady.

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## -Maud's - Maynooth Community Calendar



"Maud's Community Calendar" is A Fundraising initiative from "Maud's MerryMaids" in which we are asking fellow companies from The "Maynooth" Area to join with us in Supporting Our Chosen Charity of The Year. Each Year Our Maids/Staff select a Charity and together we organise Fundraising events and initiatives to support our chosen Charity. The chosen Charity for 2008-2009 is the "Children to Lapland Appeal"

The "The Children to Lapland Appeal" a charity which each year brings sick and terminally ill Children to Lapland for a one day trip to visit the real Santy. We are hoping to send at least 10 sick and terminally ill Children from the "Maynooth" area to Lapland through this initiative. We are asking fellow companies in the "Maynooth" area to support us in our endeavours by sponsoring an advertisement in the "Maynooth" Community Calendar" An annual publication delivered to over 5,000 Homes in The Maynooth Area.

The Calendar will consist of 15 advertisements around a 2009 calendar and printed a5 in Full Colour. Each advertisement will cost just € 295 for a full year (Excluding vat) this will prove to be a worthy investment by companies whose audience is the "Maynooth" household and it is anticipated that the householder will keep this well designed product and refer to it during the year.

I hope that you will join with us and take out an advertisement in this wonderful Calendar.

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