

MAYNOOTH NEWSLETTER

JULY 2009



*Connor Mullally, Donie Mullally, Jakub Zukowski, Ryan Lally.
Gold Medallists of the All Ireland Under 16, Table Tennis*



*Alison Hastings, Fiona Lynch,
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Gold in the Kildare Swimming Finals*



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Editorial

EDITORIAL JULY 2009

By the time this Newsletter goes to print, the Festival will be over and we hope that everyone enjoyed the various events. We are exceptionally lucky in Maynooth to have the Geraldine Castle as a possible venue and that different groups are using this space. The Castle is open at present and the tours are free. With all the cutbacks due to the recession, many other heritage sites are not open or do not have guides or tours. We would urge all of you to visit and enjoy our Castle – one of the earliest to be built in Ireland after the arrival of the Normans.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate those local councillors who were re-elected to Kildare County Council. It is very important that our town has a local voice on the council. We would also like to commiserate with those who ran and who failed to secure a seat.

It is great news to hear that the new president of An Taisce is a Maynooth resident and a Professor in the College. He is the professor of Geography in NUI, Maynooth, John Sweeny, who is also one of the leading experts on climate change in Ireland. He is a member of the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which was jointly awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007 along with former US vice-president Al Gore. When an expert is required to comment on climate change, the chances are that John will be the man interviewed. We congratulate him on his latest honour and achievement.

As the recession continues the importance of community will probably re-emerge in people's minds and perhaps there is a little more time to become more involved in local activities. Becoming a member of the Community Council is one of the ways in which you can become aware of what are the upcoming issues and to be part of the decision-making for the future of Maynooth. There are a number of sub-committees as well that might be of interest to people. These include: Planning and Development, the editorial board of the Newsletter, The Tidy Towns and the Community Games. If you are interested in getting involved, get in touch with the Community Council office by phoning 6285922 or email maynoothcc@eircom.net. The meetings are once a month only, on the second Monday and they are held in the Glenroyal Hotel beginning at 8.30 and they usually last about an hour and a half. Not a lot of time to spend looking after your town and environment.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

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Community Council Notes

Maynooth Community Council meeting 11 May 2009

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

Well-being and mental health of our young people

Chairperson, Colm O Cearúil, expressed the Community Council's great sadness at the recent tragic events in Maynooth and other nearby towns involving young people. He offered the Council's condolences to the families of the young people involved. It was agreed that the Community Council will seek advice on taking an initiative towards helping address this issue.

Membership and attendance drive

Muireann Ni Bhrolcháin, Community Council secretary, said that it was time for the Council to remind all the local organisations, groups and bodies, such as residents associations, sports clubs, schools, colleges, and so on, that they are entitled to elect delegates to the Community Council. She pointed out that, due to their membership size, many residents associations are entitled to elect two or even three delegates. It was agreed that the Council will contact local organisations and encourage them to participate.

Important issues face Maynooth at the moment: the mental health and well-being of our young people, the development of the university town project, preservation of our heritage, proper planning for our town, traffic problems, and many more. It is very important that the community is actively interested and involved in these issues, and important that everyone in the community is aware that they can influence things for the better if they participate.

The Festival

Hilda Dunne, Local History Group, said that Maynooth festival will be called the 'Geraldine Cultural Festival' this year. Andrew McMullon, Festival Committee, outlined some of the programme planned for this year. Included will be events at the Castle, with recitals by the Band, cultural presentations, and theatre. Andrew hopes to organise a 'Battle of the Bands' for local rock bands. He'll also be organising football, a talent competition, a poster competition for children, table quizzes, and more. A final programme will be advertised nearer the event.

Noise in the Lyreen area

Deirdre Cullen, Lyreen Residents Association, raised the problem of loud noise emissions from extraction/generator plants in the residential part of the town centre. She said there was a very severe instance of this at present in the Lyreen area, running '24/7', which is causing great distress to nearby residents, some of whom live within a few feet of the machinery. This kind of noise causes distress and disturbance to residents in their houses and gardens, and also interferes with street-life, and the general ambience of the town centre. She said that proper town planning would foresee this sort of problem and ensure it didn't occur.

Community Council Report D. Cullen PRO



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I.C.A. Notes

The I.C.A. federation finals in Pitch and putt will take place on 11th July in Elm Hall Celbridge and the national final will be held in September in An Grainan. Our new federation Teachta is very keen to get chat classes through Irish up and running in the federation. Maynooth Guild are looking at organising a night out at the Dog track. Kildare week in An Grainan will take place from 22nd to the 26th June and the Garden party will also take place on 26th June. During this week RTE are doing an I.C.A. promotion on the Grainan which is the official I.C.A. College. Maynooth Guild are starting to work on a Centenary Quilt which will depict I.C.A. and Maynooth, as part of celebrating I.C.A. Centenary 2010. At present the Guild is also completing its book for the Guild of the year for the Betty Manning Trophy. The Federation Annual Quiz will take place on September 19th in the Sarsfield Club in Newbridge so Maynooth team will be out there to retain their title. Maynooth President Margaret Houlihan was in the Final 10 for ICA Centenary Brooch. There were 60 entries in this competition so well done Margaret.

Photography competition in black and white and colour coming up soon and the title is **a day out..** Another competition on the cards is reporting. This has to be no more than 500 words with some ICA aspect. Gempack will also sponsor the Make and Model competition which is to be a two piece outfit to wear at an I.C.A. Centenary event. Music appreciation classes are to be organised Guild federation arts promotion for September so make sure you book your place. The ICA constitution was passed by 94% of members and that is looking good for the future of ICA. Maynooth strategy is that every existing member brings in a new member for September, so we will double our membership, as there is something for everyone in ICA if you read the above report.

The federation will be very involved in the ploughing championships in Athy in September 22nd to 24th and will have to man the ICA tent for three days. Our charity this year was special Olympics and €200 was raised by Guild



**Mary Dunne, Mary O'Gorman,
National President Carmel Dawn,
Rosemary Hanley congratulations to all.**

members for the charity. A craft day in federation is organised for 28th November in Sarsfield, Newbridge. The federation also organises a ladies Lunch and fashion show depicting the years 1910-2010 to celebrate the Centenary. Another thought for the centenary is that each Guild on the same day throughout the county, will organise a celebration. The big push for ICA at the minute is to get new members and as I have stated already there is something for everyone in the ICA. The ICA throughout Ireland are known for helping out all charities and Maynooth is no exception. As they help at least 5 charities each year with their collections. The special ICA Raffle winners were: 1. Betty Moore, 2. Martina Foy, 3. Veva Kearins, 4. Betty Farrell, 5. Ann Broughan, 6. Mary Dunne, 7. Catherine O'Reilly, 8. Jo O'Connor, 9. Maura Brown. Results of best Decorated cup cakes.: 1. Jo O'Connor, 2. Martina Foy, 3. Margaret Houlihan.

We had as our guest Speakers, Evelyn McKee from Prosperous, who is federation P.R.O. Evelyn spoke of the way forward for ICA and the importance of new members and that every Guild should work hard on this coming to our Centenary. We owe it to former members who kept the flag flying when things were tough. With recessions and all the down falls at present now is the time for ICA to come to the fore so do come along in September and join ICA Secretaries No. 01- 6286334.

See you all in September and enjoy summer.
Pro. Norah Mc Dermott.



**Receiving I.C.A. Information Officers
Certificates. Evelyn McKee (Prosperous
Guild), Mary O'Gorman, (Maynooth Guild),
National ICA President Ann Marie Derrison,
and Rosemary Hanley, (Maynooth Guild).**

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MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES

GYMNASTICS

The local gymnastics event took place on Sunday 24th May in EXCEL in Celbridge, many thanks to Lorraine.

Winners

Maynooth West

Under 8 Ella O' Connor

Under 10 Zoe Mallaghan

Maynooth East

**Under 8 Joint 1st Fiona Lynch
and Rebecca Wright**

Under 10 Kelly Nolan

Well done girls and good luck in the county finals in Naas Panthers Gym on Sun 14th June.

OLYMPIC HANDBALL

Congratulations to the Olympic Handball team who got Silver medals in the Kildare County finals. Thanks to Luncina O' Sullivan for all her coaching and organising.



Jack Telli, Brian Telli, Oisín O'Sullivan, Fiachra O'Sullivan, Kevin Dunne, Joe Doherty, David Green, Thomas Mooney, Blake Van Duyvenvoorde, & Séan Healy (not in picture)

National finals

Congratulations to all who went to the National Finals in Athlone for the weekend of 23/24th May and well done to Sarah Curran who received a bronze medal in her art and to the Table Tennis team who got gold medals (All Ireland Winners).

MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY GAMES



***Connor Mullally, Donie Mullally,
Jakub Zukowski,
Ryan Lally.***

***Winners of the All Ireland Under
16, Table Tennis***

***Sarah Curran Bronze medallist in the Under
14 Art All Ireland***



***Participants in the
Community games***

DOMINIC NUGENT



Dominic Nugent was born in May 1944 and lived on the Curragh. When he was two, the family moved to Tara where they inherited some property. He is one of five children born to Tommy and Marjorie nee Maher.

Dominic's father Tommy was a leading jockey, and was Champion Amateur Jockey in 1928. He had trained on the Curragh at French House.

Educated at the Dominican Convent Cabra, Dominic was a boarder, he completed his secondary education at St. Patricks Classical school Navan.

Dominic spent the Summer months of 1958 working with horses at Kevin Kerrs stables Clonee Co. Meath. In 1962 he worked in Killeen Castle Stud Farm Dunsany which was owned by Sir Victor Sassoon and in 1966 he went to work at Beech House Stud in Newmarket. He returned to Ireland in 1967 and took up stud work in Grangewilliam Stud in Maynooth which was one of the many stud farms owned by the late Sir Tim Rogers. Dominic decided to make a career change and went to work in a factory in Lucan. As this involved shift work the environment did not suit him so in 1989 he again went back to stud work and racing stables working for Mr. Frank Dunne at Hamwood Stud Dunboyne and remained there until 1993. He applied for a position at Saint Mary's Boys National School Maynooth where he now works as Caretaker.

Dominic married Ann Nevin from Ballygoran in 1975 and they have two sons Mark and Alan.

He became involved with Maynooth GAA in 1995 and was a member of the Grounds and Development Committee, later becoming Chairman in 1996, assistant Secretary to Noel Farrelly of Maynooth GAA and from there to secretary of the Club. He held the position from 1999 to December 2008. Dominic is currently Chairman of Finance Committee of Maynooth GAA.

He has enjoyed all his positions held in the GAA over the last 14 years. Both sons Mark and Alan are also very involved in GAA.

A two mile walk and cycling play a part in Dominic's daily routine. He also enjoys all other sports.

We would like to wish Dominic continued success and good health for the future.

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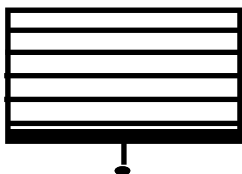


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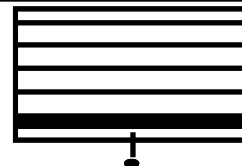
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Alison Hastings Freestyle U10
Lauren Hastings Backstroke U14

Relay Silver

GIRLS

Lauren Aoife
Laura Ruth

SILVER

BOYS

Joseph Millett u14 Breaststroke

Bronze

GIRLS

Laura Millett Breaststroke U12
Aoife Lynch Freestyle U12
Ella O' Connor Freestyle U8

Gold

BOYS

Conor Lynch u10 Freestyle

RELAY SILVER

Conor RORY
JOSEPH David

Well done to all and good luck at the All Irelands in Athlone in August

Maynooth Geraldine Festival 2009

Art Competition

5th Class Winners		3rd Class Winners	
1st	Conor Dooley	1st	Jack Duffy
2nd	Fabian Dobos	2nd	Daniel Weldron
3rd	Andrew Kelleher	3rd	James Sheriden
4th Class Winners		1st Class Winners	
1st	Conor Cooney	1st	Krisbofer Gray
2nd	Basil Jacob	2nd	Daragh Hewson
3rd	Pavilas Sivpas	3rd	Liam Nulty
Overall winner			
Conor Cooney			

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2nd Fergal O'Sullivan
3rd Eoin Walsh

Under 8 Boys 80 Metres
1st Conor Von Duyvenvoorde
2nd Gareth Ashe/Fergal O' Sullivan
3rd Eoin Walsh

Under 10 Boys 100 Metres
1st Érainn O' Chonaeháin— Bhriain

Under 10 Boys 200 Metres
1st Conor Loftus
2nd Érainn O' Chonaeháin— Bhriain

Under 12 Boys 100 Metres
1st Dennis Gaffney
2nd Fiachra O' Sullivan

Under 12 Boys 600 Metres
1st Dennis Gaffney
2nd Fiachra O' Sullivan

Under 12 Boys Long Puck
1st Dennis Gaffney
2nd Fiachra O'Sullivan

GIRLS

Under 8 Girls 60 Metres
1st Ann Marie Travers
2nd Ella O' Connor

Under 8 Girls 80 Metres
1st Ann Marie Travers
2nd Ella O' Connor

Under 10 Girls 100 Metres
1st Saoirse O' Sullivan
2nd Áine Jennings/Aoibhín McGibbon

Under 10 Girls 200 Metres
1st Saoirse O' Sullivan
2nd Aoibhinn McGibbon
3rd Áine Jennings

Under 12 Girls 100 Metres
1st Róisín Ní Chonaeháin Bhriain
2nd Ciara Condron
3rd Niamh Jennings

Under 12 Girls 600 Metres
1st Róisín Ní Chonaeháin Bhriain
2nd Ciara Condron

Under 14 Girls 100 Metres
1st Emma Collins
2nd Eleanor Geraghty

Under 14 Girls 800 Metres
1st Emma Collins

Under 14 Girls Long Puck
1st Saoirse Ní Chonaeháin Bhriain
2nd Róisín Ní Chonaeháin Bhriain
3rd Ciara Condren

Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth Community Games

Maynooth East Athletics

Under 8 Boys 60 Metres

1st Fionn Ó Gialláin

Under 8 Boys 80 Metres

1st Fionn Ó Gialláin

Under 10 Boys 100 Metres

1st Conchúr Ó Giolláin

2nd James Hever

Under 10 Boys 200 Metres

1st Conchúr Ó Giolláin

2nd Joshua Dunne

3rd James Hever

Under 12 Boys 100 Metres

1st Ruadhán Ó Giolláin

2nd Seán Gill

3rd Tomás Feeney

Under 12 Boys 600 Metres

1st Ruadhán Ó Giolláin

2nd Seán Gill

3rd Conor O' Reilly

Under 12 Boys Long Puck

1st Ruadhán Ó Giolláin

2nd Seán Gill

Girls

Under 8 Girls 60 Metres

1st Emma Gill

2nd Megan Sweeney

3rd Martha Gilligan

Under 8 Girls 80 Metres

1st Emma Gill

2nd Megan Sweeney

3rd Martha Gilligan

Under 10 Girls 100 Metres

1st Claire Gill

2nd Áine Feeney

3rd Clodagh Hever

Under 10 Girls 200 Metres

1st Claire Gill

2nd Clodagh Hever

3rd Áine Feeney/Katie O' Brian

Under 12 Girls 100 Metres

1st Sinéad Hever

Under 12 Girls 600 Metres

1st Sinéad Hever

Under 14 Girls 100 Metres

1st Bríge Sweeney

2nd Niamh Feeney

Under 14 Girls 800 Metres

1st Bríge Sweeney

2nd Niamh Feeney

Under 14 Girls Long Puck

1st Claire Gill

2nd Sinéad Hever

Pet Corner

Keeping Budgies As Pets

Budgies are colourful, attractive, sociable birds that are easy to keep and look after. They originate from Australia and can live up to 15 years - so choosing one as a pet is a long-term commitment. They can be kept alone but prefer the company of their own species. If kept indoors they will need regular daily exercise outside their cage and are at their most active during the daytime, sleeping once it gets dark.



Housing: Budgies can be housed indoors in a large wire cage with a plastic base or outdoors in a purpose-built aviary. The cage should have some horizontal bars on it to allow climbing – this means many round cages are unsuitable. Bars should be no wider than 12mm apart to prevent escape. Kept outdoors, your aviary should allow room for the birds to fly around properly. Budgies kept indoors will need to be let out of their cage daily to exercise – make sure you keep all doors and windows closed when you do this. **Covering the cage with a cloth at night** will encourage your Budgie to settle down for sleep. You should provide a bath for your bird, either fixed to the outside of the cage or a shallow bowl placed inside the cage – although some birds may prefer to be sprayed with tepid water instead. The cage should also contain plenty of toys to keep your Budgie amused, particularly if it is kept on its own.

Feeding: Budgies in the wild eat a wide range of seeds, grains, and vegetation. A good-quality Budgerigar / Parakeet mix makes a good basic diet although supplements may also be required such as cuttlefish which acts as a vitamin supplement, environmental enrichment, and also helps grind the beak down. Small pieces of fresh fruit and vegetables may also be given as treats and fresh drinking water should always be available. Certain foods can be harmful to your Budgie - **avoid giving your pet lettuce, avocado, lemon, potato, or any sweets or drinks designed for human consumption.**

Exercise & Entertainment: Budgies are intelligent and inquisitive birds that enjoy playing and climbing. Toys are essential to stimulate them mentally and physically – especially important for birds kept on their own. Budgies can also be taught to mimic sounds and talk. If they hear the same words repeatedly from the same person they may pick them up and **begin mimicking** the words or phrases. A solitary bird will need more attention and affection than a pair or group and should be handled every day.

Handling: With patience, Budgies can become quite tame although it is essential they are trained from an early age, and by one person only. The first step is to get the bird used to being stroked inside its cage – use a stick or perch, not your hands. **Start by gently stroking its chest a couple of times a day**, then encourage it to jump onto the stick. Next, repeat the whole process through the door of the cage rather than the bars. Finally, repeat again, using your hands this time instead of the stick. This is a gradual process that may take several weeks but usually works in the end.

To pick up your Budgie, ensure your palm covers its back and wings while your middle and index finger surround the bird's neck. Be gentle – Budgies will bite if they feel stressed. If catching an aviary bird use a padded rim net and never try to catch it in mid flight - always wait until it is perched safely.

Health: Budgies can catch Scaly Beak, a contagious condition that requires immediate treatment by a vet. As with all birds, if you are worried about any aspect of your Budgie's health, seek advice from an your veterinarian. For a healthy life, your Budgie needs the following:

- ◇ A good balanced diet with no sudden changes
- ◇ Plenty of toys to keep them amused
- ◇ Water bottle and feed bowls cleaned daily
- ◇ Their nails clipped several times a year – ask your vet for advice
- ◇ A daily bath – essential for their preening activities
- ◇ Regular exercise outside their cage





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Your lucky day is Tuesday, Number 5, Colour Blue.



TAURUS—April 21—May 21

This is the bull sign. This month your mood matches it. Be careful what you wish for. You are coming into a windfall. Your children are quiet ratty but you still love them.

Your lucky day is Thursday, Number 8, Colour Yellow.



GEMINI—May 22—June 22

The evening's will get cool but don't let that stop you from enjoying yourself. Today is your lucky day because you are going to win a prize.

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



CANCER—June 23—July 23

There is a party coming your way. Get dressed up as it will be a night to remember. Then there is your financial records. They will be good this month so make use of it.

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



LEO—July 24—August 23

Yesterday was not your lucky day. It was raining all day and you had a fight with your best friend. But not to worry. You will make up tomorrow.

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



Virgo—August 24—Sept 23

The weather is getting cool but there is still a bit of sunshine. This is like your mood at the moment but your mood will pass. Your love life is blooming at the moment so make the most of today.

Your lucky day is Friday, Number 3, Colour White.



LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23

Today is not your lucky day. It is unfortunate that you are going to have a crisis with your bank manager. You will have to sort this out with him.

Your lucky day is Sunday, Number 7, Colour Violet.



SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22

This is the sting sign but don't let it deter you in your life. Your life is very full of love at the moment. Maybe it will be here to stay.

Your lucky day is Tuesday, Number 4, Colour Grey.



SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21

No need to be secretive and stay mum on those taboo topics like money and politics. You benefit from asking questions and sharing opinions, as long as you're flawlessly tactful.

Your lucky day is Friday Number 1, Colour Gold.



CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20

It is the day that you're looking forward to something. You will have to wait for it but it will come. When it does everyone will be jumping for joy.

Your lucky day is Wednesday, Number 9, Colour Silver.



AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19

You're quite caught up in the task at hand and it's turning out to be a rather frustrating one. It's possible that you're forgetting why you wanted to do it in the first place.

Your lucky day is Saturday, Number 4, Colour Purple.



PISCES—Feb 20—March 20

This month will bring some happiness. Your friend will tell you something. Pay heed to it. There are some things that you can't think through. You just have to get started.

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Features

Neil Diamond

Neil Diamond was born Neil Leslie Diamond, also known as the Jewish Elvis, and The Diamond Cutter. He was born on the 24th January 1941. Neil's origin was in New York City, New York USA. The styles of songs he sang were Rock, Pop, Folk and country. His occupation as a singer and songwriter and musician stretched over many decades. During his career he played guitar and piano. The pitch he sang at was and is Baritone. His career started in 1958 to the present.



Early life and Career

Neil Diamond was born in Brooklyn New York, to a Jewish / Polish family. the son of a dry-goods merchant. He grew up in several homes in the New York City Borough of Brooklyn, attending Erasmus Hall and Abraham Lincoln schools. There he took part in the SING! and sang in the school choir with Barbara Streisand. Diamond's first recording contract was billed as "Neil and Jack" an Everly Brothers type duo, where Diamond appeared with a high school friend. Diamond spent his early career as a songwriter in the Brill Building. His first success as a songwriter came in November 1965 with the song "Sunday and Me" performed by Jay and the Americans.

The 1970's

After Diamond had signed a deal with MCA Records label, of Universal Pictures' present company, he moved to Los Angeles, California in 1970. In 1972 Neil played ten sold out concerts at the Greek Theatre in Los Angeles. At the concert performed on Thursday, August 24, which was recorded and released as the live double album **Hot August Night**, Diamond thanked the people in the audience for their participation in the making of the album. A few weeks later in 1972, Diamond performed a series of one-man concerts on 20 consecutive nights at the Winter Gardens Theatre in New York. Every one of these concerts sold out. The album Hot August Night was considered his best yet and has become a classic. In 1976 he released **Beautiful Noise**, produced by the Band's Robbie Robertson. On thanksgiving night, in 1976, Neil made an appearance at the Band's farewell concert, The last Waltz. He performed one song "**Dry Your Eyes**".

1990's to Present

During the 1990's Neil Diamond would produce six studio albums. He would cover many classics from the movies and from the famous Brill Building song writers. He also released two Christmas Albums, the first hit number eight on the Billboard's Album chart. The 1990's and 2000's saw a resurgence in Diamond's popularity. "Sweet Caroline" became a popular sing-along at sporting events. Diamond's song "America" was used in Promotional advertisements for the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. On December 31, 2005 Diamond appeared on Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve 2006. In 2007, Diamond was inducted into the Long Island Music Hall of Fame.

Personal Life

He married school teacher Jaye Posner in 1963. They divorced in 1969. They had two daughters. In December 1969 he married Marcia Murphy (his manager at the time). They had two children, both sons. Diamond's second marriage ended in 1995. From 1996 until 2008 Diamond had a 12-year relationship with Australian Rachel Farley, having met her while she handled marketing during his 1996 Australian tour.

Charitable Work

In April 1992, Diamond worked with Australian artist Sharon Davidson to launch the Hands Up Project of Artists For Life. After viewing the considerable damage caused by Hurricane Ike in 2008 in Oak Island Texas, Neil set up a charitable fund for the victims of the hurricane.

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Between the crosses row
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That mark our place; and
in the sky
The larks, still bravely
singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the
guns below.*



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

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

**By: Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, MD
(1872-1918) Canadian Army.**

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*A white mist drifts across the shrouds,
A wild moon in this wintry
sky
Gleams like an angry lion's
eye
Out of a mane of tawny
clouds.*



*The muffled steersman at the
wheel
Is but a shadow in the gloom; -
And in the throbbing engine-room
Leap the long rods of polished steel.*

*The shattered storm has left its trace
Upon this huge and heaving dome,
For the thin threads of yellow foam
Float on the waves like ravelled lace.*

By: Oscar Wilde

Sunshine (The Sun)



*My exotic sunshine on me for
evermore
With warmth as I relax out in the open air
With my sunshine days I've plenty in store
A pleasure to my body on my deck chair
Immaculate rays shining down on all life
Creating new growth of many a kind
A renewal of summer day to get rid of winter
strife
Where I relax in sleepy volleys to unwind*

*The sun reflects on the horizon along the vast
sea
Flicking along the rippling waters of a shiny
blue
There I swim and relax in waters full of glee
In a vast brilliant scene of ecstasy so new
O' far away sun no one knows of your source
As you shine your gentle heat for all to grow
Are you a ball of fire or some unknown force
Whatever controls your sun we do not know*

By: Patrick Murray

Farewell

*Flow down, cold rivulet, to the sea,
Thy tribute wave deliver:
No more by thee my steps shall be,
For ever and for ever.*

*Flow, softly flow, by lawn and lea,
A rivulet then a river;
No where by thee my steps shall be,
For ever and for ever.*

*But here will sigh thine alder tree,
And here thine aspen shiver;
And here by thee will hum the bee,
For ever and for ever.*

*A thousand suns will stream on
thee,
A thousand moons will quiver;
But not by thee my steps shall be,
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By: Lord Alfred Tennyson

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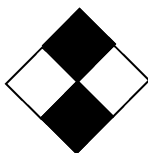
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Laura's Pet Pony

Laura was out riding her pony in the warm sunshine. Her pony Pop was galloping across the fields with Laura on her back. It was the summer holiday's and it was quite warm now. She stopped to take a break and dismounted Pop and left her there in the long grass to graze. She sat down in the grass herself and gazed up at the sky. Pop stood lazily eating the grass. Her mother and father would be going on holiday's soon and Laura would have to stay with her grandparents while they were away. She didn't mind because she loved staying with them.

Laura lived on a farm with her parents. Her grandparents had a very large farm with all different animals. It was about an hour's journey in the car to her grandparents farm, she would be going tomorrow. She was really looking forward to staying with them. Her parents would be leaving for their holiday the next day. Laura would be able to stay all day out there just lazing in the sunshine. She nearly fell asleep but for the birds singing in the trees.



Her grandfather kept horses so she would be kept busy while she was holidaying with him and her granny. She would bring Pop to the farm. Her parents said she could because she was very good about them going on holiday on their own, although they would bring Laura back a present.

She stood up and brushed down her jodhpurs and mounted Pop. She rode back to the yard. It was late afternoon and time for tea now. She went into the dining room for tea with her parents.

The next day Laura was all packed for her trip to her grandparents house. Pop was in her box ready to go. Her daddy was driving her and the pony that day. She kissed her mother good bye and waved back as she was going down the avenue.

It was late afternoon when they arrived. Her grandmother Betty welcomed her. She opened her arms to give Laura a big hug. Her daddy Joe took Laura's case out of the boot of the car, and left it on the steps. Her gran invited them into the house. "You will have a cup of tea before you go back on that long drive." They went inside for a cup of tea. Pip, one of the stable hands, unloaded Pop and took her to the stables behind the house. Pop was a lovely pony. Pip put Pop in her stall and got some oats and water for her.

It was time now for her dad to drive back. He gave Laura a kiss and left the house. "See you in two weeks". Laura watched him drive down the avenue and then disappear. She would have a great time with her grandparents. Simon her granddad came into the house and planted a kiss on Laura's cheek.

"Your Pony is out in the stable, and quite happily eating his food". "What do you want to do for the remainder of the afternoon"? he asked Laura. "I would like to get to know the horses all over again". "Shall we go out into the yard now"? They went out to the yard to see the ponies.

After a while they came indoors and Betty had a delicious supper waiting for them. Laura ate heartily and then went to watch some television with her grandparents. It was getting late and Laura was getting tired and went to bed. Her room was so warm that she had to leave the window open all night.

Laura lay comfortable in her bed and fell asleep. The next morning she was up early and went out to see the ponies before breakfast.

All too soon the holiday was over and it was time to go back home. When her mummy and daddy picked her up outside the house she was full stories of how she enjoyed her holiday.

Enda Clavin



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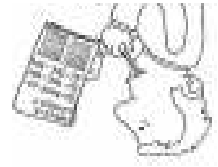


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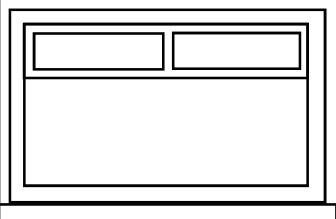
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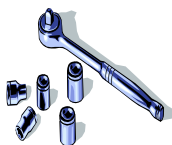
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A Note of Appreciation from the Chairperson and festival committee.

I also wish to thank Hilda Dunne for the work on the evening of light entertainment in the castle, and Rita Doyle and her dancers, and Maher School of Dancing, U3A Group, music by Terry Nealon and Trevor Best and St. Mary's Brass and Reed band.

Thanks to the An Nuadha Players who presented two wonderful plays over the course of the festival. Watch out for a report in this issue.

I wish to thank Marie Gleeson and the office staff and Paul Hand & Alan Grant (our photographer) for their hard work on the preparation of the festival.

Also a special thanks to Patricia Moynan, Loraine Rush and Catherine Carton, hope I am not forgetting anybody for organising the Children's Table Quiz. And a very special thanks to the Boy's'National School for allowing us to hold the quiz in the school.

A special thanks to John McGinley and crew for running the Joe Murphy Memorial Trophy 7-A-Side Soccer.

Thanks to Maynooth Football Club for organising the Family Car Treasure Hunt. See report in this issue.

The festival table quiz was very well supported. Special thanks to O'Neill's Pub, Paul Daly for his help on the score board and organising everything. Thanks to office staff who helped out on the night Mary-Claire Costello, Mary Cullen, John Finnan & Enda Clavin.

Thanks to Supermac's & Papa John's for Sponsoring both the Adults and Children's Table Quiz.

The family Day was a wonderful successful day and was very well attended. Thanks to Maynooth Scouts for organising this event in the Harbour Field. This day proved to be one of the most successful of the festival.

A piece of Maynooth history was revealed at the Manor Mills on Saturday 27th Of June with the unveiling of a plaque detailing the history of the Manor Mills. This was followed by Refreshments and a Family Fun Day which proved to be a great success.

The Castle Keep Art Group organised a wonderful exhibition of their work.

All in all the festival was well attended in all events.

Apologies to anyone that has not been mentioned.

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Andrew McMullon

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plays at the Castle

An Nuadha Players present their second "Theatre in the Castle" evening on Friday 26th Saturday and Sunday, to packed audiences. The performance kicked off with a series of entertaining monologues and a hilarious Monty Python Sketch. This was followed by a fascinating short play by local writer.

Martina Reilly. In the space of 15 minutes we get the condensed history of one of Irelands earlist residents, "The Tuatha De Dannon" the humour, the pace and the physicality of the performances left audiences longing for more.

Ruby is the hairdresser in Elsinore Castle and as such gets the inside track on all the goings on in the Castle. It was Hamlet as Shakespeare never meant it to be and audiences left with a smile on their faces-no mean feat in these difficult times.

Terry Nealon

An Evening of Entertainment

Music, Song, Dance and Readings at The Geraldine Castle.

Thursday 25th June saw a wonderful evening of entertainment in the historic surroundings of the castle starting with Irish Dancing with Scoil Rince Uí Dhubhaill followed by Catherine School of Dancing.

Next on was St. Marys Brass and Reed Band senior and junior, all perfectly turned out and musical instruments gleaming in the late evening sun. The children were excited to be asked to conduct the band and rushed to volunteer.

We were sorry to see the dancers and band depart but we had to move on to the next part of evening which took place inside the Castle. We had great stories, fact and fiction from Maynooth Local History Group, U3A and Maynooth Community Council and a musical interlude with Terry Nealon and Trevor Best.

Then with darkness falling and the crows protesting to us for disturbing their sleep as they are early risers we called it a night,

Many thanks to all who helped to make it such a good evening especially the OPW guides.

H. Dunne.
Maynooth Local History Group.



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As part of The Maynooth Geraldine Festival An Nuadha Players staged three short plays in the Geraldine Castle, Maynooth on Friday 26h June, Monologue Scenes and Monty Python Scetch, Ten to fifteen minute History of the Two a Day, Ruby of Elsinore.



Vini Casey, Fiona Slattery.
Members of An Nuadha Players.



Vini Casey, Gabriel Martin, Terry Nealon.
Members of An Nuadha Players.



Geraldine O'Brien, Anita Mc Donnell,
Members of An Nuadha Players.



Orla Gildea, Roberta Hines.
Members of an Nuadha Players



Geraldine Castle, Maynooth.



Ian Priestly, Office of Public Works,
Geraldine Castle, Maynooth.

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The 8th Kildare Maynooth Scout Group would like to thank the public for attending our Family Fun Day on Sunday 28th June in such large numbers. Our aim on the day was to let the community know more about Scouting in Maynooth, see some of our skills and activities we take part in during the course of the year. The scouts also ran a Bring & Buy sale and parents ran a book sale and raffle to raise funds for the Maynooth conference of Saint Vincent de Paul. We raised over €500 on the day which will be donated in the coming days. There was face painting, wind mill making, coconut cup making, back wood cooking, a Leonardo Bridge was built in the middle of the site. There was a large Teepee tent and a large circular black German tent as well as all the normal scout tents on site for the day. The scouts also built a gate, a dining shelter, wash stands and an open altar fire - which was used for the back woods cooking as well as the very popular BBQ.

We were delighted to welcome onto our site many local dignitaries: TD's Aine Brady, Emmet Stagg and Bernard Durkan as well as many of our local councilors including the new Mayor of Kildare Councillor Colm Purcell, and councilors Senan Griffin, Catherine Murphy, Paul Kelly and John Mc Ginley. This gave the scout group a great opportunity to outline the current situation in relation to the development plans for a Scout Hall in the harbour Filed which will be open and available to other community groups in the town. We want to inject life into the harbour files and create a central focal point in the area. The scout group currently has 102 youth members and 21 adult members along with a very strong parents and friends support group.

Finally the 8th Kildare Maynooth scout group would like to thank our very generous sponsors on the day Garard Mulcahy Butchers, Mac Donald's Maynooth and Maynooth Community Council for all their help in organizing this event and indeed all of the parents and friends who helped in any way to make the day such a success.

Yours in Scouting
Peter Garrad
Group Leader
8th Kildare Maynooth

The outside events commenced with Irish Dancing performances from Scoil Rince Uí Dhubhail from Maynooth. This was followed by Irish Dancing performers from the Catherine Maher School of Dancing. The Junior sections and Senior sections of St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band then followed under the respective batons of Elaine and Áine.

The indoor events then followed commencing with Colm O'Cearuil, representing Maynooth Conradh na Gaeilge entertaining the packed audience with his talk about Irish "War Cries".

Mary Murphy from U3A (University of the third age) entertained with her piece about revenge for a broken romance.

Peter Nevin from Maynooth Local History Group talked about his family's connections with the poet Francis Ledwidge.

Terry Nealon and Trevor Best performed with songs and guitar followed by Emma Connolly from the Maynooth Gateway Writers Group describing life as an Au Pair in France.

The evening concluded with Maeve Mulryan Moloney, a member both of U3A and Maynooth Local History Group, giving an appraisal of the life and times of a 21 year old "Silken" Thomas Fitzgerald.

Mary Cullen from the Maynooth Local History Group presented the indoor events.

See the attachment with the programme of events from the 15th to the 28th June and the Festival is sponsored by Foras Na Gaeilge.

Declan O'Connor

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Junior Members of The St. Marys Brass and Reed Band.



Junior Members of The St. Marys Brass and Reed Band.



Rosemary Crowley, Cathal Crowley, Catherine Carton.



Dancers from the Catherine Maher School of Dancing.



The Dancers from Scoil Uí Rince uí Dhubhaill.



Senior Members of the St. Marys Brass and Reed Band.

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Table Quiz

Table Quiz Winners	
1st	Joey McBride
	Declan O'Connor
	Brian O'Malley
	John Dredge
2nd	Brian Sheridan
	Billy Hannon
	Sonia Balago Palan
3rd	Richard Molloy
	Sandra Molloy
	Kevin



Winners of the Festival Table Quiz enjoying the Night



**Second Place Winners of Festival Table Quiz-
Brian Sheridan, Billy Hannon & Sonia Balago
Palan**



**Third Place winners in Festival Table Quiz
Richard, Kevin & Sandra Molloy**



**Lorraine Rush, Patricia Moynan &
Catherine Carton**



**Participants in Table Quiz Enjoying
the Night**

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Festival 7-A – Side Soccer Tournament

Maynooth Town FC kindly made their state of the art facilities at Rathcoffey Road available for this years Festival Seven-a Side's.

The very popular tournament for the Joe Murphy Trophy was blessed with glorious sunshine this year for a change. Twelve teams entered and it was run off on a league basis with four groups of three teams:

Group 1 had Old Greenfield X, Rail Park and Straffan Wood Stags.

Group 2 had Newtown Whispering Eyes, Greenfield Massive and Newtown Inn.

Group 3 had Rathcoffey Rovers, Old Greenfield and Rockfield Albion.

Group 4 had Straffan Way, Supermacs and Greenfield Drive.

In Group 1 uniquely, all three teams finished with the same amount of points and also had the same amount of goals "for and against". The names of the three teams were put into a hat and Straffan Wood were drawn as the victors of Group 1.

In Group 2 Newtown Whispering Eyes beat last years winners, Newtown Inn, 2 goals to 1 in the last match. They topped Group 2 with two wins and 6 points.

In Group 3 Rathcoffey beat a very young, but game, Old Greenfield in a playoff.

In Group 4 Straffan Way beat Greenfield Drive 1 0 in a very exciting last match.

The first semi-final was between Straffan Wood and Rathcoffey Rovers and here the favourites, Straffan Wood, went 1-0 up early in the first half. However, Rathcoffey Rovers fought back to win 3-1 and cause a major upset.

The second semi-final was between Newtown Whispering Eyes and Straffan Way. A young Straffan Way were the red hot favourites but Newtown Whispering Eyes beat them 2-1 in a very exciting match.

The final between Rathcoffey Rovers and the Newtown Whispering Eyes was held at Maynooth Town FC pitches at Rathcoffey Road on Saturday the 27th June.

Newtown W.E. went 1-0 up after only 7 minutes through a very well worked goal. Rathcoffey Rovers equalised after 18 minutes and went 2-1 up a minute later.

Newtown W.E. equalised 12 minutes into the second half and despite many chances for both teams a very good game ended 2-2.

And so to a penalty shoot out. After both teams converted their 5 shots it went to sudden death and Newtown Whispering Eyes won 8-7 following a brilliant save from Eamon Gallagher.

It was a deserved success at long last for the Newtown W.E. captain Joddy Connolly.

On behalf of the organising committee I would like to thank all of the teams for taking part and following the success of this years tournament hopefully we will have a greater number of teams entering next year. I would particularly like to thank the following for their help in running the Tournament: Willie Saults, Micheál O'Reilly, John Saults, Pat Moynan, David Moynan Jnr., John Doogan, Christina Saults, Lenny Murphy and Seamus Thompson. Finally I would like to thank the Murphy family for the beautiful trophy.

John McGinley
(Organiser)

Features

Mainéar an Mhuilinn, Maigh Nuad.

Tagann an logainm “Maigh Nuad” ó Mhaigh an Taoisigh Cheiltigh áitiúil Nuada. B'é Nuada Airgeadlámh an Ceannaire Ceilteach sa cheantar seo. De réir na miotaseolaíochta chaill sé a ghéag i gcath agus rinne Dian Cecht lámh airgid dhó. Dé réir na ndlíthe Ceilteacha bhí ar an Taoiseach a bheith iomlán ina chorp, le gach ball beatha a bheith slán aige nó aici.

Thóg na Gearaltaigh caisleán anseo i 1176. B'é Muiris Mac Gearailt an chéad ridire Angla-Normannach i Maigh Nuad. Bhí an chéad láthair chosanta den déantús móta agus báile ar an láthair seo agus tógadh an Dún ag tús an 12ú chéad . Ba láthair iontach é seo don Dún toisc go ritheann An Laidhrín (fo-abhainn d'abhainn an Rí) ar an teorainn thuaidh agus go bhfuil fo-abhainn eile ag sní ar na teorainneacha theas agus thoir.

I 1328 tá cur síos ar an suíomh mar seo a leanas.' Caisleán cloiche, halla le cistin cheann tuí, bÁCús, gairdín, feirm, bóitheach, stábla, túirín, scioból, colmlann agus muileann. Is é seo an chéad chur síos ar taifead ar an láthair ina bhfuil Ionad Siopadóireachta Mhainéar an Mhuilinn. Bhí droichead thar An Laidhrín mar cheangal idir an caisleán agus an muileann.

Gabhadh an caisleán i 1535 agus is ann a chur fear Ionad an Rí faoi go dtí athreimniú na nGearaltach i 1550. Rinne Richard Boyle, 1ú Iarla Chorcaí, athair céile Seoirse 16ú Iarla Chill Dara athchóiriú agus méadú ar an gcaisleán ach rinneadh damáiste don chaisleán i rith an chogaidh i 1640. Bhailigh an tIarla leis ón gcaisleán go gairid ina dhiaidh sin agus tháinig droch-chaoi ar an áit, níor fhill siad ar Mhaigh Nuad go ceann céad bliain ina dhiaidh sin.

I lár an seachtú haois déag bhí dhá mhuileann ar an láthair, iad lonnaithe ar an dá thaobh den Laidhrín. Bhí ceann amháin ag déanamh coirce agus an ceann eile ag déanamh plúir. I lár an naoú haois déag bhí na muilte i ndroch-staid. Bhí droch-chaoi ar an muileann plúir agus bhí deireadh leis an muileann choirce. Ba le Diúc Laighean an suíomh ach nuair a d'fhill na Gearaltaigh ar Mhaigh Nuad, chuir siad fúthu i dTeach Carton ar an taobh thoir den bhaile.

Tamall ina dhiaidh sin thóg Edward Kavanagh seilbh ar ghnó an mhuilinn ar an láthair. Bhí cáil ar mhuintir Kavanagh mar mhuilleadóirí i mBaile Átha Cliath. Tar éis roinnt bhlianta thug Edward an gnó ar aghaidh dá mhac Edward. Thug Edward an gnó ar aghaidh dá mhac William. Thug William an gnó ar aghaidh dá mhac Thomas Kavanagh.

Thóg Thomas Smyth as Cill Droichid an Roth Muilinn i 1850 agus lean an roth céanna ag obair go dtí lár na haoise seo caite. Ghabh an Roth Muilinn seo cumhacht as An Laidhrín don mhuileann suas go dtí lár an chéid seo caite. Ba ghnáth-radharc i Maigh Nuad sa bhfichiú haois na sluaite asal is carr ag feitheamh go foighneach taobh amuigh den mhuileann. Ba ócáid shóisialta é seo do mhuintir na tuaithe labhairt le chéile agus b'fhéidir deoch nó dhó a bhlaiseadh sa bhaile. Le himeacht ama ba iad na tarracóirí a tháinig in aith na n-asal is na gcarr. Nuair a díoladh an muileann choimeád muintir Ionad an Mhuilinn an Roth Muilinn ar an láthair. Cé go raibh trastomhas an Roth Muilinn tábhachtach, b'é an toirt uisce is a luas a thug neart don Roth Mhuilinn. Cuid de na rothaí d'fhaighidís a gcumhacht ón uisce ag titim anuas orthu agus cuid eile acu, is ón uisce thíos fúthu a thagadh an tiomáint. Na rothaí ba mhó cumhachta (iad siúd leis an each-chumhacht ba mhó) ba iad siúd na cinn leis na buicéid ba leithne le trastomhas cuí móide titim uisce. Conas is féidir each-chumhacht roth muilinn a thomhas? Le linn an naoú haois déag nuair a thug suirbhéirí rialtais cuairt ar gach aon mhuileann sa tír – 2,600 díobh – tugadh an treoir seo dóibh: “ an méid uisce ciúbach a a thiocfadh amach as buicéad in aghaidh an nóiméid a mhéadú fá .001325 móide leis an titim uisce - b'shin each-chumhacht an rotha muilinn.” Anuas air sin bhraith cumas meilte an mhuilinn ar líon agus ar mhéid na gcloch meilte. É sin ar fad sular ceapadh an t-inneall áirimh! Le himeacht aimsire tháinig deireadh le ré an Roth Muilinn is na gCloch Meilte is leis na hasail is na cairr le teacht na n-inneall nua-aimseartha. Anseo i Maigh Nuad ghéill Mainéar Mhuileann na nGearaltach ón tríú haois déag slí do Mhainéar Mhuileann na gCaomhánach sa 19ú haois, agus ar aghaidh go dtí Ionad Siopadóireachta Mhainéar an Mhuilinn sa lá atá inniu ann.

Mill-race in valley- Sruth-Mhuilinn sa Ghleann- But no one told the river níor sceitheadh don abhainn The mill is closed nach bhfuil aon Mhuileann ann Sruth-Mhuilinn sa Ghleann-níor sceitheadh don abhainn nach bhfuil aon Mhuileann ann Haiku-Stuart Lane (1932-2007) Grúpa Staire Mhaigh Nuad 2009.

Features

Manor Mills Maynooth

Maynooth or Maigh Nuad (the plain of Nuada) is named after a mythological figure in Irish history. The medieval village was developed in the eighteenth century as an estate village by the Fitzgeralds who became earls of Kildare and dukes of Leinster. The first Fitzgerald, Maurice, was an Anglo- Norman knight who was granted the district surrounding Maynooth in 1176. While the original defensive settlement would have been of the motte and bailey type, the stone keep of Maynooth Castle probably began in the late twelfth century. The site was an ideal location for a fortified castle as it was bounded on the north by the Lyreen stream, a contributory of the Rye Water and on south and east by a small Tributary.

In 1328 the site was described as containing a 'stone castle, hall with kitchen , thatch covered hall, bake house, vault in newly built garden, grange [barn or farm], cow byre, stable, turret, ditch, garden gate, laggard gate, dovecot [and] mills'. This is the first recorded listing of the existence of mills on the site which is now occupied by Manor Mills Shopping Centre. A bridge over the Lyreen connected the castle complex with the mills area. As old station asserts that the back wall of the manorial mill was the front wall of the castle mill. The castle was captured in a siege in 1535. Lord Deputies lived there afterwards and the Earl of Kildare returned in the 1550's. Having being renovated and enlarged by Richard Boyle, 1st earl of Cork, Father – in -law to George the 16th earl of Kildare, the castle was damaged again in the wars of the 1640's. It appears that the earl left soon afterwards and the castle fell into ruins. The family did not return again for c. 100 years.

By the mid-seventeenth century there were two mills on the site (one in disrepair) and over years buildings were damaged on each side of the mill race which was drawn from Lyreen. Theses included kilns, offices, stores and stables. Sluices were also added. In the mid – nineteenth century one of the mills was involved in the production of flour and the second in the production of corn. However, time took its toll and within a short period, the flour mill was in bad repair while the corn mill was not in use. The property was still in the hands of the duke of Leinster whose family had returned to Maynooth and set up residence in Carton House at the eastern end of the town.

A short time later a Mr Edward Kavanagh took over the running of Manor Mills. His family was already well-known in the milling and corn trade in Dublin. The man who founded the mill besides the ivy-covered castle ruin saw it finally established. In time, the business passed to his son, Edward and then to another member of the family, called William and finally it passed onto the fourth generation of the family Thomas Kavanagh. The mill wheel was built by Thomas Smith millwright of Celbridge c. 1850. It was installed in the mill race and continued by power the grinding mill until well into the nineteenth century.

During the milling season it was a common sight throughout Ireland to see lines of donkeys and carts loaded with sacks of grain making their way to and queuing patiently outside the local mill. In this way it was also a social event, giving the men time to chat and exchange gossip and in some cases even time to visit the local hostelry. Over time, tractors with trailers and then trucks replaced the old carts. When the property mill until and into the nineteenth century. The mill wheel remained in the site.

While the diameter of a mill wheel was important, it was the volume of flow of water provided the mill with its working power. While some wheels were powered by water from above, others were powered by water from below. The most powerful wheels (the ones with the highest horse power) were the ones with the greatest breadth of bucket, contained with diameter and fall of water.

How do you work out the horse power of a working mill wheel? During the Mid-Nineteenth century when government surveyors visited every millowner in the country –all 2,600 of them – they were given instructions. "When a bucket –wheel has been properly constructed, the cubical content of water discharged per minute multiplied by .001325 and by the fall will give the effective horse power'. In addition a mill's grinding capacity also depended on the number and size of the millstones with which it opened. And all this before the invention of the calculator!.

Over time, the old mill wheel and grinding stones together with the donkey's and carts outlived their usefulness and were discarded in favour of more modern methods. And over time, what had once been Fitzgerald's Manor Mills in the thirteenth century gave way to Kavanaghs' Manor Mills in the Nineteenth century which in turn gave way Manor Mills Shopping Centre in the Twenty –first century.

Mill-race in valley

But no one told the river

The mill was closed (Haiku-Stuart Lane (1932-2007)

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Maynooth Manor Mills.

On Saturday 27th June as part of The Maynooth Geraldine Festival a Plaque was unveiled to commemorate the Mill in Maynooth which was opened in 1328 and closed in 2000. The Plaque was unveiled by Maynooth Local History Group and was funded by Manor Mills Shopping Centre. Entertainment was provided by Push for Porter and Rita Doyle School of Dancing. Nearby an Art Exhibition was held by the Castle Keep Art Group.



Darren Smyth, Manager Manor Mills SC with Plaque.



The Mill Wheel at Manor Mills.



Sheila Kavanagh whose late Husband Thomas Kavanagh was the last owner of the Manor



Girls from the Rita Doyle School of Dancing.



Push for Porter.



Terry Nealon.



Castle Keep Art Group.



Castle Keep Art Group.



Lily Gorey enjoying the Sunshine.

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Declan Sheridan, Cub Leader.



Scouts Tent.



Peter Garrad, Group Leader.



Eoin McCormack.



Conor Murpny, Ursula Murphy, Yvonne Murphy.



Andrea Faulkner, Darryl O Connor.

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Maynooth Community Festival Family Car Treasure Hunt in association with Maynooth Town Football Club

On Saturday 27th June last, Maynooth Town Football Club organised a Family Car Treasure Hunt as part of the Maynooth Community Festival. The event began at 6pm and nine families took part in the hunt to find clues and scavenger items, and the route took them from the clubhouse to first Rathcoffey after a brief stop at Ladychapel, and then onwards to stops at Mainham Cemetery, Kilcock and finally Maynooth Castle.

In addition to the many clues and riddles they had to figure out and collect, a variety of scavenger items were also collected on route by the teams of treasure hunters, and plenty of creativity and ingenuity was used. All arrived safely back at the clubhouse for tea and biscuits before the winners were announced.

The prizes for the event were very kindly sponsored by: Greenes, The Avenue, Donatellos, Royal City, Bradys, Stone Haven, Twist Café and Boots.

The winning teams were as follows:

- 1st: Margaret Phillips, Luke Gisbey, Cian Hutchinson
- 2nd: Bill Tinley and Family
- 3rd: TJ Byrne and Family

Table Quiz in O'Neill's Pub



July in the Garden

Essential tasks for July

Although maintenance is key in July, you can still introduce new bedding plants to keep your garden looking bright and beautiful throughout summer

Flower garden

Trim Clematis montana if large and overgrown. Pinch out the growing tips of basket and container plants to encourage them to produce bushy even growth and lots of flowers. Encourage chrysanthemum shoots to branch out and carry more blooms by pinching out shoot tips from June to early July. This technique is called stopping.

Sow seeds

Biennials, such as foxgloves, sweet williams, Canterbury bells and forget-me-nots, should be sown as soon as fresh seed is available.

Pests and diseases

Use a forceful jet from a garden hose to knock aphids off water lilies and other garden plants. Spray roses to protect them against problems with mildew, blackspot or rust.

Summer bedding plants

Finish planting out summer bedding plants in borders, baskets and containers. Fill gaps with large argyranthemums, fuchsias or pelargoniums.

Cut down early-flowering perennials

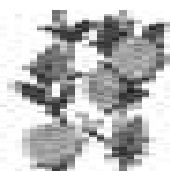
Remove faded flowers on perennials such as lupins and delphiniums. Early pruning often encourages a second flush of flowers late in the season. Cut the flower-spike down to just above a new shoot or leaf, and give each plant a generous liquid feed to encourage fresh growth. Remove the seedheads from aquilegia to prevent them from spreading.

Greenhouse

All potted plants need a daily check for watering. Add a full-strength liquid feed once a fortnight or a dilute one more regularly. If you find that watering is taking up too much of your time, follow our tips to help you water more effectively.

Ventilation

Open ventilators and doors every morning, but close them again on cool evenings. Do check that birds or cats aren't getting in, use netting if necessary.



Growing bags

Never let crops in growing bags go short of water. Standing the bags on gravel trays or on reservoirs with wicks through the base can prevent drying out.

Cuttings

Pot on rooted cuttings of pelargoniums, argyranthemums, fuchsias and other plants as soon as the roots have filled their pots. Take cuttings from the non-flowering shoots of shrubs and climbers.



Herbs

Woody stemmed herbs such as sage and thyme produce lots of fresh healthy new shoots at this time of year, which will quickly root if taken as cuttings. Learn the best way to take cuttings of woody stemmed herbs.

Harvesting

Harvest beetroot and other crops while they are still young and tender. Early potatoes will be ready to harvest soon. Check one plant first to assess the crop size. Leave them to develop further if the potatoes are too small, and water the rows every week.

Fruit crops

Enjoy the fruits of your labours by picking rhubarb, strawberries, raspberries, currants, cherries and gooseberries. Remember to net fruit bushes to keep birds away, but it is important to check the netting daily to ensure that no birds have become trapped.

Sweet corn

Plant out pot-grown sweet corn. Place the plants in blocks, not rows, spacing them out about 45cm (18in) apart each way.

Crops to sow

From June to early July the following vegetable crops can be sown directly outside: lettuce and salad leaves, radishes, kohlrabi, spring cabbage and endive, plus dwarf French beans for a late crop. Winter spinach can be sown from July to September.

Water onions

Never let onions go short of water or their yield will be severely reduced. Water plants thoroughly once or twice a week if conditions are dry, and keep down weed competition by hand or using a hoe.

Cordon-trained fruit

Side shoots on cordon gooseberries and currants should be pruned back to about five leaves or 10cm (4in) long.

Fruit trees

The natural June drop will thin out a heavy fruit crop to some degree, but it is worth lending a hand. Pick off any small, damaged or diseased fruits to leave those remaining spaced 10cm (4in) apart.

Maynooth Community Library

Storytelling in Maynooth

Community Library



A new storytelling series in Polish starts in the Library on Tuesday 2nd June at 10.00am. Agnes will tell stories and will have a sing song in Polish.



Chess Clubs

Adults and children's Chess Clubs continue in Maynooth Library every Monday evening at 6.00pm.

Children's Summer Reading Club Starts July 1st. and Runs Until August 26th.

Read 10 books and write a review or draw a picture (for younger children) of the events in the book and you will get a gold star for each of your reviews. All those with 10 stars at the end of the Summer will receive a goodie bag! **So come onget reading.**

Children's Summer Activities

Tuesday 7th July - Crafts Workshop. Paint your T-Shirt for children ages between 7 years - 11 years at 3pm - 4.30pm. **Booking essential.**

Friday 10th July - Gymboree - song, dance, fun and games aimed at children between 18 months and 5 years at 11am - 12pm. **Booking essential.**

Tuesday 14th July - Science and Experiment. Workshop with Gerard McMahon aimed at 10 years - 12 year at 3pm - 4pm. **Booking essential.**

Friday 17th July - Musical Theatre Workshop with Katie Carpenter for children ages between 7 years - 12 years at 10am - 12pm. **Booking essential.**

Tuesday 21st July - Crafts Workshop. Paint your own T-Shirt for young adults ages between 12 years - 15 years at 3pm - 4.30pm. **Booking essential.**

Bookings taken for the above from Wednesday 24th June.

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National Gallery Family Programmes

Saturdays at 3pm
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Free Event
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MAYNOOTH U3A

One chapter ends and so begins a new one. At our recent AGM three of our officers, Maeve and Helen resigned. We owe much gratitude and thanks to all of them for three years of hard work and dedication and for developing U3A into a vibrant group which meets a vital need in the community.

Congratulations to our new officers Helena, Denise and Irene all who aspire to seeing the club grow and develop. Thanks to Joan who is continuing as treasurer and provides an important element of continuity. Like all politicians we too went 'to the country', well as far as Kilcloone, for our post AGM lunch. There we toasted a years work well done and afterwards some of writers had an opportunity to showcase their work. Good luck to Mary who volunteered to read her own short story "A spiders web I weave" during the Geraldine Cultural Festival.

It is so full of intrigue we were somewhat concerned but Mary assured us that it was definitely fictitious. Ger, many thanks for organising the venue and lunch and as a pub spy might say "We will be back"! It was encouraging to see so many present for our AGM and confirms the fact that we are all committed to U3A and what it represents. I know that the members will give the incoming committee all the co-operation and support that it needs to be effective and successful.

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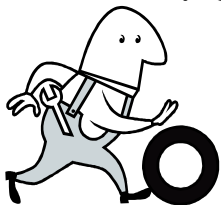
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Maynooth Ladies Golf Society

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1st – Ann McQuillen
2nd – Ann Finn
3rd – Louise Saults
4th – Idel Hutchinson

Each winner was presented with Killarney Crystal.

New members are always welcome. Our joining fee is €50. We have an outing once a month to different golf courses starting February through to October. If you wish to join contact Louise at 0868793610

Our next outing is to Millicent Golf Club, Clane on Saturday the 20th June 2009.

Tidy Towns



Maynooth Tidy Towns cut verges on approach roads

With grass growing very quickly this year Maynooth Tidy Towns undertook a programme to trim all the approach road verges as well as areas in the town centre. It was important to do this work as judging in the National Tidy Towns competition can take anytime between 1st June and the 31st August. The work was carried out in early June and it is expected that Kildare County Council will repeat this work in July when these areas will be overgrown again.



Intel Volunteers paint bollards in the square

The bollards in Maynooth Square have needed to be repainted for a number of years. As part of their community support programme a number of Intel staff painted the bollards on Thursday 18th June 2009. In a time where it is still difficult to get people to give even just an hour a week to support our work, the support we get from Intel staff on a number of projects is much appreciated.

Towns clean-ups continue on Sunday Mornings and one evening a week .

For those that do not know Kildare County Council is unable to provide a seven day street cleaning service in Maynooth. Conscious that even during the week it can be difficult for Kildare County staff to get retrieve some litter because of parking in the town, volunteers from Maynooth Tidy Towns has restarted our Sunday morning clean-up. They start at around 8am and cover the town centre area including the back lanes. These will continue until the end of August and are supplemented by more peripheral areas being cleaned by the committee volunteers one evening a week. If you want to help out we can be contacted at 087 3153189.

Paul Croghan
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Funday

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Nicole O' Shea and Kellie Ryan.



Donna Ffrench, Luke Coyle and Donal Reilly.



Thomas Mooney and Christen Senekhel.



Kurtis Walsh and Craig Greaves.



Parents, Fiona Flanagan, Martha Maxwell and Finula Haran.



Pupils attempting the Obstacle Course.

Wonderful retirement Party for Deputy Principal of Maynooth Boy's National School Pat O'Connor.



Pat O'Connor, Anne O'Connor & Tony Behan past pupil



Past pupils & Peter Brady

Mr. Pat O'Connor who has taught in the Boy's National School for the past 40 years celebrated his retirement with family, friends, past pupils, and with past and present colleagues. Pats has a passion for education and this was well respected by all his pupils and the community over his 40 years at St Mary's. Pat had a huge interest in the GAA, and had a great report with the local GAA club and Pats love of the game was always to encourage involvement in sport. Pat is a native of County Clare, but the family lived in London for a number of years, before returning to Ireland in the 1940s.

Pupils and staff played a specially made video that highlighted the great life of Pat O'Connor. Dominic Nugent welcomed all to the special night. Principal Peter Coakley spoke about Pat's great life, interests, his love of teaching and sport. Pat started his teaching career in a place called Duniry in County Galway and in 1966 started his long association with Maynooth, Pat got married in August 1973 to Ann Brennan and they had five children.

After all the speeches Pat had a few words of his own for the huge gathering. Pat thanked all the guests for being there: he said that he felt that Maynooth was his home town. He paid tributes to many people, his wife Ann and family, the teaching staff, and boards of management over the years. Pat finished by praising the wonderful facilities that are in Maynooth Boy's National School and all the achievements acquired over the years. Pat ended by thanking all the people of Maynooth, the children, and the many, many children that he taught over his 43 years in St Mary's Boy's National School.



Pat & Breda Nevin
Pat had many years enjoyment with the school with Hurling & Football



Margaret O'Mahony & Kit Burchill enjoying the celebrations

A Night Of Celebration Cont'd



Patricia and Pat Moynan enjoying the night



Ella Levy



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Clubs, Organisation And Societies

Maynooth Town FC News June 2009

Maynooth Town FC have enjoyed a very successful season on the pitch:

- The Sunday Senior Team reached the final of the Lummy O'Reilly League Cup and they also finished runners up in their league, gaining promotion to the Major 1 Division of the Leinster Senior League.
- The 16A schoolboy team enjoyed a double this year - winning both their league and cup.
- Both under 13 teams reached the semi-finals of the league cup, each losing narrowly to be denied a place in the final.
- At the under 12 level, the 12 Premier team won their league and the 12B team finished as runners up in their league.
- At the under 10 age group, the 10B team finished runners up in their cup while the 10H team achieved the runners up spot in their league.
- The under 9C team also recorded a double after they won the cup and league.
- The under 8b team won the league cup.

Each of the other teams in the club had a very good season and competed in their respective leagues, finishing in very respectable positions.

Players and Managers are now looking forward to the rest during the summer break before they have to begin the campaign again next season.

Some upcoming events:

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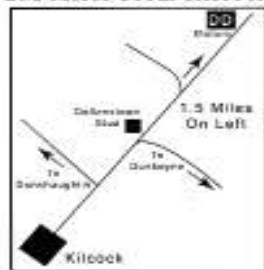
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Features

AIB Junior Saver Competition.

AIB Maynooth in conjunction with Gaelscoil Uí Fhíach held an Easter colouring competition. The two winners from the Junior Classes were Kelly Ní Dhaímhín (age 7-1st Class) and Aoibhe Ní Tharlaigh (age 8– 2nd Class).

Ron Dardis of AIB presented each of the winners of the AIB Junior Saver Competition with a €25 voucher for Smyths Toys.



Luke Bray, Kelly Ní Dhaímhín, Aoibhe Ní Tharlaigh, Ron Dardis (AIB. Maynooth Branch Manager).



Ken Burke (AIB. Regional Director), Michelle Walsh (AIB. Student Advisor), Máirín Ní Chéileachain (School Principal), Ron Dardis, Luke Bray, Kelly Ní Dhaímhín, Aoibhe Ní Tharlaigh.



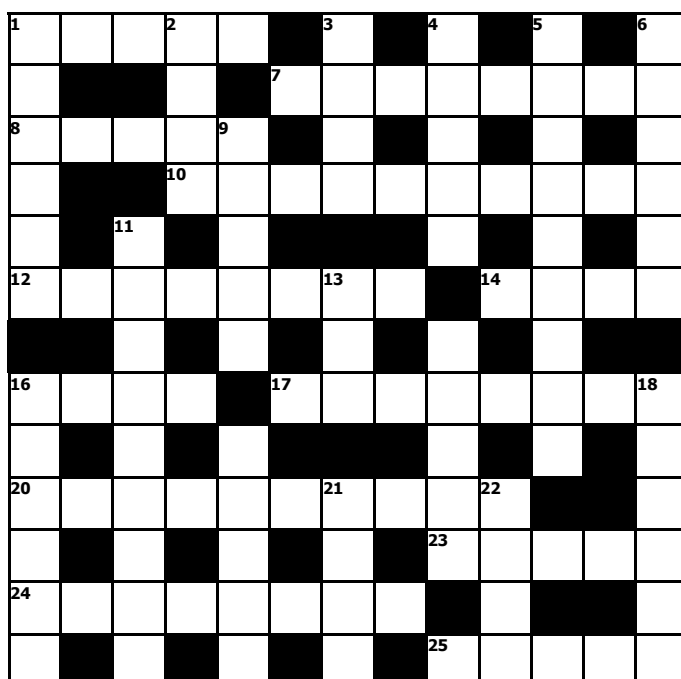
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Across:

1. Combine (5)
7. Flat tyre! (8)
8. Brush (5)
10. Country, Capital Wellington (3,7)
12. Freshwater tortoise (8)
14. Style of dance (4)
16. Sleeve-end (4)
17. Determined (8)
20. Bad luck (10)
23. Dehydrated (5)
24. Cut off (8)
25. TV quizmaster, _ _ _ Deayton (5)

Down:

1. Non-conformist (6)
2. Girls Name (4)
3. Question (4)
4. Fragment (5)
5. Bold (9)
6. Interfere (6)
9. Leapt [anag] (5)
11. Abundance (9)
13. Eisenhowers nickname (3)
15. Located (5)
16. Perpetrate (6)
18. Mass migration (6)
19. Majestic (5)
21. Arduous expedition (4)
22. The Green Isle (4)

Solutions to crossword No. 78.

Across: 1. Sweat, 4. Clubs, 10. Radio, 11. Drizzle, 12. Stefanie, 13. Fair, 15. Recoil, 17. Riddle, 19. T.Rex, 20. Feasible, 23. Obvious, 24. Libra, 25. Brink, 26. Beryl.

Down: 2. Wedge, 3. Aromatic, 5. Laid, 6. Buzzard, 7. Frustration, 8. Eddie, 9. George Segal, 14. Dissolve, 16. Cleaver, 18. Lease, 21. Bobby, 22. Mown.

Doodle Box



EU parliament elections: a further shunt to the right at Brussels

While the most notable outcome in the Irish results were the successes for Joe Higgins and the Labour Party, in contrast, the overall result was characterised by further advances for the conservative European People's Party (EPP). They have won the elections for the third consecutive time in a row, with 267 out of 736 seats. Their champion, José Manuel Barroso, is now expected to continue as President of European Commission and we can expect more free-market policies that have crippled the Irish economy. Long gone now is the social Europe of the 1990s to which many Irish people were attracted. Cruel financial rectitude and mass unemployment will be the hallmarks of this meaner EU regime.

Never mind the guarantees – it's the economy now

Since Ireland's NO to Lisbon in June 2008, our government has engaged itself in phoney negotiations with Brussels to secure what can only be legally worthless guarantees on ethical issues, tax sovereignty and our neutral status. These fake concessions are supposed to bamboozle voters into overturning their position of last year. However, this process is not only duplicitous but also out of date - due to the international financial and economic tsunami that has engulfed Irish society.

The up-to 60 billion euro bank bailouts, the soon-to-be-exceeded 500,000 dole queues, the tax and levies hikes, etc. are all as a direct consequence of the neo-liberal, EU-promoted policies that were slavishly followed by successive Irish governments and greedily implemented by our banking and business elites. All of this has now exposed further fatal flaws within the Lisbon Treaty pertaining to its financial provisions. Ireland and other peripheral countries in the eurozone have suffered from the European Central Bank's policies on interest and exchange rates that have been set at levels suited to French and German economic conditions. To correct this bias against Ireland we must again reject Lisbon for it contains the following clause which copper fastens French and German control of the controlling body of the ECB:

'the votes in the Governing Council shall be weighted according to the national central banks' shares in the subscribed capital of the ECB.'

The only way that smaller states can escape a future of permanent disadvantage within the ECB is to have Lisbon's ECB clauses scrapped and a new mechanism created to reshape banking policies that genuinely provide financial stability for all within the eurozone. It is on such issues that the Lisbon Two referendum debates must be centred!

European trade unionists also want Lisbon changed

At a conference held on May 27-28, the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) called on the European Council to adopt an unambiguous and binding commitment to fundamental social rights as part of the guarantees to be given to Ireland ahead of the second referendum on the Lisbon Treaty. Their letter to the Council stated:

You will see that we are calling for a bigger Recovery Plan, better coordinated and directed action at European level, no return to the 'casino' capitalism which has caused the crisis, and for a Social Progress Protocol to be added to the EU treaties, with a revised Posted Workers Directive, to correct the present, worrying unbalance between the free movement of services and collective bargaining at national level.

Sound man Eamon – no Lisbon Two

The Labour leader, Eamon Gilmore, is deservedly Ireland's most popular political leader: his independent and straight-talking stance in holding government and banking bosses to account for their disastrous policies has found favour with the public. For this he and his colleagues have been rewarded at the recent polls. He was also spot on when he said after the result of the referendum last year that Lisbon is dead and should not be revisited. "I do not think there is any question of treaty being put a second time to the people." Mindful of the increasingly anti-worker and right wing direction of the EU, we urge Eamon and his party to stand firm on his principled stand of respecting the Irish people's decision of June 08 and give courageous leadership against Lisbon Two.

Eamon, James Connolly's words, "*The cause of Labour is the cause of Ireland, the cause of Ireland is the cause of Labour*", are most prescient at this critical juncture in Irish history.

Michael Quinn, Sec. North Kildare Branch, People's Movement
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Children's Colouring Competition

July 2009



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Party Political—Áine Brady T.D.

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Aine Brady T.D.

Parents urged to apply now for Back to School Clothing & Footwear Allowance

Over 140,000 families with school-going children are expected to apply for the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance this summer, according to Minister for Social and Family Affairs Mary Hanafin T.D. This scheme will see parents being assisted with the back to school costs through payments of €200 or €305 depending on the age of their children. Minister Hanafin urged eligible families to apply in plenty of time, in order to ensure that they receive payment before the new school year starts. **"Probably the furthest thing from most parents' minds this week is the start of the new school year. But we know that families always find this a pressurised time financially, so I would urge them now to take the time to apply for the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance, as it can take 6- 8 weeks to process applications and receive payment."**

The number of children benefitting from the scheme has increased over the past number of years, rising from 161,000 in 2006 to over 200,000 last year. Given increased income thresholds and the increase in the numbers on the Live Register, the numbers likely to benefit this year are expected to be over 250,000 children. Expenditure on the scheme this year is expected to be €68million.

Minister Hanafin said in the changes introduced in the Budget this year "means that an estimated 18,000 more families will benefit as the income thresholds for entitlement to the scheme were increased by €50." This brings the income limits for the allowance for parents with one child to €560 for couples and €407 for those parenting alone.

Another special measure which was introduced in the Budget was an additional allowance of €215 payable to 18 year olds in full time education for whom, the half rate Child Benefit is now applied. Total back to school payment in respects of children aged 18 is €520. The scheme is administered on behalf of the Department by the Community Welfare Division of the Health Service Executive, with staff in place now to deal with claims. A person may qualify for payment of an allowance if they are in receipt of a Social Welfare payment (including Family Income Supplement), or Health Service Executive payment, are participating in an approved employment scheme or attending a recognised education and training course and have household income at or below certain set levels. Minister Hanafin said "the purpose of the household income limit is to ensure that the allowance is directed at those with the greatest need."

The mobile text service now makes it even quicker for parents to apply for the relevant forms. For those who are eligible, they can now apply by text message to request an application form.

Text - FORM BTSCFA - to 51909 followed by their name and address, or

Application forms are available on the Department's website at <http://www.welfare.ie/EN/Forms/Documents/bscfa.pdf> or at http://communitywelfareservice.ie/cws_public/application-forms.

There is also a 24 hour Lo - Call leaflet line number to order forms – 1890 20 23 25

Completed applications should then be returned to the relevant address for your area outlined on the Community Welfare Service website http://communitywelfareservice.ie/cws_public/

Applications for the allowance can be made between the beginning of June and the end of September each year.

A person may qualify for the Back to School Clothing and Footwear scheme if they are:

getting a Social Welfare payment (including Family Income Supplement) or a Health Service Executive (HSE) payment or taking part in an approved employment schemes or training courses: and

getting a Qualified Child Increase with their social welfare payment and their household income is within the limits in either of the tables below.

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Party Political—Áine Brady T.D.

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Income Limits for 2009 are RATES OF PAYMENT

The rates of payment are :

Couple with :	Income Limit	Lone Parent with	Income Limit
1 child	560.00	1 child	407.00
2 children	586.00	2 children	433.00
3 children	612.00	3 children	459.00
4 children	638.00*	4 children	485.00*

*Limit is increased by €26.00 for each additional child.

- a) €200 in respect of children aged 2 to 11 on the 30th September 2009;
- (b) €305 in respect of children aged 12 to 17 on the 30th September 2009;
- (c) €305 in respect of children aged 18 to 22 on the 30th September 2009 who are in full time education.
- (d) As a special measure introduced in Budget 2009, an additional amount of €215 is payable for children aged 18 ONLY in respect of whom half rate Child Benefit is in payment. Total payment in respect of children aged 18 is €520.

Further information on the scheme is available on Social and Family Affairs website <http://www.welfare.ie/>. Links to application forms are available on the Department's website at <http://www.welfare.ie/EN/Forms/Documents/bscfa.pdf> or at http://communitywelfareservice.ie/cws_public/application-forms.

Applications for Working Training Programmes now accepted

The Minister of State at the Department of Health, Aine Brady TD, has stated that FAS is now accepting applications for both the Work Placement Programme and a pilot Short Time Working Training Programme, both of which were announced recently.

'Both of these programmes, which are aimed at assisting the unemployed and those on a reduced working week, were contained in April's Supplementary Budget.'

"With the increasing numbers of people who are unemployed this Government is continuing to develop and put in place new programmes that will enhance the work experience and training opportunities for people that are becoming unemployed.'

'Last March, I met with the Tánaiste and proposed that we have such programmes. I also made contact with FAS and the Minister for Social and Family Affairs to discuss such schemes. I am delighted that these

programmes are now available and they will enhance the skills of the people that are now find themselves unemployment.'

'From 2nd June FÁS local offices will be taking applications from people who are interested in either Programme, with a view to placing them or commencing their training within a period of weeks.'

'These schemes will bring valuable experience to many and enable people to benefit fully from an economic upturn, when it comes, as it well'

'Traditionally social welfare payments for jobseekers were conditional on the recipient actively seeking work. These new schemes waive that requirement and see us move from welfare for unemployment to welfare to work." Concluded Minister Brady.

Information Note of the Scheme:

The details of the new activation programmes are as follows:

WORK PLACEMENT PROGRAMME

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR STREAM 1:

GRADUATES (1,000 PLACES, SIX-MONTH DURATION)

- Graduates must have graduated before 2009.
- Graduates must have attained a full award at level 7 or above on the National Framework of Qualifications.
- Graduates must be on the Live Register for a period of at least 6 months and in receipt of Job Seeker's Allowance, from the Department of Social and Family Affairs.
- The placement will be for a six-month period.
- FÁS will administer the Programme.
- Local FÁS offices will be the first point of contact for those interested in the Programme.
- FÁS will allocate a number of places to each FÁS Region having regard to the size of the Live Register in that Region. Each Region will then allocate places on 'first in first served' basis within their own allocation.
- FÁS will refer all potential participants to providers.
- On referral from FÁS, the provider of the work experience may interview potential participants.
- DSFA will continue to pay social welfare entitlements to participants on the Programme.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR STREAM 2:

• (1,000 PLACES, SIX-MONTH DURATION)

- Participants must be on the Live Register for a period of at least 6 months and in receipt of Job Seeker's Allowance, from the Department of **Social and Family Affairs**.

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- This stream will be open to all individuals who do not possess a full award at level 7 or above on the National Framework of Qualifications.
- 250 places will be ring-fenced for under 25's.
- The placement will be for a six-month period.
- FÁS will administer the Programme.
- FÁS will allocate a number of places to each FÁS Region having regard to the size of the Live Register in that Region. Each Region will then allocate places on 'first in first served' basis within their own allocation
- Local FÁS offices will be the first point of contact for those interested in the Programme.
- FÁS will refer all potential participants to providers.
- On referral from FÁS, the provider of the work experience may interview potential participants.
- DSFA will continue to pay social welfare entitlements to participants on the Programme.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

PROVIDERS

- The Programme will be open to both public and private sector employers.
- The maximum number of placements with a single provider shall be 10 or 10% of their workforce whichever is the smaller.
- The placement will be for a six-month period.
- Prospective providers shall register with FÁS.
- On referral from FÁS, the provider of the work experience may interview potential participants.
- The placement will not be provided to fill an existing vacancy
- The placement will not be provided to displace an existing employee

MONITORING:

- FÁS will design and implement a monitoring system.
- A Review Group will be established to review the Programme.

SHORT TIME WORKING TRAINING PROGRAMME

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

277 PLACES OVER A 52-WEEK PERIOD

- There will be 277 places available.
- Each placement will be for a period of 52 weeks.
- FÁS will administer the Programme.
- FÁS will offer flexible learning to individuals to enable them complete courses should they go back full time.
- Local FÁS offices will be the first point of contact for those interested in the Programme.

- FÁS will be the initial provider of training.
- The Programme will be limited to people currently on systematic short time and in receipt of social welfare payments.
- DSFA will continue to pay participants social welfare entitlements whilst receiving training whilst on systematic short time working.

Funding for Kildare Volunteer Bureau welcomed by Brady.

Aine Brady TD, Minister of State at the Department of Health and Children has been informed by her colleague Minister John Curran TD, at the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, that Kildare Volunteer Bureau is to receive €125,270.

'The primary role of the Bureau is to match members of the public interested in volunteering with local community organisations seeking volunteers.'

'Volunteers are a very important ingredient in building communities. Kildare has undergone many fundamental changes in recent years, with the rapid change in our population base. However, we have retained a tradition of people helping each other and working together.' stated Minister Brady.

'The fact that we are now seeing a significant increase in the number of people of all ages and backgrounds who are interested in volunteering bodes well for our volunteering culture into the future.'

'In addition, we have seen an initiative by Intel early this year which rewarded volunteerism. Intel, as part of its 40th Anniversary Celebrations provided matching grants for employees that volunteer their time to sporting organisations. This meant that every hour volunteered by an employee was matched with \$10 by the Intel Foundation. Clubs in Kildare that participated in the scheme eared up to max \$10,000 from the Intel Foundation.' Concluded Minister Brady.

Minister Brady welcomes € 500,000 allocation for Housing Aid for the Elderly in Dublin/Mid Leinster

Áine Brady, T.D., Minister for Older People and Health Promotion, today 19 May, 2009 welcomed the announcement by her Government colleague Minister for Housing and Local Services, Michael Finneran T.D.

that the Task Force on Special Housing Aid for the Elderly, under the aegis of the Department of the

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Environment, Heritage and Local Government, is allocating a funding of €500,000 to the Dublin/Mid Leinster of the Health Service Executive for 2009. This allocation of funding is being made available for the carrying out of essential repairs to houses occupied by elderly persons living on their own under the Special Housing Aid for the Elderly scheme.

"This funding will ensure that all outstanding applications in the Dublin/Mid Leinster region will be processed and allowing older people to remain in their own homes and communities for as long as possible."

Announcing the funding, the Minister said that she was delighted with the effectiveness of the scheme in helping older people to live in their own homes.

Aine Brady TD, Minister of State at the Department of Health

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The Miracle Prayer

Dear Heart of Jesus in the
past I have asked for
many favours. This time I
ask for a special one
(mention here). Take it
dear heart of Jesus and
place it within your own
broken Heart where your
father sees it.

Then, in His merciful eyes
it will become Your favour
Not mine. Amen

Say this prayer for three
days. Promise publication
and prayer and favour will
be granted, no matter
how impossible.

Never known to fail.
thanksgiving for favour
received.

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Unprecedented Level of Interest in Home Energy Saving Scheme.

The recently launched Home Energy Saving scheme has proven immensely popular among Irish homeowners. In just four months over €16 million in insulation grants is being paid to approximately 12,000 householders nationwide. Over 2,000 construction workers and trades people have registered to carry out the works.

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick is urging people to think ahead, "while it may not be foremost in people's minds during the summer months, now is the time to get the work done. Well insulated and energy efficient homes will mean reduced energy bills as well as increased warmth and comfort. With a budget reaching €50million for this year, significant funding is still available. Apply now by calling Sustainable Energy Ireland on 1850 927000 or online at www.sei/hes.

Details of new green FÁS courses for construction sector.

The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment has announced the detail of a number of new training programmes for those who have lost their jobs in the construction sector. The new FÁS courses are aimed at helping those in construction convert or upgrade their skills set to take advantage of the new wave of green and clean-tech opportunities coming on-stream nationally.

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick who is the Convener of the Enterprise, Trade & Employment added, "*This Government is committed to increasing the skills levels and help develop new skills sets for workers who have lost their jobs that will allow them take advantage of opportunities in new emerging growth areas within the construction sector. These include the installation of energy efficient and renewable technologies, together with compliance and energy rating work. This is the direction we need to be going in.*" said Michael.

Some of the new courses on offer through FÁS as follows:-

- **Gas safety and installation courses:**
- **Sustainable Energy courses:**
- **Building Energy Rating:**
- **Smart/Intelligent Building Systems:**
- **Insulation technologies and techniques:**

Plans were well advanced to further expand this initial offering of green and clean-tech construction sector courses with the following additional courses due to come on stream later this year:

- **Micro-Electricity Generation Wind Turbine & Photovoltaic**
- **Passive House Building:**

In addition, under the **Skillnets Training Networks Programme** a number of relevant training courses are currently provided to participants, including construction workers, in knowledge areas such as Building Energy Rating, Low Carbon Energy Assessment, Air Permeability Training, Energy Savings and Water Hygiene.

Contact your local FAS Office for more details.

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