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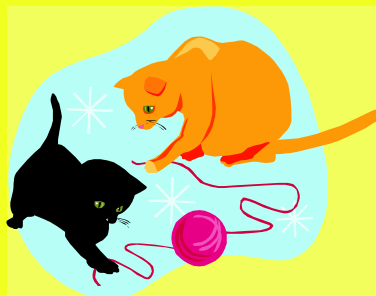


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# Editorial

## February 2009

Despite the recession it is great to see that we can still celebrate some things that are happening. On the international scene there appears to be a feeling of new hope with the inauguration of Barack Obama. But just as important there are some local achievements to note. Congratulations to Michelle O'Connor who won gold at the Irish Open Taekwondo Competition held at the Tallaght Leisure Centre. Taekwondo, the national sport of South Korea is the most popular of the martial arts and is also an Olympic sporting event. So you never know what the future holds for Ireland in this field. Congratulations also to Susie Farrell on earning a bronze in the Junior Black Belt Sparring category and to Sean Stoll for his bronze in the (15-17) Red Belt Sparring. Read more inside.

The annual Tony Smith Memorial highlights that community activity and involvement has not completely disappeared as many would think. A sizeable sum of money was raised which deservedly goes to Maynooth Senior Citizens.

Efforts are being made to enhance the links between town and University. The idea of Maynooth as a University town is being brought more to the fore, which could mean a beneficial collaboration. In this issue there is a piece about developments within the University. The Faculty of Social Science publications were on display in the JP II Library from January 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>. Many members of the community and the Community Council were invited to the exhibition which was opened by the President Professor John G. Hughes.

Finally I would like to welcome two new members to the Newsletter Editorial Board – Paul Croghan and Brendan Coffey. We look forward to their involvement in the forthcoming issues. I would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would be interested in coming on to the board to please contact the office. It's a once a month meeting. New people and ideas are always welcome.

**Susan Durack**

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# *Community Council Notes*

## **Maynooth Community Council Notes 12<sup>th</sup> January 2009**

The first meeting of the Community Council in 2009 was a busy affair with a full agenda forwarded by a Presentation by Mr. Conor Mallaghan, Carton House, Maynooth.

Mr. Mallaghan's Presentation began by recounting a history of the Mallaghan family involvement with Carton House since 1977. He stated that Government were reticent to take over large country houses as there was a large cost involved in their maintenance. He stated that under the Mallaghan stewardship they addressed this economic challenge and are planning for an evolving demesne.

The current hotel and golf courses have all been developed in an environmentally responsible fashion. There are currently 290 people employed in Carton with the majority of employees living in Maynooth. Mr. Mallaghan reiterated that Carton is very aware of its role in the community and that there is public access to the walks within the demesne.

The current project and its manager Mr. Stepen Kilroy were then introduced to the Council.

S.M.A.R.T. park is an anagram for South Meath Area Research Technology. While there are 1,100 acres in Carton the 60 acres earmarked for the Park lie in an environmentally insensitive area within the County Meath boundary. Mr. Mallaghan stated that the development of a SMART park is within the guidelines of The National Spatial Strategy, which promotes the clustering of resources in a specific area. Reference was made to the Knowledge Valley concept with a high value added component being Research and Development with the National University of Ireland Maynooth, Intel and The Department of Enterprise. He explained that 5 acres were being assigned to the R. & D. Dept. of N.U.I.M.. The plan involved an Innovation Centre, Research Centre, Sports Centre, Café, Academic Village and 80 residential units.

A question and answer session followed which raised the issue of infrastructural benefit to Maynooth from building levies. The meeting was informed that the two bad bends on the Maynooth to Dunboyne road would be rectified. The issue regarding the historical integrity of Carton as a resource to the people of Maynooth was seen as a vital component of any new plan. It was stated that Carton is internationally known as the Versailles of Ireland. Mr. Mallaghan confirmed his family's commitment in their stewardship of the Demesne and that they saw themselves as part of Maynooth and wished to remain as active participants of the Maynooth Community. He reiterated the open gate policy of Carton, where Maynooth residents were welcome to enjoy the grounds and walks. The issue of ground services from the Park being treated by Kildare County Council was also raised. It was confirmed by the reps. that these would indeed fall under the remit of Kildare. A number of other issues were also raised but appeared to be capable of being resolved through further dialogue and communication.

Mr. Mallaghan and Mr. Kilroy were thanked for their presentation and praised for the upkeep of Carton Avenue. The Council will consider the project and welcome comments from Maynooth residents through The Newsletter or your estate or organisation's representative on Maynooth Community Council.

The meeting got under way and after the housekeeping was completed we addressed specific items on the agenda.

### **Saint Patrick's Day Parade.**

Councillor John McGinley informed the meeting of the preparations underway for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. He gave guidance on the criteria for floats. They must be decorated and add to the spirit of the parade. Mr. Tom Mc Mullen made an appeal to the local schools to become involved. He said that it's a fun day and that a little bit of organisation by the Teachers and Parents would see great benefits deriving to their children who love to participate and represent their school publicly. The Presentation Girl's Primary School, St. Mary's Boy's National School, Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich and Maynooth Post Primary have all participated in the past and are encouraged to make a special effort this year. A representation from the new Kildare Educate Together School would also be welcome. We especially look to M.P.P. Transition year for an imaginative float representing their year's work, from this year's musical to experiences gained by foreign travel, this would be an advertisement and endorsement of the hard work put into the transition year by the student's school staff and parents.

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Friday 29th February or phone Marie Gleeson (office hours - 6285922 or 6285053) or  
John McGinley (6285293 (H) or 7026536 (W))

# Community Council Notes

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## **Planning and Development.**

Ms. Deirdre Cullen gave an update on the progress of the Maynooth Development Plan. The Plan has been submitted to Kildare County Council. The Planning and Development Committee have also presented their submission to relevant stakeholders in the town. All four area Councillors in the electoral area are aware of the needs of the town as outlined in The Maynooth Area Development Plan. The committee convened a meeting with Monsignor Hugh Connolly, President of St. Patrick's College and areas of mutual interest were addressed. The Committee are to meet with representatives of The National University of Ireland Maynooth to present our Plan and to address areas of mutual interest.

The issue of parking in Maynooth remains a problem. Car parking proposals at Leinster Street are a cause of concern as access to emergency vehicles could be hindered, this proposal should not be seen as an alternative to proper parking in the town. Cllr. Mc Ginley informed the meeting that The Dublin Transport Authority is making a presentation at the Local Area Committee on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January 2009 entitled 'transport interchange'.

## **Tidy Towns**

Mr. Paul Croghan reported that Maynooth ranked well in this years I.B.A.L. results. The town held its ranking and that the overall result was well up on last years. A call was made to Maynooth residents to become involved in the work of Tidy Towns. This hard working group enhance the quality of life for everybody in Maynooth. In recent years Kildare County Council have significantly curtailed this level of service to Maynooth. The tidy towns have taken up the slack in this area and the wonderful state of the town is a testimony to their commitment and pride in Maynooth. We should look into Kildare adopting the new litter by- laws as proposed in Dublin making the business responsible for litter that comes from their premises.

Ms. Bríd Freely and the Maynooth Business Chamber were congratulated for the Christmas lights; they added greatly to the Christmas festive period and brightened up the town and its residents.

## **Newsletter**

Thanks were expressed to Intel who are now involved in the publication of the Newsletter. We ask people to submit articles, features, news, deaths, births, marriages and social occasions. The Newsletter is also a great source of social history. It is a record of changing life on Maynooth and dates back to 1972. Resident association are to be encouraged to submit regular items for inclusion.

## **Maynooth Festival**

The festival committee are to convene prior to the next executive meeting of the Maynooth Community Council.

## **Maynooth Urban District Council.**

This long running saga will become an election issue in the coming local elections in June. Despite Maynooth fulfilling all the criteria for the above status, Minister Gormley refuses to sign the relevant documentation giving statutory status to Maynooth. We urge you to raise this issue with your elected representative in Kildare County Council and in Dáil Éireann.

Is mise, le meas agam oraibh,

**Colm Ó Cearúil**

**Cathaoirleach**

**Maynooth Community Council.**





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# Horoscopes



**ARIES—March 21—April 20**

Send your powerful thoughts out to the universe. Your mental projections are even stronger than usual. You think the best of your friends and family, and then they show up more or less that way.

Your lucky day is Sunday, Number 21, Colour Blue.



**TAURUS—April 21—May 21**

Your even-keeled temperament is contagious. Your secret? Tolerance. You don't require that others do things the way you would do them. The people around you are getting along because of you.

Your lucky day is Wednesday, Number 5, Colour Black.



**GEMINI—May 22—June 22**

You'll be putting on a performance of sorts. Your workload is hefty, and so is your capacity for charm and humour. The presence of loved ones makes tedious tasks cause for laughter and fun.

Your lucky day is Saturday, Number 16, Colour White.



**CANCER—June 23—July 23**

You may get so involved with balancing the needs and wants of others that you forget about your appetites. It feels good to be selfless, to a point. Don't be surprised if you reach your limit pretty soon.

Your lucky day is Monday, Number 9, Colour Brown.



**LEO—July 24—August 23**

You maintain a fantastic mood so long as you are independent and free. Being able to come and go as you please will be important to you. Wherever possible, be in charge of your own transportation.

Your lucky day is Tuesday, Number 29, Colour Navy.

**Virgo—August 24—Sept 23**



You're inspired to do the unexpected -- even you can't predict your next move. You'll delight in playing with people's expectations. The 25th brings jovial social interaction.

Your lucky day is Friday, Number 14, Colour Ruby Red.



**LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23**

You're up for playing games, though your spirit of competition is muted -- you don't care if you win or lose as long as you connect with others. Relationship building is the most important endeavour of the month.

Your lucky day is Thursday, Number 3, Colour Violet.



**SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22**

Promoting harmony requires no effort, so if it feels like work, you're probably doing something ineffective. Create a peaceful mind within yourself. Cranky people just need to be left alone.

Your lucky day is Saturday, Number 37, Colour Green.



**SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21**

People around you may talk about problems, but this is not because they want you to fix anything. They need your listening ear and loving attention. Once they get it, they'll find their own solutions.

Your lucky day is Tuesday, Number 41, Colour Beige.



**CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20**

One way to contribute to the well-being of others is to make sure you are having a good time. So give yourself permission to relax -- in fact make it your number one priority.

Your lucky day is Sunday, Number 11, Colour Grey.



**AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19**

It's easy to get overwhelmed. Prevent this by keeping your demands of yourself extremely simple. You'll be most productive when you concentrate on three well-defined and small goals for the month.

Your lucky day is Saturday, Number 20, Colour Wine.



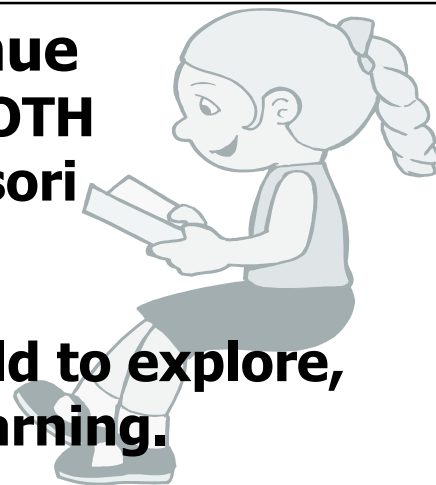
**PISCES—Feb 20—March 20**

Everything is linked together for a purpose, though trying to figure out what that purpose might be is one of the more futile uses for your energy today. Don't think too much. Trade thinking for believing.

Your lucky day is Wednesday, Number 12, Colour Magenta.

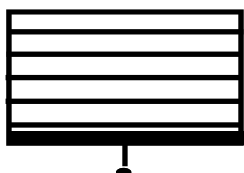


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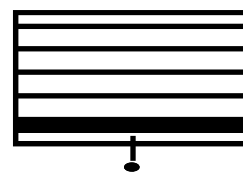
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# Gardening

## Gardening in February

### Flower garden

#### Deadheading

Winter and spring bedding plants tend to flower in phases depending on temperature. Play your part by keeping pansies, primulas and other plants regularly deadheaded. Pick off faded blooms to keep plants looking tidy and prevent them setting seed, which can reduce flowering performance.

#### Moving plants

This is also a good time to move shrubs or flowers to a new position if they have outgrown their site.

#### Dividing perennials

In mild areas, clumps of perennials can be divided and healthy young outer portions replanted into freshly prepared soil.

#### Prune dogwood

Now you've enjoyed the dramatic colours of your winter dogwoods, they can be cut back hard down to ground level. This will encourage them to produce brightly coloured new shoots that will provide interest next winter.

#### Early anemones

Early flowering bulbs come into their own this month. These include Dutch iris and alliums planted last autumn, but now is the time to plant up pots of anemones such as *Anemone coronaria* De Caen Group, or their double-flowered counterparts in the Saint Bridgid Group. There are several named forms including the scarlet-blue *A. coronaria* 'Mister Fokker'. Before planting, the dry tubers are best soaked for 24 hours to absorb water, during which time they will double in size. Plant in pots for an early display, or plant outside later in March or early April.

#### Lilies

Continue planting lily bulbs up in pots.

Aim to plant about five bulbs of the same variety in a 25cm (10in) container. Terracotta pots are ideal, as their weight provides extra stability for the tall flower spikes that eventually develop.

### Greenhouse

#### Tender plants

Tender plants, such as pelargoniums and fuchsias, must be kept at a temperature above about 4C (40F). Check over plants once a week and remove any dead flowers or leaves that you find, to reduce the risk of fungal diseases. If any shoots have started to rot, trim them back to healthy growth. Keep their compost almost dry and make sure that there is good air circulation around the plants - a fan heater is an easy way of doing this.

### Sow bedding plants

Create a heated area of the greenhouse by using bubble polythene to partition off a small area of the greenhouse. This can then be used for raising plants. Make the first sowings in a heated propagator of summer bedding plants that need a long growing season. These include geraniums, petunias, busy lizzies and nicotianas. Most require a germination temperature of 21C (70 F).

#### Hippeastrums (Amaryllis)

Hippeastrums, also known as amaryllis, are wonderful flowering houseplants for this time of year. To get the most out of yours, water plants as required, usually once or twice a week, by standing them in a saucer of water. The plants will take up as much water as they require. After about half an hour, tip away any remaining water so the roots are not left standing in water. Feed plants weekly with houseplant liquid feed. Keep them indoors on a bright window-sill in a warm spot.

#### Begonias

Clean off any remaining dead foliage from tuberous begonia tubers. Then remove them from their pots and knock off the old compost. Repot the tubers into pots of fresh compost, water them in and keep at a temperature of around 16C (60F). It's also a good time of year to plant new tubers of begonias and gloxinia.

### General Care

#### Clean pots and trays

Piles of pots and stacks of dirty seed trays need to be washed out and stored away ready for use this spring. Add in some general household disinfectant, then rinse in clean water. Using hot water makes the job more bearable on a

cold day. Traditional pot cleaning brushes are available, but any brush will do to thoroughly remove dirt and old compost that could harbour pests or diseases.

#### Ice and snow

Knock snow from trees and shrubs to prevent its weight breaking branches. Keep using floating pond heaters to prevent ice forming over the entire surface of ponds.

#### Tree ties

Check tree ties to ensure they aren't cutting into the bark. Replace any that are worn or damaged. It is particularly important to check your tree stakes and ties for damage after heavy wind and storms.



**Amaryllis**

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# Features

## NUI Maynooth named University of the Year 2008

**F**ollowing two centuries of internationally renowned scholarly activity on the Maynooth campus the National University of Ireland, Maynooth was established under the 1997 Universities Act as an autonomous member of the federal structure known as the National University of Ireland. NUI Maynooth has 26 academic Departments which are organised into three Faculties: Arts, Celtic Studies and Philosophy; Science and Engineering, and Social Sciences.

On Friday, September 26th 2008 NUI Maynooth was today named as the "**University of the Year 2008**" in the Sunday Times University Guide.

The award caps a highly successful year for NUI Maynooth which has seen it record the highest increase in CAO first preferences, attracting the strongest flow of research funding and forging links with leading industries. It has also jumped three places to fourth place on the Sunday Times' league table.

"NUI Maynooth is now one of the four top universities in Ireland and is making an impressive global impact through its teaching partnership with the computer chip manufacturer Intel," says Ian Coxon, Editor of The Sunday Times University Guide. "NUI Maynooth's excellent results on research funding and graduate employment plus its encouraging access to excluded from third-three of the key to vote it The Sunday Year for 2008."

The award is based on third level universities Republic and across 26 grades, retention, services, access for and contribution to and national levels. from each Institution, Education and Science, students' unions.

Within this analysis shown to have won research per academic in the country. The University also achieved first place for graduate employment and has, according to the Sunday Times, the best access programme for disadvantaged students in the country.



***John Hume Building, NUI Maynooth***

impeccable record on groups normally level education are factors that have led us Times University of the

an analysis of all 22 and institutes in the criteria including, research, student disadvantaged students development at local The data was collected the CAO, HEA, Dept of and interviews with

NUI Maynooth was the highest level of

Welcoming the award, **Prof John Hughes, President of NUI Maynooth**, said "This is a great accolade for the university. The award recognises the priority we place on ensuring the best student experience – from the strength of the academic team that interface with the students, the innovative degree programme they can choose from, the vibrant social scene and of course the employability of the students that graduate from NUI Maynooth."

Over the last 12 months the University has also won significant research awards, launched five new degrees including Law & Arts, Business & Law, and Science Education and has formally launched two new research institutes An Foras Feasa and The Irish Social Sciences Platform (ISSP). The University was appointed global education partner by Intel, and has established a joint research and education centre with Peking University.

"This award is a testament to the hard work and dedication that all students and staff play in the achievements of the University," added Prof John Hughes.

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# Valentine Recipes

## Prawn Paté

### Ingredients

- \* 1/2 cup butter
- \* 1 cup peeled prawns
- \* 1 clove garlic, peeled and chopped
- \* 4 tablespoons double cream
- \* salt
- \* cayenne pepper
- \* 1/2 teaspoon crushed coriander seeds
- \* 1/2 tablespoon very finely chopped parsley
- \* a few whole prawns to garnish
- \* parsley to garnish
- \* lemon wedges to garnish

### Method

- Gently fry the coriander seeds and the garlic in the butter.
- Add the prawns and stir well.
- Remove from heat.
- Allow to cool a little and then blend to a smooth paté in an electric blender.
- Add the cream and parsley and blend again for a few seconds.
- Season to taste.
- Transfer to individual dishes and chill well before serving.
- Garnish with whole prawns, parsley and lemon wedges.

## Duck Breast Treat

### Ingredients

- \* 2 boned duck breasts
- \* 1 tablespoon olive oil
- \* 2 tablespoons chopped apricots tinned in juice
- \* 2 tablespoons juice from apricots
- \* 1 tablespoon good brandy
- \* 1 teaspoon cornflour
- \* vegetable stock
- \* salt and pepper
- \* 2 tablespoons butter

### Method

- Heat the oil in a frying pan and fry the duck breast skin side down.
- Turn over.
- Turn down the heat and cook gently until the breasts are tender.
- Season with salt and pepper.
- Remove the breasts from the pan and keep warm.
- Remove as much fat as possible from the pan but leave the duck juices behind.
- Put the pan on a gentle heat and add about 1 cup of the stock.
- Stir to incorporate all the duck juices into the stock and then add the butter, apricots, juice and brandy.
- Mix the cornflour to a smooth paste with a little cold water and add to the pan, stirring all the time.
- Serve this sauce with the duck.

## Valentine's Chocolate Sponge

### Ingredients

- \* 150g /5oz Self Raising Flour
- \* 25g/1oz Cocoa (sieved)
- \* 125g /4 oz Margarine (at room temperature)
- \* 125g /4 oz Caster Sugar
- \* 3 Eggs

### Topping

170ml carton of Cream  
2 x 100g bars of good quality Plain Chocolate  
Decoration Red Roses

### Method

- Preheat oven to 170°/325°F/Gas 3. Base line 2 x 18cm/7" sandwich tins.
- Put flour, cocoa, margarine, sugar and eggs into a mixing bowl and beat until smooth.
- Transfer to prepared tins and bake for approx. 25 minutes.
- Cool cakes in tins for about 10 minutes, then transfer to a wire tray to cool completely.
- Meanwhile, place chocolate and cream in a bowl over a pan of simmering water and allow chocolate to melt, stirring occasionally. When melted, remove from the heat and stir well. Allow to cool and begin to "set". Sandwich the cakes with about a third of the topping and pour remainder over the assembled cake. Decorate top with red roses.



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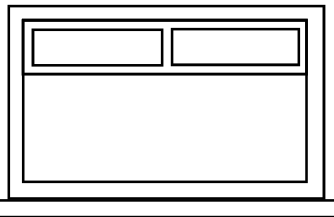
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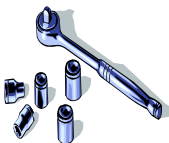
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## *Maynooth GAA get down to business for 2009*

**M**aynooth GAA club got down to business for the New Year when they held their first executive meeting of the club on Monday night (10 January).

The club appointed a new chairman at their AGM in late December and Colm Nolan takes over from Matt Doran, who has agreed to stay on as vice-chairman.

With plenty of changes on the manager front too, Maynooth is a hive of activity early in the year.

Already Declan Cryan, former Straffan manager, has been appointed as senior football manager and training will begin in two weeks time as the club looks to regain senior status having been relegated to intermediate last year. Cryan takes over from former Meath star Liam Harnan, who had guided the club to intermediate success in 2005 but after six years at the helm the double All-Ireland winner decided to step down. The club wishes him well in his new role in his home county.

Meanwhile the senior hurling team have appointed one of their own to take charge in 2009 as former Kildare minor footballer Killian Fagan takes over the reigns from Mick Ward. Fagan was still lining out with the senior football team last year and is relishing the challenge with the hurlers, whom he won an intermediate championship with in 1999.

Mick Ward was praised by club hurling chairman and current county vice-chairman, Aidan Sinnott, for his dedication and commitment to hurling in the club for the last number of years, the last three of which were as manager of the senior hurling team.

Ladies football and camogie teams are also due to resume training shortly although our Leinster championship winning ladies team are entitled to a few more weeks break after a superb 2008 that saw them claim county and provincial titles before losing out narrowly in the All-Ireland semi-final.

The club is planning to host a number of juvenile discos during the year with the first one of the year pencilled in for the 27th February.

**By Brendan Coffey, Maynooth PRO**

### **Children's Colouring Competition**

#### **Winner Of the November 2008 Edition**



*Leah Fortune From Castle Dawson,  
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### **Maynooth Newsletter Notice**

*We invite all of Maynooth Clubs and Societies to Please send in your articles and reports to Maynooth Newsletter for publication.*

*If you have a story or a poem and would like to have it published we would be delighted to receive them.*

*We also invite members of the public interested in joining our Editorial Board to get in touch with us.*

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### *Maynooth Credit Union Limited*

**M**aynooth Credit Union held its first Annual Cash Draw in 2008. Madeline Stynes won €10,000 in April and Bernie Fitzpatrick won €8,000 in September. Our under-age members were not eligible to join the Draw. The Board ran a free cash draw for its thousand Members aged under 18 on Tuesday 9 December, the date of its recent AGM. Five lucky Juniors each won a prize of €100 on the night.

The news, arriving just before Christmas, was like a special gift in the festive season. We got the impression that these young savers put their winnings into their Credit Union accounts.

The credit union encourages good financial habits. These young people and all our junior members have made a good start. Long may they prosper!



**Conor Hegarty-Morris (7), Beaufield was a very lucky young member this Christmas. When we met him to present his prize he had just returned from a visit to Santa's Grotto in Lapland. Conor's favourite activity in school is Art.**

**Caoimhe Murphy (9), Moyglare Village, is in third class in the Presentation Convent National School. She likes drama and her favourite subject at the moment is Geography.**



**Robbie McGuinness (11), Mulhussey, came in to our office to receive his prize. This committed young saver lodged his winnings straight into his account. Robbie is an enthusiastic sportsman, playing rugby in North Kildare and Gaelic in Blackhall Gaels GAA club.**

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## Famous People Born in the Month Of February

***James Augustine Aloysius Joyce*** (2 February 1882 – 13 January 1941) was an Irish expatriate author of the 20th century. He is best known for his landmark novel *Ulysses* (1922) and its controversial successor *Finnegans Wake* (1939), as well as the short story collection *Dubliners* (1914) and the semi-autobiographical novel *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* (1916).



Although he spent most of his adult life outside Ireland, Joyce's psychological and fictional universe is firmly rooted in his native Dublin, the city which provides the settings and much of the subject matter for all his fiction. In particular, his tempestuous early relationship with the Irish Roman Catholic Church is reflected through a similar inner conflict in his recurrent alter ego Stephen Dedalus. As the result of his minute attentiveness to a personal locale and his self-imposed exile and influence throughout Europe, notably in Paris, Joyce became paradoxically one of the most cosmopolitan yet one of the most regionally-focused of all the English language writers of his time.



***Charles Augustus Lindbergh*** (February 4, 1902 – August 26, 1974) nicknamed "Lucky Lindy" and "The Lone Eagle") was an American aviator, author, inventor and explorer. By the late 1930s, he had become a prominent non-interventionist, opposed to United States involvement in World War II.

On May 20–21, 1927, Lindbergh emerged instantaneously from virtual obscurity to world fame as the result of his Orteig Prize-winning solo non-stop flight from New York (Roosevelt Field) to Paris (Le Bourget Field) in the single-seat, single-engine monoplane *Spirit of St. Louis*. Lindbergh, an Army reserve officer, was also awarded the nation's highest military decoration, the Medal of Honour, for his historic exploits.

In the late 1920s and early 1930s, Lindbergh used his fame to relentlessly help promote the rapid development of U.S. commercial aviation. In the later 1930s and up until the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour, Lindbergh was an outspoken advocate of keeping the U.S. out of the world conflict (as was his Congressman father during World War I) and became a leader of the anti-war America First movement. Nonetheless, he supported the war effort after Pearl Harbour and flew many combat missions in the Pacific as a civilian consultant, even though President Roosevelt had refused to reinstate his Army Air Force commission as a colonel that he had resigned earlier in 1941. In his later years, Lindbergh became a prolific prize-winning author, international explorer, inventor, and active environmentalist.

***Bob Marley*** (February 6, 1945 – May 11, 1981) was a member of the Rastafari movement, whose culture was a key element in the development of reggae. Bob Marley became a leading proponent of the Rastafari, taking their music out of the socially deprived areas of Jamaica and onto the international music scene. Bob Marley was baptized by the Archbishop of the Ethiopian Orthodox Christian Church in Kingston, Jamaica on November 4, 1980]. Marley was also a vegetarian. Judy Mowatt, a former member of the Wailers, has claimed that Marley converted to Christianity on his deathbed.



While flying home from Germany to Jamaica for his final days, Marley became ill, and landed in Miami for immediate medical attention. He died at Cedars of Lebanon Hospital in Miami, Florida on the morning of May 11, 1981 at the age of 36. The spread of melanoma to his lungs and brain caused his death. His final words to his son Ziggy were "Money can't buy life." [ Marley received a state funeral in Jamaica on May 21, 1981 which combined elements of Ethiopian Orthodoxy and Rastafari tradition. He was buried in a chapel near his birthplace with his Gibson Les Paul and a Bible. A month before his death, he was awarded the Jamaican Order of Merit. Marley was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1994. Time magazine chose Bob Marley & The Wailers' *Exodus* as the greatest album of the 20th century. In 2001, Marley was posthumously awarded the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award, and a feature-length documentary about his life, . In 2006, the State of New York renamed a portion of Church Avenue from Remsen Avenue to East 98th Street in the East Flatbush section of Brooklyn "Bob Marley Boulevard".





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## Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Know Your Rights

### Question

I have recently changed job and my new employer has asked for my P45. What can I do if I haven't received one from my previous employer?

### Answer

An employer is required by law to give you a P45 at the time the employment ends. It provides evidence that the employment has ended and includes a statement of pay and the tax deducted.

It is important to give a P45 to your new employer because otherwise you may have to pay tax at a higher rate known as emergency tax. Even if you are not starting a new job it is an important document because you will need it to claim a tax refund or to claim social welfare benefits.

If you have asked your previous employer for a P45 but have not received it, you should contact your local tax office. Revenue may then get in touch with the employer and obtain your P45 for you. Revenue will send you a new tax credit certificate so that you do not have to pay emergency tax.

If you are leaving a job in 2009 you must also be given an Income Levy Certificate for your records along with your P45. This details the amount of Income Levy deducted from your wages in that job.

The employer you are working for at the end of the tax year must give you a P60. This is a statement of your pay and the tax and social insurance payments deducted during the year.

If you do not receive a P60 or a P45, it is possible that you have not been registered for PRSI (Pay Related Social Insurance) by your employer or that you are registered but your employer has not paid the correct contributions. If your employer will not give you a P60 at the end of the year you should contact your local tax office.

You can contact Revenue at the following Lo-call numbers:

For the southwest region, call 1890 222 425

For the border, midlands, and west region, call 1890 777 425

For Dublin city and county, call 1890 333 425

For the east and southeast region, call 1890 444 425

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

### Question

What tax relief is available for medical expenses and how can I claim it?

### Answer

If you pay medical expenses that are not covered by the State or some other source such as private health insurance, you may be entitled to tax relief. This relief applies to expenses that you pay for yourself or on behalf of others.

For expenses up to the end of 2008, the amount of tax relief you get is either 20% or 41% of your expenses, whichever is the highest rate of tax you pay. This still applies for nursing home fees but for all other medical expenses from 1 January 2009, relief is given at the rate of 20%. Relief can be claimed on the full amount but for tax years before 2007 the first €125 was not eligible (or €250 when claiming for more than one person).

You can claim tax relief on fees charged by doctors and consultants and many of the items or treatments prescribed by them. This includes drugs, diagnostic procedures, physiotherapy, chiropody, podiatry, hearing aids, orthoptic treatment, orthopaedic beds or chairs, and wheelchairs.

Other eligible expenses include: an educational psychologist or speech and language therapist for a qualifying child; routine maternity care; maintenance or treatment in a hospital or nursing home; kidney patients' expenses; in-vitro fertilisation; gluten-free food for

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Routine dental and ophthalmic care is not eligible but some dental treatments are: crowns; root canals; gold posts or inlays; periodontal or orthodontic treatment; wisdom teeth extraction in hospital; bridgework; dental implants; tip replacing.

You can claim tax relief at the end of the tax year by completing the form MED 1 which is available from your regional Revenue office or can be downloaded from [www.revenue.ie](http://www.revenue.ie). If you are claiming relief on dental expenses, you will need to keep the form MED 2 as evidence of the expenses incurred. The MED 2 form is completed by your dentist. You can get these forms from Revenue by phoning Lo-call 1890 30 67 06.

It is also possible to apply online for tax relief on your medical expenses. See [www.revenue.ie](http://www.revenue.ie) for details.

## Question

What are the new rules for Child Benefit this year?

## Answer

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

To qualify, a child must be dependent on you and must be:

Under age 16 or

Aged 16, 17 or 18 and attending full-time education or a FÁS Youthreach course or have a physical or mental disability.

Changes introduced in the Budget affect Child Benefit for 18-year-olds which will be paid at half the normal rate in 2009 and will no longer be paid from 2010. For these years a compensatory payment of €15 per week will be paid to certain families with children aged 18 in full-time education or with a disability. You will get this payment if your child aged 18 is getting Disability Allowance or if you are getting Family Income Supplement or getting a social welfare payment that includes an increase for the 18-year-old.

Child Benefit is generally paid to the mother of the child. Where the parents are living apart, it is paid to the parent with whom the child lives most of the time. If the child is not living with or being maintained by the parents, then it may be paid to the person who is caring for the child. The Child Benefit rates for 2009 are the same as for 2008: for one child, €166; for two children, €332; for each additional child (third, fourth, and so on) an extra €203 is paid.

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

If you are from a country in the European Economic Area

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

Claim forms to apply for Child Benefit are available from your local Social Welfare Office, Post Office or from the Child Benefit Section, Social Welfare Services Office, St Oliver Plunkett Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, Lo-call: 1890 400 400.

## Question

The last time I had dental treatment I was able to claim the cost from the Department of Social and Family Affairs on the basis of my PRSI contributions. Next year I plan to travel to a dentist in Hungary. Can this be covered under the same scheme?

## Answer

Yes, it is possible to claim for certain dental treatment obtained in other EU countries under the Department's Treatment Benefit Scheme.

Under this scheme you can qualify for Dental, Optical and Aural Benefits whereby the Department pays some of the costs of various treatments, such as dental fillings and extractions, eye examinations, spectacles, contact lenses and hearing aids.

You can now claim these benefits if your treatment, spectacles, etc., were obtained in another EU country. The Department pays an amount equivalent to the rate paid for similar treatment carried out in Ireland or the amount actually paid – whichever is lower.

Before going abroad you should contact the Department's Treatment Benefit Section, Lo-call: 1890 400 400 (ext 4480) to get an application form and details of how much the Department pays for the various treatments. When abroad you pay the full amount for the treatment, but you should ask the dentist, optician or audiologist to complete the application form. To claim the benefit when you return to Ireland, send the application form to the Treatment Benefit Section, Department of Social and Family Affairs, St Oliver Plunkett Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.

To qualify for the scheme you must satisfy certain Pay Related Social Insurance (PRSI) contribution conditions which vary depending on your age. You are also eligible if you are the dependent spouse of an insured person or a dependent widow or widower whose spouse was qualified at time of death. If you satisfy the PRSI conditions when you reach age 60 you will remain qualified for life.

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### MAYNOOTH TAEKWON-DO STUDENT WINS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

**M**ichelle O'Connor from the Maynooth Taekwon-Do School won Gold at the Irish Open on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December. The event which is the Republic of Ireland Taekwon-Do Association's (RITA) national Championships was held in the Tallaght Leisure Centre, Dublin and attracted competitors from all over Ireland and the UK. Michelle won the female 15-17 years red belt sparring and will hopefully be going for her Black Belt in march. Also winning medals were Suzy Farrell who won bronze in the junior female Black Belt Sparring and Sean Stoll who won bronze in the 15-17 years male red belt sparring. This was the first black belt event for Suzy who recently along with Kevin Molloy were promoted to the rank of black belt and it was a big step up in class for both as they were in with experienced international competitors from Wales and England. Kevin was unlucky to get junior world silver medallist Tom McCabe in his first round.



**Suzy Farrell, Michelle O'Connor,  
Sean Stoll & Kevin Molloy**

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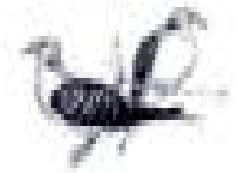
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## *The Grey Wolf*



**T**he gray wolf mates for life. Pups are born in the spring. Through the summer while the pups grow in ability, the adults hunt singly. Each autumn, the pups join the hunting pack and both parents teach them to hunt and kill prey. A family group of about five members (the parents and various offspring) stay together and form a hunting pack.

The wolf is the largest member of the canine family. Grey wolves range in colour from grizzled grey or black to all white. As the ancestor of the domestic dog, the grey wolf resembles German shepherds or malamutes.

## *The Barn Owl*

**T**he Barn Owl is unmistakable, with a large round head and heart shaped face. White in appearance, giving it a ghostly look when seen flying over graveyards at night. Up close it has golden buff plumage on top of its head and back. Found mainly on farmland it prefers rough grassland, with hedges and river nearby. They nest in hollow trees, old barns, ruins or out-buildings. They will use nest boxes if placed in modern barns. Owls have superb eyesight and can see in almost total darkness, and they also have excellent hearing which helps them locate prey. Barn owls will mate for life. Normal broods have 3 to 6 young. In England there have been reports of up to 18 in one brood. 2-3 broods per year are normal but if food supply is low, the owls may go without a brood during that time.



## *Swans*



**O**nce they mate swans remain together for life. Both partners share in building their nest, defending and incubating their eggs and caring for their young. "Divorce" does sometimes occur, particularly following nesting failure.

The Northern Hemisphere species of swan have pure white plumage but the Southern Hemisphere species are mixed black and white. The Australian Black Swan (*Cygnus atratus*) is completely black except for the white flight feathers on its wings. The babies of black swans are light grey in colour, and the South American Black-necked Swan has a black neck.



## MAYNOOTH TOASTMASTERS

Our next meeting takes place in Brady's Clockhouse Bar, Maynooth on Monday 9th February 2009.

We had a very successful meeting on Mon 12th January last with 4 excellent CC level speeches. Following this we had a very creative Topicsmaster Session which was very enjoyable. Our first meeting of 2009 was unique as we also held an 'Open Evening' for new members and guests alike. The format was well received by all. Currently Maynooth Toastmasters has a membership of nearly 50 and there were over 20 new guests/ members at our Open Night. This was a proud moment for Maynooth Toastmasters in our 3 year history.

Guests and new members are always welcome. Come along and enjoy a great nights fun and entertainment and you might decide to join us as a member or give it consideration. So put the 9th February into your diary and we look forward to seeing you. (It's not too late to make that new year's resolution!)

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# Features

## The 2008 Tony Smith Memorial Walk

The Proceeds of the 2008 Tony Smith Memorial Walk amounting to €9,010 were handed over to Maynooth Senior Citizens Committee on Sunday December 14th at the Senior Citizens Christmas Party in the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth.

The proceeds were presented by Cllr. John McGinley to Josie Moore, Chairperson of the Senior Citizens Committee.



From left to right: Cllr. John McGinley, Mrs. Ellen Leavy (Highest Sponsored Walker), Josie Moore and Deputy Emmet Stagg

## *Maynooth Community Library Celebrates it's 25th Anniversary*

On the 10<sup>th</sup> December last Maynooth Community Library celebrated 25 years in service. It was announced that the County's Library Service would receive a funding budget of €6,000,000 from Kildare County Council. On the same day in 1983 Celbridge Community Library was also opened.

History was made in 1983 when the new community libraries at Maynooth and Celbridge were opened. Much has changed since Maynooth Library opened in 1983. Technology has helped much of this change.

Kildare Local Authority's Choir provided entertainment at the celebration. There were also readings from The Book of Maynooth. The Book of Maynooth was completed in 2000 by a local group of volunteers and is reminiscent of the Book of Kells. We would like to congratulate Maynooth Community Library on their 25 years of service and wish them success in the future.





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### *University of Third Age*

Elah welcomed us back and wished a rather exuberant bunch a Happy New Year. Such was the enthusiasm that it bordered on unruly at times. There was so much to discuss and so many visits to plan. The forthcoming trips include New Grange in February and Belfast in March. Meanwhile a visit to An Draiocht to see 'Nobody loves a fairy when she's 40' should meet our immediate needs. The book club eager beavers had already been back in action. Their latest book 'Eat Pray Love' aroused a very mixed response spanning the spectrum from empathy to downright selfish!

For potential new members let not the title of our group be off-putting. University in this context means a group of people coming together who share a common purpose. That purpose is to reduce social isolation and improve the quality of life for the over 50's by providing friendship, support and social exchange. If you enjoy being challenged either physically or mentally we would be delighted to see you at our February meetings on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 in the Community Library.

**Further info Bernadette 6289131**

## Features

### Lucy's Friend

It was a lovely day, so Lucy asked her mother could she go outside and play. Her mother said she could, but only play in the back garden like a good girl, then you can come in for your snack. She was running around when she heard something in the hedge, when she looked, she saw a small boy there. He was about two years older than her and was probably going to school. Lucy wished she was in school, but she was too young.

"What are you doing in my ditch" she said quiet haughtily. "I am looking for Jasper my dog, he ran this way, did you see a small dog?" the boy asked. "No I didn't" she said feeling sorry for being so mean. "Well I have to find him, I was walking him when he got off the leash and ran on down the road on me" he said rather forlorn.

Lucy's Mother came out to call her for her snack, when she spotted the kids in the ditch at the bottom of the garden. She asked what's going on here. "He lost his dog mammy" Lucy said. "Oh I see, where did you loose it?" she asked the boy, "did it come in here? I didn't hear it". "Well I was walking him, when he got off my leash and ran away, I saw him come in this direction so I came to look" he said. "We'll help you find him if you like, what's your name?" Lucy's mother asked.

"My name is Pat, but my mother will be wondering where I am, I was only supposed to be out for an hour" he said. "Come inside for a drink, then maybe we can call your mother, do you know the phone number?, then we will help you look for him" she said. "Yes my mammy taught me in case I ever got lost or something" Pat said. They got out of the ditch and went inside, Lucy's mother Bella, put drinks and Lemon cake in front of the kids, and they ate heartily, then Bella tidied up after them. "Alright now we will go and look for this dog, what's his name" she asked Pat "Its Jasper" he said. So the three of them went to find him.

As they walked along, Lucy spotted a black dog playing with some boys. "There's the dog" she squealed. Pat ran to Jasper. "Oh you bad dog, I couldn't find you" he cried. Lucy asked could she pat the dog. "Sure you can" he said. She rubbed the dog, he had a lovely soft coat. "I would love a dog Mammy" she said. "Well we have to get this one home first before he causes any more upset, oh but he is a lovely dog" her mammy said.

So Bella and Lucy walked them back to his house. His mother was at the door. "Did you find him?, I was worried sick". Bella spoke up "there's no harm done we found him playing with some boys, but he was very excited to see Pat."

"Thank you for bringing them home, I couldn't get out as the baby was asleep, he goes everywhere with that dog, he just loves him". Pat's mother said. "Why don't you let that little one there come in and play with them and we can have a cup of tea, my name is Terry by the way". "I'm Bella and this is Lucy, its nice to meet you, I would love a cup of tea if it's not much trouble." Oh no not at all. Please do come in." Terry told the two kids to go out to the back garden and play with the dog and she and Bella went inside to tea and scones. Terry had made that morning. Lucy felt very lucky as she now had Pat and Jasper to play with.



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## Features

### Launch of Major Local Reports at John Paul 2 Library, NUI Maynooth

Pat Leogue, from the OAK (Offaly & Kildare) local development partnership will present the final programme review reports of the OAK 'Services for the Unemployed Measure' and the 'Family, Youth and Community Measure' to Professor Jim Walsh, the Vice president of NUI, Maynooth, at the opening of the NUI Maynooth Library Social Sciences Festival on Tuesday 27th January at 2.30. Those working in the OAK area have learned that these reports are particularly important in emphasising best practice in addressing unemployment and disadvantage

NUI Maynooth has worked with the Community and statutory leaders in the North West Kildare and Offaly areas over the life-time of the Partnership.

Professor Tom Collins and Professor Anne Ryan of NUI Maynooth lead a team of researchers to identify needs in the area in 1994. They worked with members of the North West Kildare Development group and later with Pat Faye (RIP) and Pat Leogue in the early stages of the OAK Partnership.

The review reports, prepared by Michael Kenny of the Department of Adult & Community Education and Clare Duffy, Research & Evaluation Officer, OAK

Partnership, seek to identify the best practice programmes that have impacted on the needs of the most disadvantaged and the lessons learned that

are being passed on the new County-wide Local Development Companies in Offaly & Kildare.

### NUI Maynooth Library hosts Social Sciences Festival

The NUI Maynooth Library Social Sciences Festival took place from 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> January. Central to the festival was an exhibition of the publishing output of the Faculty of Social Sciences.

During the festival there was a unique opportunity to view Maynooth's earliest printed book describing Ireland. Striking horses, turf fires and a warring witty and handsome people describe Ireland in the 1478 translation of *De situ orbis*, A survey of the inhabited world, by Dionysius Periegetes recently acquired by NUI Maynooth's library. At 530 years old, it is NUI Maynooth's earliest printed book describing Ireland.

The festival was opened by the President, Professor John G. Hughes followed by an address by Dr. Robert Galavan, Dean of Faculty of Social Sciences. Both speakers highlighted the strength and depth of the Faculty's research output over recent years. A number of books were launched during the Festival including *Adult Learning in Groups* by Bríd Connolly and *Communication and Knowledge Sharing at Work* by Dr. John Cullen. The OAK (Offaly & Kildare) local development partnership presented the final programme review reports of the OAK 'Services for the Unemployed Measure' and the 'Family, Youth and Community Measure' to Professor Jim Walsh, the Vice president of NUI, Maynooth. A series of seminars took place in the Library, during the week. These addressed issues relating to research and getting published within the Social Sciences.

The Festival also marked the launch of ePrints3, NUI Maynooth's innovative institutional repository, which showcases their publications internationally and the Irish Qualitative Data Archive. Speakers throughout the week included Professor Jim Walsh, Professor Tom Collins and Professor Rob Kitchin. Attended by university staff and external guests this year's Festival was a showcase for the pioneering work of the Faculty of Social Sciences, which contributes greatly to NUI Maynooth and local and national planning.

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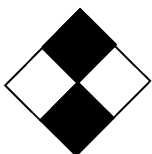
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# Valentine's Day

## Valentine Traditions



Hundreds of years ago in England, many children dressed up as adults on Valentine's Day. They went singing from home to home. One verse they sang was:

*Good morning to you, valentine;  
Curl your locks as I do mine ---  
Two before and three behind.  
Good morning to you, valentine.*



In Wales wooden love spoons were carved and given as gifts on February 14th. Hearts, keys and keyholes were favourite decorations on the spoons. The decoration meant, "You unlock my heart!"

In the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who their valentines would be. They would wear these names on their sleeves for one week. To wear your heart on your sleeve now means that it is easy for other people to know how you are feeling.

In some countries, a young woman may receive a gift of clothing from a young man. If she keeps the gift, it means she will marry him.

Some people used to believe that if a woman saw a robin flying overhead on Valentine's Day, it meant she would marry a sailor. If she saw a sparrow, she would marry a poor man and be very happy. If she saw a goldfinch, she would marry a millionaire.

A love seat is a wide chair. It was first made to seat one woman and her wide dress. Later, the love seat or courting seat had two sections, often in an S-shape. In this way, a couple could sit together -- but not too closely!

Think of five or six names of boys or girls you might marry, As you twist the stem of an apple, recite the names until the stem comes off. You will marry the person whose name you were saying when the stem fell off.

Pick a dandelion that has gone to seed. Take a deep breath and blow the seeds into the wind. Count the seeds that remain on the stem. That is the number of children you will have.

## Love and Marriage

*A man said his credit card was stolen but he decided not to report it because the thief was spending less than his wife did.*

*The most effective way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once.*

*When a man opens the door of his car for his wife, you can be sure of one thing: either the car is new or the wife.*

*Before marriage, a man will lie awake all night thinking about something you say. After marriage, he will fall asleep before you finish talking.*

*A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend.*

*A successful woman is one who can find such a man*

*A little boy asked his father, 'Daddy, how much does it cost to get married?' And the father replied, 'I don't know, son, I'm still paying for it.'*

*A couple was having a discussion about family finances. Finally the husband exploded, 'If it weren't for my money, the house wouldn't be here!' The wife replied, 'My dear, if it weren't for your money, I wouldn't be here.'*



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# Clubs, Organisations And Societies

## *Maynooth Tidy Towns*

### ***Maynooth Tidy Towns Committee – the Social side***

Maynooth Tidy Towns started 2009 in a relaxed mood at our annual post Christmas get together in the Glenroyal Hotel on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January. Like most community groups there is a social side to our activities and members and their partners come together just to spend one evening where we are not wearing protective clothing or carrying tools. The committee takes the view that people join groups for more than just the work side and that people like to part of an organisation that values the people themselves. Maynooth Tidy Towns always welcomes new members and who knows you could be with us for the 2010 event.

### ***Maynooth holding status in IBAL Results for 2008***

Regular readers of these notes will know that we have commented on how Maynooth performs in the IBAL League. This is a league of over fifty towns where litter amounts are recorded and compared. Judging takes place in ten locations in the town three times a year and the results are published. It is pleasing to know that Maynooth's performance has stabilised with the designation of "clean to European Norms" which is the highest level that can be achieved. In previous years we have had mixed experiences going from the 12<sup>th</sup> best town to the 2<sup>nd</sup> worst in a short period. IBAL compares the performance of local authorities rather than Tidy Towns groups but no doubt that everyone that picks up litter or decides not to drop it in the first place contributed to achieving this result for the town.

### ***Maynooth Tidy Towns begin 2009 campaign***

There was a time when a month was really a month but like everyone else we feel that time is moving faster now. Maynooth Tidy Towns has already began our work for 2009 and will be active at weekends until the Summer months (up to May) and will then be working during the week in the evenings (usually two evenings a week). Early in the year we will be involved in tidying up after the winter months but keep an eye out for the spring bulbs that we have planted around the town.

### ***Maynooth Tidy Towns welcomes support from Employee Volunteer Programmes***

Many employers have programmes in place where they support their employees to participate in voluntary activities in their local communities. In Maynooth we have benefited from one such programme for several years run by Intel Ireland where through their "Intel Involved" programme employees support community groups in their work. In 2008 to celebrate the Intel Corporation's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, employees in Ireland participated in 40,000 hours of voluntary activity and Maynooth Tidy Towns is grateful for the support that we received. For 2009 we have already been offered support from a similar programme being started by the Carton House Hotel. We look forward to working with them. If you are an employer thinking of starting such a programme, Maynooth Tidy Towns would be delighted to be a partner. Also if you are an employee of a company that runs such a programme elsewhere you could consider joining Maynooth Tidy Towns and we will accredit your hours for recognition under the relevant scheme.

### ***Maynooth Tidy Towns – supporting waste minimisation and recycling***

As part of the National Tidy Towns Competition we are judged on the level of waste minimisation and recycling that takes place in the town. Both of these matters are now firmly prioritised in most business and home environments. We know that people are making very significant efforts but unfortunately we do not know about them in detail so that we can highlight them to the judges who adjudicate on Maynooth for the National Tidy Towns Competition. Therefore, if your business or residents association are doing something extra in order to minimise waste and /or increase recycling please let us know as your efforts could bring valuable points to Maynooth, but more importantly your efforts could encourage others to do likewise. We can be contacted at Maynooth Community Council office, Unit 5 Tesco Shopping Centre or you can leave a message on our dedicated contact number 087 3153189

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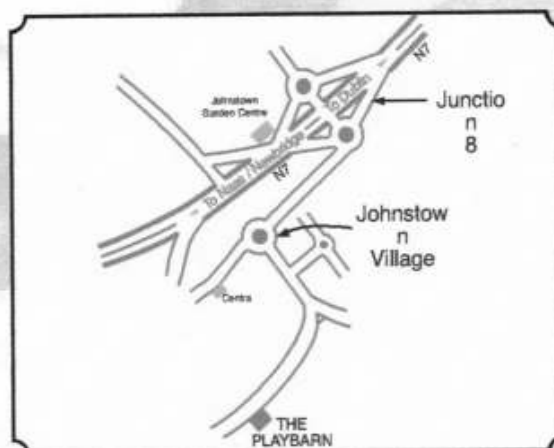
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### Valentine

*I made a snowman yesterday.  
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I pinned a red heart on his  
chest,  
And named him Valentine.  
Last night a warm, sweet breeze blew by,  
And stole his heart so gay,  
My snowman melted on the spot,  
And quickly ran away.*

**by Frances G. Risser**



### I Wish You Were My Valentine

*I wish you were my Valentine  
Though I may not be yours,  
And I may, in my ignorance,  
Be speaking to closed doors.  
I have no inkling of your heart,  
No hint what you might say;  
But when I think of you the sun  
Will just not go away.*

*There is in you a loveliness  
That makes my darkness shine,  
And so I'll wait, if wait I must,  
To be your Valentine.*

### Beautiful Girls

*There is a beauty in every  
female  
That has a true purpose in life  
They always show love without  
fail  
Whenever her lover is lonely  
with strife  
Each girl needs love to survive  
In a world of turmoil with broken hearts  
They give you a boost to feel more alive  
With intriguing feelings that never departs.*

*A woman is a creature of tenderness  
With a body so beautiful to the eye  
A want deep inside of me for to caress*



*Whenever an attractive girl may pass by  
Each girl with an unique face nature  
provides*

*With different personality and charm  
Sometimes a lust for them in me abides  
With a passion to love and not to harm*

*All you ladies out there find your man  
To love and cherish forever more to stay  
All you men take care of them best you can  
As love is scarce and not to be thrown away  
I praise for each woman forever within  
With love that is in my nature each day  
It is of all girls meaning of love begin  
As for these creatures I have much to say.*

**By Patrick Murray**

### Love's Loneliness

*Old fathers, great-grandfathers,  
Rise as kindred should.  
If ever lover's loneliness  
Came where you stood,  
Pray that Heaven protect us  
That protect your blood.*

*The mountain throws a shadow,  
Thin is the moon's horn;  
What did we remember  
Under the ragged thorn?  
Dread has followed longing,  
And our hearts are torn.*

**by William Butler Yeats**

### Valentine Smile

*On Valentine's Day we think  
of those  
Who make our lives  
worthwhile,  
Those gracious, friendly  
people who  
We think of with a smile.  
I am fortunate to know you,  
That's why I want to say,  
To a rare and special person:  
Happy Valentine's Day!*

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# Puzzles—Sudoku

Easy

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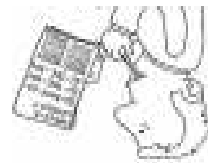
Medium

			7			8		
		8						
		4						

Difficult


Super Difficult


Solutions



Super Difficult

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

Difficult

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

Medium

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

Easy

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





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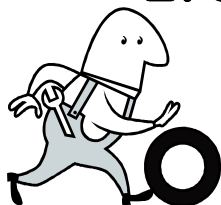
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# PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT GLUAISEACHT AN PHOBAIL

Occasionally, an image immediately brings to mind the truism: 'a picture is worth a thousand words'. We are indeed indebted to artist David McDermott for the above cartoon, which he posted with the following message:

I am an artist and illustrator; I drew this illustration to express my feelings about the Lisbon Treaty. It seems to me that there will inevitably be a second referendum forced on the Irish people.

How right he! There is growing resentment among Irish people, not just towards our overlords in Brussels, but also towards the craven way Taoiseach Cowen's government, opposition spokespersons and media commentators have agreed to comply with the diktat for Lisbon, mark II. This was dressed up with the pretence that EU leaders had reluctantly agreed at their December summit to concede to Irish demands for declarations on neutrality, taxation, abortion and education and the family before Irish voters would be asked to vote again. The *People's Movement* has said all along that such declarations cannot be legally binding and in no way address the central trust of the Treaty-cum-Constitution of Lisbon, which is designed to make us all citizens for the first time of a EU that would have the form of a supranational Federal State run under Franco-German hegemony. Furthermore, the concession of a permanent Commissioner for Ireland is no big deal as Lisbon only allows for Ireland to "suggest" an appointment to the incoming Commission President. It is the Big States who would effectively determine who the President would be and he will have the right to veto any Irish suggested appointment (Art. 17.7 TEU).



## Scare mongering, the Recession and Lisbon II

On 14 January, Dick Roche is quoted in the *Irish Times* as saying: 'the economic recession, repairing the banking system or dealing with the crisis... can only be dealt with by a European Union which is strong, united and effective' and 'this is not a time to be gambling with the nation's future'. No doubt we will be bombarded with such scare tactics over the next nine months. But is this actually true?

Firstly, why should we believe Roche and co., who have sleepwalked the country into the present calamity, that this is so? And, likewise, why should we believe the same message from those in opposition whose only response to the crisis is to cut jobs, wages, salaries and public services? Does anyone believe that if we voted Yes last June that Dell would not have announced 1,900 redundancies in January? Could it be, in fact, that the EU itself is a big part of the problem and its banking market policies, in particular, have contributed to Irish and European woes? Derek Scally's article (*Irish Times*, 2 December), details how the German state owned bank, Landesbanken, had to have billions funnelled into it because of overexposure to subprime markets. The bank used to enjoy state guarantees and top credit ratings. Hence it could lend money more cheaply than its private competitors. However, in 2005 the EU ruled that state guarantees were distorting the market and, stripped of this advantage, Landesbanken plunged deep into the dodgy world of subprime and off-balance-sheet instruments.

Likewise, in Ireland, we let our banks run riot and blindly followed the EU's liberal, low regulation, multi national-led financial and economic policies. Yes, we have benefited with thousands of high tech, high skilled jobs and used to good effect flexibility around our corporation tax rates (now at risk under Lisbon). But as a fully exposed economy we have all our eggs in one basket. We have sold off our state owned telecom, agri-business, natural resources, etc. to speculators and transnational corporations and even now Minister Dempsey is considering whether to hand over the national airline to create a Ryanair monopoly. However, as Dell has so painfully reminded us, these companies have little loyalty and move on when it suits to cheaper locations. It's time for the government and social partners to look at our business model with a view to introducing greater public control.

Ireland is an integral part of the EU and we must retain our right to determine what direction the EU should take. Under Lisbon it will be centralised further to the advantage of the Big States and the multinational corporations. By Ireland saying NO, again, to Lisbon we will give the EU a chance to democratically determine a future in the interests of its diverse peoples. Saying NO equals YES to a chance for a better Europe for all.

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Emmet Stagg T.D.

## Maynooth Labour News



Cllr. John McGinley

### Draft Maynooth Local Area Plan

The Draft Maynooth Local Area Plan, **as proposed by the County Manager**, is scheduled to go on public display in Mid February.

The pre-draft submissions received by the Council looked for rezoning of 1,594 acres of land. As residents of Maynooth will be aware Cllr. John McGinley made a pre-draft submission in which he made the case for no land to be re-zoned for residential in the Draft Plan as there was more than adequate land already zoned for housing in Maynooth.

It is likely that the County Manager will agree with Cllr. McGinley's position when he produces the Draft plan in February. When the Draft Plan is published the public will have 6 weeks to make submissions. The Planners have a further 6 weeks to write the Managers Report on those submissions and all 25 Councillors have a further 6 weeks to consider the Managers Report. In reality it is the 4 Area Councillors who will make the changes (if any) and it now becomes the Councillors Plan rather than the Managers.

As the process can take 35 weeks from the time the Draft Plan is published to approval it will be the newly elected Councillors, after the Local Elections on 4 June, who will be making the decision on the future of our Town.

### Traffic Management in Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley had the following 3 motions on the Agenda for the Leixlip Area Meeting of the Council on 19 December:

1. **"That a left turning lane be constructed at the junction of the Celbridge Road/Straffan Road, Maynooth so that traffic can make use of the existing left green filter light."**

The Council Official's response was:

*"There are no resources or funding available in 2009 to examine this issue in detail, however the Transport Department will examine the site in question and report back to the Committee when a site inspection has taken place."*

Cllr. McGinley stated that it was extraordinary that the Council could spend hundreds of thousands on traffic lights that don't work yet the engineers were unwilling to spend a very small amount on something that would make traffic flow.

2. **"That digital timers be installed at all pedestrian crossings in Maynooth in the interest of public safety as the continuous changes caused by the new Traffic Management System is confusing children."**

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The Council Official's response was:

*"Digital timers are not considered an appropriate feature for signalised crossings and for safety reasons, as these timings are fixed. On investigating Cllr. McGinley's query, no evidence of continuous changes to timings for pedestrian crossings in the town was found. The traffic Management Section will continue to monitor the situation."*

Cllr. McGinley stated that the reply was utter nonsense as Dublin, London and New York had no safety problems with digital timers at pedestrian crossings.

### **3. That the Council outlines what steps are being taken to provide long-term parking for commuters, business people and workers in Maynooth so that a successful Pay Parking Scheme can be introduced."**

The Council Official's response was:

*"The Dublin Transportation Office (DTO) project regarding the Public Transport Interchange for Maynooth contains proposals for a multi-storey car park adjacent to the railway station. A presentation by the consultants for the project is being arranged for the benefit of the Committee."*

Cllr. McGinley stated that when he was first made aware of the DTO Project last May he asked that the DTO be invitation to make a presentation to the Area Committee immediately to ensure that their proposals were not "off the wall". He asked that they be invited to the next area Meeting on 16 January.

### **Proposed Pay Parking in Maynooth:**

At the November Area Meeting Cllr. McGinley was given the following update on the proposed Pay Parking Scheme for Maynooth:

*"The pay-parking scheme for Maynooth has not progressed due to the lack of availability of long-term parking in the town. In order for pay parking to be successful it would require long-term parking for commuters, business people and workers in the town. However, if the members wish the Transport Department can prepare a draft and bring it to the Area Committee for consideration."*

At the December Area Meeting John was advised of the following changed position of the Council Officials:

*"In January 2009 it is proposed to draft pay parking bye-laws for the towns of Maynooth, Leixlip, Clane and Kilcock. However, it should be noted that there is a shortage of a long-term parking site in Maynooth, for which there is a necessity. The lack of a long-term car park in Maynooth may have implications in enforcing pay parking."*

Cllr. McGinley responded that he had no difficulty agreeing on a Draft Pay Parking Scheme as long as it was not implemented until there was adequate long term parking for commuters, business people and workers in Maynooth.

### **Traffic Management to be the ONLY Item on the Agenda for the Area Meeting in January:**

As a result of all of the foregoing traffic management issues and in view of the serious problems with the traffic lights at the Glenroyal it was agreed by the 4 Area Councillors that we should devote our full meeting on 16 January to Traffic Management issues only. The DTO would also make a presentation on car parking proposals and Cllr. McGinley asked that the Council's Director of Transport also be present.

### **Taking in Charge of Silken Vale/The Arches Estate:**

At the December Leixlip Area Committee meeting the Council's Willie Hannigan advised Cllr. John McGinley that the developer had given him the "As Constructed Drawings" and the results of the CCTV Survey on the drains and sewage pipes. The handover of these is always the biggest stumbling block in taking estates in charge.

Willie Hannigan is meeting the developer on site again in mid January with a view to eliminating any remaining points from the snag list. All going well, especially the technical issue of the footbridge, it looks as if a mechanism will be found to start the process of taking the estate in charge in February.

### **Proposed Extension of the 66 and 67 Bus Routes:**

Gareth Quinn from Dublin Bus attends the November Area Meeting to answer questions on the proposed extensions of the two routes.

He stated that the company are fully committed to both extensions and that they have a licence for the extension of the 67 to Moyglare Hall and that there

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will be no problem in getting a licence for the extension of the 66 to Newtown. The new Company Plan will include the two extensions and it will be up for approval by the Board and the Minister in January.

Mr. Quinn stated that it is essential that they get safe turning points and it was agreed that he would liaise with the Roads Department of the Council to select and get agreement of them.

## **Provision of a Pedestrian Crossing on the Rathcoffey Road:**

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following reply to his motion for a pedestrian crossing on the Rathcoffey Road from the Castledawson side to the Cluain Aoibhinn side so as to compensate for the absence of a footpath from there to Bond Bridge:

*"There is no funding or resources available in 2009 budget to install any signalised facilities, unless they are funded through external capital schemes."*

Cllr. McGinley responded by stating that he wanted funding to be used from the Deficit in Infrastructure Fund for this safety measure.

## **Very Serious Littering at Parklands/Rockfield/Railpark Green Triangle:**

Very serious littering is taking place at this green triangle between the three estates. The walls are also covered in Graffiti.

Cllr John McGinley has asked the Maynooth Area Office of the Council to arrange for a clean up of the litter and removal of the graffiti. Indeed the Council has acted with great speed and cleaned up the area on 7 January.

John has suggested that shrubs be planted beside the wall so as to act as a deterrent to those who feel it necessary to deface the wall.

## **McGinley warmly welcomes rejection of 5 storey apartment blocks at Parson Street/Harbour area:**

Cllr. John McGinley has warmly welcomed An Bord Pleanála's decision to refuse planning permission for 98 housing units and 10 retail units in 5-storey blocks with flat roofs behind 11 to 15 Parson Street, Maynooth.

Cllr. John McGinley, his colleague Deputy Emmet Stagg and local residents had lodged observations with the Bord against P. & G. Dormer's appeal of the Council's Refusal.

The Bord stated that the proposed development

would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. The following is an edited version of their 4 reasons for refusal:

1. It is considered that, by reason of the excessive number of residential units, the proposed development would conflict with the guidelines as set out in the Maynooth Harbour Action Area Plan 2006 and would materially contravene the Maynooth Development Plan 2002.
2. Having regard to the scale, height and design of the proposed development and its location within a designated Architectural Conservation Area in close proximity to the Royal Canal Conservation Area, which itself is a designated Natural Heritage Area, and the number of protected structures in the vicinity, the proposed development would be out of character with the surrounding area, would be visually obtrusive and would seriously injure the amenities of the Royal Canal.
3. It is considered that the proposed development would constitute over development of the site and would seriously injure the residential amenities of future occupants.
4. It is considered that the proposed development would be overbearing and would seriously injure the residential amenities of the existing and proposed properties, by way of overlooking and overshadowing.

In conclusion Cllr. McGinley stated the developer and the adjoining landowners should sit down with Council Officials in order to progress his proposal to have the Harbour Action Area Plan implemented as one project and by one major developer. This approach is essential to ensure that this highly sensitive area at the Historic Core of the Town is developed to 5 star standards.

## **SCANDALOUS WAITING TIME FOR HEARING TESTS FOR CHILDREN:**

Deputy Emmet Stagg has reacted angrily to a response he has received from the HSE in relation to the waiting time for Hearing Tests for Children in Newbridge Health Centre.

Depending on the age of the Child the waiting time for a hearing test for children under 4 in Newbridge Health Centre (which serves Maynooth children) is 9 months and 7 months for those over 4.

The Waiting Times, stated Deputy Stagg, are scandalous when compared with a wait of 3 to 4 weeks in June 2006 for a hearing test. The delay will cause damage to children in the early developmental years and is an attempt by the Right Wing Minister

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for Health to effectively privatise the service by forcing parents to seek Private appointments because of the delays in the Public Service. It is quite unacceptable for Harney to use children in her ideological quest to ruin Public Health Services in this State.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he would again request the HSE to run additional clinics to deal with the backlog in both Health Centres.

## **STAGG CRITICAL OF HSE DELAY IN ISSUING MEDICAL CARDS:**

Deputy Emmet Stagg has criticised the 8 to 10 week delay in issuing Medical Cards to New Applicants from Celbridge Health Centre and has called on the HSE to allocate additional staff to ensure the public's entitlement to Free Health Services is not eroded by administrative bottlenecks.

With those signing on the Live Register in the North Kildare Labour Exchange at Maynooth having doubled in the past year to 3,256 people, it is obvious to a blind man stated Deputy Stagg that there would be a knock on demand for Medical Cards. Despite this no additional staff have been assigned to meet the demand in Celbridge Health Centre. What this means in reality is that people entitled to Medical Cards and who suffer delays in getting their entitlement will not go to their Doctor because of the costs involved. This means that their medical condition may worsen. This is unacceptable and is further evidence of government penny pinching on the most vulnerable by delaying their Free Medical Care.

Deputy Stagg stated that he had contacted the Manager of the HSE in Kildare in relation to this unacceptable delay and has called on him to allocate additional staff to meet demand at Celbridge Health Centre.

## **STAGG DISAPPOINTED AT DECISION ON FORMER PITCH AND PUTT COURSE:**

Deputy Emmet Stagg has expressed his disappointment at the decision by An Bord Pleanála to grant Planning Permission for three 4 Storey Blocks of Apartments on the former Pitch and Putt Course on Dunboyne Road, Maynooth.

For the past 6 years Deputy Stagg, his colleague Cllr. John McGinley and local residents have been battling various proposals for the development of the site.

Whilst the bulk of the development will be hidden because of the sharp drop in the site level from the Dunboyne Road the proposal stated Deputy Stagg particularly affects the residents of Houses 11 to 18 Leinster Cottages whose present view of the Lyreen River will be blocked when the apartment blocks are built.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg thanked residents for their support over the years but criticised An Bord Pleanála for making the wrong call on this particular planning proposal.

## **STAGG CASTIGATES GOVERNMENT INACTION AS LIVE REGISTER DOUBLES AT MAYNOOTH EXCHANGE IN 12 MONTHS:**

Deputy Emmet Stagg has castigated the Government over their inaction in stemming the continuing rise in those signing on the Live Register as the figures for Kildare show a rise of 87% in the past year (up from 5,731 in November 2007 to 10,718 in November 2008) with that increase at 100% for those signing on at the Maynooth Exchange (up from 1,631 in November 2007 to 3,256 in November 2008).

The Economic Turmoil is hitting local businesses and small-to-medium companies particularly hard and yet stated Deputy Stagg the Government seems happy to let this vital sector struggle on, without any support or without any indication that they will take action to ease some of the pressures.

The survival of hundreds of local businesses and local jobs are under further threat because they cannot get access to credit despite the fact that they are profitable. The Government has ignored calls made by the Labour Party to establish a Small Business Operational Fund to ensure credit streams are available. Such a fund could draw on the €15 Billion Small Business Operational Fund established in September by the European Investment Bank, which Irish Banks have so far refused to access.

Deputy Stagg stated that this Government simply do not have an Economic Strategy and are like a rabbit caught in the headlights of a car, simply hanging on and hoping that the rise in job losses will cease of its own right without any direct Government Intervention.

The Labour Party has proposed a series of measures to combat the unemployment problem that have been totally ignored by the government. These include a major school building programme to take 40,000 children out of pre-fabs and put them into proper classrooms and a national insulation scheme to make our housing stock more energy efficient, thus reducing carbon emissions and reducing household energy bills. Both of these programmes would have the potential to take back into employment many of the workers who have lost their jobs as a result of the downturn in the construction sector.

Deputy Emmet Stagg welcomed the announcement by Sentenial Limited of 70 further high level jobs at their premises in Maynooth Business Campus today. This demonstrated the possibilities and potential to create new jobs and improve our balance of payments with the export of the high-tech products from this company. It is hoped, he said, that the Tánaiste will learn from her visit to that plant as to the correct way forward.

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# Party Political—Michael Fitzpatrick T.D.

## Michael Fitzpatrick T.D.



Michael Fitzpatrick T.D.

### Fitzpatrick welcomes improvements to Kildare policing

Kildare North Fianna Fail TD, Michael Fitzpatrick has welcomed the news that improvements to how Kildare is policed are on the way.

"The Minister for Justice has informed me that the new Garda Division of Kildare will go live on the 1st of January 2009."

"The Garda Annual Policing Plan 2008 made changes to the Regional, Divisional, District and Sub District boundaries to realign Garda geographically areas with local authority boundaries."

"The new Garda station opened in Leixlip opened on the 10th of October and Garda authorities have informed the Minister that the situation regarding personnel at the station will be kept under review and when additional personnel next become available the needs to Leixlip Garda Station will be fully considered."

"I am sure that the new Leixlip Station will prove to be of great advantage to the increasing population of the area," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

### MINISTERS SMITH AND SARGENT ANNOUNCE €16.7 MILLION GRANT-AID FOR THE HORTICULTURE, LIVESTOCK MARTS AND SMALL MEAT SECTORS

The Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Brendan Smith TD and the Minister for Food and Horticulture, Trevor Sargent TD, today announced details of grant-aid of €16.7 million under the Department's Marketing and Processing Scheme.

Welcoming this announcement, Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick congratulated the Kildare based companies who are today among the beneficiaries; Brady Family Food in Timahoe and Boylan Fruits in Johnstownbridge.

Deputy Fitzpatrick added, "This funding is "critically important and a very significant boost for these sectors which will improve the competitiveness and added-value of agricultural products. He also added, through my role on the Enterprise Trade & Employment Committee, I am acutely aware that the emphasis for 2009 should be on small and medium sized businesses creating and keeping jobs locally, "this investment will create significant employment during the construction stage of the new facilities and will also create additional job opportunities in the agri-food sector which is so important in generating revenue from export earnings."

### Government scheme to assist redundant apprentices - Fitzpatrick

The Government has established a €4 million scheme to assist apprentices who are out of work, according to local Fianna Fail TD and Convenor of the Oireachtas Enterprise Committee, Michael Fitzpatrick.

"The Employer Based Redundant Apprentice Rotation Scheme will be operated by FAS until the end of the year."

"The purpose of the scheme is to give redundant apprentices the opportunity to complete the on-the-job phase of their apprenticeship in order to gain the required experience to progress to the next off-the-job phase or to complete their apprenticeship."

"It is set to benefit up to 500 apprenticeships in carpentry and joinery, electrical, plastering, plumbing and bricklaying."

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"The scheme will support redundant apprentices on-the-job training related to Phase 3, Phase 5, and Phase 7. They will also be scheduled to do off-the-job Phase 2, Phase 4 and Phase 6 in accordance with scheduling criteria."

"FAS will work with employers to place the redundant apprentices to replace any existing apprentices that have been released to attend scheduled off-the-job phase of their apprenticeship. The employer will provide workplace training and assessment for full or part of the relevant phase of the apprenticeship."

"Employers taking part in the scheme will be required to pay the agreed industry rates for the specific apprenticeship trade and FAS will make a contribution of 340 per week towards employment costs incurred based on a 39 hour working week."

"This is the latest in a number of initiatives set up by the Government and the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Mary Coughlan TD, to assist redundant apprentices in completing their training."

"Many young people have been badly affected by the recent downturn and the Government must continue to give assistance possible to facilitate the completing of their training," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

**On behalf of Michael Fitzpatrick T.D.**

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## **€4 million Government scheme to assist redundant apprentices – Brady**

The Government has established a €4 million scheme to assist Apprentices who are out of work, according to local Fianna Fail TD Aine Brady, who had raised the issue with the Tanaiste and Minister for Enterprise Trade and Employment in recent months.

"FÁS, this month, is to implement an Employer Based Redundant Apprentice Rotation scheme and will be operated by FAS until the end of 2009." said Deputy Brady.

"The purpose of the scheme is to give redundant Apprentices the opportunity to complete the on-the-job phase of their apprenticeship in order to gain the required experience to progress to the next off-the-job phase or to complete their apprenticeship."

"It stands to benefit up to 500 apprenticeships in carpentry and joinery, electrical, plastering, plumbing and bricklaying." Stated Deputy Brady who also urged apprentices to keep FÁS Services to Business informed of all details relating to their apprenticeship.

"The scheme will support redundant apprentices on-the-job training related to Phase 3, Phase 5, and Phase 7. They will also be scheduled to do off-the-job Phase 2, Phase 4 and Phase 6 in accordance with scheduling criteria."

"FAS will work with employers to place the redundant apprentices to replace any existing apprentices that have been released to attend scheduled off-the-job phase of their apprenticeship. The employer will provide workplace training and assessment for full or part of the relevant phase of the apprenticeship."

"Employers taking part in the scheme will be required to pay the agreed industry rates for the specific apprenticeship trade and FAS will make a contribution of €340 per week towards employment costs incurred based on a 39 hour working week."

"As I know from my clinics, many young people have been badly affected by the recent downturn in construction. The Government must continue to give every assistance possible to facilitate the completing of their training. Further details of the scheme can be obtained on the **FAS website [www.fas.ie](http://www.fas.ie)** or **FÁS Jobs Ireland at Freephone 1800 611 116** or **FAS offices in Athlone 090 6486590**." concluded Deputy Brady.

## **Further Information**

Apprenticeship is a demand-driven, workplace and classroom, educational and training programme for employed people aimed at developing the skills of the apprentice to meet the needs of industry and the labour market.

The apprenticeship system is a modular standards-based system generally comprising of 7 alternating phases of on-the-job and off-the-job training and development. These alternating phases of training consist of 3 off-the-job (Phases 2, 4 & 6) and 4 on-the-job phases (Phases 1, 3, 5 & 7). The duration of the 3 off-the-job training phases does not normally exceed 40 weeks.

## **Almost €85,000 funding for ICT improvements in north Kildare schools – Brady**

Almost €85,000 in funding has been allocated by the Government for the purchase of high-tech IT equipment at

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three north Kildare schools according to local Fianna Fail TD Áine Brady.

Welcoming the funding, Deputy Brady said that the Government is committed to making information technology a central part of the learning process from the early stages of education.

"Scoil Naomh Pádraig in Celbridge will receive €30,500 for outfitting 16 classrooms; Maynooth Educate Together will get €13,500 for 8 classrooms and Gaelscoil Nas na Riogh in Nás will get €41,000 for 10 classrooms. On this basis, Maynooth Girls School will be entitled to funding once the extension works are completed. I have written to the Minister and highlighted that such funding will be required for the Girls School."

"This is the first time there has been funding per classroom at primary level and I'm delighted that such significant funding has been allocated to these schools."

"The Government is very conscious of the need to invest in education in technology from at early stage. These schools are among 72 other national schools around the country in which major construction work was completed in 2008, and which are now to receive this considerable ICT investment."

"The National Centre for Technology in Education will advise the school of the range of equipment available and of appropriate equipment specification which may include a fixed digital projector, an internet-enabled laptop computer and a visualiser along with classroom computers."

"The longer term goal of the Government to increase the take-up of science, engineering and technology courses in third-level institutions to help build up what the government is calling a 'knowledge' economy, which will help the country remain strong in the globalised economy." "IT skills are required in many jobs now and this advancement in equipment provision will benefit children regardless of what industry they eventually work in," concluded Deputy Brady.

## **Funding boost of €1.1 million for Kildare food producers – Brady**

Three food producers in Kildare will benefit from the Capital Investment Scheme for food marketing and processing from the Department of Agriculture according to local Fianna Fail TD Áine Brady, TD. "In the meat sector, Brady Family Food in Timahoe, Naas will receive €567,689 and McConnon's Meats in Rathangan will get €487,570. In the horticulture sector, Boylan Fruits Ltd in Johnstownbridge will receive €71,426." "This funding will give a significant boost to the companies and improve their facilities including storage handling and marketing and should

help to increase their capacity, secure their futures and increase local employment."

"The food industry is an important one in north Kildare especially, providing local employment and contributing significantly to the local economy. I have lobbied hard for Government support for the industry."

"It is vital that we continue to invest in small companies that provide the backbone to our food industry. It is important to secure our access to fresh locally grown food. It is also important for local people to buy local and provide every support possible to Irish producers, local business and local employers. I will continue in my efforts to secure every Government support possible for the Kildare food industry" concluded Deputy Brady.

## **Focus on local employment as Tanaiste visits north Kildare – Brady**

Local Fianna Fail TD Áine Brady has welcomed the focus on local employment as the Tanaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Mary Coughlan visited Kildare.

"I was delighted to welcome an Tanaiste to north Kildare today. The Tanaiste met with the Naas Chamber of Commerce, visited the Naas Country Market and the Prosperous Area Community Employment Project, met with the Kildare County Enterprise Board and visited Sentenial Limited and Imperative Energy Limited."

"An Tanaiste welcomed the announcement of 70 new jobs for north Kildare on her visit to Sentenial Limited, the leading supplier of payment systems to banks across Europe. An Tanaiste officially opened their offices in Maynooth Business Park where Sentenial announced details of a major €15 million investment plan which includes overseas expansion, local R&D investment and local recruitment." "I was also keen for the Tanaiste to meet with local employers, and those in the Community Employment Project and Enterprise Board to discuss how to maximise local employment opportunities for people in north Kildare. I was pleased that An Tanaiste was able to give time to these groups and I know that they will have found the meetings helpful."

"I will continue to work with An Tanaiste to secure every employment opportunity possible for north Kildare," concluded Deputy Brady.

## **Maynooth Bus Service raised with Dublin Bus**

Deputy Aine Brady has raised the level of Bus Service with Dublin Bus and has requested its services for Maynooth be protected as they review their level of services for Kildare.

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'I had a productive meeting with Dublin Bus recently and I pressed home the importance of improving our level of service for North Kildare.'

'I fully accept that in these times that all services need to be assessed and see if they are giving value for money. However, efficiencies in the Bus services for North Kildare will come about as the Quality Bus Network is improved and the Road Works on the N4 and M50 come to an end reducing the round trip time to places like Maynooth from Dublin.' 'I have also suggested that each Local Authority provide a Public Transport Liaison Person so that the provision of Public Transport Infrastructure (Bus Parking Bays, Turning Circles, Bus Stops etc) is considered in future planning decisions.'

Concluded Deputy Brady.

### **Funding boost for local community groups – Brady**

Kildare North Fianna Fail TD Aine Brady has welcomed funding for two local community groups.

"Leixlip Resource Centre will receive €3,660 and Newtown Senior Citizens ARI will get €950 under the Programme of Grants for Community and Voluntary Organisations."

"This programme of grants from the Department of Community Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs focuses on a wide variety of community and voluntary activities and gives support to disadvantaged communities. It provides once-off grants for refurbishment and equipment for facilities used by such groups. Funding is also available for training initiatives in the community."

"I am delighted that the Leixlip Resource Centre and Newtown Senior Citizens ARI are receiving these grants. It will be a great support in their work. It is vital that every practical support is provided to community groups I know that many local people will benefit from this grant."

"I would like to commend the workers and volunteers at the Leixlip Resource Centre and Newtown Senior Citizens ARI for their hard work and dedication," concluded Deputy Brady.

### **Security at Maynooth Rail Station raised**

Deputy Aine Brady has raised the issue of security at the Maynooth Rail Station following a request from a number of commuters who had their cars interfered with at the station over the last number of months.

'The local Gardai have assured me that they will keep the matter under review and increase the level of activity in the area. I have also made Iarnrod Eireann aware of the issue and will continue to do so.' Concluded Brady.



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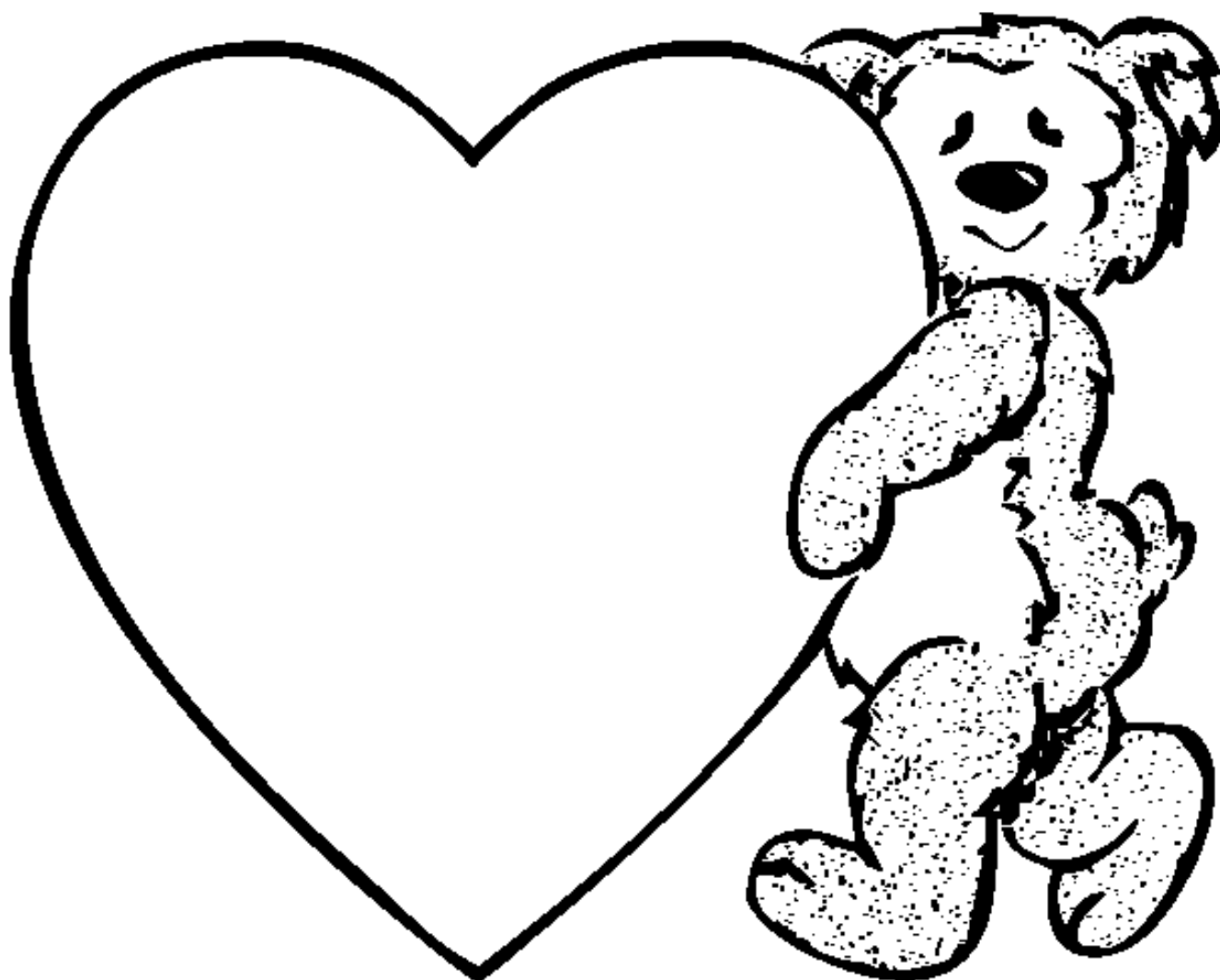
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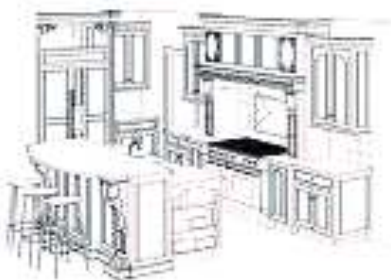
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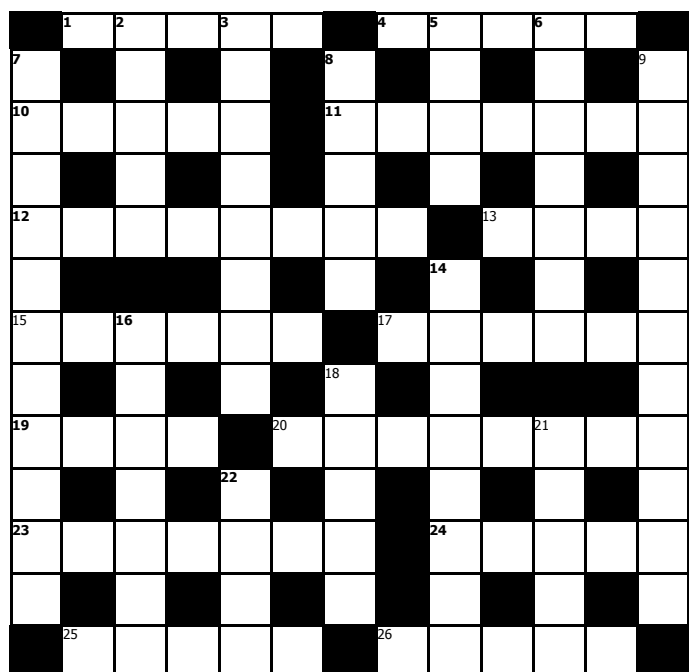
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Across:

1. Smoke outlet (5)
4. Fascinating quality (5)
10. Ballroom dance (5)
11. Income (7)
12. Clint \_\_ \_\_ \_\_, US actor (8)
13. Fodder store (4)
15. Diminutive (6)
17. Indian river (6)
19. Prison (4)
20. Inappropriate name (8)
23. Critical (7)
24. Creature (5)
25. Scuffle (5)
26. Meat (5)

Down:

2. Gripping utensil (5)
3. Oliver \_\_ \_\_ \_\_, soldier statesman (8)
5. Town adjoining Brighton (4)
6. The \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ Man, Schwarzenegger film (7)
7. High—level worker (11)
8. Shepherd's staff (5)
9. Make objections (11)
14. The Silence of the Lambs character, \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ Lecter (8)
16. Testimony (7)
18. Country residence (5)
21. Funds (5)
22. Fermented juice (4)

Answers to crossword no. 73

Across:

1. Variety, 4. Pumps, 7. Scarlet, 8. Harry, 9. Oyster, 12. Ancestor, 15. Audition, 17. Travel, 18. Stiff, 21. Let it Be, 22. Endow, 23. Palette

Down:

1. Victoria, 2. Incite, 3. Yale, 4. Pith, 5. Migrate, 6. Spry, 10. Rapid, 11. Scant, 13. Roulette, 14. Admired, 16. Gamble, 18. Size, 19. Flaw, 20. Stop.

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