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Waiting for the budget this year is a little like a dental appointment or an exam, the waiting will probably be worse than the event itself but there is an increasing anger and frustration among the general public. The government is drip-feeding the bad news so that it may not feel quite so bad when the grim day finally arrives. The result of the uncertainty however is that people are reluctant to spend and they do not know what will be taken from them in December. The exodus of shoppers to the North of Ireland to get bargains is a further blow to the economy but how can this be stopped? It is all very well to ask people to pull together and to be patriotic but looking at the price differences it is difficult to blame those who drive north every couple of weeks.

There is no doubt that 2009 has been an annus horribilis and the sooner that it is over the better! The Newsletter would like to take this opportunity to wish all our readers a happy and peaceful Christmas and may 2010 be an improvement on '09. The word prosperous might not be quite appropriate this year.

### **Recalling the passing of a dear Community Member**

For many years before the formation of Maynooth Community Council John Read worked with Ted Kelly and Liam Bean to produce a monthly issue of Maynooth Newsletter. Early in the 1970's Maynooth Community Council was set up under the auspices of Fr. O'Higgins, Chairperson and John Barnwell on the Committee as well as John Read, Tom McMullon, Liam Bean and Ted Kelly along with other members of the community. The idea was to secure for the community the use of the Geraldine Hall and the Newsletter was set up. John sold the newsletter outside the church no matter what the weather was like. The Council carried on for a few years but disintegrated when there was no movement or sign of the Hall being handed over. John Read, Leo Bean and Ted Kelly felt that the most important role of the Council was the Newsletter and they dedicated a lot of time and effort into ensuring that events occurring in Maynooth were covered each month.

John Read was a leading member during this period and his efforts shouldn't be forgotten. John was also a founder member of Maynooth Credit Union as well as working with C.I.E. for many years and he was also a member of the Maynooth Badminton Club. John was very involved with the community and served it well.

**Muireann Ni Bhrolchain**

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# Maynooth Community Council Notes

## Maynooth Community Council meeting 9 November 2009

Among the issues raised and discussed at the meeting were the following:

### **Future of Geraldine Hall**

The proposed handing over of the lease of the Geraldine Hall by the County Council to the Scouts was discussed. There were differing opinions as to the appropriate use of the Hall. Colm Ó Cearúil, Chairperson, was of the view that the Hall should not be given exclusively to the Scouts, and that its use should not be under their sole control. He pointed out that the Scouts would have a 99-year lease on the Hall. The Community Council had, he said, put detailed plans to Kildare County Council a few years previously, proposing that the Geraldine Hall would form the core of a Community Centre and Community Council offices building. This was seen as part of the Action Area Plan adopted by KCC for the Harbour area of Maynooth. Many long-standing Community Council members had understood that the use of the Hall for community and cultural purposes had been agreed.

Councillor John McGinley (Labour), said that had been the original plan for the Hall. But this would not happen now as there were no funds for the Harbour AAP, and he said that all six Local Area County Councillors supported giving the lease of the Hall to the Scouts. Terry Nealon (An Nuada Players) had hoped that the Geraldine Hall would be developed to contain a theatre and arts centre, but said he would support the Scouts' use of the Hall since there was no other money available to restore it. He would have to look elsewhere for a theatre site. Tom McMullon, Vice-Chairperson, said that as a member of the Community Council he had a long-standing interest in the Hall. He would like to see it as a 'Public Forum'. The Scouts were admirable, he said, but he would like to see what was being proposed.

C. Ó Cearúil asked if the 'heritage' part of the Geraldine Hall could be vested in the Community Council, and asked to what extent the community would have use of the Hall. J. McGinley said it would take €100,000 to restore the Hall and the Community Council did not have this kind of money. Peter Garrad (Scouts) said the community could have use of the Hall during the day when the Scouts were not using it.

In response to a query from Deirdre Cullen, PRO, who asked if the Hall would sometimes be made available during the evening, P. Garrad said that the 'heritage' part of the building would be available on some evenings. T. McMullon welcomed this, and D. Cullen suggested that the Local History Group would be one suitable user of the 'heritage' building in the evenings. She asked if the Scouts would be prepared to present their plans and drawings to the Community Council for feedback and comment, before submitting them in a planning application. P. Garrad agreed that the Scouts would present their plans before sending them in.

J. McGinley proposed that the Community Council support the Scouts getting the lease of the Hall. The proposal was seconded by P. Garrad. A vote was taken by a show of hands, and a majority was in favour of the Scouts use of the Hall.

### **NUIM to present plans for New Library**

Frank Fitzmaurice, Director of Corporate Services, N.U.I.M., will make a presentation at the next Community Council meeting, on 14 December, outlining the proposals for re-development of the N.U.I.M. library and ancillary development works on the Kilcock Road.

### **Canet Twinning Project**

C. Ó Cearúil reported that the Canet town-twinning visit had been very successful and that the Canet visitors were anxious to take the process to the next phase. An ad hoc committee had been working on this project up to now, but a sub-committee would now be set up. H. Dunne (Local History Group) and T. Nealon agreed to join. P. Garrad said there were no scouts in Canet itself but they would help. It was agreed to seek membership and support from the local sports groups: Rugby, GAA, Soccer, and others such as the schools, who might participate in exchanges etc. T. Nealon noted that the lack of facilities in Maynooth was shown up during the visit, and that the visitors asked him where the cinema and theatre were. J. McGinley said that twinning is very expensive and that the sub-committee should check the feasibility of the idea. C. Ó Cearúil said he would seek funding and support from Kildare County Council.

### **Parking causing problems at Moyglare Road**

Mattie Callaghan (Tidy Towns Committee) said that they had complained to the local KCC engineer, Eilis Murray, about parking on the Moyglare Road near the schools tearing up the verges. Cars were also parking at bollards, making pedestrians have to walk on the road. C. Ó Cearúil said the Community Council had written to KCC asking for a traffic management plan for that area, but nothing had been done. He also said the nearby land opposite Manor Mills was an eyesore. Josie Moore (Senior Citizens) said the Catholic Diocese should buy this land for use as a car park for churchgoers.

**D. Cullen PRO**

## Maynooth Community Library

**A large selection of new DVD's has arrived in Maynooth Library.**

### **Crafts with Mary.**

Mary will hold a craft session for children in Maynooth Community Library on the week of 9th December. Please ask at desk for details or visit our website at [kildarecoco.ie/library](http://kildarecoco.ie/library).

### **Maynooth Film for All.**

The next screening of Maynooth Community Film for All is on Wednesday 9th December at 7.45pm. The film to be screened is "Encounters At The End of the World". In his first documentary since the Grizzly Man, director Werner Herzog, accompanied only by his cameraman, travelled to Antarctica, with rare access to the raw beauty and raw humanity of the ultimate "Down Under". The venue for the screening is the comfortable surroundings of the JHL2, lecture hall in the John Hume building, North Campus Maynooth College.

### **Christmas Closing Times for Maynooth Community Library.**

Maynooth Community Library will close on Wednesday 23rd December at 5pm to Tuesday 29th December inclusive. Re-opening on 30th and 31st December 9.30 - 1pm and 2pm - 5pm. Closed on 1st January. Normal opening hours resume on Monday 4th January 2010.

**The Staff of Maynooth Community Library would like to wish all our users a Very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year**

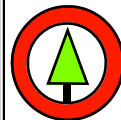
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*Of a June day.  
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Erupting earth unnoticed until the newsman  
Made a scene of Stonehenge defiles by  
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*If the glass is half full, we have reached  
The peak of the year, a fulsome spring berthed  
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If the glass is half empty we start tomorrow with  
The fall, the slow decline that takes us in icy chill  
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We left behind passes for granted.*

*So for the day that's in it,  
I will raise a glass to the half moon  
And the patient sky  
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*The Book of Maynooth is on display in  
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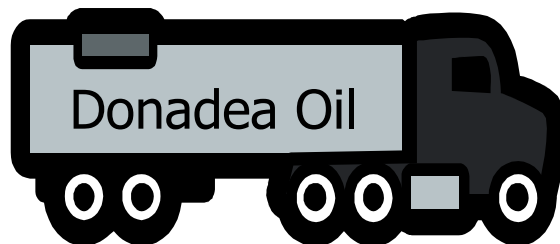


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## Town Twinning of Canet en Roussillon and Maynooth.

The recent visit by the delegation from Canet to Maynooth was an outstanding success. The community of Maynooth rose to the occasion by showcasing our town and left the delegates with the desire to formally sign the twinning charter between our two towns in 2010. The exercise reinforced for us the value of all Maynooth has to offer to both residents and visitors.

On Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> of October the delegation was welcomed to Maynooth by Mayor of Kildare, Councillor Colm Purcell at an official reception sponsored by Kildare County Council in the Glenroyal Hotel. Speaking in French, Irish and English the Mayor spoke of the benefits of town twinning and how he was pleased to see Maynooth becoming part of the twinning programme enjoyed by most other major towns in the county. A lecture entitled, The History of Maynooth was delivered by eminent local historian Mary Cullen in which she recounted the history of Maynooth from the twelfth century to modern times in an interesting and enlightening manner. The theme of Maynooth and the French Connection was delivered by Mr. Declan O' Connor and subsequently delivered in French by Ms. Ann Kelly. The Rita Doyle Junior and Senior troupe of Irish dancers delighted and entertained the assembled guests and dignitaries with their exhibition of traditional Irish dancing. A lively and entertaining night of traditional music was provided by local musicians Push for Porter, go raibh fada buan sibh!

On Monday morning the delegates were given a guided tour of the twelfth century Maynooth Castle courtesy of Ms. Catherine O' Connor of The Office of Public Works. We appreciate that the O.P.W. opened the castle especially on a bank holiday Monday and made staff available for the guided tour. We then brought the visitors from the twelfth century to the twenty first century, when Nobel Prize winner and Head of Climatology Research in the National University of Ireland Maynooth Professor John Sweeney showed the delegation the cutting edge technology and methods used by N.U.I.M. in researching climate change. Esquires in the Manor Mills shopping centre a fair-trade café provided refreshments to our guests courtesy of the proprietor Mr. John Dunne. Ms Rita Edwards from the Maynooth History Group explained the significance and history of the millwheel in the context of the Mill in Maynooth. In the afternoon Mr. Bruno Canet who is a member of the Canet fire service took special

interest in the fire drill performed by Maynooth fire service in the Harbour field. A rapport was established between the firemen and after gifts were exchanged a commitment to establish a relationship between the two stations was agreed upon by representatives of both stations. Mr. Paul Croghan



*Reception to welcome the French Delegation  
Bruno Canet, Colm O'Cearuil, Geraldine Ní O'Cearuil,,  
Emmanuelle Garbani de Lacviver, Peter Garrad & Hilda Dunne*

gave a talk on the history of the Royal canal and its influence upon the development of the town. The delegation was most impressed by the playground facilities in the harbour field and especially by the exercise area for senior citizens which they hope to replicate in Canet. Carton Avenue was the next port of call and a viewing of the plaque erected by Kildare County Council to commemorate the French Revolution and its influence on subsequent Irish history. The flora, fauna and recreational value of Carton Avenue were examined and appraised. The delegation then had the opportunity to view the magnificent walks and facilities of Carton House in the falling hours of daylight.

In the evening a historical tour of Carton House was provided by Mr. Conor Mallaghan where the delegation and dignitaries attended a dinner hosted by the Mallaghan family. The seal of the town of Canet was presented to the Cathaoirleach of Maynooth Community Council by the Ms. Emmanuelle Garbani de Lacviver, Councillor Delegate to twinning to formalise the relationship between Maynooth and Canet. Minister Áine Brady congratulated the representative of Maynooth and Canet for bringing the venture to fruition and wished the project every success in the future

On Tuesday morning the delegates were afforded the

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opportunity to view and study The Book of Maynooth in Maynooth Library. The Book was written in 2000, to commemorate the millennium and contains works by local writers, poets and artists. The delegates were then treated to a guided tour of St. Patrick's College by Mr. Dominic Mc Namara. The College was built in 1795 for the education of the native population and is one of the jewels in the crown of the Maynooth cultural landscape. We watched with pleasure as the delegation stood in awe, enthralled by the works of art in the College Chapel.



*Bruno Canet, Emmanuelle Garbani de Lacvivier, Aoife Travers, Karen Feehan, Sarah Jennings, Ellen Sweeney, Deirdre Smullen, Catherine Wanschoor, Gisele Gayraud & Rita Doyle*



*Bruno Canet, Councillor Delegate to Sports being presented with a miniature Fire-engine by members of Maynooth Fire Brigade. Philip Doyle, Eoghan Matthews & Brendan Kelly.*

Our visitors were shown the manuscripts housed in the Russell Library and given a demonstration on the precise technique of restoring damaged manuscript paper.

The visitors were duly impressed and were revived by the hospitality and welcome extended by the College. Our busy afternoon schedule brought us to the offices of N.U.I.M. where Professor Jim Walsh, Vice-President of N.U.I.M. explained the composition and work of the University to the delegation. Professor Walsh outlined the future plans for the University and its role in Irish society. The delegates expressed particular interest in the Universities French, Spanish, English, Law, Geography, Information Technology, Research & Development and Sports Departments. Students from Canet attend Perpignan University and the possibility of developing links between the two bodies will be explored. A warm welcome was extended to the delegation by the staff of M.C.C. office. The supervisor of the office Ms. Marie Gleeson spoke of the success of the project and was looking forward to the continued working relationship between our two towns. The flag of Canet was presented to the office as a symbol of the relationship between our two towns. The Maynooth G.A.A. club was the venue for a demonstration of hurling which the delegates found to be most interesting and enjoyable. Ms Hilary McCabe was on hand to educate the visitors on the role of the club in the life of the town and the role of the G.A.A. in the life of the nation. On Monday evening the delegation were permitted to attend a public meeting, with observer status convened by Councillor John Mc Ginley to establish a youth café in Maynooth. It afforded an opportunity to observe democracy in action in Maynooth. The grand finale of presentations was by Mr. Fergus White who explained a visual display of photographs entitled Maynooth through the ages. Ireland's involvement in European affairs during World War 2 / The Emergency was recounted to our visitors in French. In their farewell address the delegation highlighted how grateful they were to the community of Maynooth for such a warm welcome. They stressed how educational and informative the visit had been and that they were looking forward to reporting back to the Council of Canet their positive experience of Maynooth.

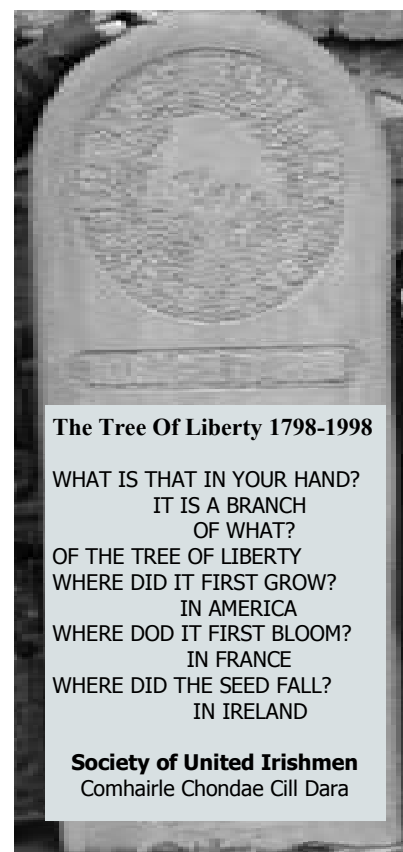
I wish to take the opportunity to thank all who helped make the visit a success. When called upon the community of Maynooth rose to the challenge to showcase our town. The exercise had the effect of reminding us of what Maynooth has to offer. The town of Maynooth is now a major urban centre with a population of over 21,000, composed of over 12,500 residents, complemented by a student population of over 8,500. We have matured as a town but we have also matured as a community in that we feel secure enough to give and receive that which is best with our twin town in the south of France, Canet en Roussillon.



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*Mr. Jocelyn Hodapp, Catherine Wanschoor,  
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## *A Real Christmas Miracle - by Susan Leonard*

When I recall precious Christmas memories, I think of a very special story, one which represents the magic and glory of the season. This is a true story, as told to me by my husband, a professional Santa Claus, of a real Christmas miracle which he experienced. A story that I think will cause YOU to believe.

Three years ago, a little boy and his grandmother came to see my Santa at Mayfair Mall in Wisconsin. The child climbed up on his lap, holding a picture of a little girl. "Who is this?" asked Santa, smiling. "Your friend? Your sister?" "Yes, Santa," he replied. "My sister, Sarah, who is very sick," he said sadly. Santa glanced over at the grandmother who was waiting nearby, and saw her dabbing her eyes with a tissue.

"She wanted to come with me to see you, oh, so very much, Santa!" the child exclaimed. "She misses you," he added softly. Santa tried to be cheerful and encouraged a smile to the boy's face, asking him what he wanted Santa to bring him for Christmas. When they finished their visit, the Grandmother came over to help the child off his lap, and started to say something to Santa, but halted. "What is it?" Santa asked warmly.

"Well, I know it's really too much to ask you, Santa, but " the old woman began, shooing her grandson over to one of Santa's elves to collect the little gift which Santa gave all his young visitors. "The girl in the photograph ... my granddaughter ... well, you see ... she has leukaemia and isn't expected to make it even through the holidays," she said through tear-filled eyes. "Is there any way, Santa ... any possible way that you could come see Sarah? That's all she's asked for, for Christmas, is to see Santa." Santa blinked and swallowed hard and told the woman to leave information with his elves as to where Sarah was, and he would see what he could do. Santa thought of little else the rest of that afternoon. He knew what he had to do. "What if it were MY child lying in that hospital bed, dying," he thought with a sinking heart, "this is the least I can do."

When Santa finished visiting with all the boys and girls that evening, he retrieved from his helper the name of the hospital where Sarah was staying. He asked the assistant location manager how to get to the Children's Hospital. "Why?" Rick asked, with a puzzled look on his face. Santa relayed to him the conversation with Sarah's grandmother earlier that day. "C'mon .... I'll take you there," Rick said softly. Rick drove them to the hospital and came inside with Santa. They found out which room Sarah was in. A pale Rick said he would wait out in the hall.

Santa quietly peeked into the room through the half-closed door and saw little Sarah on the bed. The room was full of what appeared to be her family; there was the Grandmother and the girl's brother he had met earlier that day. A woman whom he guessed was Sarah's mother stood by the bed, gently pushing Sarah's thin hair off her forehead. And another woman who he discovered later was Sarah's aunt, sat in a chair near the bed with a weary, sad look on her face. They were talking quietly, and Santa could sense the warmth and closeness of the family, and their love and concern for Sarah. Taking a deep breath, and forcing a smile on his face, Santa entered the room, bellowing a hearty, "Ho, ho, ho!" "Santa!" shrieked little Sarah weakly, as she tried to escape her bed to run to him, IV tubes intact. Santa rushed to her side and gave her a warm hug. A child the tender age of his own son -- 9 years old -- gazed up at him with wonder and excitement. Her skin was pale and her short tresses bore telltale bald patches from the effects of chemotherapy. But all he saw when he looked at her was a pair of huge, blue eyes.

His heart melted, and he had to force himself to choke back tears.

Though his eyes were riveted upon Sarah's face, he could hear the gasps and quiet sobbing of the women in the room. As he and Sarah began talking, the family crept quietly to the bedside one by one, squeezing Santa's shoulder or his hand gratefully, whispering "thank you" as they gazed sincerely at him with shining eyes.

Santa and Sarah talked and talked, and she told him excitedly all the toys she wanted for Christmas, assuring him she'd been a very good girl that year. As their time together dwindled, Santa felt led in his spirit to pray for Sarah, and asked for permission from the girl's mother. She nodded in agreement and the entire family circled around Sarah's bed, holding hands.

Santa looked intensely at Sarah and asked her if she believed in angels. "Oh, yes, Santa I do!" she exclaimed. "Well, I'm going to ask that angels watch over you," he said.

Laying one hand on the child's head, Santa closed his eyes and prayed. He asked that God touch little Sarah, and heal her body from this disease. He asked that angels minister to her, watch and keep her. And when he finished praying, still with eyes closed, he started singing softly, "Silent Night, Holy Night, all is calm, all is bright." The family joined in, still holding hands, smiling at Sarah, and crying tears of hope, tears of joy for this moment, as Sarah beamed at them all.

When the song ended, Santa sat on the side of the bed again and held Sarah's frail, small hands in his own. "Now, Sarah," he said authoritatively, "you have a job to do, and that is to concentrate on getting well. I want you to have fun playing with your friends this summer, and I expect to see you at my house at Mayfair Mall this time next year!" He knew it was risky proclaiming that, to this little girl who had terminal cancer, but he had to. He had to give her the greatest gift he could, not dolls or games or toys, but the gift of HOPE. "Yes, Santa!" Sarah exclaimed, her eyes bright. He leaned down and kissed her on the forehead and left the room.

Out in the hall, the minute Santa's eyes met Rick's, a look passed between them and they wept unashamed. Sarah's mother and grandmother slipped out of the room quickly and rushed to Santa's side to thank him. "My only child is the same age as Sarah," he explained quietly. "This is the least I could do." They nodded with understanding and hugged him.

One year later, Santa Mark was again back on the set in Milwaukee for his six-week, seasonal job which he so loves to do. Several weeks went by and then one day a child came up to sit on his lap. "Hi, Santa! Remember me?!" "Of course, I do," Santa proclaimed (as he always does), smiling down at her. After all, the secret to being a \*good\* Santa is to always make each child feel as if they are the only child in the world at that moment. "You came to see me in the hospital last year!" Santa's jaw dropped. Tears immediately sprang in his eyes, and he grabbed this little miracle and held her to his chest. "Sarah!" he exclaimed. He scarcely recognized her, for her hair was long and silky and her cheeks were rosy, much different from the little girl he had visited just a year before.

He looked over and saw Sarah's mother and grandmother in the sidelines smiling and waving and wiping their eyes.

That was the best Christmas ever for Santa Claus. He had witnessed, and been blessed to be instrumental in bringing about this miracle of hope. This precious little child was healed. Cancer-free. Alive and well. He silently looked up to Heaven and humbly whispered,

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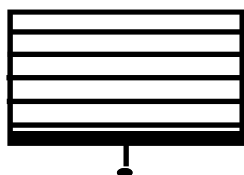


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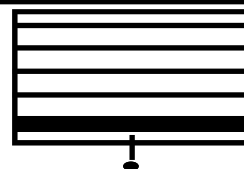
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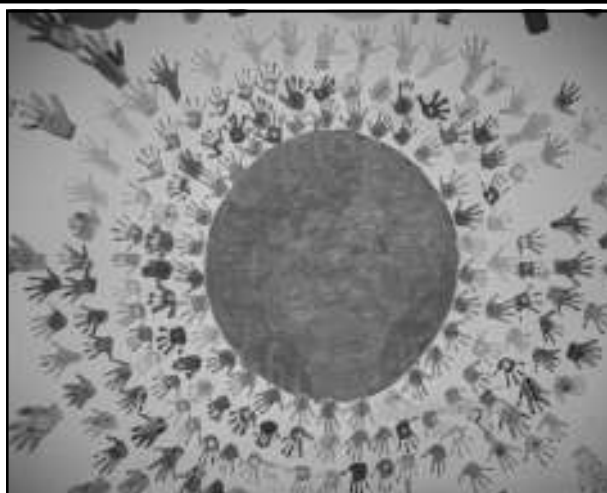


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**Science Week**

Science Week was marked by an exhibition of experiments in our school hall co-ordinated by Ms Mc Garry. Children from every class came to view the displays of the girls from 2nd class to 6th class

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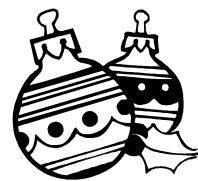


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## Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Know Your Rights

### Question

I was made redundant from my job a few months ago and since then I have been looking for jobs but haven't found anything yet. I'd like to do some unpaid voluntary work to keep my skills up. How would this affect my Jobseeker's Benefit payment?

### Answer

If you want to do voluntary work and continue to get Jobseeker's Allowance or Jobseeker's Benefit, you must apply under the voluntary work option before you start the work. The decision is made by a Deciding Officer in your Social Welfare Local Office. In considering an application, the Deciding Officer will look in particular at two things: whether the work is voluntary within the meaning of the scheme and whether you would continue to satisfy the statutory conditions for getting the jobseeker's payment (which include the requirement that you are available and looking for work).

A number of factors are taken into account when determining whether the work involved is voluntary. These include:

- The aims and standing of the voluntary organisation (they can be national or local voluntary groups)
- The type of work involved
- The weekly number of hours worked

Examples of unpaid voluntary work a jobseeker may do include assisting youth clubs, care groups, church groups, sports groups, cultural organisations and local residents' associations.

When considering whether you continue to meet the conditions of your jobseeker's payment the Deciding Officer will need to be satisfied that you are available to take up employment, if offered it, and that you are making genuine efforts to find work. This applies whether the voluntary work is full or part-time.

To apply, fill in an application form (VW1), which is available from your Social Welfare Local Office.

### Question

I've been working in Ireland on a work permit but have just been made redundant from my job. Will I be able to apply for another work permit?

### Answer

If you are working on a work permit and lose your job through redundancy you should notify the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment and return your work permit. From 28 August 2009 there are new provisions for newly redundant people who were working on a work permit.

#### **If you have had a work permit for 5 years:**

If you have been made redundant after working on a work permit for 5 consecutive years you no longer need a permit to work in Ireland. You should apply to your local immigration officer who will

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issue you with a stamp 4 immigration permission for one year. This permission may be renewed annually and it allows you to take up any employment but not self-employment. (Within the Dublin District immigration officers are based in the Garda National Immigration Bureau (GNIB), and outside Dublin in the local Garda District Headquarters.)

## If you have held a work permit for less than 5 years:

The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment will allow you a period of 6 months to find another job. When you find another job you have to apply for a new work permit. A labour market needs test is not required. If you were made redundant from a job on the list of ineligible categories you may apply for a new work permit for a job on that ineligible list.

You should contact your local immigration officer to confirm your immigration status. If you have more than 6 months before your immigration permission expires, you can reside in Ireland under your stamp 1 permission for a further 6 months. If you have less than 6 months' immigration permission you can have your immigration permission extended to 6 months which means you will have to pay €150 for a new GNIB card. If you have not found a new job after 6 months you will be expected to leave Ireland. If you then get an offer of employment in Ireland you may apply for a new work permit.

## Question

What is the Fair Deal Scheme for nursing home care and how does it work?

## Answer

The Nursing Homes Support Scheme, often referred to as the "Fair Deal", is a new scheme of financial support for people who need long-term nursing home care. It covers all types of nursing homes including approved private nursing homes, voluntary nursing homes and public nursing homes, (such as HSE Community Hospitals and Community Nursing Units). It comes into operation on 27 October 2009.

If you are currently in a **private** nursing home you can opt to continue your current arrangement or you can apply for the Fair Deal Scheme. The arrangements for people currently in **public** nursing homes do not change but new

applicants are assessed under the Fair Deal.

There are three steps to applying for the scheme. First of all you apply for a *Care Needs Assessment*. This is carried out by healthcare professionals, for example, a nurse, and will consider whether you can be supported to continue living at home or whether long-term nursing home care is more appropriate.

You must be assessed as needing long-term nursing home care to be eligible for State support. People who are already in nursing homes when the scheme starts do not need to have a care needs assessment carried out.

The next step is a *Financial Assessment*. This looks at your income and assets to work out what your contribution to your care will be. You contribute 80% of your income and 5% of the value of any assets you own each year. (If the assets include land and property the contribution based on these assets can be deferred and not paid during your lifetime. If the assets include your home or, in certain cases, a farm, the deferred contribution based on these assets is capped at 15% or three years of contributions at 5%.) The HSE will then pay the balance of your cost of care. For example, if the cost of your care is €1,000 and your weekly contribution is €300, the HSE will pay the weekly balance of €700. This payment is called State support.

The next step is *choosing your nursing home*. The HSE will give you a list of nursing homes. This list includes public, voluntary and approved private nursing homes. You can choose care in any nursing home on the list provided that the home can cater for your particular needs and has a place for you.

## Question

What are credited contributions?

## Answer

If you are an employee, Pay Related Social Insurance (PRSI) deductions are made from your earnings each week. Your PRSI contributions to the Social Insurance Fund can help you to qualify for social insurance payments, such as Jobseeker's Benefit and State Pension (Contributory).

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A credited social insurance contribution is a contribution given to you without a PRSI payment. Some social welfare payments, including pension payments, allow you to combine your paid and credited contributions to help you qualify for a social insurance payment.

To qualify for a credit you must have worked and paid at least one PRSI contribution at PRSI Class A, B, C, D, E, or H and have paid or credited contributions in either of the last two completed tax years. For example, if you are applying for credits in 2009 you must have paid or credited contributions in either 2008 or 2007. If there is a gap of more than two completed tax years you must work and pay contributions for a further 26 weeks before you qualify for credited contributions.

Credits are usually awarded at the same rate as your last paid PRSI contribution. Your credits will only help you to qualify for the social insurance payments appropriate to your PRSI Class. For example, if your last paid PRSI contribution was Class A your credits will be for Class A. If however, your last PRSI contribution was at Class B your credits will be for Class B.

You get credits automatically if you are fully unemployed and getting Jobseeker's Benefit. You can continue to get credits if you have used up your entitlement to Jobseeker's Benefit and qualify for Jobseeker's Allowance. You must have paid or credited PRSI contributions in either of the last two tax years to get credits with Jobseeker's Allowance.

Under certain circumstances you may be awarded credits without receiving any payment. This may apply, for example, if you have used up your entitlement to Jobseeker's Benefit and do not qualify for Jobseeker's Allowance. In this case, you can 'sign' for credits (provided you are available and looking for work). You can also continue to get credits if you are taking part in approved education or training schemes.

Further information is available from Citizens Information Centres and from the Citizens Information Phone Service, LoCall 1890 777 121.



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### St. Marys Parish Maynooth

Thursday 24th December Christmas Eve	10:00 AM 5:00 PM Children's Mass 7:00 PM 9:30 PM Midnight Mass
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Friday 25th December Christmas Day	9:00 AM 10:15 AM 11:30 AM 12:45 PM
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<b>Confessions:</b>	Penitential Service after 10:00 AM Mass. Individual Confessions will be heard up to 12:00 noon
Saturday 19th Dec.	
Thursday 24th Dec. Christmas Eve	Confessions after 10:00 AM Mass up to 12:00 noon

### St. Marys Church of Ireland, Maynooth

Sunday 20th December	Carol Service 11:30 AM
Friday 25th Dec. Christmas Day	10:00 AM Service

### Ladychapel

Thursday 24th Dec. Christmas Eve	8:00 PM
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Friday 25th December Christmas Day	10:00 AM
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### Maynooth Community Church Maynooth Post Primary School

Sunday 13th Dec.	Ecumenical Service 8:00 PM
Sunday 20th Dec.	6:00 PM Service
Friday 25th Dec.	10:30 AM Service
Sunday 27th Dec.	10:30 AM Service

## CHRISTMAS ART EXHIBITION



**A limited number of acrylic, watercolour & watercolour / ink paintings by Maynooth artist BRIAN TUOHY are now on view at The Mill Wine Cellar \* Mill St. Maynooth.**

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### *THE CHRISTMAS TREE*

Fairy lights on the Christmas Tree  
Flickering like magic in the night  
A special sight for my eyes to see  
With very many different colours of light  
Many treasures are on each pine  
That is a treat for the young ones  
A spirit of the Season is always mine  
A sense of happiness each child belongs  
On the top shines a silver star  
To remind us how Jesus found his way  
A peaceful star shown from afar  
And guided a place for them to stay  
Gifts galore underneath this tree  
A treat for each child in store  
A special feeling it is for me  
When I once was a child before.

*By Patrick Murray*



# Christmas Crafts

## Fresh Pine Centrepiece

If you're lucky enough to have a pine or spruce tree, you may be able to trim enough branches to make these beautiful pine centrepieces for almost no cost. Fresh boughs can also be found where Christmas trees are sold, or at craft stores and garden centres.



Material:	
Container for centrepiece (bowl, planter, etc)	Floral wire
Floral foam for fresh flowers	Candle
Candle holder ( any sort will do)	Waterproof glue
Fresh Pine and Spruce branches	Faux Snow or white paint & Paint Brush

Glue the floral foam to the centre of your dish. . Allow the glue to dry completely. Place your candle holder in the centre of your foam and add enough water to completely saturate the floral foam.

Glue the floral foam to the centre of your dish. You could use a regular glass soup bowl about 11 inches wide. Allow the glue to dry completely. Place your candle holder in the centre of your foam as shown here and add enough water to completely saturate the floral foam.



Begin inserting pieces of pine as shown at right, beginning at the outside edge of the foam and working your way toward the centre until you reach about one inch from the outside of your candle ring.

With the empty space surrounding your candle holder, insert small pieces of spruce staying far enough away from the candle holder (about a quarter inch) so that you can easily lift your candle holder out of the piece and re-insert it. Add any springs of pine or spruce throughout the arrangement to cover any hollow areas.

To add pine cones to your arrangement, simply wrap floral wire around the bottom of your cone, and twisting the wire to secure it to the cone. Leave enough excess wire so that you can insert the wire into the foam. Refer to the photos for placement of pine cones. Half of the pine cones used in each arrangement has white snow added to the edges of the cones. To do this, simply paint on a little faux snow (white paint works too) along the edges of the pine cones.

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# ***December in the Garden***

## ***Go Green with your Christmas Tree***

**T**he use of evergreens to decorate homes dates back to pagan times, when they were considered to be a symbol of eternal life. They were used as decoration during the winter solstice, a celebration of light and rebirth. This year, consider purchasing a living Christmas Tree for your home. They really aren't that much more expensive than a cut tree. This is an excellent way to improve your landscape, and at the same time, save a tree. Before bringing a living tree into the house, water it thoroughly. Living Christmas Trees should not be kept in the house for any longer than 10 days.



Acclimatise the tree to being outdoors again for a month.

- Start off with the tree in a sheltered area with some natural light - a porch, conservatory or garage and gradually move the tree down the garden to a more exposed area.
- If you have a very large garden and want to plant your tree in a lawn, choose a location in full sun, as this will ensure an even shape to your tree.
- Then dig a square hole, one spade deep. Cultivate the soil, paying attention to creating good drainage.
- Fill the hole and plant the tree on the resulting mound, making sure that the root collar is at ground level, not below - this will improve the tree's chances of survival.
- Keep an area up to 1m (3.5ft) around the tree completely weed free - mulch with bark. If planted in the lawn, this area should be up to 2m (6.6ft) around the tree.

## ***Caring for house plants during the winter.***

**H**ouse plants need varying amounts of water and fertilizer at different times of the year. They need the most during summer when light levels are high and days are long. They need the least during the short days of winter. The primary reason for this is light. Light fuels plant growth. More light allows more growth, which results in a greater demand for water and nutrients. When light is limited, the need for water and nutrients decreases dramatically. Therefore, it becomes easy to overwater and over fertilize during the winter months. Excess water and fertilizer can kill a plant by damaging the root system.

Overwatering can suffocate roots by eliminating oxygen, and excess fertilizer can burn roots.

It is never wise to water on a set schedule. Rather, allow the potting soil to tell you when watering is needed. Check to see if the soil is a moist 1-inch deep by inserting your finger into the potting mix. Don't water unless the mix is dry. Another method of determining when to water is the weight of the pot. Use the former method to determine how light the pot should be before watering.

Another common mistake homeowners make with houseplants is fertilizing during the winter in order to perk plants up. This is the exact opposite of what should be done. Remember it is a lack of light that gives plants the doldrums, not a lack of fertilizer. Therefore, it is best not to fertilize at all during the middle of winter (December-January)

## ***Perennials, Annuals, and Bulbs.***



**I**f you potted up some bulbs, such as **hyacinths, daffodils or tulips**, last September for winter forcing, keep an eye on them. Make sure they remain moist, and in the dark until they have established their root systems.

It is possible that they have already filled their containers with roots and that the new top growth has begun. If this is so, bring them into the house and set them in a cool room, in indirect light. After a week or so, move them into bright light, and watch them go to town!



***Remember our feathered friends during the winter.***





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# Christmas Recipes



## Smoked Salmon & Avocado Terrines

### Ingredients:

- \* 450g of thinly sliced smoked salmon
- \* 100g of mild goat's cheese, broken into small pieces
- \* 3 tbsp snipped chives
- \* 3 large ripe avocados, peeled, stoned and finely chopped
- \* 3 tbsp lemon juice
- \* Sunflower oil for greasing
- \* Sweet chilli sauce for drizzling
- \* Salad leaves and vinaigrette to garnish

### Method:

Lightly oil 8 small ramekins. Line with cling film, then the salmon (either 1 large or 2 smaller slices), allowing plenty of overhang. Gently mix together the cheese, chives and avocado with the lemon juice and plenty of seasoning. Spoon into the salmon-lined ramekins, press down, fold over the overlapping salmon, then cling film to seal in the mixture. Can be made the night before, but if making on the day they should be chilled for at least 4 hrs. On the day, gently lift the terrines out of the ramekins using the cling film, then remove the film. Place the terrines on plates with some baby salad leaves tossed in a little vinaigrette. Drizzle the terrine and plate with sweet chilli sauce. Serve on their own or with toast.

## All-in-one Fruit Cake Recipe

**Important :** All ingredients must be at room temperature.

- \* 175g/6 oz butter or margarine, softened
- \* 175 g/6 oz soft brown sugar
- \* 3 eggs
- \* 15 ml/1 tbsp golden syrup
- \* 100 g/4 oz glace cherries
- \* 100 g/4 oz sultanas
- \* 100 g/4 oz raisins
- \* 225 g/8 oz/2 cups self-raising flour
- \* 10 ml/2 tsp ground mixed spice
- \* 2 tablespoons whiskey
- \* Makes one 20 cm / 8 in cake

### Method:

Place all the ingredients in a bowl and beat together until well blended, or process in a food processor. Spoon into a greased and lined 20 cm/8 in cake tin and bake in a preheated oven at 160°C/325°F/gas mark 3 for 1.5 hours until a skewer inserted in the centre comes out clean. Leave in the tin for 5 minutes, then turn out on to a wire rack to finish cooling.

## Mulled Wine

Serves 6 - 8

Preparation and cooking times

Ready in 10 minutes plus infusing time



### Ingredients:

- |                        |                            |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| * 1 Bottle of Red Wine | * 4 tbsp Clear Honey       |
| * 150ml Grand Marnier  | * 3cm piece of Root Ginger |
| * 100ml Brandy         | * chopped                  |
| * 1 Orange peeled      | * ½ tsp Whole Cloves       |
| * 1 Lemon peeled       | * 1 Cinnamon Stick         |

### Method:

Slowly heat the alcohols in a large saucepan and gently simmer for about 10 minutes. Add the orange and lemon peels, honey, ginger and spices, then remove from the heat and let it infuse for at least 20 minutes. Before serving, reheat gently, then strain into a jug.

## Simple Mince Pies

### Ingredients:

- \* 350g/12oz Cream Plain Flour
- \* 225g/8oz Butter (at room temperature)
- \* 125g/4oz Golden Caster Sugar
- \* 1 jar Mincemeat
- \* 1 small Egg (beaten) - optional for brushing
- \* Icing Sugar for dusting

### Method:

Preheat oven to 200°C/400°C/Gas 6. Lightly grease two bun trays. Place flour into a large mixing bowl. Rub in the butter, then mix in the sugar. Bring the mixture together to form a ball! Do not add any liquid, keep bringing the dough together and it will form a ball.

Press small walnut sized pieces of pastry into each section of two patty tins. Put a teaspoon of the mincemeat into the centre. Take slightly smaller pieces of pastry than before and pat them out between your hands to make round lids, big enough to cover the pies. Top pies with the lids, pressing the edges together to seal – you do not need to seal them with milk, egg or water as they will stick on their own! If liked they may be brushed with the beaten egg.

Bake for about 20 minutes until golden. Leave to cool in tin for 5 minutes, then remove to a wire tray.

To serve, dust with icing sugar.



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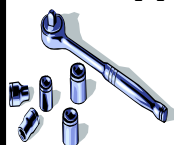
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# ICA Notes

October and November meetings have been held and lots of work has been done, Maynooth Guild came second in the Federation Quiz and congratulations to all. Thanks to Guild members who helped with arthritis collection in October. Congratulations to all who were involved in the creation of the Guild Year Book and Maynooth were winners in the Federation Quiz. The competitions coming up at the moment are Gem Pack Baking, Make and Model, Creative Writing 1500 words.

Beaumont Shield for singing songs, the Eleanora Gibbon Shield for singing songs in Irish, Patsy Lawlor Cup for Set Dancing and National Shield for half set. With that line up there is something to suit every ones taste so we would like to see some new members join ICA.

It is also delightful to see that some past members have returned to the fold and we welcome them with open arms.

The Federation Walk Day took place on 4th October on the canal banks at Digby Bridge and was enjoyed by all. Badminton continues each Tuesday and Thursday in the college and there are craft nights on Monday at 8pm in the ICA. hall. Federation Craft Day took place on Saturday 28th November in Sarsfields in Newbridge and was organised by Mary O'Gorman.

Winners of Cook Books for Celebrity Kitchen in October were Betty Farrell and Catherine O'Reilly. Winners of Odlum's Cook Books were Nell McLoughlin and Madeline Stynes. October raffle winners were Jo O'Connell, Nell McLoughlin and Mary Halton. October competition winners were 1. Teresa Corcoran and Jo O'Connell, 2. Rosemary Hanley, 3. Cora Walsh and Mary O'Gorman.

ICA at National level have sent a press release to Government on the forthcoming budget. ICA are totally opposed to cuts in child benefit, cuts to any vulnerable groups, cuts to old age pensions and cuts in Cancer Prevention. They are also asking that breast checks be extended to 70 years as this is what European directives are advocating and this is something that ICA feel should follow nationwide.

ICA are celebrating 100 years in 2010 and the Centenary launch will take place on 20th January 2010 in St. Patrick's Hall and the Centenary dinner will be held in the Ferrycarrig Hotel, Wexford on the 6th May 2010 with celebrations on the 7th May 2010 in Bree. A.C.W.W. trips will take place from 21st to 28th April 2010.

Centenary celebrations will take place in the ICA College at An Grianán, with a Garden Party on the 9th July 2010.

The new Centenary book is now on sale at €40. The National AGM. will take place on 26th May 2010 in Woodlands Hotel in Adare. The Federation Centenary Dinner Dance will be in February 2010. The last Federation meeting took place on 19th November in the Day Care Centre in Kildare town at 8pm. Maynooth Guild were invited to the Tidy Towns Celebration night in the Glenroyal Hotel, and also to the twinning meeting, both invitations were accepted and attended.

There was a great response to the shoe box appeal by the Guild, and thanks to all members for their donations, no doubt so many little children will benefit from this at Christmas.

Scholarships to An Grianán were won by Madeline Stynes and Catherine O'Reilly and we are sure they will enjoy their week in the ICA College in Termonfeckin, Co.Louth.

November Guild competition winners were - 1. Eileen Flynn, 2. Cora Walsh, 3. Rosemary Hanley. The raffle winners were - 1. Rosemary Hanley, 2. Teresa Corcoran, 3. Mary O' Gorman.

The Guild would like to thank Eilis O'Malley and Rev. Janice Aiton for organising the lovely Memorial Service for deceased members at the November meeting and also thanks to them for our Guild competition on the night.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 3rd December 2009 at 8 pm.

We would like to invite all members to this meeting as it is our Christmas Party and great fun will be held by all. We would also like to invite past members to come along and join in the fun.

As you can see by this report there is a lot going on in the ICA. and something for everyone.

You can sing, dance, write stories, cook, sew, do sports, photography, art, etc.

So we want to see a full hall at our December meeting and all to join in and enjoy the fun at our ICA Hall in the Harbour.

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# Puzzles—Sudoku

Easy

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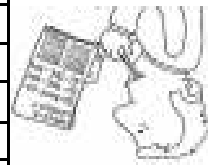
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Super Difficult


Solutions



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### Broccoli Cream Cheese & Pear and Almond Soup:

1 x 250g head of broccoli  
1 large onion  
2 white parts of leek, chopped  
40g butter  
855ml vegetable stock  
150g low fat soft cheese  
2 x 15ml spoons fine oatmeal  
4 ripe pears  
175g toasted, flaked almonds  
570ml milk  
salt and freshly ground black pepper

1. Trim the broccoli into tiny florets, chop the stalks quite small.  
In a large saucepan, melt the butter and add the chopped leeks, onion and broccoli stalks (leave aside the florets for later).  
Stir well and leave to sweat for ten minutes. Then add chopped pears.

2. Stir in the oatmeal, almonds and milk a little at a time, stirring well after each addition.  
When the milk is stirred in, add the stock and seasoning.  
Whisk well and simmer gently for ten minutes.  
While the soup is cooling, steam the broccoli florets for about 5 minutes.

3. Pour the soup and place the soft cheese into a food processor, and blend until smooth.  
Return the soup to a rinsed out pan, add the broccoli florets and re-heat gently, adjusting the seasoning.

4. Serve with crusty French bread.

### Rosemary Roast Potatoes with Garlic:

10 medium potatoes  
4 x 5ml spoons dried rosemary, crushed  
1 wine glass of olive oil (extra virgin)

4 Garlic cloves, crushed

Scrub potatoes in their skins and cut into four.  
Steam for ten minutes, then toss in olive oil, rosemary and crushed garlic.

Place the potatoes on a warmed baking tray and roast in hot oven for 30 minutes at 190°C/375°F/ Gas Mark 5.

Serve immediately, the outside should be crunchy.

### Chestnut & Chocolate Ice-Cream with Apricot Sauce:

225g bitter chocolate  
4 x 15ml spoons maple syrup  
225g canned chestnut purée  
1.2 Lt. double cream, whipped  
2 x 15ml spoons kirsch  
3 free range egg whites (optional)  
225g whole canned chestnuts in syrup, drained (save a few for decoration)

1. Melt the chocolate into maple syrup, over a pan of hot water. Blend well together and stir into the chestnut purée. Beat in the cream and kirsch.  
Whisk the egg whites until stiff and then fold into the mixture (optional). Freeze for two hours in a shallow tray covered with foil.

2. Scrape out and blend in a mixer until smooth. Put in a bowl and stir in the chopped chestnuts. Spoon into a mould, cover and freeze for 30 minutes before serving. Loosen the mould by slipping into hot water. Turn onto serving dish, decorate with reserved chestnuts, cut in half, and apricot sauce.

### For the Sauce:

450g tinned apricots in natural juice  
2 x 15ml spoons apple juice concentrate

3. Strain the apricots from their juice in the tin. Place apricots and apple juice concentrate together, and blend in food processor until smooth (should be a runny purée consistency).

4. Serve with ice-cream. Enough for ten portions, small amounts as it is very sweet.



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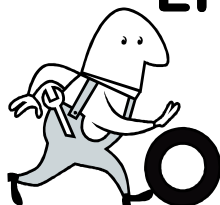


End of year is fast approaching. What a marvellous year it has been for our group. It has been full of energy, vibrancy, adventure and fun. New activities brought corresponding new learning. Members grew in confidence, pushed our their boundaries and were spontaneous. Some excelled at the game of curling during the "Go For Life" programme while others learned to be gracious in defeat! There were some rather intriguing and some enthralling stories heard and a lot of talent exposed during the creative 'outside the box' particularly when it came to editing and reading the silly news! The learning hasn't stopped there. As the year comes to a close many of our members are participating in the 'Log On and Learn' computer programme. An appropriate slogan might be: don't stop me now.

We would like to acknowledge and appreciate the support of the Community Library throughout the year. Thank you to Barry who is always anticipating our needs. Thanks to all those who in a variety of different roles contributed to developing the organisation and most importantly offered friendship and support when needed. Wishing all our members and their families a peaceful and Happy Christmas.

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# Maynooth GAA News

## MAYNOOTH'S FOOTBALLERS WINNING RUN CONTINUES.

A late goal from Pierre Ennis put the gloss on another fine Maynooth victory in the Leinster intermediate championship as a difficult trip to Dundalk on Sunday 22 November, ended with a rather easy 1-8 to 0-1 victory for the Crom Abu against the home side St Malachy's.

Conor Canning was the only scorer in an amazing first half, dominated by the wind, and the winners led by 0-1 to 0-0 at the interval. Maynooth got on top midway through the second, now playing with the breeze and some fine scores helped them build a cushion before sub Michael Fahey set up Ennis for the goal in the 58<sup>th</sup> minute.

After that victory against St Malachy's Maynooth have home advantage for the final against Westmeath champions, Tubberclair, which was due to be played on Sunday 6 December.

Maynooth completed an historic Kildare intermediate double after the football team saw off Kilcullen on Saturday, 17 November. They won convincingly by a ten point margin, 3-14 to 0-13. It was a double following the previous win last weekend.

Interestingly the same double was also completed 10 years ago in 1999.

A first half goal from Karl Ennis ensured Maynooth led by 1-6 to 0-6 at half-time although Kilcullen were in touch and causing problems but a 32<sup>nd</sup> goal from Conor Canning, when brilliantly volleyed the ball past Kilcullen keeper Paddy Meagher when Pierre Ennis' handpass put him through although a goal looked impossible. With a six point lead for most of the second half Michael Fahey wrapped things up for the Crom Abu in the 56<sup>th</sup> minute with a simple goal when Niall Naughton's effort for a point hit the bar and rebounded to the grateful Fahey, who was only on the field a few moments. Fahey added a point before the end to round off an impressive victory. Pierre Ennis picked up the man-of-the-match award after Cillian Carr had collected the Hugh Campion trophy.

### U21S BOW OUT AT FIRST HURDLE

Maynooth bowed out of the under-21 championship at the first hurdle after a disappointing defeat to Round Towers by three points, 1-8 to 1-5, in Naas on Saturday (7 November).

Towers led by four points at half-time, 1-4 to 0-3, scoring a goal just before half-time but Ross Cullinane brought Maynooth level after the break when he netted after a bungled clearance by the opposition full back line.

However Towers kicked three points on the trot after that goal to take control and they held on for victory.

MAYNOOTH: Mark Donnellan; Dean McAvinue, Peter

Warren, Cian Egan; Shane Delaney, Joe Geary, John Comerford; Conor Canning (0-2fs), Stephen Travers; Mikey Gillick, John McAndrew, Seamus McBride(0-1); Michael Fahey (0-1), Ross Cullinane (1-1), Paddy Comerford. Subs: Cormac Molloy for Gillick, 40; Philly McCarron for Travers, 45; Josh Gunne for P Comerford, 56.

## RUAIRI KELLY CUP

Sunday, November 29, marked the first ever presentation of the Ruairi Kelly Cup for the winners of the Kildare minor A hurling championship. The final was between Killard and Naas and members of the Kelly family presented the cup to the winning captain. It's a fitting way to remember Ruairi, who died in 2008, and played hurling and football with Maynooth from underage through to the senior ranks, and was captain of the club hurling team in 2007 and 2008.

### U21 CAMOGIE CHAMPIONS

Maynooth claimed the county under-21 title with a well earned victory over Cappagh in Naas on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November. The winners led from start to finish and came out on top on a scoreline of 3-3 to 1-3.

Goals from Samantha Ward, who netted twice, and Kate Montgomery and points from Louise Walsh (two) and Ciana Heneghan helped Maynooth to a comprehensive victory. Well done to all the girls and management.

Having already beaten Celbridge to claim the minor A championship for 2009, Maynooth went on to make it a double celebration with victory over Cappagh on Sunday.

The match played in Naas was one of the most competitive matches of the year and while a two goal cushion in the end might suggest otherwise the Maynooth team were put under immense pressure from their opponents right through the match and their strength of character and sheer hunger and determination was the major factor in achieving victory. Both teams are to be congratulated on a fine display full of skill, tenacity and great determination. For the Maynooth, team manager Pat Comerford and his assistants Eamonn Toomey, Colm Hoban and Brian Walsh the year has certainly ended on a very positive note. The defeat to Cappagh in the intermediate final has been followed by two successes in minor and under 21 a championship final.

Congratulations to all the players, mentors for their hard work and dedication during the year and a special word of thanks to all the supporters who came out during the year to support the various teams.

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# Maynooth GAA News

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MAYNOOTH: Niamh Kearney; Therese Doran, Aisling Farrell, Laura Tierney; Sarah Greally, Louise Walsh (0-2), Claire McNamara; Siobhan McCourt, Louise Doran; Grainne Hoban, Michelle O'Connor, Kate Montgomery (1-0); Ciana Heneghan (0-1), Samantha Ward (2-0), Karen Lynch (captain). Subs: Stephanie Gavin for Sarah Greally; Emer Connolly for Karen Lynch; Michelle Doran for Laura Tierney (injured). Subs not used: Emer Sinnott, Siobhan O'Shea, Hannah Stack, Jenny Dwyer, Kerry Faherty, Aoife Toomey, Emma Lynch, Tara Fagan, Amy Morrissey, Megan McGrath, Karen Feehan, Sally O'Brien, Laura Corcoran.

## **BORD NA NÓG AWARDS NIGHT A HUGE SUCCESS**

There was lots of excitement in the club on Friday night last as the annual Bord na nÓg awards were presented in the clubhouse. Well done to the organising committee for arranging such a fine evening where the club once more got to show itself in style to visiting clubs.

## **MAYNOOTH TOPS AT SCÓR ONCE MORE**

Not to be outdone by the footballers, Maynooth's Scór na nÓg entrants took the Kildare club of the year crown when they won three more county titles on Sunday 22nd November in Allenwood.



## **NEW CLUB SHOP OPENING TIMES**

New winter opening times for November until the end of mid-February.  
Saturday morning 9.45 - 11.30. Anyone who needs anything and cannot attend at this time may contact Mary @ 087 6188392 or Nuala @ 087 6989672.

## **LOTTO LATEST**

There was no winner last weekend 22nd November so this week's jackpot is now €2,700.  
Last week's numbers: 3, 7, 21, and 22. Winners of €25: Finbarr Coughlin, Tom Coffey, Frances Kearney, Noel Kerin, Ciana Heneghan.

# Horoscopes



**ARIES—March 21—April 20**

You'll be around people who seem to know a lot about how the world works. It's all theory and hypothesis, though. Don't worry about knowing a lot. You know what is useful, and that's what counts.

Your lucky day is Sunday, Number 4, Colour Red.



**LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23**

You'll be an important part of a group activity. The problem you encounter will be an opportunity for you to rise up as a leader. Your reaction will set the tone that all will follow.

Your lucky day is Tuesday, Number 33, Colour Blue.



**TAURUS—April 21—May 21**

There's a chance that your wildest dreams are about to come true. The rarest combination of circumstances has congealed into a window of shining possibility.

Your lucky day is Wednesday, Number 6, Colour Green.



**SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22**

Some action you took was insufficient. You'll be correcting yourself. Instead of focusing on your mistake, figure out what caused it. Go to the source.

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



**GEMINI—May 22—June 22**

You have a suspicion that someone in your circle is displeased with you. The best way to deal with it is to ask point blank. You're so charming that you can smooth it all over with a few well-chosen words.

Your lucky day is Saturday, Number 25, Colour Violet



**SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21**

Reinvent yourself. Don't stop when it seems you've done enough. Your standards are higher. If you follow the crowd, you'll do yourself an injustice.

Your lucky day is Sunday, Number 29, Colour Pink.



**CANCER—June 23—July 23**

Baking is an underappreciated therapy. You might try it as a diversion from stress. Bust out that biscuit recipe and you'll start to relax -- not to mention, you'll make someone happy.

Your lucky day is Monday, Number 15, Colour Yellow



**CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20**

You already know of many things you're good at, but you still have a calling that you haven't answered. This is a fine time to do very little. Tune out the noise and listen to the urgings of your soul.

Your lucky day is Thursday, Number 20, Colour Black.



**LEO—July 24—August 23**

Animals teach us a lot of life skills: patience, loyalty, playfulness. A pet will contribute to the happiness of your family. In return, you'll do something nice for your favourite furry friend.

Your lucky day is Tuesday, Number 12, Colour Grey.



**AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19**

A beautiful piece of clothing catches your eye. Revel in a bit of vanity. For you, this indulgence is therapy because your self-discipline makes it so rare.

Your lucky day is Friday, Number 39, Colour Navy Blue.



**Virgo—August 24—Sept 23**

You can't be sure whom you're dealing with now. Challengers become champions and vice versa. Just keep showing up and doing your best. Keep this up in the New Year and you will be delighted with the result.

Your lucky day is Sunday, number 52, Colour Silver.



**PISCES—Feb 20—March 20**

Keeping hope alive is almost as important as breathing. A long-dormant dream is stirring. Your story is just starting to get more exciting. Your lucky day is Tuesday, Number 48, Colour Lavender.



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#### *Watch those treats.*

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- Keep your pet away from cooked bones as they can splinter or get lodged in your pet's throat or can cause serious damage by puncturing the intestinal tract.
- Do not give your pet chocolate as it is toxic especially to dogs.



#### *Pet hazards around the Christmas tree.*

- Fallen Christmas tree needles are very sharp and can easily get stuck in your pet's paws or throat. Sweep tree needles up regularly or fence off your Christmas tree to separate your pet and tree.
- Do not hang your chocolates from your Christmas tree as they are highly toxic and your pet will be tempted if he can see and smell them.
- Cover up electric cords and flashing tree lights so your pet can't chew them and electrocute himself.
- Try using fairy lights that don't flash as some pets when up close can get very scared by these.
- Christmas tree decorations can cause a nasty accident or be fatal to your pet. Cats, and young pets especially, will show a great interest in decorations hanging from your tree. Try to use unbreakable decorations and nothing too small. Avoid tinsel or ribbons as these are dangerous to the gastrointestinal tract if your pet swallows them.
- Make sure your tree is well anchored so your pet can't pull it over.

**If you are getting a new pet— Please do not get it until after Christmas.**

#### **The Advantages:**

- It's less stressful on your pet to be introduced to a "normal routine" as opposed to hectic holiday time.
- You don't have to find a place to keep the pet until Christmas morning.
- Children can help pick out which one to make their new friend.
- You can see how they interact together.
- No stress of housebreaking during the holidays (in case of dog).
- No worries if relatives have allergies.
- No figuring out what to do with your pet while people visit or where to put your pet while you go to visit.
- You will have more time to devote into making everyone comfortable with the new addition in a relaxed atmosphere and can explain the care needed for your pet.
- Your pet is less likely to be cast aside as gifts are explored and played with.
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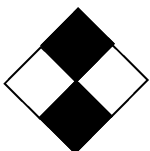
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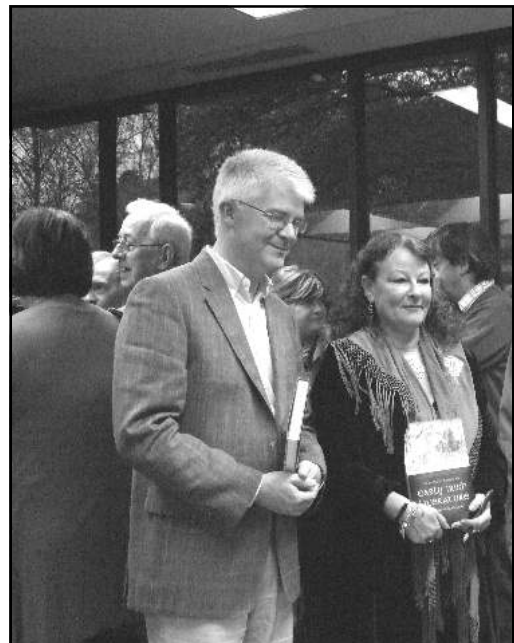
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## Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin Book Launch

The secretary of the Community Council, Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin had a book launched on the early literature of Ireland on Monday afternoon, 9<sup>th</sup> November. Conor Newman, Chairman of the Heritage Council and lecturer in archaeology in NUI, Galway, launched the book entitled, *An Introduction to Early Irish Literature*, in the John Paul 11 library, National University of Ireland, Maynooth. The librarian, Cathal McCauley, and the Head of the School of Celtic Studies, Dr Tadhg Ó Dúshláine spoke in praise of the book before Dr Ní Bhrolcháin spoke briefly to those present. She is a senior lecturer in the School of Celtic Studies and the event was attended by past and present students as well as colleagues from Galway and Dublin. Emmet Stagg TD was also present. The book is mainly designed for students of the subject, those studying the early Medieval Irish period but it is also suitable for the general public who have an interest in the literature of pre-Norman Ireland. You can learn more about those stories that we heard in school - Cú Chulainn, Finn mac Cumail, Cormac mac Airt. This exciting and readable book introduces the reader to the wonderful world of early Irish myth and legends. Read about shaman-poets and druids, mythology, the heroic sagas like the *Cattle Raid of Cooley*. Find out about the early festivals, gods and goddesses of the Tuatha Dé Danann and the heroic biography of kings of Tara and heroes - their births, boyhood deeds, how they found their wives and their dramatic deaths. Read about the famous women - goddesses, queen Medb of Connacht, the tragic story of Deirdre and her lover as well as other worldly visits to strange and wonderful lands and much more.



*Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin. Author of An Introduction to Early Irish Literature, Conor Newman, Chairman of the Board of the Heritage Council who officially launched the book agus An Dr. Tadhg Ó Dúshláine, Roinn na Nua-Ghaeilge, NUI Maynooth*



*Heritage Council Chairman Conor Newman, Muireann Ní Brolcháin (Author)*



*L-R Emma Boyce, Louise Sauls, Christina Sauls, Mary McGinley, Marie Gleeson, Ger Durack and Willie Sauls, at the launch*

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The boxes are then wrapped in Christmas paper and labelled for either a boy or a girl. They are then sent off to parts of the world less fortunate than ourselves.

The boys learnt that even a colouring book and some pencils could make someone's day in some places.

This simple act of generosity gives hope to children caught in the midst of wars, natural disasters and extreme poverty and shows them they have not been forgotten.

The children worked very hard collecting the shoe boxes and the corridors as ever were filled with colourful boxes this year.

Thanks to boys and parents for boxes and teachers for their co-ordinating effort.



*Matthew Moloney, Aodhan McGarry, Darragh Nolan, James Sheridan.*



*Presents collected for Operation Christmas Child.*



*Pupils of Maynooth Boys National School.*



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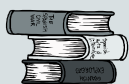
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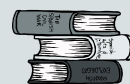
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## Books By Maynooth Authors



**B**uying a book by a local author or about your local area makes an ideal and meaningful Christmas gift.

It is interesting and heart warming to see that the recession has not affected the literary output of our local writers. In fact I would say that we have seen an increase in such activity over the last few months. I would like to highlight some authors and their works and would like to remind readers that these publications would make ideal Christmas gifts.

One of our local and more senior and long serving community members Peter Cullen has brought out a book on his life before and after coming to Maynooth. The book **"Loughorna to Laraghbryan"** is an interesting memoir. At 83 years of age the author has remarkable powers of recall and has an engaging and relaxed style of telling a story. This book will be of particular interest to those who have been living in Maynooth for a number of years as they will identify with the characters, events and places mentioned.

Maynooth Town Local History Group has two publications which are available in the Maynooth Bookshop. **"Myths and Memories"** gives descriptions and historical backgrounds to the local graveyards in the area, there are more that one would think. Exploring Maynooth is a practical handbook for walkers that describes a range of walking routes around Maynooth including length and time of the walks.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin's book **"An Introduction to early Irish Literature"** published by Four Courts Press was launched recently in the JPII Library NUI Maynooth. Muireann who is on the staff of the Irish Department at NUI Maynooth and has been a long time resident of Maynooth, was involved in the setting up and continues to be part of the Community Council. Muireann is also a high profile activist with the Save Tara Campaign. This book discusses the rich written heritage of the Old and Middle Irish period, 600 – 1200, and is suitable for students of medieval Ireland as well as the general reader who wants to learn about the stories, poetry and themes of early Irish literature.

Screenwriter Patricia Groves has written a book entitled **"Petticoat Rebellion"**. Published by Mercier Press, the book explores the life of the Anna Parnell and her relationship with her brother. Anna Parnell was an enigmatic character but Groves has successfully brought her to life as well as giving the international and national political context in which



Anna Parnell lived and operated in. Patricia has also made some short movies, check out Trish Groves' webpage at <http://www.facebook.com/trishgroves>.

Rob Kitchen's book **"The Rule Book"** is a real page turner. Rob is a director of a research institute at NUI Maynooth and has a number of academic publications to his credit. This is his first work of fiction, a whodunit described as a 'police procedural novel' set in and around Dublin. Readers will be interested to note that some of the events take place at Maynooth College.

Martina Reilly has several books and plays to her credit. Most of us will have heard of this author as she has had good media exposure. She is a writer of adult and teen fiction. Her latest offering is **"The Wish List"** an adult fiction with the ingredients of "Love, romance and finding unexpected friends". Martina has been involved in various local drama projects including those of the Nuadha Players. For more information check out Martina and her literary output at <http://tinareilly.info/>.

For those readers who are interested in the spiritual domain, Lorna Byrne has brought out an autobiography **"Angels in my hair"**. Published by Random Press it describes Lorna tells the reader that "she sees angels and spirits; that they are her constant companions". She has received glowing testimonials from such people as Jim Corr, Daniel O'Donnell and William Roche of Coronation Street. Lorna divides her time between Kilkenny and Maynooth.

Another publication worthy of mention Maynooth: **"Irish Historic Towns Atlas"**, produced by Arnold Horner and published by the Royal Irish Academy (1995). This publication would make an ideal gift for those interested in the historical development of Maynooth town. A brilliant source of reference, that outlines the history of the Town, College and Carton, a must for anyone interested in pursuing a local history project. Some other towns covered in the series include Trim, Kildare, Mullingar, Kells and Athlone.

A book brought out by John Drennan under the auspices of the Maynooth Community Council in 1994

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## Books By Maynooth Authors...cont'd.

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was "**Cannonballs and Croziers**". This is a history of the town to more recent times than that of the other excellent history of Maynooth. Mary Cullen's books "**Maynooth a short historical guide**" is perhaps one of the most sought after books. Unfortunately it is out of print. Second hand book dealers such as Carraig Books (01-2882575) may have copies from time to time.

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The following are the most recent publications. The full list can be accessed at <http://history.nuim.ie/publications/localhistory>

Milne, Kenneth *The Dublin liberties, 1600-1850* (2009) ISBN 978-1-84682-191-2

Cronin, Denis A. *Who killed the Franks family?* Four Courts Press, Dublin (2009) ISBN 98-1-84682-190-5

Priestley, Ciarán *Clonsilla and the Rebellion of 1798* (2009) ISBN 978-1-84682-192-9

Powell, Martyn J. *Piss-pots, printers and public opinion in eighteenth-century Dublin* (2009) ISBN 978-1-84682-193-6

McDermott, Micheál *Gypsum mining and the Shirley estate in south Monaghan, 1800-1936* (2009) ISBN 978-1-84682-059-5

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- \* Measure the width of your neck using a measuring tape.
- \* Add two inches to the width of your neck; this is the length you will need to cut the ribbon to make your necklace. Adding two inches is necessary to make sure you have some breathing room in the necklace when you're wearing it.
- \* Cut the ribbon to size. Also cut a square about  $\frac{1}{2}$  or  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch in length of the Velcro.
- \* Glue one side of the Velcro on one end of the ribbon and the opposite side on the other end. You can also sew the Velcro on if you want to ensure its security on the ribbon.
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In 1965 on the 4th January Michael married local girl Lily Dempsey of O'Neill Park. They have five children Mary, Ann, Joey, Trina & Shelley. All his children are living locally. They have eleven grandchildren ranging in ages from twenty years to six months.

He joined the Maynooth Fire Brigade part-time in 1969 and remained with them until 1993. He was Station Officer from 1983 until 1993. His greatest achievement in his Stewardship was he got the new Fire Station up and running and during his time he saw some terrible tragedies but also witnessed some very happy outcomes.

In 1993 he got fully involved with the G.A.A. Club especially the second team. He was also involved with the Credit Union at this time.

After retiring totally from St. Patrick's College for two years he then applied in 2005 to see if he could do a Degree in Theology. After been accepted as a candidate for the degree he sought a deferral for one year. They accepted so that he could take up a University course in 'The Return to Learning' for one year. He started a Theology course in 2006 which lasted for three years.

Michael graduated with a Bachelor in Theology degree on Saturday 7th November 2009 at the Pontifical University, St Patrick's College Maynooth. Michael says "in terms of age the "Return to Learning Programme" was a great foundation".

Michael would like to thank both ladies who supervised "The Return to Learning" course and to all who assisted him in his studies particularly his wife Lily and family and a special word of thanks to Mary McCourt for all the essays that she produced for him.

Michael is finding time on his hands now to pursue his hobbies which include Football Reading, Walking, Swimming and his latest hobby his allotment on the Dunboyne Road.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Michael and to wish him every success in his future endeavours.



***Michael, Daughter Trina Fanning & Granddaughter Siobhan McCourt  
Photo J.B.F.***



***Michael, Sr. Bríd Liston Dr. Martin Henry members of the faculty of Theology. Photo J.B.F***



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## **Town's Award Night 11th November 2009**

### **Speech By: Mr. Mattie Callaghan - Chairman**

**T**onight, we are celebrating success in 2009, both in the national Tidy Towns Competition, and the achievements of our local residential areas, and business premises.

The work of trying to maintain Maynooth as a clean and nice place, involves the work of many people.

I would like to mention two young people in particular who, came out to join, and are the basis of a junior committee.: Keelan Murphy and Ross Kavanagh.

At this point the Chairman made a presentation to both boys.

Others that are active in our community are:

- ♦ Kildare County Council Staff.
- ♦ Resident Association Members.
- ♦ Business Community (some more active than others)
- ♦ Maynooth Environmental Group - in the Harbour
- ♦ Carton House Hotel in Carton Avenue
- ♦ NUI Maynooth - Outside their complex
- ♦ Larne House in the Square and with the hanging baskets
- ♦ Intel employees as part of their support for the community
- ♦ Others gave us equipment and, in particular I would like to acknowledge the support from Justin Dunne for the ongoing use of his pick - up van.

As I said earlier, we have some young members who have just joined us this year. On our committee, we have adult members of the same family.

We have members of The Cushen, Baxter and Farrell families. We also have members with many years service to Tidy Towns.

To end tonight, I would like to thank The Farrell Family.

Firstly, because we have Richard and Mary with us for many years. In fact Richard has 25 years as an active member of Tidy Towns, and has been a great support to many members over those years, therefore I would like if you could join me in thanking Richard & Mary for their ongoing support to Maynooth Tidy Toens.

Thank you all for coming, and to all our winners—congratulations, and safe journey home.

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

Best original Shop Front - CPL Motors

Best Unique Shop Front - Dawson Menswear

#### **Residential Awards**

##### **Small Estates (under 100 houses)**

Cluain Aoibhinn (over 25 years old)

Woodlands (under 25 years old)

##### **Large Estates (more than 100 houses)**

Greenfield (over 25 years old)

Beaufield (under 25 years old)



***Two junior members : Keelan Murphy  
& Ross Kavanagh  
with Mattie Callaghan***



***Aidan O'Rourke Presenting award to Andrew  
McMullon for Cluain Aoibhinn***

**Town's Award Night 11th November 2009**  
**Speech By: Mr. Mattie Callaghan - Chairman**



*Sean Cushen, Mattie Callaghan, & Janet Dooley*



*Richard & Mary Farrell - 25 years service  
with Maynooth Tidy Towns*



*Colm Purcell, Lord Mayor of Kildare, Mattie  
Callaghan & Freddie O'Melia*



*Ciaran Lanigan & Paul Lanigan received their  
award from Robert O'Reilly*



*Moirá Baxter Presenting award to  
Des Matthews for Woodlands Estate*



## December/January Diary Planner



### Maynooth ICA

Meetings take place every  
1st Thursday of the Month  
at 8.00 p.m.  
in the I.C.A. Hall in the Harbour  
Crafts Every Monday Night at 8.00 p.m.  
New Members Welcome

### Donadea Forest Park

Stuck for a Christmas Gift?  
Come along to Donadea Forest Park  
Saturdays & Sundays  
5th, 6th, 12th, 13th, 19th & 20th December.  
Xmas wreaths, swags and decorations, woodcraft,  
jewellery, local photography, paintings, homemade  
cakes, tarts, plum puddings, mince pies, xmas cards  
depicting local scenes. All made by a group from  
the Donadea Community.  
Trevor Sargeant Minister of State for  
Agriculture, Fisheries and Food will launch this  
event on Sunday 6th December at 12.00 p.m.

### University of Third Age

December meeting takes place  
Friday 11th at 11.00 a.m.  
in the Community Library.  
New members welcome.  
Enquires: Bernadette 01 6289131

### Maynooth Toastmasters

Monday 14th December in the  
Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth  
at 7.45 p.m.  
After the Christmas Break we will be back  
Monday 11th January in the  
Glenroyal Hotel at 7.45 p.m.  
New Members Welcome

### Maynooth Flower & Garden Club

December Club Nite  
Club Members Share Christmas Ideas  
Tuesday 8th December  
in the Loftus Hall, Maynooth College  
All Welcome.  
Come and get into the Christmas Spirit  
Tea, Coffee/Mince Pies served after  
Demonstration

### Maynooth Community Library

Maynooth Film for All club's next film is  
"Encounters at the End of the World" which  
takes place on  
Wednesday 9th December at 7.45 p.m. in  
John Hume Lecture Hall in NUI Maynooth.  
Crafts with Mary  
Mary will hold a craft session for children in the  
library on 9th December.  
Ask at desk for details.

### Maynooth Senior Citizens

Senior Citizens Shopping Night  
at Supervalu takes place  
Sunday 8th December.  
Annual Dinner Dance takes place  
Sunday 13th December  
in the Glenroyal Hotel.

If you would like your event for February put into The  
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# Party Political-Labour News



Emmet Stagg T.D.

## Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

### Update on the Provision of a Teen Cafe in Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley acted as conveynor on behalf of the Community Council in calling a meeting of people interested in setting up a Teen Cafe.

The meeting was held in the Glenroyal on 27 October and Cllr. McGinley gave the following address to those in attendance:

*"The purpose of the meeting tonight is to elect a Chairperson and Secretary in order to progress the Teen Cafe proposal.*

*First of all I would like to give you some background information on how we got to where we are on the provision of community facilities in the town.*

*Around three years ago the Community Council made a submission to Kildare County Council for an Arts Centre and Community Facilities at the Geraldine Hall. This proposal was based on wide-ranging consultation and research conducted by Maynooth Community Centre Partnership, Maynooth Action Strategy, Maynooth Community Council and Maynooth Arts Forum. The proposal catered for a Theatre and Arts Centre, Senior Citizens and Youth Cafe, with Maynooth Community Council being the Anchor Tenant. This proposal was consistent with Kildare County Council's Maynooth Action Area Plan of February '06.*

*The intention was that the Community Centre would be built by the Developers of the Harbour Area as the community gain for the people of Maynooth. There were five different developers and the Plan was that they would act as one and produce a Five Star development for this central part of the town. Unfortunately one of the developers jumped ship and decided to go it alone with a truly awful proposal that was eventually rejected by An Bord Pleanala.*

*However, everything was held up for two years and as a result the peak of the Celtic Tiger was missed and there was now no chance of the project being funded by the developers in the short to medium term.*

*So we had to go to Plan B.*

*In January '08 the County Council's Planning Department helped to provide a possible alternative venue.*

*It was a Condition of the Planning for the new TESCO premises that TESCO would provide Unit 16 on the first floor for community use. It is 485 sq.m and the end use of the space would be decided by the Council's Director of Services.*

*I suggested to the County Council that the space be divide one third for the Teen Cafe and the other two thirds for the Theatre, now that the possibility of them being provided at the Geraldine Hall by developers was no longer probable.*

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# Maynooth Golf Society

**K**ilcock Golf Club was the venue for The John Tiernan Memorial Cup on the 7<sup>th</sup> November. 30 brave golfers battled the wet and windy elements on the layout of Kilcock Golf Club for this annual trophy. Home advantage saw Michael Flynn Jnr. win the cup with a very good score of 39pts of a handicap of 8, followed by Gerry Mc Ternan with a score of 36pts and John Byrne 35pts. Presentation of the prizes was held in Caufield's at 9.30 that night to a large gathering of friends and fellow golfers of the late John who was a great supporter of the golf society. Our next event is the annual Golf Scramble at Knockanally in aid of Maynooth Senior Citizens on 5<sup>th</sup> December.



## Result Sheet—John Tiernan Cup

Outing to Kilcock Golf Club Date 7th November 2009

1st Prize	Mick Flynn (Jnr)	39pts
2nd Prize	Gerry Mc Ternan	36pts
3rd prize	John Byrne	35pts
4th Prize	Barry Farrell	34pts B9
5th prize	Liam Farrelly	34pts
Front 9	Kevin Loftus	21pts
Back 9	Joey Edwards	17pts
Visitors	R Tobin	32pts
Nearest the Pin	Mick Flynn (Jnr)	
2's club	Joey Edwards	

**Next Venue: Knockanally Golf Club 5th December**



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*On the 16th July I had a meeting with Director of Services, Peter Minnock and Des O'Sullivan from Kildare Youth Services (KYS) and Mary Haughey from the Health Service Executive (HSE). The intention of the County Council is to fully involve KYS, HSE and another body called Cill Dara ar Aghaidh in the development and ongoing running of the Teen Cafe.*

*At the meeting on 16 July last Peter Minnock advised us that the TESCO Community unit would not now be available for use for another two years because of the economic downturn.*

*I suggested that we look for an immediate meeting with TESCO to see how we could bring things forward. I made the following suggestions:*

- 1. Instead of providing us with the free unit would TESCO develop a Teen Cafe and Theatre at the Geraldine Hall instead?*

*Would TESCO make available an existing space on a temporary basis for a Teen Cafe?*

*On the 23 July Peter Minnock, Cllr. Senan Griffin and myself had a meeting with two of TESCO's senior people Louise Phillips and Michael Sullivan.*

*Unfortunately, the TESCO reps stated that my suggestion for the Geraldine Hall was a non runner.*

*TESCO stated that they would consider my proposal for temporary Teen Cafe on an existing unit further. They made the point that it would have to be fitted out at our cost and then all would have to move to the new unit after a year.*

*It was agreed that we would meet again on the 21 September.*

*The other Area Councillors also attended the meeting on 21 September.*

*TESCO's Louise Phillips stated that the best case scenario for completion of the community unit was mid 2011. A TESCO Board decision has to be made before construction can begin. The principle to build is still there.*

*In order to provide a premises for the Teen cafe in the meantime TESCO considered renting a portacabin but the rental is prohibitive.*

*It was suggested that we pursue the rental of a suitable premises elsewhere in the town and both Cllr. Griffin and myself contacted estate agents to see what was available.*

*A suitable premises has been identified. It is 2100 sq. ft. and the County Council believe that it would be ideal for a Teen Cafe and because it is so big we might also be able to incorporate a Theatre and Performing Arts Centre. At the Community Council Meeting two weeks ago I proposed that the Community Council set up a Sub-Committee in order to help progress the Project and that brings us to the meeting here tonight.*

*Also, the good news is that The Scouts are very interested in refurbishing the Geraldine Hall for their use and also for other community groups. They are in direct discussions with the Council's Director of Services, Peter Minnock and your local County Councillors on progressing the Project."*

Those present the elected Hugh Gallagher as Chairperson and Deirdre Cullen as acting Secretary. Hugh proposed and it was agreed that a Public Meeting should be held in order to elect as broad a Committee as possible. This meeting is likely to take place in early December and it will be advertised widely.

*Extension of Dublin Bus service to Moyglare Hall Estate, Maynooth*

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following update at the Area Meeting on 5 November:

**"The Transportation Department has contacted Dublin Bus to determine their timescale for the delivery of the extension of their services. A number of civil engineering works required on the Moyglare Road has been identified and a request to the Dublin Transportation Office for capital funding to undertake this work to the benefit of bus passengers in the area will be prepared once a reply is received from Dublin Bus."**

*Reinstatement of green areas in Maynooth*

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following update at the Area Meeting on 5 November:

*"This work is being carried out as part of the Lower Liffey Valley Regional Sewerage Scheme Network Contracts. A reinstatement plan was drawn up following consultation with Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee and Leinster Cottages Residents Association.*

*Reinstatement of Pound Park has commenced. The Bandstand has been dismantled and transported to storage. The foundations of the Bandstand have*

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*been removed. The contractor has started installing the base of the footpath in the park. Over the next fortnight the construction of the footpath and paved areas as well as installation of bollards will be completed. Once the above work is completed a landscaper will carry out topsoiling and seeding.*

*A price has been received from the contractor for the planned reinstatement of The Little Pound. An instruction has been issued to proceed with this work. The work is currently being scheduled.*

*The Contractor is scheduled to recommence tunnelling works next week from the drive shaft in the green area outside the main entrance to Maynooth College. Tunnelling will take approximately three weeks followed by manhole construction which will take one and a half weeks. Reinstatement is scheduled to be complete by early December."*

## **Cllr McGinley again calls for the Traffic Lights at the Glenroyal to be Switched OFF**

As most residents will know there was traffic chaos in Maynooth during the first week in November. The Gardai had to take charge of Traffic Control at the Glenroyal/Straffan Road junction because of the inability of the traffic signals to do so. At the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council on 5 November Cllr. McGinley again demanded that the traffic lights at the Glenroyal be switched OFF as they are doing more harm than good. John asked that the North/South pedestrian signals remain. The Council Officials replied as follows:

*"There is an identified fault with the wireless communication signals within the town of Maynooth. The repair of this fault has been costed and it is expected that this fault will be repaired this month. It is expected that within a period of 4 weeks the SCOOT system will revert to running to optimum effect."*

Junction of Greenfield Estate/Shopping Centre with Straffan Road

Cllr. John McGinley's motion to the Area Committee asked:

What is the estimated cost of providing a left turning lane at this busy junction?

He got the following ridiculous reply:

**"The Traffic Management Section do not agree that a left turning lane is required at this junction. The provision of a widening scheme for a minor road, cul-de-sac, will involve using private land and will also have a detrimental impact on pedestrians on the Main Straffan Road needing to cross the widened side road. The needs of vulnerable road users in the area would be considered in preference to users of a cul-de-sac."**

As the engineer who gave the reply had obviously looked at the wrong junction Cllr. asked to meet him/her on site.

## **ADULT AND CHILD PSYCHOLOGIST SERVICE IN KILDARE ON ITS KNEES**

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Health in relation to the number of Adult Psychologists and Child Psychologists currently employed in Co. Kildare and the number of psychologists who would be required to meet existing demands.

The HSE responding to Deputy Stagg stated that at present there were 9 Psychologists employed but indicated that the numbers required to meet existing demands in Kildare would be 36 psychologists. A further 3 psychologists are to be recruited shortly.

Deputy Stagg has described the figures as startling where we effectively have a service operating at 25% of the level required. In effect the Government is condemning both adults and children to continued distress unless relatives or parents can afford private psychologists. This stated Deputy Stagg is nothing short of scandalous and given the present economic conditions under which people are living the demands on the service are only going to increase.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he would raise the insufficient level of service with the Minister for Health further.

## **522 PEOPLE AWAITING ASSESSMENT FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY IN KILDARE**

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Health in relation to the number of people in Co. Kildare who were awaiting assessment for Occupational Therapy.

The HSE responding to Deputy Stagg on behalf of the Minister indicated that there were 288 adults awaiting assessment and 234 children awaiting assessment for Occupational Therapy.

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These figures stated Deputy Stagg show that the Government and the Minister for Health simply do not care about the welfare of people requiring Occupational Therapy. 7 posts remain vacant in the service and the HSE will not recruit additional Occupational Therapists.

Occupational Therapy is a vital component in assisting people to rehabilitate following an accident or stroke and the delay in assessment obviously delays the provision of assistance and their final recovery.

Deputy Stagg stated that he would question the Minister for Health in relation to the failure to fill the vacant posts in the service in Kildare.

## **LABOUR MOTION SEEKING TWO YEAR MORATORIUM ON FAMILY HOME REPOSSESSIONS VOTED DOWN BY GOVERNMENT**

Deputy Emmet Stagg has expressed his disappointment at the decision by the Government to vote down a Labour Party Private Members Motion which was debated in the Dail on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November, and which sought the introduction of a two year moratorium on family home repossessions.

The motion if passed stated Deputy Stagg would have given borrowers who were making reasonable efforts to meet their obligations to pay their mortgage some sense of comfort given the strained economic times we live in. It would have removed the element of fear for those making serious efforts to pay their mortgages. It would have shown that the Government is not joined at the hip with the bankers and developers who are getting €54 Billion under NAMA. Separately this measure, if it had been agreed upon, could have been a crucial element in securing an agreement for national recovery given the harsh measures before us now which the public are expected to take.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that the very people who drove the Housing Market to unsustainable heights, forced young couples into purchasing overpriced properties, gave developers and bankers a free rein, are now the ones who will not step in and take reasonable measures to protect those making an effort to pay their mortgage. Fianna Fail should be ashamed of themselves for abandoning ordinary people at this time of economic crisis.

## **Dail Transcript of Speech by Deputy Emmet Stagg Wednesday November 4<sup>th</sup> Labour Private Members Motion Seeking two-year moratorium on family home repossessions**

**Deputy Emmet Stagg:** I thank Deputy Ciarán Lynch and the Labour Party for putting this motion before the House.

During the period of financial madness, large numbers of families were forced to purchase their homes 50 miles to 70 miles from their workplaces and communities at high prices. A high percentage of them have recently lost their jobs or businesses and are no longer able to pay the high mortgages on their homes. The finance houses, banks, building societies and sub-prime lenders will take off their sheep's clothing and be seen for the greedy wolves that they are, mercilessly pursuing the home owner for every last penny due. Home owners will be dragged before the courts where their homes will be taken from them and be left then with the further debt arising from the negative equity on their homes.

The Labour Party motion, if passed and implemented, would take the first steps in preventing this inevitable scenario. Last night I listened to the Minister of State, Deputy Martin Mansergh, reading a script outlining the Government's position. I was somewhat surprised the Office of Public Works has taken over responsibility for housing. His speech was pathetic. It refused to accept or recognise the reality of the crisis facing thousands of families whose homes are threatened, instead claiming there was no practice of mass evictions in modern Ireland. It stressed we should be careful lest we upset the banks as it may affect our credit rating.

Either the Government is blind to reality or it could not give a damn about the little people. The Government could find €54 billion to bail out the banks and its friends, the developers and builders. As far as those home owners in trouble are concerned, it is a case of let the devil take the hindmost. For this Government, the home owner with a mortgage he cannot pay is the hindmost and can go to the devil.

Deputy Willie Penrose in a forceful contribution to this debate described the financial carousel that faced the home seeker during our period of financial madness when second-hand council houses could change hands for up to €500,000. Home buyers were faced with the might and resources of the finance houses and developers only to be poorly served by the

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surveyors and solicitors they hired. Banks with their sheep's clothing on shovelled money at the home buyers, convincing them to buy now before there was another increase in price.

In one instance I know of in my area, a developer increased the price of houses in one day by €20,000 per unit. The banks sanctioned the extra loans and mortgages over the mobile telephones of purchasers. The response was simply, "Get in quick, no problem with the extra money". I am sure some bank manager got a bonus for that nice deal. The builder certainly did.

The sheep's clothing is off now and we can see the greedy wolves for what they are while the Government says not to disturb the bankers. All of this could have been prevented and avoided. The Government played a key role in creating and magnifying the problem which is now a crisis. If the Government had implemented the Kenny report on building land, thereby controlling its price, regulated the financial institutions and not adopted the McCreevy light-finger regulation, none of this would have occurred. Of course, Fianna Fáil never had any intention of doing so as it would have offended their paymasters in the Galway Races tent. Now the home owner must pick up the tab and is abandoned by the Government. The Fianna Fáil-Green Party Government has been derelict in its duty.

The stark reality is that tens of thousands of families are unable to pay their mortgages. They must be housed somewhere which they can afford. Instead of them swelling the lists for RAS, rent subsidy or social housing, the Labour Party argues the best option is to let them stay where they have already established their homes with their families. In turn, they should be allowed to pay what they can afford and when their situation improves they can resume full payments on their mortgages.

Unfortunately, during our period of financial madness, houses were used as a common commodity to be speculated on, to invest in and to increase the wealth of those already well-off. If the speculators are in trouble now, they will not get any sympathy from me. A home is not just a piece of real estate or property. A home is usually a once-in-a-lifetime purchase where families put down roots and become part of a community. It is where family members love one another and children are born and reared to adulthood. It is the place where members of a family are protected, cared for and can feel secure. A home is a permanent place of shelter, the roof over one's head and the place to where everyone returns. The right to a home is a basic human right. To treat a home as just another piece of property that can be given or taken away at the behest of a financial institution is immoral. It is the denial to that right to a home and shelter. I urge the Government to seriously think again before rejecting this Labour Party motion.



## **Support Your Local Cab Company**

I have a Business in Maynooth for the last ten years called **Maynooth Express Cabs**. I re-mortgaged my house to buy this business and things were good until about two years ago.

I have 45 drivers operating out of my office of which 95% are local people from Maynooth and surrounding areas.

We have a major issue with taxis coming from Dublin, Naas, etc. standing for hire all over the main street and even outside our entrance. I do not have a problem with the Taxis when they operate legal, driving up and down until they are flagged down. On any given night an unofficial rank is set up on the main street, which I have pictures to prove. I have been onto the Taxi regulator and local Garda,

Our business is been effected by this. From January unless something is done we may have to close at 8p.m. every night.

A lot of families will be effected by this including my own. The Regulator says he only has limited staff for the whole country to deal with situations like this.

If they started issuing a fine for €250 they would not be long about covering their wages. The local Garda are on hand trying to do what they can but limited staff is not helping.

Mark Nolan would welcome the Communities views on this matter.

**Mark Nolan**



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## 2010 Calendar



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# Party Political-Michael Fitzpatrick T.D.

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Michael Fitzpatrick T.D.

## **Good news for Kildare homeowners facing mortgage difficulties - Fitzpatrick**

The newly agreed Programme for Government includes measures that will help to protect Kildare homeowners who face difficulties with their mortgage repayments according to local Fianna Fail TD Michael Fitzpatrick.

"I am very supportive of any action that will assist homeowners during this economic downturn. Many homeowners in Kildare are facing job losses, reduced salaries or reduced hours which can severely affect their household income. Protecting the family home is a priority for people and we need to support them in that."

"Under the new Programme for Government, Fianna Fáil and the Green Party have committed to introducing new measures to protect families who are having difficulties with their home mortgage payments.

"The Government will conduct a review of the existing arrangements. Solutions that are being considered include reduced interest rates; longer maturity dates; the rolling up of outstanding interest; banks taking equity in the house or banks taking ownership and leasing back to the resident with rent payments coming off the overall mortgage."

"I have raised this issue repeatedly in recent times so I am very pleased to see that the Government has given this commitment. The exact details of the plan are still to be worked out but I am encouraged by the commitment to mortgage holders," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

## **Fitzpatrick welcomes funding for Toni River flood works**

Local Fianna Fail TD Michael Fitzpatrick has welcomed the news that funding has been awarded to tackle flooding of the Toni River in Celbridge.

"The Minister of State at the Department of Office of Public Works, Martin Mansergh has informed me that funding of €150,000 is being made available to Kildare County Council for work to alleviate flooding of the Toni River in Celbrige."

"This river has burst its banks in the past causing severe difficulties for local residents."

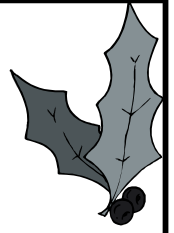
"The funding was awarded following an application from Kildare County Council. The OPW prioritised projects that required immediate measures or studies in their areas and I am pleased that the Toni River has been targeted for funding."

"I know that the Minister was keen to prioritise areas where there was substantial risk to homes and other properties."

"I am confident that work will begin shortly and will make a substantial difference to the area," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

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## A Letter To Santa



Santa Claus  
The North Pole

December, 2009

Dear Santa Claus,

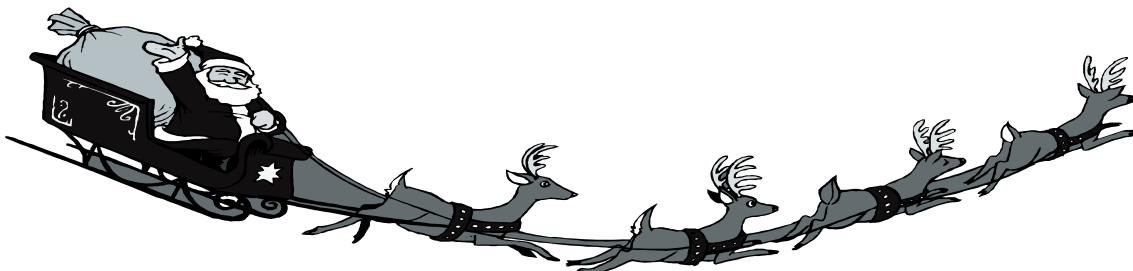
Love,

Name .....

Address .....

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Post your letter in Casey's SuperValu Maynooth (beside Glenroyal Hotel)  
Santa will be visiting on Saturday 12th December to collect all your letters.

# Party Political-Michael Fitzpatrick T.D.

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## **Community Support for Older People Scheme makes a welcome return – Fitzpatrick**

The Community Support for Older People Scheme that was suspended has been re-opened pending the consideration of a comprehensive review of the operation of the Scheme according to local Fianna Fail TD Michael Fitzpatrick.

"The Community Support for Older People Scheme was a very popular way of providing grants to local organisations who worked in the community to assist older people."

"The grants helped to pay for small security measures for older people including the once off cost of installing monitored alarm systems, security lighting, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors."

"I am pleased that Kildare's community and voluntary organisations participating in the Scheme will once again be able to receive this valuable funding. I understand that local groups have been notified and have been advised of the conditions attaching to the reopening of the current Scheme."

"I would like to commend the hard work by those community and voluntary organisations who work so hard to assist our local older people. I am delighted that this Scheme is re-opened as I know that the measures that are paid can give increased sense of personal security to older people and allow them to remain in their own homes living independent lives for longer," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

## **Fitzpatrick urges Kildare firms to apply for new jobs support**

Kildare firms should examine if they are eligible for a new Government offer to support jobs which are viable but under threat by the current economic challenges, according to Fianna Fáil TD and Convenor of the Oireachtas Enterprise Committee, Michael Fitzpatrick.

"Following confirmation that 435 firms nationwide are to receive support to maintain over 7,400 jobs the Government is now opening up a second round of the scheme. Kildare firms which are considered vulnerable but viable can receive €9,100 over 15 months for each qualifying employee."

"The scheme is aimed at helping firms to avoid making people redundant by offering financial support to retain jobs. The new round will be open to a broader range of Kildare firms and will take on board a number of points made by the business community."

"Details will be announced next week, but it has been confirmed that the support will be open to both exporting and non-exporting companies. It will be managed by Enterprise Ireland which has been working hard to support medium and small sized firms in Kildare and throughout the country. These firms traditionally form the backbone of our economy."

"A special website has been established at [www.employmentsubsidy.ie](http://www.employmentsubsidy.ie) and details of the second round will be made available here in the coming days as well as through Enterprise Ireland offices."

"I would encourage all Kildare companies, especially those who may have not been eligible for the first round, to examine the new conditions and see if they are eligible for a scheme which is aimed at keeping jobs in our communities", concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

# Children's Colouring Competition

**December 2009/January 2010**



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

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

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

## **THE WINNERS OF LAST MONTH'S COMPETITION WERE**

**Under 7 years: Seán Mahon, Silken Vale, Maynooth**

**Over 7 years: Orlaith Elliott, Donadea, Co. Kildare.**

**Prize money for each age group to be collected at:**

**Maynooth Community Council Office , Unit 5 Tesco Shopping Centre,  
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*Aine Brady T.D.*

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### **Grants under the Scheme of Community Support for Older People recommence says Brady**

Local TD and Minister of State Aine Brady has been informed by her colleague Mr. John Curran T.D., Minister of State at the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, that his Department has announced the re-opening of the Scheme of Support for Older People.

'I have been informed by the Department that it has agreed to lift the suspension of the Scheme pending consideration of a comprehensive review of the operation of the Scheme and the putting in place of revised arrangements for 2010.' stated Minister Brady.

'The Kildare Community and voluntary organisations that participated in the Scheme in recent years have been notified and have been advised of the conditions attaching to the reopening of the current Scheme.'

'The Scheme assists qualifying older people, aged 65 years and over, by means of community based grants. Funding is provided towards the once-off cost of installing monitored alarm systems, security lighting, and smoke/ carbon monoxide detectors.'

'Great credit is due to the invaluable work carried out by the local community organisations in promoting and operating the Scheme of Community Support for Older People.' concluded Minister Brady

### **Minister Brady welcomes the introduction of A Fair Deal**

Áine Brady, T.D., Minister for Older People and Health Promotion, today (5th October 2009) welcomed the announcement today of 27th October as the date for the introduction of the new Nursing Homes Support Scheme, A Fair Deal.

"The Fair Deal scheme aims to make long term nursing home care accessible and affordable whether in a voluntary, public or private care home and will free families from anxiety over financial commitments for the care of their loved ones." stated Minister Brady who steered the Legalisation through the Houses of the Oireachtas. Noting that an initial 12,000 applications are expected, Minister Brady urged those wishing to avail of

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the financial support towards nursing home costs under A Fair Deal to familiarise themselves with the application process so as to be ready to apply to the HSE on the 27th of October.

Further information on the Fair Deal can be obtained on the HSE website [www.hse.ie](http://www.hse.ie) or by phoning the HSE helpline on 1 850 24 1850.

The Minister also identified that, depending on a person's capacity to apply for the Nursing Home Loan, a person may, from today, apply for the appointment of a care representative through the Circuit Court.

## **New measures to protect family home welcome – Minister Brady**

The Government is set to introduce new measures to protect family homes for those who face difficulties in paying their mortgages according to Kildare North Fianna Fail TD and Minister of State, Áine Brady.

"As part of the reviewed Programme for Government we were keen to address the difficulties faced by many families in meeting their mortgage commitments following loss of income following redundancy, job loss or reduced hours."

"It is essential that greater flexibility is provided for the family home. New measures that will be brought in include reduced rates; longer maturity dates; rolling up of outstanding interest; the bank taking an equity interest in the home or the bank taking ownership and leasing it back to the resident with rent payments coming off the loan."

"Many families in the commuter belt are experiencing real hardship and anxiety due to changes to their financial circumstances. There are over 14,000 people now receiving mortgage interest supplement, an increase of over 75% since the end of 2008. This is a real indication of the level of difficulties out there."

"I raised the issue of Kildare homeowners facing difficulties with the Minister for Finance and I am pleased that practical measures are due to be introduced and that protecting the family home is to be prioritised," concluded Minister Brady.

## **Grants still available under Home Energy Saving Scheme says Brady.**

Local TD and Minister of State, Aine Brady, has urged Householders, as winter approaches, to check out the

Home Energy Saving Scheme as Grants are still available to improve the energy efficiency of their homes.

'The Home Energy Saving (HES) scheme provides grants to homeowners who are interested in improving the energy efficiency of their home in order to reduce their energy and heating costs. The scheme is open to all owners of existing houses built before 2006. Sustainable Energy Ireland administers the scheme.'

'It is also providing, on a National Basis, employment opportunities for over 5000 construction workers and BER assessors.'

'Assistance will be provided by way of fixed grants towards the costs of implementing energy efficiency measures. The types of measures currently eligible under this scheme are roof insulation, wall insulation, high efficiency boilers and heating control upgrades.'

'Grants from €250 to €4000 are available under the different categories and details of the scheme can be obtained from Sustainable Energy Ireland on 1850 927000, [www.sei.ie](http://www.sei.ie), e-mail [hes@sei.ie](mailto:hes@sei.ie).' concluded Minister Brady.

## **Funding for ICT Equipment for North Kildare Schools says Brady**

Local TD and Minister of State, Aine Brady, has been informed by the Minister for Education and Science, Batt O'Keeffe TD, that four Schools in North Kildare will receive grants for ICT equipment over the coming days as part of the Government's continuing efforts to make technology an integral part of the learning process.

'St Patrick's School in Celbridge will receive €13,500, Maynooth Girls Primary School will receive €10,000, Maynooth Educate Together will receive €4,500 and Gaelscoil Nas Na Riogh, Piper's Hill, Naas will receive €7,500.' stated Minister Brady after meeting with Minister O'Keeffe last Wednesday.

'The money will be transferred to the school's accounts over the next week or so and they will receive by email documentation and guidelines regarding the procurement of the equipment such as computer hardware, software and digital equipment under the scheme. The grant will enable schools to equip these new classrooms with information and communications technology.' 'This investment comes on top of the announcement earlier this year that St.

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Laurance's in Sallins and St. Patrick's in Celbridge would receive significant investment for ICT equipment. In addition in June of this year, funding was allocated to Maynooth Post Primary School, Salesian College in Celbridge and the Convent of Mercy on the Sallins Road, Naas which will deliver high-speed broadband connectivity to these schools.'

'This latest investment will enable these schools to radically improve their information communications technology (ICT) capacity in the classroom and will assist the schools in equipping their new classrooms with appropriate technology to integrate ICT into teaching and learning.'

'I will continue to work with all the Education Stakeholders in North Kildare to ensure that we get as much resources as possible in these challenging economic times.' concluded Deputy Brady.

## **Celbridge to receive €150k for Flood Relief works says Brady**

Local TD and Minister for Older People and Health Promotion, Aine Brady, has been informed by her colleague Dr. Martin Mansergh, T.D., Minister of State with special responsibility for the Office of Public Works (OPW) that funding is being made available to Kildare Co Co to address the flooding issues associated with the Toni River in Celbridge.

'€150,000 is to be allocated to Kildare Co Co to minimise the risk of future flooding from the Toni River in Celbridge.'

'In the summer of 2008, the Toni River burst its banks and caused significant flooding in Celbridge. At that time, I met with local residents in Celbridge and committed myself to working with all the stakeholders to put in place a plan to minimise the risk of reoccurrence.'

'I want to commend Kildare Co Co and the OPW, who have worked with local organisations to secure the funding for the project.' Concluded Minister Brady.

## **Additional Funding for Housing Adaptation Grants says Brady**

Local TD and Minister for Older People and Health Promotion, Aine Brady, has been informed by her colleague, the Minister for Housing, Michael Finneran TD, that Kildare Co Co, is to receive additional funding for the Housing Adaptation Grant Schemes for Older People and People with a Disability.

'I have been informed that the Department of the Environment will be allocating an additional capital

allocation to Kildare County Council of €663,750, for the payment of Housing Adaptation Grants for People with a Disability, Housing Aids for Older People, & Mobility Aids Grant.' Stated Minister Brady.

The announcement was made following a meeting between Minister Brady and Minister Finneran on the issue last week.

'Earlier this year, over €1.8m was allocated to Kildare Co Co for the scheme and this €663,000 is a significant addition to that allocation.'

'A housing adaptation grant is available to eligible people, where changes need to be made to a home to make it suitable for a person with a physical, sensory or intellectual disability or mental health difficulty to live in.' stated Minister Brady.

'It will also act as a local stimulus package for small contractors and provide valuable local employment.' Concluded Minister Brady.

## **HUMOUR FOR CHRISTMAS**

**An honest politician, a kind lawyer and Santa Claus were walking down the street and saw a €20 bill. Which one picked it up?**

Santa! The other two don't exist!

**Father Christmas: I thought I asked you to go out there and clear the snow!**

I'm on my way, Father Christmas.

**Father Christmas: But you only have one welly on!**

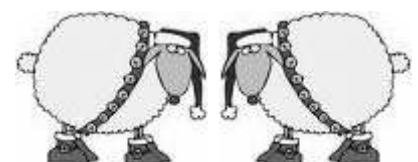
That's all right! There's only one foot of snow!

**What did Santa say to Mrs. Claus when he looked out the window?**

Looks like "rain", "Dear"!

**How do sheep greet each other at Christmas?**

A merry Christmas to ewe

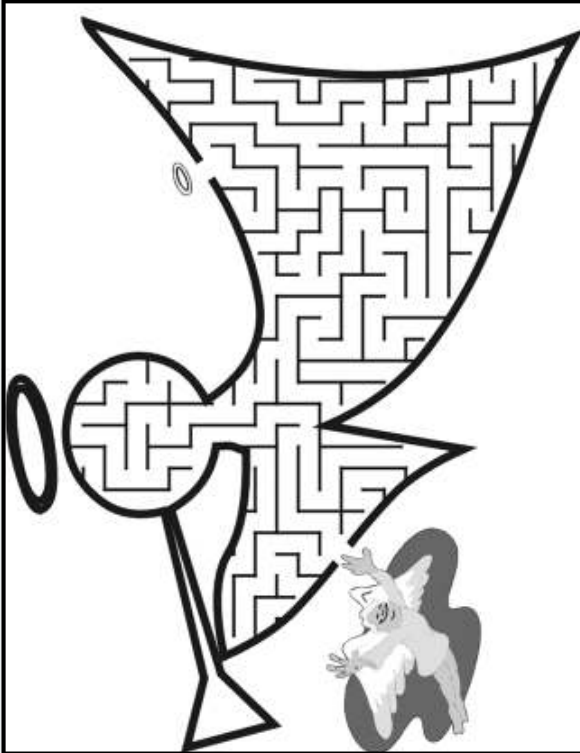




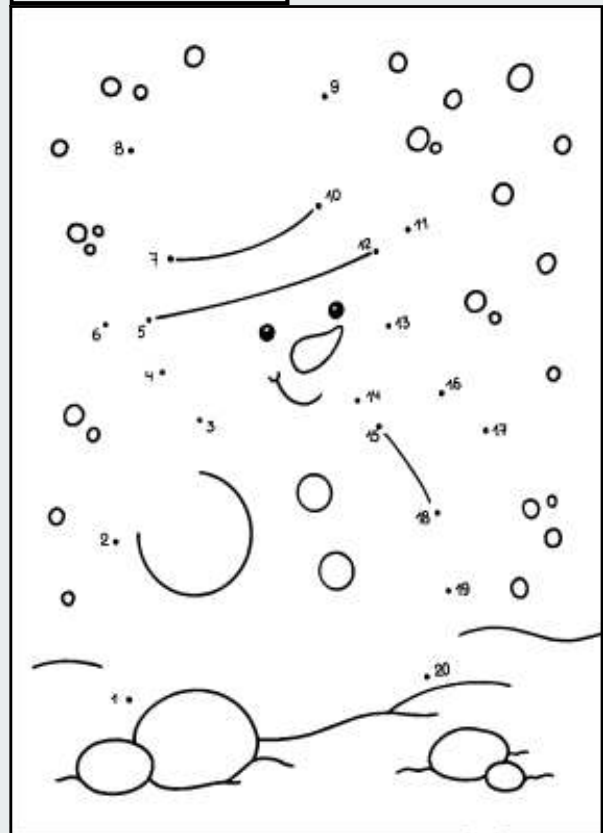
## Children's Corner



Help the angel fly through the angel shaped maze to find his halo.



Connect The Dots



Connect The Dots



Help the dizzy elf find his way down from the Christmas tree before he falls off.





## Children's Corner



### Can You spot The Difference



### Colour By Numbers



1 - Red 2 - Purple 3 - Yellow 4 - Pink 5 - Blue  
6 - Green 7 - Orange 8 - Brown 9 - Light Green

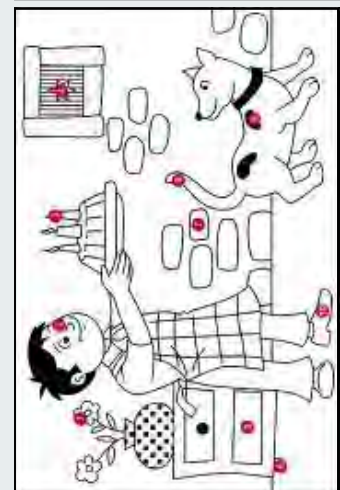
### Silly Jokes

How do you catch a squirrel?  
Climb into a tree and act like a nut.

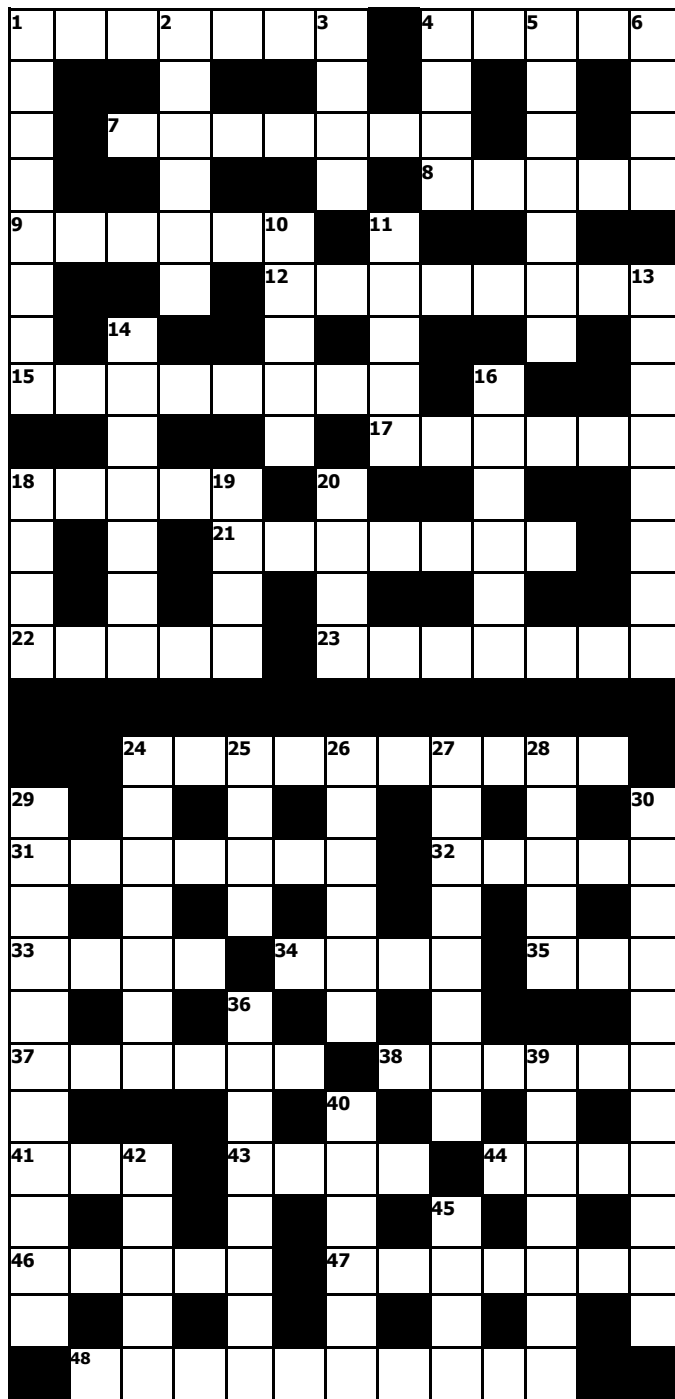
Why didn't the skeleton cross the road?  
Because he didn't have the guts to do it.

Why don't cannibals eat comedians?  
Because they taste funny.

### Answer to Spot The Difference



# Jumbo Dec/Jan 2010 Crossword No. 84



31. Savage (7)  
 32. Spur-wheel (5)  
 33. Fish of the carp family (4)  
 34. Fairy (4)  
 35. Female deer (3)  
 37. Family in The Darling Buds of May (6)  
 38. Chinese porcelain pattern (6)  
 41. Armed conflict (3)  
 43. Deception (4)  
 44. Sea-bird (4)  
 46. Japanese assassin (5)  
 47. Fade (7)  
 48. Rashly (10)

## Down:

1. Sea in the Mediterranean (8)  
 2. John \_ \_ \_ , late Dad's Army actor (6)  
 3. Remedy (4)  
 4. Take notice (4)  
 5. Farm Vehicle (7)  
 6. Indolent (4)  
 10. Shatter (5)  
 11. The Muhammadan religion (5)  
 13. Famous Tudor warship (4,4)  
 14. Whim (7)  
 16. English painter (6)  
 18. Ferment (4)  
 19. Influence (4)  
 20. Cheerless (4)  
 24. Final heat (7)  
 25. Aquatic bird (4)  
 26. Variety of apple (6)  
 27. Splendid (8)  
 28. Pledged (5)  
 29. Plenteous (11)  
 30. Somnambulist (11)  
 36. Seize by force (8)  
 39. Washing (7)  
 40. Walk in shallow water (6)  
 42. Shooting area (5)  
 45. Racing car service area (4)

## Across:

1. Eradicate (7)  
 4. Holiday Accommodation (5)  
 7. Outer Layer (7)  
 8. Rot (5)  
 9. Friends (6)  
 12. Edible fungus (8)  
 15. Personal magnetism (8)  
 17. Musty (6)  
 18. Actor, \_ \_ \_ Karloff (5)  
 21. Functioning (7)  
 22. Tearful (5)  
 23. Heavy artillery fire (7)  
 24. Nice to look at (10)

## Entries in before: 16th January 2010

### November Winner

Name: **Bernadette Duffy**

Address: **Kingsbry, Maynooth**

## Solutions to Crossword No. 83.

**Across:** 1. Desert, 5. Mad, 7. Mania, 8. Venom, 9. Shelter, 13. Duke, 14. Relay, 17. Locker, 18. Gap, 19. Shelf, 20. Plate, 23. Ally, 25. Brewery, 28. Heave, 29. Drove, 30. Day, 31. Infant.

**Down:** 1. Devour, 2. Sandal, 3. Remedy, 4. Ante, 5. Malt, 6. Dour, 7. Mask, 10. Help, 11. Local, 12. Event, 15. Ether, 16. Allow, 18. Gear, 20. Python, 21. Armada, 22. Expert, 24. Lyre, 25. Bald, 26. Eddy, 27. Eton.



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## Application Form for Parade

Name of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation, Club or Band: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

- All vehicles entering **must have a float**, preferably a **live band** with **traditional, rock or pop music**.
- HGVs, lorries, or cars ***without a float will not be accepted***.
- Do you wish to do a demo (3-4 mins) at Reviewing Stand? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Entrance Fee:

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- **Club/Organisation ~ €20**
- **Bands ~ Free**

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Trophy

**3 Best Band**

Perpetual Cup

**5 Best Portrayal of International Culture**

Trophy

**7 Best School Float**

Trophy

**2 Best Club Float**

Trophy

**4 Best Portrayal of Irish Culture**

Trophy

**6 Best Portrayal of Environmental Awareness**

Trophy

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



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