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Fun in The Summer Camps



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Editorial

I think there is no doubt that the " summer " as experienced so far has been a complete washout. Day after day of constant heavy rain with strong winds and dense dark clouds are not what we would hope or expect at this time of year.

It almost seems appropriate or maybe coincidental that it matches the dark, gloomy and depressive constant reports that we are bombarded with via newspapers, radio and tv reports with regard to the economy and the short term outlook.

While there is little we can do to change the weather, except make the most of it, or try and take evasive action and get a good deal on a holiday abroad if possible and if we are lucky enough, there are things we can do to help avoid the worst consequences of an economic downturn.

We can do our best on an individual basis, on a company by company basis, to ensure that we give 100% effort to our work, that we cut our expenses and outlays to the best we can, that we work together, that we do all we can to maintain a positive perspective on our role in the economy etc etc. In my view, particularly as experienced in the residential property market, constant bad news reports and negativity without doubt contributes to an expansion of bad consequences. A recent article by one economist advising that nobody should buy property for the next 1 to 2 years, received premium exposure in a national newspaper and was the subject of a long detailed report on the national radio airwaves. This one economist without doubt has contributed to at least some people deciding not to buy, and the issue is it is only his personal opinion – many others would contradict his outlook and advise that if a person is selling now at a lower price than they would have achieved a year or two ago, the balance is maintained, because in turn they can buy their next house at a lower level than they would have a year or so ago, also. This is what makes the world go around, particularly the economic world. Its not all gloom and doom, opportunity presents itself if we go looking for it. Many would in fact advise purchasers that now is a good time to buy as prices will no doubt turn the corner and start to increase again, albeit at a slower rate.

Brid Feely
Editor.

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Features

Facts about September

Gemstone: **Sapphire**
Flower: **Aster**

The name September comes from the old Roman word 'septem', which means seven, because in the Roman calendar it was the seventh month. The Anglo-Saxons called it Gerst monath (Barley month), because it was their time when they harvested, or Harvest month.

The Romans believed that the month of September was looked after by the god Vulcan. As the god of the fire and forge they therefore expected September to be associated with fires, volcanic eruptions and earthquakes.

Corn Dolly

There is a custom of making corn dollies. A corn dolly was supposed to have been the spirit of the corn goddess and dates back hundreds of years. People believed that the corn goddess lived in the corn and would die when the corn was harvested unless some of it was saved. So to make sure the corn goddess stayed alive until next spring sowing, a corn dolly was made from the last sheaf of corn for the corn goddess to rest in until the next season.

Great Fire of London

The Great Fire of London, which started on 2nd September, 1666, at the house of a baker named Farrynnes in Pudding Lane, destroyed two-thirds of the city. Included in the destruction were 899 churches, 13,200 houses and 430 streets.

America's Day of Terror

On 11th September 2001 nineteen al-Qaida terrorists hijacked four passenger airlines, flying two of them into the twin towers of the World Trade Centre and one into the Pentagon. The fourth crashed into a field near Pittsburgh. Nearly 3,000 people were killed in the attacks.

Food in Season in September

Damsons and plums

Damsons are blue-black fruit which look like small plums. They can be eaten raw when ripe but there is as much stone as there is flesh. They are best

cooked, which brings out their sweet, spicy flavour, and put into pies and crumbles, jams, jellies, ice cream, fools and sorbets. An old English recipe using damsons is damson cheese, which is a rich confection of fruit, potted and aged before eating. Many winemakers are eager to harvest the fruit for their home brew.

Try some damson recipes.

Blackberries

Blackberries can be gathered as soon as they ripen from red berries into dark, plump berries and can be eaten fresh (they only keep for a short time) or preserved into excellent jelly or jam - although the latter can be a bit 'pippy'. They are also delicious in pies, crumbles, ice cream, fools and summer puddings. They are a natural partner for the first of the cooking apples. Blackberry and apple jam and crumble are popular recipes. Blackberries also make an excellent match for rich or gamey meat such as venison, lamb or pheasant.

Try some blackberry recipes.

Autumn lamb

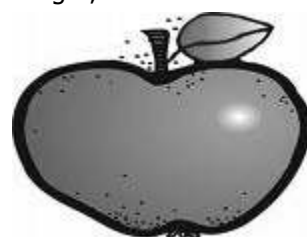
Autumn lamb is available until the end of October and tends to have more flavour than spring lamb owing to the maturity of the meat. It is the perfect partner to other autumnal produce such as orchard fruit and root vegetables. A butterfly boned leg of lamb cooks wonderfully on the barbecue for late summer days. Autumn lamb should be readily available from butchers and supermarkets. Look out for bright red meat and white fat as a sign of freshness.

(See our Recipe features Lamb Chops with Rosemary)

Apples

Worcester Pearmain, Bramleys, Discoveries, Early Windsors and Cox's Orange Pippins should all be making an appearance this month. Some of these are available in supermarkets, but searching out local growers and visiting orchards will give you an even wider choice and the apples should be at their freshest. Use Bramleys in pies and crumbles, or bake them whole with some brown sugar, butter and spices. Slices of caramelised apple also go wonderfully with meat, especially pork.

See our Recipe feature for Rhubarb and Fruit Crumble



Poetry Corner

Growth

Seedlings blow everywhere in a purring breeze
Resting on defined ground of fertile growth
All life's vegetable grows such as these
As a gardener sows his domestic seed onward
forth
Brown soil of earth been a foundation of life
Trees of all sizes care the country green land
As for the rain they grow with little plight
Fruit and veg grow with help of mother nature's
hand

Both soil and rain together a blessing to us all
Without their elements mankind world never survive

A miracle to us all is this nature's call
Keeping man and vegetation together so alive
What is the miracle force that makes everything
grow

Along valleys and hills caressed by the sky
Of this gifted growth we do not know
On the blowing meadows in ecstasy I lye.

Patrick Murray

The Rainbow

MY heart leaps up when I behold
A rainbow in the sky:

So was it when my life began;
So is it now I am a man;
So be it when I shall grow
Or let me die!

The Child is father of the Man;
I could wish my days to be
Bound each to each by natural piety.

William Wordsworth. 1770-1850

"I Would I Were a Careless Child"

I would I were a careless child,
Still dwelling in my Highland cave,
Or roaming through the dusky wild,
Or bounding o'er the dark blue wave;
The cumbrous pomp of Saxon pride,
Accords not with the freeborn soul,
Which loves the mountain's craggy side,
And seeks the rocks where billows roll.

Fortune! Take back these cultur'd lands,
Take back this name of splendid sound!
I hate the touch of servile hands,
I hate the slaves that cringe around:
Place me among the rocks I love,
Which sound to Ocean's wildest roar;
I ask but this – again to rove
Through scenes my youth hath known before.

Few are my years, and yet I feel
The World was ne'er design'd for me:
Ah! Why do dark'ning shades conceal
The hour when man must cease to be?
A visionary scene of bliss:
Truth – wherefore did thy hated beam
Awake me to a world like this?

I lov'd – but those I lov'd are gone;
Had friends – my early friends are fled:
How cheerless feels the heart alone,
When all its former hopes are dead!
Though gay companions o'er the bowl
Dispel awhile the sense of ill;
Though Pleasure stirs the maddening soul,
The heart – the heart – is lonely still.

How dull! to hear the voice of those
Whom Rank of Chance, whom Wealth or Power,
Have made, though neither friends nor foes,
Associates of the festive hour.
Give me again a faithful few,
In years and feelings still the same,
And I will fly the midnight crew,
Where boist'rous Joy is but a name.

And Woman, lovely Woman! thou,
My hope, my comforter, my all!
How cold must be my bosom now,
When e'en thy smiles begin to pall!
Without a sigh would I resign,
This busy scene of splendid Woe,
To make that calm contentment mine,
Which Virtue knows, or seems to know.

Fain would I fly the haunts of men –
 I seek to shun, not hate mankind;
 My breast requires the sullen glen,
 Whose gloom may suit a darken'd mind.
 Oh! that to me the wings were given,
 Which bear the turtle to her nest!
 Then would I cleave the vault of Heaven,
 To flee away, and be at rest.

Lord Byron (1788-1824)

Features

HANDY TIPS

DAMAGED, DRY HAIR:

A nourishing conditioner for dry or damaged hair which can be used for all hair types: Separate the white of an egg from the yolk, whip it to a peak. Add 1 Tbls. water to the yolk and blend until the mixture is creamy. Then mix the white and yolk together. Wet your hair with warm water, remove the excess moisture, and apply the mixture to your scalp with your fingertips. Massage gently until the froth is worked into your scalp, then rinse the hair with cool water. Keep applying the mixture until it is used up and then rinsed until all of the egg is washed away

ECZEMA:

Rub a whole nutmeg against a smooth stone slab with a little water and make a paste. Apply on affected parts. (Note: It is believed by some rural, old fashioned practitioners that instead of water, one's own early morning saliva can be used for better results.)

GUM IN HAIR:

Soak the gum-coated hair in Coke® and it should wipe out easily.

INSECT BITES:

Mix water with cornstarch into a paste and apply. This is effective in drawing out the poisons of most insect bites and is also an effective remedy for diaper rash.

MORNING SICKNESS:

Mix 1 tsp. each fresh juice of mint and lime, and 1 Tbls. honey. Take 3 times a day.

STOMACH ACHE:

A simple cure for a stomach ache is to dissolve 1 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon in 1 cup warm water, cover and let sit for 15 minutes, then drink it like tea. This remedy can also ease diarrhoea and flatulence.

SUNBURN:

Mix 2 tsp. tomato juice and 1/4 cup buttermilk. Apply to affected area. Rinse after 1/2 hour.

WARTS:

Try taping a slice of garlic to the wart. Be sure to first protect the surrounding skin with petroleum jelly.

WEAK NAILS:

To strengthen and shine nails, combine 2 tsp. salt, 2 tsp. castor oil, and 1 tsp. wheat germ oil and mix thoroughly. Pour into bottle. Shake before using. To use, rub a small amount into your nails. Leave on 3-5 minutes and tissue off. Follow up with more plain castor oil, if desired.

BRUISES:

Slice a raw onion and place over the bruise. Do not apply this to broken skin.

SORE THROAT:

Mix 1 tsp. lime juice and 1 table spoon honey. Swallow tiny amounts slowly 2-3 times a day.

COSTUME JEWELLERY:

Put a piece of chalk in your jewellery box to prevent costume jewellery from tarnishing.

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Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Know Your Rights

Question

I am starting college in the autumn. How can I get a student grant and how much is it?

Answer

The Higher Education Grants provides means-tested grants to eligible students on approved courses. Application forms are available from your local authority, which administers the grant. For the academic year 2008/2009 the application should be with the local authority by 29 August 2008.

The Scheme is also available to students who are attending full-time undergraduate courses of at least two year's duration in publicly funded third-level institutions in other EU member states, with certain exceptions.

The Family income limits (for 1 Jan—31 December 2007) are as follows:

Number of dependent children	Full Maintenance and full fees	Part maintenance (75%) and full fees	Part Maintenance (50%) and full fees	Part Maintenance (25%) and full fees	Part fees (50%) only
Less than 4	€ 39,760	€ 42,235	€ 44,720	€ 47,205	€ 49,690
4-7	€ 43,680	€ 46,415	€ 49,145	€ 51,880	€ 54,605
8 or more	€ 47,430	€ 50,400	€ 53,360	€ 56,320	€ 59,280

The limits can be increased by a further €4,815 where there are two children attending full-time third-level education, and further €4,815 for each additional child,

The maintenance grant rates for 2008 are as follows:

	Non-adjacent rate	Adjacent rate
Full maintenance	€ 3,420	€ 1,370
Part Maintenance (75%)	€ 2,565	€ 1,030
Part Maintenance (50%)	€ 1,710	€ 658
Part Maintenance (25%)	€ 855	€ 345

The adjacent rate is paid If you normally reside 24km or less from your college. Mature students will receive the non-adjacent rate in all cases.

There are special rates of Maintenance grants for disadvantaged students ; € 6,690 for the non—adjacent rate and €2, 680 for the adjacent rate. The income limit for these grants is € 20, 147. You must be receiving an eligible social welfare or other payment.

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Question

What is the Back to Education Allowance scheme?

Answer

The Back to Education Allowance (BTEA) scheme provides support to people receiving certain welfare payments in order to take a course in second or third-level education. It provides a weekly payment that is not means-tested, so it won't be affected if you are also receiving an education maintenance grant.

There are minimum age requirements depending on your circumstances and the course you wish to pursue. To be eligible you must be receiving one of the following payments:

- Jobseeker's Allowance or Benefit
- One-Parent Family Payment
- Farm Assist
- Deserted Wife's Benefit/Allowance
- Widow/Widower's Contributory or Non-Contributory Pension
- Prisoner's Wife's Allowance
- Carer's Allowance (after your caring responsibilities have finished)

To qualify for BTEA at second level, you must have been getting the payment for at least six months. At third level the requirement is usually 12 months in meeting these requirements, you can also include time spent on Back to Education or Back to Work Allowance, training courses with FAS or Fáilte Ireland, Community Employment or Rural Social Schemes, VTOS, Job Initiative, job Assist Supplement Welfare Allowance, or time in direct provision or in prison.

You can also qualify for BTEA if you getting illness Benefit for two years or more, if you are awarded statutory redundancy and are entitled to one of the above payments; or over 18 years and getting Blind Pension, Disability Allowance Invalidity Pension or Incapacity Supplement for the required time.

You will get the maximum standard rate for the payment that qualified you for the scheme. Also, an annual Cost of Education of €500 is paid at the start of each academic year. You may keep any secondary benefits you are getting but if your income increases it may affect your secondary benefits you are getting but if your income increases it may affect your entitlement to Rent or Mortgage interest Supplement.

You can obtain the application form BTE 1 from your Social Welfare office or the Lo-call leaflet service at 1890 202 325

Question

We have just returned from a package holiday in Spain. Unfortunately the holiday was a disaster as we did not have the hotel facilities that we were promised in the brochure. Is there anything I can do about it, in terms of making a complaint and getting our money back?

Answer

Yes, there is. The package Holidays and Travel Trade Act 1995 gives you a certain level of protection. If your holiday is not satisfactory or if the operator goes out of business. A package holiday is defined as one sold at an inclusive price that covers a period of more than 24 hours or overnight accommodation, and is made up of a combination of at least two of the following pre-arranged by the operator/organiser: transport, accommodation; or other tourist service accounting for a significant proportion of the package.

You are entitled to compensation if you suffered a financial loss as a result of relying on the information if you are disappointed at the quality of the holiday.

If the brochure was inaccurate, or things went wrong during the holiday itself, you can look to the tour operator and / or the travel agent for compensation. If you return from your holiday and your complaints have not been resolved you must lodge a complaint to the tour operator in writing within 28 days. If you are not satisfied with the response, you can take the complaint to the Small Claims Court for a fee of (€15 if your claim is for € 2,000 or less. For larger amounts you will need to take your claim to the District Court or the Circuit Court.

If your holiday is altered or cancelled, you have the right to either a replacement package or similar or superior quality, a lower grade package plus compensation up to the cost of the original package, or a full refund. Alternately you can sue for breach of contract, if, however, cancellation was caused by factors beyond the organiser's control, or the minimum number for the package was not reached and you were given the required notice of this writing, you will not be entitled to any compensation.

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If a travel agent or tour operator becomes bankrupt, the Commission for Aviation Regulation will make refunds to customers or arrange to transport them home if necessary.

Question

What is the cost of a Passport and how do you apply?

Answer

The cost of a passport depends on the type of passport you want and the rates are as follows:

- Standard ten-year passport for people aged 65 and over free.
- Standard ten-year passport for people aged 18-64 €75
- Large Ten-year passport for very frequent travellers €100
- Five –year passport for children age 3-17 €25
- Three– year passport for children under age 3 € 15

There are additional fees for urgent and for out-of-hours emergency applications.

The application form (APS1) for people living within the States is available from the passport offices in Dublin and Cork, Your local Garda Station and from post offices. With your application you must provide.

- Two recently taken passport photographs—the back of one photograph and the witness section of the form must be signed by a Garda Síochána
- Proof of citizenship—if it is a renewal application your most recent passport is sufficient
- The appropriate fee (see above)

If you are born in Ireland and it is your first application or you are under 18 years of age, the long form of your birth certificate is required as proof of citizenship. Children born in Ireland since the start of 2005 and people born outside Ireland will require additional or alternative forms of proof. Information on what is required depending on your circumstances is supplied with the application form.

You can apply for a passport in person or by post to the Passport Office. You can also apply via the Passport Express service, available through many post offices. It guarantees receipt of a passport within ten working days where applications are completed correctly with proper documentation. The additional fee for this service is €8 per application or €13.60 for four applications sent together for a family.

Further information is available from your local Citizens Information Centre .

Information is also available online at www.citizensinformation.ie and from the Citizens Information Phone Service, Lo-Call 1890 777 121

Puzzles—Sudoku

Easy

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

Medium

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



Super Difficult

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

Difficult

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



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BLACKBERRY STABLES 1st SUMMER CAMP

Newly established Blackberry Stables, Laragh, Maynooth hosted it's first ever Summer Camp. Riders enjoyed looking after their ponies for the week of the camp. Show jumping, cross-country, hunting and even a river ride it was the order of the day. On a Friday the riders competed in the highlight of the week which was the high jump competition. Most of the riders never dreamed possible of being able to jump such high fences. "It's good to see all the kids having a good time even the ponies had a smile on their faces", says Vinny Dempsey the proprietor of Blackberry Stables. Vinny can be contacted on 086 8778541



Emma Sweeney on "Star"



Edward proudly presenting his Winning Rosette with "Roman"



Emer Ní Cheallaigh administering TLC to pony "Silver"



Sienna attends to "Atilla" after a day of fun and excitement at camp '08

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Recipes

Lamb chops with rosemary

A simple family meal

Ingredients

- 8 Lamb chops
- 2 Cloves of garlic
- 3 Sprigs of fresh rosemary
- Salt and black pepper
- 1 tablespoon Olive oil
- 1 tablespoon Plain flour
- 150 millilitres Red wine
- 200 millilitres Vegetable stock
- 1 teaspoon Red Currant Jelly

Instructions

Preparation

Cut garlic in half and rub the chops well. Chop the rosemary and sprinkle over the chops and season with salt and pepper.

Cooking

Heat olive oil in a heavy frying pan. Add chops and cook for 5-6 minutes on each side or until cooked through (you may need to cook in two batches). Transfer to a hot plate and keep warm. Remove pan from the heat.

The Sauce

Blend the flour into the pan juices and cook for 30 seconds. Gradually blend in the wine, stock, and redcurrant jelly and bring to the boil continually stirring. Boil until slightly thickened.

Serve

Serve the chops with the sauce and sprinkle with the remaining chopped rosemary.

This dish is delicious with creamy mashed potatoes, and fresh garden peas cooked with a sprig of fresh mint.

Rhubarb & Fruit Crumble

Ingredients

- 6 Stalks Rhubarb (cleaned & chopped)
- 2 Apples (peeled & chopped)
- 175g/6oz Mixed Berries (Strawberries and Blueberries)
- 125g/4oz Brown Sugar
- 1 teaspoon Cinnamon

Topping:

- 175g/6oz Porridge Oatflakes
- 125g/4oz Cream Plain Flour
- 125g/4oz Brown Sugar
- 1 tsp Cinnamon
- 125g/4oz Margarine (melted)

Method

Preheat oven to 180°C/ 350°F/Gas 4. Lightly grease an oven proof dish.

Put rhubarb and apples into a pan with the sugar. Stir over a low heat for about 10 minutes to par cook.

Mix all the dry ingredients together. All the melted margarine and mix to a crumble.

Mix the par cooked fruit with the berries and cinnamon

Spread half of the fruit mixture into the prepared dish. Spread half of crumble over this. Next pour remaining fruit on top of the crumble and finally finish with the remaining crumble.

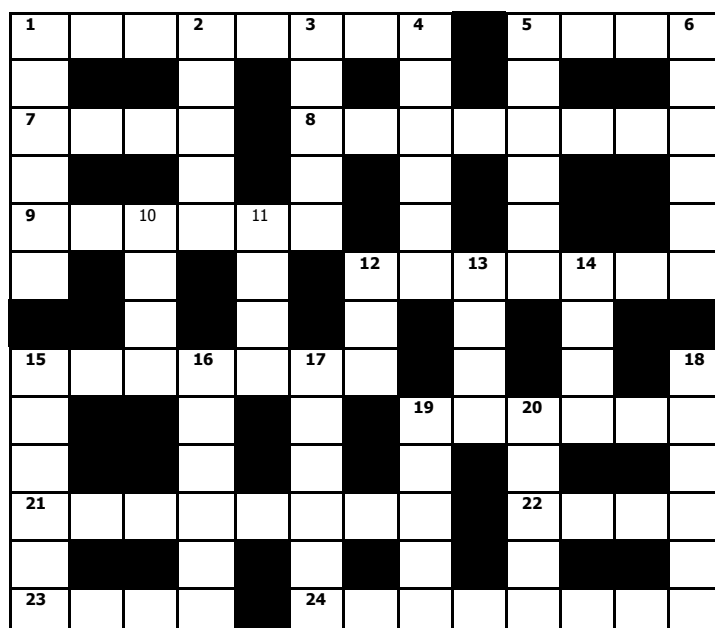
Bake for approximately 20 minutes until golden brown.

To serve:

1 cup Whipped Cream with 1 tablespoon Bailey's stirred into it

Features

Crossword No.: 70



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

The Maynooth Bookshop
68 Main Street, Maynooth

Winner

Bernadette Duffy
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Entries in before: Monday 15th September 2008

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Across:

1. Singer/model, _ _ _ Fox (8)
5. Lose weight (4)
7. Haze (4)
8. Powdered root used in curry (8)
9. Brawl (6)
12. Wide-brimmed hat (7)
15. Type of short, pointed beard (7)
19. Tree resin (6)
21. Rips nest (anag) (8)
22. TV presenter, _ _ _ Peters (4)
23. Kill violently (4)
24. Composer, _ _ _ Amadeus Mozart (8)

Down:

1. Chinese boat (6)
2. Thespian (5)
3. Shabby (5)
4. Brusque (6)
5. Imagined (6)
6. Magnate (6)
10. Open pie (4)
11. Singer, _ _ _ Williams (4)
12. Prosecute (3)
13. Isle of Napoleon's exile (4)
14. Lead pellets (4)
15. Against (6)
16. Walt _ _ _ , animator (6)
17. Grovel, fawn (6)
18. Art of 2 Down! (6)
19. Virtuous (5)
20. Informal speech (5)

Solutions to crossword No. 69

Across:

1. Subtract, 5. Moat, 7. Radar, 8. Abandon, 9. Lassitude, 13. Tare, 16. Pip, 17. Ice, 18. Lead, 21. Challenge, 24. Tangent, 26. Rhine, 27. Hide, 28. Bulletin,

Down:

1. Strict, 2. Badger, 3. Rural, 4. Tub, 5. Minstrel, 6. Tense, 8. Ass, 10. Apple, 11. Swing, 12. Data, 14. Arch, 15. Epilogue, 19. Enlist, 20. Demean, 21. Catch, 22. Net, 23. Errol, 25. Nib

Doodle Box

Features

Congratulations to the new Principal of the Maynooth Post Primary School.

Mr. Johnny Nevin is all too familiar with the generations of expansion in Maynooth and indeed many “over the table talks” with both his parents and their parents. Yes, Johnny could be noted as being a classic to the students in Maynooth Post Primary 2008. Born, reared and educated in Maynooth he cannot be accused of living a peripatetic lifestyle, not then or now because as and from September 2008 Mr. Nevin occupies the position as Principal of MPP.



To remark that Mr. Nevin’s family tree was full of nuts would be far from the truth. Johnny, the son of Joe and Olive, from Kilcloon and Barrogstown Maynooth are highly regarded and respected in the region. Married to Sandra Gillick a PE teacher also a native of Maynooth and daughter of Mr. Mick Gillick, former chairman of GAA Maynooth. This family has earned the reputation as high achievers and major contributors of the community in the area of sport and culture.

John attended MPP and progressed to NUI Maynooth where he studied Arts and somewhere on his travels, studies in humanities had a marked effect on his personality. He has become known to be the most student centred principal to practice in Maynooth. His genuine efforts to inculcate every aspect of education from scholastic, sports, drama, music, to the discovery of new horizons has brought him to his recent appointment. He completed his Leaving Cert in 1988 so now we know his approximate age, and with the support of Mr. Tom Ashe former principal he was influenced to undertake a HDip in Education which he completed in 1992. He specialises in Geography, English and History. For many years he was coordinator of LCUP. His chosen subjects depicts his desire for every student to broaden their horizons with the space and time afforded to each individual in the most caring and sensitive manner and environment. John is an avid supporter of the GAA and to date he partakes in Hurling and Gaelic in the Laois region.

Not every principal is given the opportunity of work experience with full pay but Mr. Nevin was the exception. From 2005 his position as Deputy Principal and since the retiring of Mr. Senan Griffin he secured the position as Acting Principal until his formal interview in 2008 for the position as Principal. His love of the job, and the challenges he faces spurred his enthusiasm for the position he now holds. Team work, vocational skills, humanities, scholastic potential, space to grow as individual students and respect are the expected mission statements which all students and teachers will be exposed to and an ethos of such calibre can only be healthful.

His approach to team work will hopefully spur the students and community to support his campaign to improve the school facilities from what was there when he attended MPP. In 1971 the initial flat roof building was the academic home to students and John intends to develop this building to reach second floor level. The foundations were properly laid in the beginning and that’s the most important feature of MPP. The recent acquiring of the playing pitches at Moyglare Hall requires development as a sports facility for the students and funding can be the next lesson in venture management both collectively and individually. There are few certificates for peace, hope and charity but Mr. Nevin never feared change. As a result of moving up someone else must replace the vacuum. Congratulations to Andrew Dunne now Deputy Principal of what is expected to be a “Quahal Yahaw” that is a “gathering” of some 1000 students this September.

Clubs, Organisations And Societies

Maynooth Tidy Towns

Tidy Towns Competition – where did it all begin. With Tidy Towns celebrating 50 years of success this year, Maynooth has participated in the competition through Tidy Towns committees over the years and in towns such as Maynooth the effort has been enormous because the town has changed so much in the last twenty years in particular.

The National Tidy Towns initiative was launched by Bord Fáilte, the Irish Tourist Board (now Fáilte Ireland), in 1958 as part of the 'Tostal', a nationwide festival celebrating all things Irish. A step-up from the original National Spring Clean Campaign which ran between 1953 and 1957, Tidy Towns rapidly developed its own identity and has gone on to become Ireland's most well known and popular local environmental initiative.

Right from the start, the primary focus of Tidy Towns was to encourage communities to improve their local environment and make their area a better place to live, work and visit. The competition aspect was an important element in developing friendly rivalry that would help boost standards across the board. The winner of the first competition held in 1958 was Glenties, Co Donegal. However, the emphasis was always on participating rather than winning as the very act of taking part brought benefits to the community. And with a focus on long-term results rather than quick returns, Tidy Towns was soon seen as a unique and far-sighted initiative.

Although just 52 towns entered in its first year, Tidy Towns rapidly increased in popularity with an average of 700 entrants per year. Its success also spawned many other initiatives at national, county and local level, which further boosted its reputation and impact. It is impossible to accurately estimate the number of people who have had some involvement in Tidy Towns, but it's safe to say it has run into the hundreds of thousands, and its influence on the transformation of Ireland's landscape is undeniable.

Following the restructuring of Bord Fáilte in 1995, the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government assumed responsibility for Tidy Towns and now organises the initiative with the support of national sponsor SuperValu and a number of other agencies. Its success continues, and while it has moved with the times, it still retains the same core principle of its founders - **"make your place a better place."**

National Tidy Towns Competition 2008 results out in early September The competition involves participating areas such as Maynooth being rated on all aspects of our local environment and prizes awarded to the best under many different categories. The overall winner is "Ireland's Tidiest Town". which is announced at a national ceremony in September each year.

With progress monitored and detailed feedback provided year on year, most participants initially enter the competition to generate interest about the environment in their community and create a solid platform on which to raise issues with the relevant authorities. Over time, the areas attain a standard where competing for major prizes is within reach. As such it is very much a development programme as much as a competition. Maynooth has continued to improve our score each year and we are hoping that this will also be the case in 2008. Our motto for this year was **"Make Maynooth Great in 2008"**

Best Estates, Shop Fronts and individual awards 2008 As in previous years we judge locally our Best Estates and Shop Front competitions in 2008. There will also be a number of individual awards. The judging has been completed and we expect as usual to announce these award winners in October.

Remember new people are always welcome to get involved in Maynooth Tidy Towns. There is no need to attend meetings or indeed be part of a working group but being involved in these ways does give a great sense of team spirit.

Paul Croghan

PRO

Maynooth Tidy Towns

**For more information on tidy towns visit: www.tidytowns.ie
Maynooth Tidy Towns hope to have our own website in 2008**

Features

September Gardening Tips

Well it is now September, and the mornings are great aren't they? It is now beginning to be the best time to plant trees and shrubs. It is a great time because the above ground temperatures are dropping and the below ground temps are still warm.

This helps plants get a jump on next spring because the roots still develop in the warm soil while the tops slow down in growth. Also, there are less winds and typically more moisture during this time of year, which of course reduces stress on newly planted shrubs and trees. You should be able to plant just about anything, including pansies, (which will last thru next May) mums, winter veggies (starts), most trees and shrubs.

Perennials, annuals and bulbs

- ✦ During the months of September, October and November, after soil temperature drops, the bulbs of spring flowering tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, dwarf irises, Anemone, and crocus should be planted. Select healthy, disease free bulbs. Add Bone meal or Bulb fertilizer into the planting hole, as you prepare the soil.
- ✦ Winter pansies, flowering Kale, flowering Cabbage, and autumn mums may be planted now, to give a little colour to the garden when the summer flowers have faded away.
- ✦ Scatter the seeds of perennials in a row or in open beds this month so that the young seedlings will be ready to be transplanted into their permanent spot next spring.
- ✦ As the weather cools, perennials which have overgrown their space or become crowded should be dug and divided, or moved to a new area of the garden. New or replacement perennials can also be planted this month.
- ✦ Tender bulbs should be dug up and stored in a cool, dark area after first frost.

Lawn

- ✦ When the autumn rains arrive, fertilize your lawn with a slow-release 3-1-2 ratio fertilizer.
- ✦ September is one of the best months of the entire year for seeding new lawns.
- ✦ If the lawn needs thatching, it can be done during the early autumn.
- ✦ Over seed old lawns with fresh seed to help fill in the bare spots and crowd out weeds and mosses.

House Plants

- ✦ 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.
- ✦ Begin conditioning your Poinsettias and Christmas cactus to get them ready for the upcoming holiday season. Both of these plants are short day plants. Although they will eventually bloom, if you want the plants in bloom in time for the holidays they must be kept at about 65 to 70 degrees, and subjected to at least six weeks of 14 hours of total darkness per day (mid to late September). This may be accomplished by placing the potted plant in a closet or unlighted room, or by covering the plant with black cloth, black plastic over a frame or a cardboard box. The plant must then be returned to the light each day and given a *minimum* of 4 hours of direct sun, or 10 hours of bright light. The application of a 0-10-10 fertilizer this month and again next should help encourage the development of flower buds, then feed your plant every 2 weeks with a high nitrogen fertilizer once colour has begun to show. Christmas cactus needs the same general care, with the exception that they require cooler temperatures of about 50 to 60 degrees.

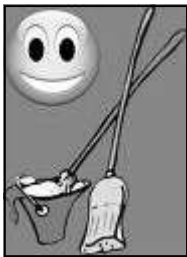


Continue to watch for insect or disease damage and take the necessary steps to control the problem.

Odds and ends

- ✦ Mark your perennials with permanent tags, or create a map showing their locations so you'll know where and what they are when they die back at the end of the season. This will help you to avoid digging up something you intended to keep when you plant bulbs and plants this fall and next spring.
- ✦ One last effort at weeding will help to improve the appearance of your garden throughout the winter.
- ✦ The birds will soon begin their winter migrations. Give them a helping hand by providing them with some food for their long journey. No one likes to travel on an empty stomach, and you may even persuade a few of them to stick around for the winter, if they know they have a *reliable* food source!

Features



How clean is yourComputer?

Just like a house that needs regular dusting, your computer needs a good clean once in a while too. Many people might not realise it but computers can collect enough dust and grime to make the presenters of How Clean is your House squirm.

Nobody wants a filthy computer but the problems caused by dirt go beyond the cosmetic. Almost all computers are cooled by fans and these suck in air - and the dust that's in it. If this dust isn't removed it can make the computer noisy or, in extreme cases, cause it to overheat and fail. Similarly a mouse with a barrier of dust between it and the desk will give erratic pointer movements or fail to respond at all.

The murky threats don't end there. A keyboard with crumbs between the keys can cause malfunctions or even collect harmful bacteria, potentially making you ill. A monitor covered with enough fingerprints to fill a garda database and various other bits of dirt will soon have you squinting to see your screen, running the risk of eye problems. Fortunately cleaning a PC is simple, and we'll show you how.

The cleaning challenge

Computers can be surprisingly good at collecting dust and dirt. Most are cooled using fans that draw in air from the outside, push it through the PC and expel it again. As the air that is sucked in contains dust, some of this remains inside the computer. What's more, some monitors generate static electricity, drawing in dust from the air. This, coupled with the fact that a grubby monitor makes the computer hard to use, means the monitor is the ideal starting point for a spring clean.

Flat-screen LCD monitors and chunkier CRT displays must be cleaned in different ways but in both cases it's best to switch off and unplug the screen before cleaning it. CRT screens can have a static charge, so leave the display switched off overnight before cleaning it.

When cleaning a CRT monitor, the best weapon is a lint-free cloth, as they are soft and won't scratch your screen. Although it's possible to buy various monitor glass cleaners, a standard glass cleaner can also be used. It is important never to spray this directly on the screen because the liquid could seep under the edges of the monitor and damage the internal parts. Instead, squirt the cleaner on the cloth and then wipe the glass.

For LCD screens, steer clear of ammonia-based cleaners and use a soft cloth dampened with a little water.

Wipe very gently and do not press into the display as you may damage it.

Key issues

Once the monitor is clean, you can move onto the keyboard. Even if you haven't fallen into the trap of eating lunch at the computer, filling the keyboard with an assortment of crumbs, the chances are that it has collected quite a bit of dust. Eventually this can even stop the keys from working properly, so it's best to take action. Before cleaning it, turn off the computer and disconnect the keyboard.

There are several ways to make a keyboard sparkly clean. The easiest is to hold the keyboard upside down over a dustbin and tap the bottom to knock out any crumbs or dust. For a more thorough clean, buy an aerosol of compressed air - these can be found in office supply or photography shops - and spray it into the cracks in the keyboard. Running a moistened cotton bud through the keys can help to clean any dirt stuck between them, and wiping the entire keyboard with an antibacterial wipe (these can be found in supermarkets) will help to remove any nasties that may lurk there.

Just like desktop PCs, notebooks are affected by dust. If it gets trapped in the air vents the computer can overheat, so if possible gently blow this away. Don't blow directly against any fans visible through air vents, as it's vital not to damage these.

Use compressed air to blow out any dust trapped between the keys and the lint-free cloth to clean the surface of the keyboard and touchpad.

Five top tips for keeping a PC clean

We've explained how to give your computer a thorough clean but nobody would want to go through the whole process more than once or twice a year.

Fortunately once the computer is clean it's relatively easy to keep it free from dirt - simply follow our five tips:

- Place the computer in a well-ventilated room
- Close notebook computers when not in use
- Place a plastic cover over the monitor when not in use
- Always use a mouse mat
- Never eat or drink near the computer or over the keyboard

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Horoscopes



ARIES—March 21—April 20

Those skeletons in the cupboard seem to be rattling at the moment. Keep calm and say nothing as others are hopping that you'll fill in the blanks. You appear to get away with indiscretions this time round.

Your lucky day is Sunday, Number 30
Colour Blue.



TAURUS—April 21—May 21

Those that are lonely should be given a hand out but not at your expense. You can only do so much, they'll have to make an effort themselves.

Your lucky day is Sunday, Number 01,
Colour Lime.



GEMINI—May 22—June 22

The creative sprit of yours is hard to keep down. You might want to forget about old ideas but they keep popping into your head. The sooner you deal with them the better.

Your lucky day is Wednesday, Number 25,
Colour Purple.



CANCER—June 23—July 23

Technology seems to have taken a dislike to you. Things just don't seem to go to plan. Stay calm and slow down.

Everything works out fine (if a little late!)

Your lucky day is Friday, Number 18,
Colour Yellow.



LEO—July 24—August 23

You have the urge to do something unexpected. It's a great time to take a new direction. Friends will support you but they don't seem to be much help. That really doesn't matter as you seem to have everything under control.

Lucky day is Tuesday, Number 31,
Colour Silver.



Virgo—August 24—Sept 23

The urge to take control may be strong, especially when others are making mistakes. Offer your assistance but don't take over unless they ask you. Your help may be viewed as interference.

Your lucky day is Friday, Number 06,
Colour Orange.



LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23

Keep your mind, eyes and options open if you want to make the most of a very exciting phase. Don't limit yourself by sticking to what you know, because it's time to break out in a new direction.

Your lucky day is Monday, Number 16,
Colour Green.



SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22

You're finally starting to make headway with you-know-who, despite a bumpy episode. Check your finances to make sure they are up to date and your in control.

Your lucky day is Thursday, Number 12
Colour Crimson.



SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21

It seems that partners hold all the cards at the moment, and you're rocked by someone's change of heart. Once the dust has settled, you must reconsider the situation - you may find that it's not such a disaster after all.

Your lucky day is Saturday, Number 15
Colour Violet.



CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20

Daring deeds could make you famous but only if you let others know what's going on. Keeping achievements to yourself will get you nowhere. You deserve some reward for your enterprising actions.

Your lucky day is Friday, Number 42
Colour Navy Blue.



AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19

Get ready for a hectic time! You might think you've got it all mapped out, but events force you to change your plans. The more you can adapt to the changing situation, the more you'll enjoy yourself.

Your lucky day is Saturday, Number 2,
Colour Bronze.



PISCES—Feb 20—March 20

Your energy levels may be high at the moment, but that's not going to last if you do not pace yourself. For once you should move to the beat of your drum. Your lucky day is Sunday, Number 12,
Colour Brown.

Pet Corner

Choosing a Dog for a Child with Autism

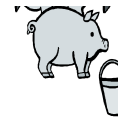


First be certain the child wants a dog in the first place, and that he or she has the capability to be consistently gentle with a dog, if not, a dog's presence is bound to cause stress and danger, not relieve it. Next, observe the child with a variety of dogs to see what kind he or she prefers, but be very careful to first determine that the dog will be safe to interact with the child, that the dog's owner is standing there behind the child, ready to read the signs of stress in the dog so you can interrupt the interactions if these signs of stress are noted. The same features of autism that can interfere with social interaction with people can exist with dogs (such as not granting the proper body space), and a tolerant and well socialized dog is key to a safe interaction with any child.

Please avoid adopting a rescue pup or dog for a child with autism, as it is impossible to know a rescue dog's history and as dogs are associative creatures, a child in the dog's past may have set him up to have a mistrust of children. We need to make this partnership safe, and it is best to err on the side of caution here and select a pup that is bred for a calm, non reactive temperament. Breeds favoured for a child with autism are Golden Retrievers, and Labradors. The breed you select to work with will matter greatly in terms of the quality of the pup's health and temperament. When you select your puppy from the litter, avoid the shy pup as well as the overly bold; in general, a middle of the road pup who shows a usual amount of interest and calm patient attention to a child is the way to go.

The first year of this dog's life is very important in terms of establishing leadership with your pup, gently socializing him or her to your child as well as the rest of your household, and educating the child on how to properly care for and treat the pup. Supervision is key to establishing a healthy relationship with the pup, and in fact, this supervision can be thought of as special education. Allowing the child in on the ground floor of training gives them power in understanding how to best communicate with their pup.

A Piggy Story



The poor pig has a bad name for being thought of as a dirty animal. This is not true at all pigs are one of the cleanest animal you could have. When properly housed they have an area for eating and one for doing their business. They are quite fastidious about this.

As a new bride many years ago I came from Dublin to live in Kildare where we built our house . My husband thought it would be a good idea to buy two piglets. They were adorable and I called them Huskey and Muskey. All through the summer they were the most contented pigs you could find. I used to let them out for a run around out the back where they would eat the grass to their hearts content. We had a vegetable garden that same year and when the beetroot came into season I used to give Huskey & Muskey the tops of them. They got so fond of them they used to sit and beg me to give some to them. They had an idyllic life.

I don't know what I thought was going to happen to them but I was not prepared for the morning the trailer arrived to take them to the butchers. I had never heard them squealing before, but as they were putting them on the trailer the poor things were squealing like mad. I was crying my eyes out and begging for them to be spared but I was just laughed at. "Don't be such a townie" I was told by the man who was transporting them. My husband did feel sorry for me but told me that this is what life is about and there was no way we could keep them as pets. Perhaps if they had been male and female I could have persuaded him to keep them for breeding purposes. Alas they were loaded and brought to their doom.

That was the last I ever saw of my beloved Huskey & Muskey, but I was very careful not to eat rashers, bacon or pork for the next year. When my husband suggested we should get two more piglets I told him to "forget it" I would not go through that experience again.

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Maynooth Toastmasters

The Mission of Maynooth Toastmasters is to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment in which each individual member has the opportunity to develop oral communication and leadership skills which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth.

Does the thought of speaking in public give you the jitters or do you ever envy those who appear to do it at their ease. Believe it or not you too can be at ease with a little practice and preparation. In Toastmasters you are free to advance at your own pace, with no pressure, in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. We invite you to come along for the experience. You don't have to decide on becoming a member on the first or even the second night. Just enjoy the fun and excitement.

You will be assigned a mentor and offered friendly advice and encouragement. Remember those people you admire at public speaking have put in lots of preparation and planning behind the scenes. Very few can speak "off the cuff".

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday each month in Bradys Clockhouse Bar, Maynooth. Meeting commences at 7.45 pm and lasts for about 2 hours. We are on a well earned rest at the moment after our second very successful year. We start back again on 8th September 2008. Currently we have 43 members on the books.

You can get more information on www.maynoothtoastmasters.com or by contacting any of the following : Maureen Giblin at 0872258020, John Fleming at 087 2041334 or Andrew Lang at 086 8045579.



New Committee

Front Row L to R

Eoin Robson, John Fleming, Maureen Giblin, John Dolan and Marian Hennessy

Back Row L to R

Joseph Brady Gerbin Dykstra and Sean Brady

Missing from photo is Andrew Lang



John Dolan, outgoing President handing over to Maureen Giblin, new President

Features

Tommy found a Squirrel



Tommy was always up to mischief, his mother was always washing his clothes, because of all the mud he got on them, he even had mud on his hands and the knees of his trousers now. She was always telling him to eat properly at the table, as he got food all over his mouth. Now the weather was getting colder, he would have to stay indoors more as the summer was long gone and the autumn leaves were already on the ground.

It was early October and Tommy was in the bottom of the garden looking out for something to amuse him. He was looking into the hedge when he saw something move, as he watched, it moved again, it was a little animal?. He tried to grab it but was unsuccessful, it was a very frightened, but four year old Tommy didn't know that. He just wanted to pick it up but it was too quick for Little Tommy.

Then feeling frustrated, he stretched for it and got it in his hands, he knew then, that it was a little Squirrel and he started to stroke it. The squirrel was a red one and was getting ready to hibernate for the Winter, he had a nut between his paws and dropped it in fright when Tommy picked him up.

Just then Tommy's mother came out to call him for his lunch, she saw something in his arms, "What have you got there" she said. "Look mummy I found this" Tommy cried. His mother look at him. "Honestly Tommy what are you like". "Can I keep it please mummy" he said. "I don't think so, where did you find it" his mother replied. "Just there at the bottom of the garden". Tommy said sadly. "Well it is only a little Squirrel, it was getting ready to hibernate for the Winter". she said

"Well can I keep it please" he wailed. Tommy's Mother felt sorry for her loving son. "Well you can't keep it, it would be cruel". He was very upset, but said. "Mummy what will I do with it then". "I think we should put it in the shed for now, and when your dad comes home from work we will ask him" she said thoughtfully. "Ok thanks Mummy" he said happily. "Now come and get your lunch, we have to go shopping later" she said, already thinking of what to put on him. After he ate his lunch, she cleaned him up and put on his clean clothes. "Now are we right" she said hoping to keep his mind off the squirrel.

After they had done their shopping Tommy's mother bought him an ice cream, and when they got home his Dad was just pulling up in the front of the house. He jumped out of the car and ran over to his daddy. "Hello my little man, have you been a good boy for your Mummy" daddy said as he swung him in the air. "Yes, I bought him an ice cream and he seemed happy with his treat, Tommy tell your dad what you found this morning" mummy said. "Yes daddy I found a little red Squirrel at the bottom of the garden" Tommy said jumping about excitedly. "Well you will have to show me this Squirrel" daddy smiled. They went out to the back garden and found the squirrel. "He's a lovely squirrel, but he wants to hibernate for the winter, so lets put it a back at the bottom of the garden and see what happens" daddy said as they went indoors for supper.

Two days later Tommy was in the garden again, he was digging in the mud when he fell into it, he was covered in mud. He ran into his mummy. His mother looked at him. "Oh! Tommy what have you been doing in the garden". "I was looking for something to play with" he said. "Honestly Tommy what will I do with you". She said as she cleaned him up and sent him to watch television in the play room. He went to room and switched on the television, there was a cartoon about wild animals. Next there was a squirrel on the television, he became very interested because he had found one the other in his garden, he ran and told his mummy all about the squirrel on the television. She was glad that he was learning something and not out digging in the garden getting all dirty. It would take his mind of finding things out in the mud once he seen the squirrel on the television.

His daddy came in from work in the evening, and he ran to tell him all the news. "Well little lad what have you been doing today" daddy said picking him up. "I saw a squirrel on television just like the one in the bottom of our garden" Tommy replied happily. After tea that night as his mummy put him to bed, Tommy gave her a hug, "you are the greatest mum in the world" he said sleepily. "Goodnight little one I love you too" she said and kissed good night.

Enda Clavin

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Ronnie Delaney

Ronald Michael Delany (born 6th March 1935), better known as **Ron** or **Ronnie** is a former Irish athlete, who specialised in middle distance running.

Born in Arklow, Delaney moved with his family to Dublin when he was 6. His father had got a job in Jacobs Biscuit Factory and there Delaney went to Catholic University School.

Delaney studied in the United States at Villanova University, where he was coached by the well-known track coach Jumbo Elliott. His first achievement of note was reaching the final of the 800m at the 1954 European Championships in Berne.

In 1956, he became the seventh runner to join the club of Four-minute milers, but nonetheless struggled to make the Irish team for the 1956 Summer Olympics held in Melbourne.

Delaney qualified for the Olympic 1500 m final, in which home runner John Landy was the big favourite. Delaney kept close to Landy until the final lap, when he started a crushing final sprint, winning the race in a new Olympic Record. Delaney thereby became the first Irishman to win an Olympic title in athletics since Bob Tisdall in 1932.

He received a tremendous reception on his return by the people of Ireland. Thousands turned out to greet him and to see the famous medal.

Delaney continued his running career in North America, winning four successive AAU titles in the mile, adding to his total of four Irish national titles, and three NCAA titles. He was next to unbeatable on indoor tracks over that period, which included a 40-race winning streak. He broke the World Indoor Mile Record on three occasions.

He was granted the Freedom of Dublin City in 2006, and he was also conferred with an honorary Doctor of Laws Degree by UCD in 2006.

Ronnie now runs his own Marketing Consultancy business.

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Maynooth Golf Society

Norman Kavanagh's Captains Prize to Castleknock Golf Club on Saturday 19th July proved a very popular event for the members Maynooth Golf Society. This recently opened West Dublin course proved very challenging in the high windy conditions that faced the members on the day, but the course its self was in fantastic condition and was a good test of golfing skill. A great score of 37 points by Martin Shields was the winner of Norman Kavanagh 's prize by 4 points. In Second place was last year's winner David Mahony with a score of 33 points just piping Barry Desmond who also had 33 points to third place on a 9 countback. Brendan Leigh who sponsored this outing presented the prizes with Captain Norman Kavanagh at the captain's dinner at Castleknock Golf Club after the event which was attended by all who played.

Our next outing is to Athlone Golf Club on 23rd August is the Shay Moore Cup. `

Outing to Castleknock Golf Club Date 19/ 07/2008

Norman Kavanagh Captain's Prize

Sponsored by Maynooth Conservatories & Windows



Norman Kavanagh (Captain), Martin Shields (Winner), Brendan Leigh (Sponsor)

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Maynooth Golf Society



Outing to Castleknock Golf Club Date 19/ 07/2008

Result Sheet

1st Prize	Martin Shields	37 pts
2nd Prize	David Mahony	33 pts
3rd Prize	Barry Desmond	33 pts
4th Prize	Terry Moore	31 pts B9
5th Prize	John Byrne	31 pts B6
6th Prize	Liam Farrelly	31 pts
7th Prize	Kevin Loftus	29 pts B9
8th Prize	Tom O'Hare	29 pts
9th Prize	Pa Conway	28 pts B9
10th Prize	Derek Murray	28 pts
Front 9	Mick Flynn snr	15 pts
Back 9	John Carroll	16 pts
Past Captain	Terry Moore	
Visitors	Mark Carroll	26 pts
Nearest the Pin	Ray Mc Ternan, Tom O' Hare	
2's		
Longest Drive		
	Mick Flynn jnr	

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Our First Big Prize Winner!

Ms Madeline Stynes was the lucky winner of the €10,000 prize in the First Cash Draw held recently in Maynooth Credit Union.

A Credit Union member since the days when Maynooth and Leixlip Credit Unions were combined, Madeline was the first member of her family to join.

"All the others joined up after me," she said. "The Credit Union was a brilliant way to save money for the rainy day when the kids were small, especially".

Another big event for Madeline and her husband Michael was the recent marriage of one of their five children.

We look forward to seeing Madeline continue to come to the office on a Friday, as she has done for many years.

We wish Madeline, Michael and their family continued good fortune. Beirigí bua go deo!

The second round of this year's Cash Draw will take place in the Maynooth Credit Union offices on Saturday 10 September at 11:00. All welcome to watch the lucky numbers come up on the screen.



Peter Greene, chairperson, Maynooth Credit Union, presents the cheque for €10,000 to lucky member Ms Madeline Stynes who won the big prize in the first annual draw held recently.

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Donadea 10K Race



Donadea Running Club, having been established as recently as 2007, has taken great leaps forward in their participation and promotion of the sport of running. Based in Donadea and running out of St. Kevin's GAA club, its members include those who hail from the neighbouring areas of Clane, Celbridge, Kilcock and other surrounding areas in Kildare.

The club are currently busy arranging their inaugural 10K race – a yearly event – which will take place on October 11th. It is hoped that with the support of runners from all over Kildare, and indeed the rest of Ireland, the race will help raise much needed funds for the event charity; St. Raphael's special needs school in Celbridge.

The school functions as an integral part of the St John of God Kildare Services. Originally it was designed to cater for the educational needs of young people in the moderate range of Intellectual Disability between the ages of 5 – 18. In 2000 following the re-development of one wing of the school, two classes for children in the severe/profound range of disability were opened. In 2004, one class for children within the Autistic Spectrum Disorder was established. To date they have three senior classes for children within the Autistic Spectrum Disorder. In September 2008 a junior class for children within the Autistic Spectrum Disorder will be set up. Overall the school caters for the needs of children functioning in the moderate, severe and profound ranges of Intellectual Disability. St. Raphael's catchment area covers Celbridge, Lucan, Leixlip, Maynooth, Rathcoole, Newcastle, Sallins, Prosperous and Clane. The school gives each child opportunities to develop attitudes and skills that will enable him/her to experience a quality of life as close as possible to that which is available to those in society at large. The term "quality of life" embraces personal choice, relationships, personal development, integration and participation in the community life.

More details about the race can be found on the club's website where you may download an entry form or alternatively, the event can be entered online at www.activeeurope.com

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Working from home takes off in Co. Kildare!

The concept of having your own personal travel agent who works from home and who gives you the best possible personal service is clearly proving a great success with customers in Kildare which now has another Personal Travel Counsellor who is from the County.

Nicola Doyle who hails from Maynooth is the latest experienced travel consultant to decide to join Travel Counsellors, specialising in giving her customers the highest possible levels of personal service and independent travel advice. During her 12 year career Nicola has travelled extensively and is living in Dublin 24 at present.

Travel Counsellors is a travel agency - with a twist. All of its 950 plus advisors throughout the world are equipped with the company's award winning technology which allows them to work from home and enables Nicola to search through literally hundreds of different travel options in a matter of minutes to tailor make exactly the right itinerary for her customers. Nicola is more than happy to speak to customers at a time that suits them, even if it is outside normal working hours.

Says Nicola: "I am delighted to be the latest experienced travel consultant to decide to join Travel Counsellors so I can concentrate on providing my customers with the highest possible levels of personal service. The technology that I have at my disposal as

part of Travel Counsellors is absolutely fantastic - and working from home means that I am available when my customers need me, during the evenings and at weekends if need be. There is huge demand for the type of travel service we offer which is why I am delighted to join the other Kildare Travel Counsellors Sharon, Gail and Lorraine in providing this type of personal travel service even though I am living in Dublin for the moment."

Nicola can help her clients with any type of holiday and she particularly enjoys selling Long-Haul, Honeymoons and Group Travel along with the more traditional beach holidays and city breaks. Two years ago she decided to take some time out to travel to some of the destinations she had been selling over the years! During that year she had the pleasure of spending 3 months in India, 6 weeks in Thailand, stopping along the way in Malaysia, China, Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos and finishing off in Australia. She has also visited closer holiday hot spots such as Spain, Portugal, France, Crete, Cyprus, Canary Islands, Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, the Gambia, Kenya, Singapore, Dominican Republic, USA and Mexico. Nicola would be delighted to hear from anyone planning any type of trip abroad.

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Emmet Stagg T.D.

Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

Flooding of Laraghbryan Cemetery

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to take immediate action to relieve the flooding of Laraghbryan Cemetery that took place on 9th August and to take whatever action necessary to prevent a recurrence.

Timing of Traffic Lights on Main Street, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley got the following response to his motion on the timing of the lights on Main Street, Maynooth:

"Traffic Management Section is monitoring the sequencing of the lights and when the current works being undertaken as part of the Tesco development are completed the Councillors will be given a demonstration of the facilities in the Traffic Management centre."

Proposed Extensions to 66 and 67 Bus Routes:

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

"Transportation section is engaged with Dublin Bus on this matter and as advised in other reports any alteration to routes and/or timetables requires a revised licence approval from the Department of transport. The transportation Section will liaise with the planning section, Dublin Bus and the developer to progress this matter."

Dublin Bus representatives will be invited to the September meeting of the Leixlip Area Committee to discuss their proposals.

Additional Parking at Maynooth Train Station

The Dublin Transportation Office (DTO) are developing design proposals for a Public Transport Interchange at The Harbour Field. At the request of Cllr. McGinley the DTO will be asked to attend the September Area Meeting to outline their preliminary ideas. Cllr. McGinley will make it very clear to the DTO that an Underground Car Park would be acceptable but under no circumstances will surface car parking be contemplated for the Harbour Field.

Pedestrian Safety at Rathcoffey Road, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley has been given the following update on his motion:

"A further meeting was held with the NRA in relation to this issue. It was agreed that Roads Design Section would prepare a scheme to facilitate a footpath at this bridge. The proposed design will necessitate a "stop-go" one way system to facilitate the footpath. The final design and costing is to be submitted to the NRA for agreement and appropriate funding identified."

Provision of Allotments:

In reply to his motion Cllr. John McGinley was advised that allotments could not be provided at the Councils 10 acres at Dublin Road as the Council proposed constructing social houses and other buildings on the land. John stated that with an imaginative design allotments could be facilitated along with the houses and the County Architect agreed. The draft designs for the land should be available over the coming 6 months.

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McGinley objects to 4 & 3 storey development at Newtown Inn.

Cllr. John McGinley and his colleague Deputy Emmet Stagg have lodged an objection with Kildare County Council to the proposal for a 4 & 3 storey development at Newtown Inn & Restaurant.

In their submission they make the following points:

The proposal at 4 & 3 Storeys in an ultra modern design is totally out of character with the built environment of the area which comprises single storey shop units and two storey houses. The density proposed is excessive when compared with existing residential density in the area. Excluding the Commercial elements of this proposal the density works out at 23 units to the acre.

The proposal will lead to significant overlooking of the rear gardens of homes in Meadowbrook Avenue and Meadowbrook Drive. It will also lead to overlooking and a loss of light to the rear gardens of homes in Beaufield Gardens. This will lead to a substantial reduction in privacy and it has the capacity to reduce the market value of these houses. Compared to the existing built environment this proposal will disrupt the existing streetscape and will be an obtrusion on the skyline. Therefore the proposal is contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

The site is at a very prominent location and the proposed design, including the flat roof, could not be described as enhancing the unique architectural heritage of the town nor is it of a high standard.

The proposal will dominate the area negatively and its design is contrary to the provisions of the Maynooth Development Plan 2002 which seeks to protect and enhance the unique architectural heritage of the town.

The excessiveness of the proposal has led to the situation where 153 car parking spaces are required for the development whereas it is proposed to provide only 113.

This deficiency in car parking provision will lead to indiscriminate parking of cars by potential users of the retail and pub units in Beaufield Green, Beaufield Gardens, Beaufield Close, Meadowbrook Avenue and Meadowbrook Drive. This will cause a serious inconvenience and nuisance to residents living in these areas who will see their residential estate roads clogged up with car parking and being blocked in by drivers with

no conscience.

This will result in additional traffic hazards and a reduction in the amenity for these residents and is therefore contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

6. The development as proposed requires 1,200 square metres of Private and Public Open Space whereas only 903 Square metres are provided.

In conclusion Cllr. McGinley stated the proposal is excessive and out of character with the built environment of the area. It disregards the unique architectural heritage of Maynooth Town, will lead to overlooking and overshadowing and its car parking deficiency will cause a major nuisance to residents in surrounding Estates.

MCGINLEY DEMANDS TOWN COUNCIL STATUS FOR MAYNOOTH.

Cllr. John McGinley and his Labour Party colleagues have made a submission to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, John Gormley T.D. on his Green Paper Consultation process.

Cllr. McGinley has demanded that Town Council status be granted to Maynooth as the population is in excess of the 7,500 called for in the Local Government Act 2001 for the establishment of new Town Councils.

Cllr. McGinley stated that both Minister Gormley and previous Environment Ministers have allowed the provisions of the 2001 Act to stall in limbo because of their refusal to establish the Local Government Commission. This is anti-democratic and fails to appreciate the importance of local democratic institutions and the principle of subsidiarity, which involves decision making at the lowest appropriate level.

The only Towns in the country above a population of 7,500 who have no Town or Borough Council are:

	<i>Population</i>
SWORDS	33,998
CELBRIDGE	17,262
PORTLAOISE	14,613
CARRIGALINE	12,835
MAYNOOTH	10,715
PORTMARNOCK	8,979
LAYTOWN ETC	8,978
ASHBOURNE	8,528
RUSH	8,286
KILDARE	7,538

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So in bringing into force the 2001 Local Government Act Provisions the Minister would not cause a major upheaval in Local Government as one might expect from his concerns in this area. Excluding Dublin only 4 Co. Councils will be affected Kildare, Laois, Cork and Meath.

Examining the list of Towns with a population in excess of 1,500 other facts are thrown up.

- 41 of the Existing Town Councils have populations below 7,500.
 - 25 of these have populations below 5,000.
 - 10 of these have populations below 2,500.
- 5 of them don't even make it onto the list of towns with a population of 1,500 – Ballybay, Co. Monaghan 401, Belturbet, Co. Cavan 1,395, Granard, Co. Longford 933, Kilkee, Co. Clare 1,325, Lismore, Co. Waterford 790.

Therefore the towns with a population in excess of 7,500 who do not have a Borough or Town Council status are suffering a serious democratic deficit at present which is an appalling treatment of peoples democratic rights.

In summary Cllr. McGinley stated that Maynooth and Celbridge Towns have a population in excess of Co. Leitrim but yet they have no local Town Council status to reflect their large populations. A raft of Town Councils exist with paltry populations which is a democratic deficit when compared with Maynooth. Implementing the provisions of the Local Government Act 2001 will have minimal effect in 4 counties. Allowing a Town Council such as Clones with a population of 1,767 people to draw up their own Town Development Plan and denying this right to a town like Maynooth with a population of 10,715 simply makes no sense and is anti-democratic.

MCGINLEY OBJECTS TO PROPOSALS FOR 104 HOUSES, 26 APARTMENTS AND OFFICE BLOCKS AT CARTON DEMESNE, MAYNOOTH

Cllr. John McGinley and his colleague Deputy Emmet Stagg have lodged an objection with Meath County Council to the proposal to build 104 houses, a 5 storey apartment block and 4 storey office blocks within Carton Demesne, Maynooth.

Cllr. McGinley stated that nothing less than the future integrity of Carton Demesne in its entirety is at stake with this planning application which seeks to change the very nature of how the Demesne with its magnificent House, Gardens and Landscape were to be preserved following the decision of An Bord

Pleanala back on the 30th October 1992 when planning permission issued for a leisure/tourism development.

The current planning application intends to set aside the integrated approach taken back in 1992 when the Demesne Proposals were viewed as one entity covering both Kildare & Meath. It introduces a different type of development along with 130 residential units.

Cllr. McGinley and Deputy Stagg made the following points:

The proposal includes 9,200 sq. m. floor space for NUI Maynooth for a Sports Science and Research Centre while a further 29,000 sq. m. floor space of the proposal is for Commercial Office Space and Residential Units. We see no logical or sustainable reason for locating these NUIM facilities off campus.

St. Patrick's College, Maynooth holds a landbank on the edge of Maynooth totalling 154 Hectares (380 Acres). All of the land is located adjacent to St. Patricks College and NUIM. 70% of the land is directly adjacent to NUIM Campus the bulk of which is zoned under the Maynooth Development Plan 2002 as Institutional and Educational.

Therefore lands are available right beside the existing campus, close to the Railway Station and the excellent public transport links that exist in Maynooth, where there is proper road infrastructure, which does not necessitate the destruction of Woodlands in Carton Demesne or the destruction of the landscape of the area.

The proposal conflicts with The Meath County Development Plan 2007/2013 and the Kildare County Development Plan 2005/2011

In conclusion Cllr. McGinley stated what is before the Council is the provision of 3 NUIM Buildings within the Curtilage of the Historic Carton Demesne, which necessitates the building of 29,000 Square Metres of Floor Space of Commercial/Residential Development. The building of the NUIM facilities is ultimately the responsibility of Government. Pursuing this path to facilitate NUIM is unsustainable and has the capacity to destroy the character and woodland features of Carton Demesne. It goes against the intentions of An Bord Pleanala of 1992 which at that stage saved Carton House by agreeing to secure the long term integrity of the Demesne in granting planning permission for a major Tourist and Leisure Development. A sustainable serviced site on the edge

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of the existing NUIM Campus is available and it is unacceptable to effectively put forward this proposal as a ploy in seeking further development at Carton Demesne.

CONTROL OF ALCOHOL BYE-LAWS NOT BEING ENFORCED – STAGG

Deputy Emmet Stagg sought information from the Minister for Justice in relation to the number of on the spot fines issued in the Towns of Clane, Celbridge, Leixlip and Maynooth for breaches of the Control of Consumption and Possession of Alcohol Bye-laws in 2007.

The Minister advised Deputy Stagg recently that the number of fines issued in the 4 towns were 170 in 2007. This is a small drop from 2006 but the variations between the Towns is interesting reading.

For instance whilst 41 On the Spot fines were issued in Leixlip in 2006, none were issued in 2007. In Celbridge the number of on the spot fines issued fell from 127 in 2006 to 75 in 2007 whilst in Maynooth they jumped from 10 in 2006 to 95 in 2007. No fines were issued in Clane in either year.

The overall combined figures are as follows for the 4 Towns (Clane only included from 2006)

2007	170
2006	176
2005	111
2004	235
2003	341
2002	425

Deputy Stagg stated that the figures do not reflect the serious problem of youths gathering in Public Open Spaces drinking and causing a nuisance to residents. Between the 4 Towns just under 3 ½ fines are issued per week. The Guards stated Deputy Stagg will state that they charge people in such situations with Public Order Offences also and that this has led to a reduction in the fines which have issued. However given the complaints I receive in relation to this issue from residents in the Towns these figures prove one thing only and that is that the Bye-Laws are not being enforced.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that he intended to raise the issue again with the Chief Superintendents in Carlow/Kildare and Dublin Metropolitan West.

NOW GORMLEY ABANDONS PHASE 2 OF RESTORATION WORKS TO MAYNOOTH CASTLE

On foot of indications from Minister Gormley that the acquisition of a portion of land from St. Patrick's College in Maynooth was preventing the provision of additional facilities at Maynooth Castle, Deputy Emmet Stagg successfully got the College Authorities to re-open negotiations on the site because previously it was considered that the asking price did not reflect the value of the land.

Now the Minister for Environment has indicated to Deputy Stagg that there are no specific proposals to purchase the additional land at present having regard to visitor numbers and funding priorities generally.

An angry Deputy Stagg stated that he wished the Minister would make up his mind on the further development of facilities at the Castle. Since the Phase 1 Restoration Works were completed which included 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, past Governments all controlled by FF have consistently refused to implement the Phase 2 Restoration Works which would have provided a roof on the Keep of the Castle and an Auditorium.

Deputy Stagg stated that the Castle was an important part of the History of Maynooth and North Kildare and if it is to be made more accessible for the people of the area and for tourists then the Minister is going to have to provide funding for the Phase 2 Restoration Works.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg vowed to continue his campaign on this issue despite the belligerence of Gormley and his FF pals in Government.

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OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICE OPERATING AT 68% OF REQUIRED CAPACITY

On foot of the alarming figures for waiting times for assessment for Occupational Therapy, which stood at 368 people last May, including 138 children, Deputy Emmet Stagg sought information in relation to the number of Occupational Therapists working in the Service in Kildare.

The HSE have now advised Deputy Stagg that there are 15 Occupational Therapists working in the service in Kildare comprising one occupational therapy manager, 13 senior occupational therapist's and one basic grade occupational therapist.

Reacting to the response Deputy Stagg stated that there were 7 vacant posts being left unfilled in the Occupational Therapy Service. Instead of a compliment of 22 Occupational Therapists we only have 15. This was the direct cause of the Waiting List for Assessment and was a direct result of Government Cut-Backs in the Health Services.

The HSE cannot fill the vacancies stated Deputy Stagg because of the current embargo on recruitment imposed by the Government. This is a scandalous way to treat people following an accident or stroke and the delay in assessment obviously delays the provision of assistance. This delay reduces substantially the chance of recovery.

Deputy Stagg stated that he regarded the Occupational Therapy Service as a Frontline Service because it was critical in rehabilitating patients and he indicated that he would raise the issue further with Minister Harney.

CARLOW/KILDARE GARDA DIVISION STILL THE WORST MANNED GARDA DIVISION IN THE STATE

Deputy Emmet Stagg has reacted angrily to the publication of Garda Manning Levels across the State (figures compiled by Labour Justice Spokesperson) which show that despite the issue having being highlighted by Deputy Stagg 2 years ago, the Carlow/Kildare Garda Division remains the worst manned Garda Division in the State.

Deputy Stagg stated that he had raised the issue repeatedly with former Minister's for Justice who all kicked to touch claiming that the allocation of Gardai to areas rested with the Garda Commissioner. This washing of hands by FF and PD Ministers is something we are getting use to as they accept responsibility for nothing and yet claim they are in charge of the Country.

The recent figures compiled by Deputy Pat Rabbitte show the following (City Areas Excluded)

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

Deputy Stagg stated that Nationally there was 1 Garda for every 368 people. The Carlow/Kildare Division has been consistently discriminated against in relation to Garda numbers despite a 34% increase in Population between 1996 and 2006. The result of this under-manning has seen crime rise in the Division by 12% in 2007 and up 94% since 2000. The net effect of all this is that our Gardai are under pressure to deliver a proper policing service to the Public.

If we were to get the National Average Population Ratio of 1 Garda for every 368 people then Carlow/Kildare would receive an additional 226 Gardai. That stated Deputy Stagg would make an enormous change to the policing of the Division and would make a remarkable change to people's lives as Gardai would be available to attend to crimes when called out.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he would raise the issue with both the new Minister for Justice and the Garda Commissioner.

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Batteries to be recycled free of charge – Fitzpatrick

Batteries are now to be recycled free of charge to the consumer according to local Fianna Fail T.D. and member of the Oireachtas Environment Committee, Michael Fitzpatrick.

"From the 26th of September consumers will be able to recycle their batteries free of charge as a new EU Batteries Directive comes into force."

"Consumers will be able to bring their batteries back to any shop selling similar batteries for no charge. There will be no obligation to buy new batteries. Recycling centres run by local authorities will also accept waste batteries free of charge."

"In an attempt to make battery recycling as convenient as possible, workplaces and schools may also be designated as collection points subject to the agreement of local management."

"The cost of collection, treatment and recycling or environmentally sound disposal of the waste batteries will be met by battery producers."

"This development will be a welcome one for consumers. Many people have concerns about waste batteries and their contents. Now consumers can be assured that their batteries are being recycled or disposed of safely and in an environmentally friendly manner,"



Michael Fitzpatrick T.D.

€159 million available to cover increased Electricity and Gas allowances for social welfare recipients -Rising energy costs will continue to be met for pensioners and other recipients of the Electricity or Gas Allowance

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick has welcomed the Minister for Social and Family Affairs, Mary Hanafin's reassurance that those who receive the Electricity or Gas Allowance from the Department of Social and Family Affairs will receive revised allowances to help offset the increased fuel prices during the winter season.

Any increase in fuel affects everyone right across society, increasing both households and business costs. The priority is to ensure that those who most need help with rising energy costs get that support from this Government. Some 358,000 pensioner and other households qualify for Electricity and Gas Allowances through the Household Benefits package which help towards their heating, light and cooking costs throughout the year.

This year alone this Government has increased the funding available to €145 million for electricity and €14 million for gas. This represents additional expenditure on the household benefits package of €26 million in a full year". Added Deputy Fitzpatrick.

I also welcome the initiative undertaken by Minister Hanafin on issues around fuel poverty. Working with the Ministers for Finance Brian Lenihan and Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources Eamon Ryan, to see how we can ensure the coordinated delivery of all fuel poverty initiatives across Government Departments and agencies. Current Energy efficiency initiatives underway, include research by Sustainable Energy Ireland, which have an important contribution to make in improving our information about homes that are vulnerable to fuel poverty.

As a member of the Environment and Climate Change Committees I am conscious that we need to investigate further how best to insulate houses which have low energy efficiency, because a lot of heat and ultimately money is lost through not having sufficient insulation."added Deputy Fitzpatrick.

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Allowance Type	Current Annual Value	Revised Annual Value	Date applicable
Electricity Urban	€465.05	€539.42	1st Aug 2008
Electricity Rural (higher standing charge)	€499.85	€574.22	1st Aug 2008
Gas	€465.00	€540.00	1st Aug 2008

Under the Household Benefits scheme, the Electricity allowance covers standing charges and 2,400 units of electricity each year. Customers opting for the Gas allowance receive a similar amount of energy with the value of the Gas allowance having been aligned with that of the electric urban rate during 2006.

Tánaiste to prioritise cut in red tape for business

First report highlights €20M in savings for business –

Call for further input from business –
Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade & Employment, Mary Coughlan, T.D., today received the first report of the High Level Group on Business Regulation and outlined her commitment to reduce the amount of red tape imposed by the State on business.

"Our commitment in Government is to reduce the administrative burden on Irish business by 25%. This demanding target is a key priority in my role as Minister for Enterprise Trade & Employment and to achieve that aim we have established the High Level Group on Business Regulation. The Group is tasked with identifying where legislation has imposed an administrative burden, or "Red Tape" on business and with recommending ways to reduce that burden, without undermining the policy objectives behind the regulation", said the Tánaiste.

The work of the Group is focused on concrete measures in specific policy areas, including taxation, statistics, environment, health & safety, employment and company law. The first report of the Group sets out a number of instances where procedures have been simplified, making it easier for business to deal with Government.

In addition, further changes to reduce the burden on business are imminent in the procedures surrounding waste collection permits, road haulage permits and employment permits.

"The Group's recommendations are already estimated to save Irish businesses €20M in administrative costs this year through cutting out paperwork, revising the rules for small businesses and making much better use of the secure on-line services" said the Tánaiste.

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick, convenor of Enterprise Trade & Employment Committee stressed that if the work of the Group is to produce optimal benefits, businesses, and especially small business, must come forward with practical proposals in the areas where they feel the burden is greatest. "Small businesses in particular have a lot to gain from participating in this process and making known areas where they feel over-burdened by red tape. To consider how to address these burdens, the Group must firstly be aware of their extent and I would encourage all businesses to feed into the Group's work" he concluded.

Submissions to the High Level Group on Business Regulation should be addressed to

High Level Group on Business Regulation,
Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment,
Earlsfort Centre, Lower Hatch Street, Dublin 2.

Cycle Paths on Canal Tow Paths

Kildare has some 70 miles of Canals, they are one of our most valuable assets and we should be encouraging more people to enjoy to them. "You can walk for miles along the canal banks on the tow paths." says Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick. However, at present, the majority of the towpaths are not suitable for cycling for a variety of reasons, headroom at the masonry arch bridges, rough terrain, etc. Following talks with Waterways Ireland, Deputy Fitzpatrick has been informed that they are working on cycleways in the urban/semi urban environs when the towpaths are or can be made wide enough to accommodate separate designated lanes, i.e. one for pedestrians and one for cyclists.

Deputy Fitzpatrick has been told by Waterways Ireland that they are currently working in partnership with the ESB and South Dublin County Council to construct a cycleway parallel to the canal between Inchicore (3rd lock) to Lucan (12th lock). There will be a designated cycleway and the existing towpath will be developed for walking and fishing.

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Salmon Leap Canoe Club Summer course

Salmon Leap Canoe Club offered a new summer course structure for the first time this summer. The courses were run over two weeks, 5 days each week. The students were taught to use 2-3 different types of kayaks, as well as learning many different skills in each through a variety of different methods. The courses were run with the intention of teaching both how to enjoy water, and how to respect it. Overall the courses were a great success, with many of the students joining the club after their course. We now have a large number of juniors going through to next year.



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Aine Brady T.D.

Fuel Allowance set to increase by 16% says Brady

Deputy Aine Brady has welcomed the announcement by the Minister for Social Affairs, Mary Hanafin TD, that Fuel and Gas allowances for social welfare recipients are set to increase. This will ensure that they continue to receive the same amount of energy as before in light of the rise in energy prices. Deputy Brady met with Minister Hanafin last month to discuss the issue, after a number of pensioners raises the issue with her.

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

'It is of vital importance that those who are affected most by the increase in fuel prices are protected and the Government's priority is to ensure that those who most need help with rising energy costs get the support that is required.'

'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.

Allowance Type	Current Annual Value	Revised Annual Value	Date applicable
	€	€	
Electricity Urban	465.05	539.42	1st August 2008
Electricity Rural (higher standing charge)	499.85	574.22	1st August 2008
Gas	465.00	540.00	1st August 2008

Bus Service for Maynooth raised with Dublin Bus

Deputy Aine Brady has raised the issue of an improved Bus Service for Maynooth at a recent meeting with Dublin Bus.

In particular, I am anxious that a service be provided on Moyglare Road, Meadowbrook Link Road and at Griffin Rath on the Celbridge Road. Dublin Bus have informed me that they require Kildare Co Co to provide turning bays and / or parking bays at these locations. I have made representations to Kildare Co Co to provide these facilities. Dublin Bus will provide these services once these facilities are in place.

Kildare Co Co received approval for two new Fire Appliances

Deputy Aine Brady has been informed by the Minister of State at the Department of the Environment and Local Government, Michael Kitt TD, that he has approved the purchase of two new fire appliances for Kildare.

'I welcome this announcement as it is important that we continue to invest in the fire services in

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Kildare. We are all well aware of the important work that our Fire Services provide and modern equipment is a key enabler for them to carry out their work in an efficient and safe manner.'

'I have no doubt that this investment will strengthen the capacity of the fire service in County Kildare and enhance the service provided by the retained crew of the six stations operating here.' stated Deputy Brady.

'The Department will be providing a grant of almost €600,000 to the fire authority in due course to meet the full cost of these vehicles.' concluded Deputy Brady.

Unemployed young people to be given opportunity to return to education – Brady

Young people who are out of work for more than six months are to be given the opportunity to return to education, according to Kildare North Fianna Fail T.D., Áine Brady.

"The Minister for Social and Family Affairs announced this week that the €71million available under the Back to Education Allowance Scheme this year will be specifically targeted at young men and women between the ages of 18 and 25 who are signing on the Live Register."

"The Minister has asked the officials in her Department to operate a specific programme over the summer months to identify and contact young people who may be eligible to qualify for the Back to Education Allowance Scheme."

"Recent CSO figures showed an increase in the amount of young people signing on, and the Government is keen to address the trend."

"The Back to Education Allowance Scheme enables participants to receive a weekly rate of payment equivalent to their second or third level education. This payment is not means tested and there is also an additional payment of €500 paid to participants at the start of the academic year."

"This financial assistance enables people to return to education, up-skill or re-skill, with a view to improving their future employment prospects."

"In the last academic year almost 9,000 men and women availed of the Back to Education Allowance Scheme. It is a very successful scheme and I would like to encourage anyone who is struggling to find work to investigate their eligibility," concluded Deputy Brady.

School uniform assistance available for eligible families - Brady

Eligible families who are planning for the next school year should be aware of the available assistance with Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance, according to local Fianna Fail T.D. Áine Brady.

"Parents may need to spread the cost of returning to school over the summer but eligible families should be aware that assistance in purchasing uniforms and footwear is available."

"Those eligible can receive €200 for each child between aged between 2 and 11 years and €305 for each child aged between 12 and 22 years, an increase of 15% from last year ."

"Parents can apply to their local HSE office for funding under the Scheme from now right until the end of September."

"Families who are eligible include those in receipt of certain social welfare and HSE payments, those who are in receipt of Family Income Supplement or taking in part in approved employment schemes or training courses."

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"If parents or guardians are unsure if they qualify they should contact their Community Welfare Officer at the local HSE office for more information, check the website www.welfare.ie, or LoCall 1890 66 22 44," concluded Deputy Brady.

Amenity Grants – Support for Community Groups – Residents Associations.

Please check if your Community or Voluntary Organisation is entitled to any support:

- **Kildare Co. Co. - 045 980 535** - (Amenity Grant for **Voluntary Groups**).
- **Kildare Co. Co. - 045 980 588** – (Residents Association / Clean up Supports).
- **Pobail - (071) 9186761** (Support for **Older people**),
- **Pobail – (071) 9186758 / 9186759** (Programme of Grants for Locally Based **Community and Voluntary Organisations**).

New Research and Development scheme for Small Businesses

Research and Development is key to the survival of Small Businesses and the Government has announcement a revised and simplified Research and Development Grant Scheme which will be available to companies across all sectors, including construction and services companies.

I would encourage all local businesses to use this opportunity to check if they can qualify for Government support for R&D projects by contacting the Department of Enterprise (**01 631 2121** or www.entemp.ie). Information on other supports that are available for small business can be obtained from **Kildare Enterprise Board – 045 861707**.

Would you like to join Fianna Fail in Maynooth ? – please contact Gearoid Lohan – 086 2516639 or Brid Feely 087 205 2649.

Local Fianna Fail Councillor – Cllr Paul Kelly – 086 2560548 – paul.kelly@pkelly.ie

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