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My colleagues : Cllr Paul Kelly, Mr. Paul Ward.

Editorial

Meitheamh 2009

*'Samhradh samhradh bainne na ngamhna
Thugamar féin an Samhradh linn
Samhradh duilliúir thugamar an chraobh linn
Thugamar féin an Samhradh linn.'*

'Summer summer milk from the calves
We brought the summer with us
Summer greenery we brought the branch with us
We brought the summer with us'

Summer has arrived in Maynooth and with the arrival of fine weather it can only mean the end of the school year. To those pupils who are finishing sixth class in The Presentation Girl's National School, St. Mary's Boy's National School and Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich we wish them every good fortune. As they embark on their next step to secondary education they will feel a little trepidation for the future mingled with a touch of nostalgia for their old school. But big school is really one big adventure and after eight years in primary school, all are up for the challenge. To those Students in Maynooth Post Primary School who are about to sit the State Junior and Leaving Certificate Examinations we extend our best wishes and a message to persevere in your diligence so that your effort will bring its own reward. We extend the same best wishes to the students sitting examinations in St. Patrick's College and The National University respectively.

The new executive officers of Maynooth Community Council as returned at the A.G.M. are as follows, Mr. Tom Mc Mullen, Ms. Muireann Ní Bhrolacháin, Mr. Willie Saults, Ms. Deirdre Cullen, Mr. Paul Croghan and Mr. Colm Ó Cearúil. The new Community Council will continue:

- 1 'To promote through a common effort, the wellbeing of the inhabitants of the Maynooth area, without distinction as to age, sex, race, colour, religion or political opinion'
- 2 To provide or secure whatever facilities or amenities it considers to be lacking or desirable in the Maynooth area.
- 3 To provide or help to provide employment in the Maynooth area.
- 4 To assist where possible the local authority in the exercise of its office in the Maynooth area,

(The Constitution of Maynooth Community Council)

As a Council we will strive to achieve the above aims and objectives. We are very conscious of the continuous problem of parking in Maynooth, we are acutely aware of the lack of a Community Centre and the pressing need for a second Secondary School for Maynooth. We would appreciate the support of new members in helping us to resolve old problems and to achieve new objectives. We meet on the first Monday of the month in the Glenroyal Hotel at 8.30p.m. Please bring a mandate from your housing estate or your voluntary club or organisation.

I wish Mr. Andrew Mc Mullen and his hard working committee every good fortune with The Maynooth Geraldine Cultural Festival / Féile Chultúrtha na nGearaltaigh Mhaigh Nuad. This year's festival promises to be the best ever and we look forward to the many events listed in this month's issue of *The Maynooth Newsletter*.

Guím gach rath ar na n-iarrthóir 's na toghcháin áitiúla. I wish each candidate in the Kildare County Council elections the very best of luck. Win or lose each have shown by their interest in standing for election that they care about Maynooth and wish to promote our interests in Kildare County Council.

Samhradh faoi bhláth chuig Mhuintir Mhaigh Nuad!

Colm Ó Cearúil

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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.

Deidre Cullen P.R.O.



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Summer Recipes

Spring Onion Chilli Prawns

Ingredients

20g/³/₄oz butter
2 spring onions, sliced
1 clove garlic, crushed
¹/₂ red chilli, seeds removed (prevents it from being too spicy) and finely chopped
4 king prawns, cooked, and peeled, tails left on
small handful coriander leaves ¹/₂ lime, juice only

Method

1. Melt the butter in a saucepan over a medium heat and add the spring onion, garlic and chilli and cook for one minute.
2. Add prawns and heat through.
3. Transfer the prawns, spring onion, garlic and chilli onto a serving dish, scatter over the coriander leaves and drizzle with the lime juice.

Oriental sticky Chicken Wings and Drumsticks

Ingredients

6 chicken drumsticks, preferably free-range
6 chicken wings, preferably free-range
For the marinade:
2 tbsp clear honey
3cm/¹/₄in piece of fresh ginger, peeled and grated
1 garlic clove, crushed
2 tsp soy sauce
3 tbsp orange marmalade
¹/₂ tsp grated orange zest
1 tbsp sesame oil

Method

1. Slash the chicken drumsticks three to four times each with a sharp knife and place in a non-metallic bowl with the chicken wings. Mix together all of the marinade ingredients and pour over the chicken. Leave to marinate for at least 2 hours, or overnight if you can, turning occasionally.
2. Once it has marinated, place the chicken on the barbecue over medium-hot coals and cook for about 20 minutes, brushing with any marinade left in the dish as it cooks. If it's colouring too quickly, move to a cooler part of the barbecue to cook more gently. It's important you cook the chicken all the way through.

Beef Bourguignon Kebabs

Ingredients

900g/2lb sirloin or rump steak, cut into 4cm/¹/₂in cubes
225g/8oz rind less smoked streaky bacon
18 button onions, peeled
24 button mushroom, wiped
olive oil for brushing
salt and freshly ground black pepper

For the Marinade:

5 tbsp red wine
3 tbsp olive oil
1 tbsp tomato purée
2 shallots, finely chopped
2 garlic cloves, crushed
2 tbsp chopped fresh parsley
12 small fresh bay leaves
12 x 25cm/10in flat metal skewers

Method

1. Mix together the ingredients for the marinade and pour it into a non-metallic dish. Stir in the steak, cover and leave to marinate at room temperature for 2 hours or in the fridge overnight.
2. The next day stretch the bacon rashers on a board with the back of a knife. Cut each rasher in half and roll up tightly.
3. Drop the button onions into a pan of boiling water and cook for 2-3 minutes until just tender. Drain and refresh in cold water.
4. Thread the cubes of beef, the onions, bacon rolls, mushrooms and bay leaves from the marinade alternately on to the skewers. Brush the mushrooms and the onions with a little extra olive oil and then season the kebabs well with salt and pepper.
5. Barbecue the kebabs over medium-hot coals for 6 minutes, turning and basting with the leftover marinade now and then.

Summertime Favourite Avocado Chilli Dip

6 green chillies, skinned, seeds removed, chopped
3 tbsp milk
250g/8oz cream cheese
1 clove garlic, minced
3 ripe avocados, peeled, seeded, mashed
3 tbsp sour cream

1. Blend all ingredients together until creamy.
2. Allow to sit for at least an hour to blend flavours.

Maynooth Flower & Garden Club

The next meeting of the Maynooth Flower & Garden Club will take place on Tuesday 16th June in Loftus Hall, St. Patricks College at 8.00 p.m. A floral demonstration will be given by Christine Hughes. Admission to non members €5 and everyone is welcome to attend. All arrangements will be raffled at end of night. This will be our last meeting before the summer holidays. The annual outing is on 20th June to visit Rev. McMillan's garden, places need to be booked now, contact Marguerite on 087 6689960.

The results of the Spring Show held on the 25th April.

The National University of Ireland Maynooth Perpetual Cup for Best Exhibit in Show

Winner: Mary Hayde



The Ulster Bank Perpetual Cup for Best Use of Colour

Winner: Noeleen O'Brien



The Bradshaw Perpetual Cup for Best Use of Colour

Winner: Moira Baxter

Amanda Harris Cup for Most Innovative Use of Plant Material

Winner: Pat Dalton

The Satchwell Perpetual Cup for Best Exhibit in Classes 1, 2 & 3 "Take 5", "Happy Times" and "Spring Basket"

Winner: Hannah Kelly

The Flower Pot Perpetual Cup for Winner of Class 4 ("Waste Not ...")

Winner: Mary Hayde

RHSI Medal for Winner of Class 5 ("Crystal Clear")

Winner: Adrienne Thompson

Maynooth Flower & Garden Club Perpetual Cup for Winner of Class 6 ("Pottering")

Winner: Sarah Angel

The Aoifa Perpetual Cup for Winner of Class 7 "Bowl of Beauty"

Winner: Betty Farrell

Maynooth Flower & Garden Club Miniature Cup for Winner of Class 8 ("A Touch of Spring")

Winner: Imelda Desmond

Perpetual Trophy for Best Entry in Plant Section

Winner: Judy Barry

RHSI Medal for Winner of Class 13 ("A Collection of Spring Flowers")

Winner: Judy Barry

Pet Corner

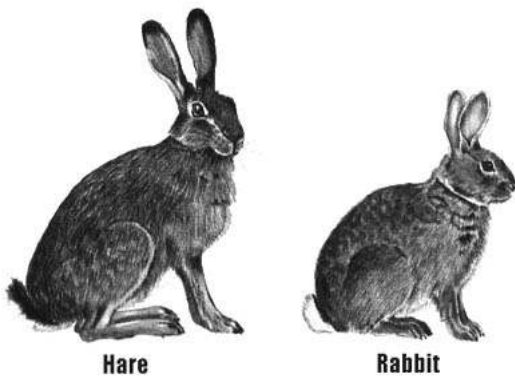
Coping with Pet Loss

Anyone who considers a pet a beloved friend, companion, or family member knows the intense pain that accompanies the loss of that friend. Intense grief over the loss of a pet is normal and natural. Don't let anyone tell you that it's silly, crazy, or overly sentimental to grieve! People who don't understand the pet/owner bond may not understand your pain. **You have a right to feel pain and grief! Someone you loved has died, and you feel alone and bereaved.**

One needs time to work through grief and loss before attempting to build a relationship with a new pet. If your emotions are still in turmoil, you may resent a new pet for trying to "take the place" of the old, for what you really want is your old pet back. Children in particular may feel that loving a new pet is "disloyal" to the previous pet. When you do get a new pet, avoid getting a "lookalike" pet, which makes comparisons all the more likely. Don't expect your new pet to be "just like" the one you lost, but allow it to develop its own personality. Never give a new pet the same name or nickname as the old one. Avoid the temptation to compare the new pet to the old one. It can be hard to remember that your beloved companion also caused a few problems when it was young! A new pet should be acquired because you are ready to move forward and build a new relationship-rather than looking backward and mourning your loss. When you are ready, select an animal with whom you can build another long, loving relationship-because this is what having a pet is all about!



The Hare



At first glance it is easy to mistake a hare for a rabbit, particularly at a distance. The best way to tell the difference is by the hare's longer, black-tipped ears, and longer, more muscular hind legs. Both hares and rabbits have a split lip, or hare-lip, although there are slight differences. A rabbit's top lip is split up to the nostrils, but has a layer of skin to cover the gums. A hare's top lip is split so that the gums are visible. As a result, the top 'buck' teeth may protrude, particularly in old age.

From the moment of birth, hares live out in the open. For the first weeks of their life, the leverets instinct is to lie completely still in their 'milking forms'. Like most mammals born in the open, leverets have a coat of fur and are soon fully mobile. This

is in complete contrast to rabbits, which are born naked, blind and helpless in the security of a burrow. To keep warm the hare has a thick coat, which is white on the underside and reddish-brown above, flecked with tawny gold, black and white to camouflage it. Like a rabbit it has a sensitive nose and a split or hare-lip. The average life-span of a hare is two and a half years. Hares are not, as a rule, sociable; but they do show an intense interest in each other during the mating season. Groups of individuals, consisting of several males called jack-hares, will pursue a female (doe) in a chaotic, free-for-all display. During their dispute over the doe the jacks have boxing matches. They rise up on their hind legs, box and batter each other with their forepaws and turn in circles with their hind legs thumping the ground.

The hare's large eyes have a very glassy quality. The eyes are on the side of the head and so give good wide field vision, they can also look backwards. Sometimes, when being chased, the hare will run straight into a net or other object, since it suffers from a blind spot immediately in front.

If you have any funny pet stories, or any pet story please send them into The Newsletter for publication. Love to hear from you.

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June in the Garden

June is a rewarding month in the garden as you start to see the fruits of your labours. Herbaceous borders come alive with colour and the vegetable patch is full of fresh pickings.

Flower garden

Lilies

Potted lilies will be growing quickly now and as their flowers start developing they will need some support. Push several canes into the compost around the edge of the pot, linking them up with string to provide stability. If border lilies are not supported by neighbouring plants, use stakes around these too.

Roses

Sprinkle rose fertiliser around roots to encourage strong growth and a good flower display. Water in if rain does not fall within a couple of weeks or hoe into the soil, taking care not to harm the roots.

Bearded iris

Once irises have finished flowering in June, congested clumps can be lifted, divided and replanted. Reduce the leaf area by half and replant so that the rhizomes rest at the soil surface. Use our guide to dividing irises to get the best results from your plants.

Primulas

Dig up large clumps now and divide into individual plants, each with leaves and roots. Replant into newly prepared soil.

Summer bedding plants

Plant out tender bedding plants once all danger of frost has passed. If they have been grown in the greenhouse, harden off in a cold frame for a few days before planting out. Pots and trays of bedding plants can be placed on the patio during the day, but moved back under cover at night. Give them a boost by watering them in with liquid fertiliser.

Lupins and early perennials

Remember to cut off the old flower stems before they start to set seed. This will tidy the appearance of the plant but as an added bonus may even encourage a second flush of flowers. Also keep a watchful eye out for lupin aphids which should be controlled with an insecticide if necessary.

Greenhouse

Cuttings

As soon as cuttings taken earlier in the season have produced a good root system, or plants have outgrown their pots, pot them into a slightly larger pot. Try and use the same compost as they were potted in before.

Don't overfill with compost, but leave a gap at the top of the pot that can be watered into.

Fuchsias

Many young plants, including fuchsias, benefit from having their shoot tips pinched out to encourage branching. If left, shoots can grow very long and lanky, while pinching out creates bushier plants with more stems that ultimately carry more blooms.

Take cuttings

Take cuttings of geraniums, fuchsias, coleus and other houseplants.

Hippeastrum

Pick off dead flowers and seed-heads, unless you are aiming to save seed for new plants. Let the stem die down naturally, then cut it away neatly at its base.

Feed containerised plants

Most composts only contain sufficient nutrients to feed plants for about four to six weeks after potting up. Potted plants will then benefit from a weekly liquid feed to promote strong growth and generous flowering and fruiting. Learn the best way to feed your plants with our handy guide.

Greenhouse shading

Paint greenhouses with a shading paint or put roller blinds or shade netting in place for hot days.

Tomatoes

Tap the blooms on greenhouse tomatoes to improve pollination.

Kitchen garden

Vegetable seedlings

Thin out rows of vegetable seedlings growing from earlier sowings, such as beetroot, lettuce and radish. Final spacings are usually indicated on seed packets. Congested seedlings never reach their full potential, as they distort one another as they grow, resulting in a much smaller crop. Carefully pull out unwanted seedlings, leaving the rest at the desired spacing, then water the row to settle the soil back around the roots of the remaining ones. Crops to sow outside in early June include runner beans, dwarf French beans, kohlrabi, carrots, marrows, cauliflowers, peas, ridge cucumbers, sweet corn, swede, lettuce, endive, squashes and spinach.

Bird control

Spread nets over soft fruit bushes, such as currants, and over strawberries growing in rows or in containers. Once blackbirds and other birds find fruits to their taste they will return again and again and will quickly strip plants of unprotected fruit.

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Features

Face Painting in The Glenroyal Shopping Centre

Tiddlywinks & Scallywags Montessori had a face painting day in the Glenroyal Centre.

They are looking forward to their Summer Camps which will be held from June 22nd to July 17th



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Rose, Roberta & Autumn Carey



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I.C.A. Notes

The Guild continues to be very busy with crafts & sports, and the general competitions, Maynooth Guild collected € 5,216 for the Cancer Society. The national AGM took place on 27th May in Lyrath Hotel in Kilkenny. The next federation meeting will be held in Kilcock and Maynooth will host the September Federation meeting.

Kildare ICA week will take place in An Grianán from 22nd to 26th June and the weekend takes place from 6th to 8th November. A sports weekend takes place from 4th to 6th September and the classes are Pitch and Putt, Salsa Dancing and Bowling. We are busy working on our own Guild of the year booklet which has to be completed by 31st August. Competition for the Guild next month is decorated cup cakes. The Guild are starting to work on a Centenary quilt depicting ICA and Maynooth and the ICA is 100 years old in 2010.

An Grianán garden party takes place on Fri 26th June and Guild members will attend this evening. The Easter raffle was won by Veva Kearins and second place went to Mary Deane. Guild raffle was won by Mary Dunne, with Eileen Flynn taking second and Rosemary Hanley third. The monthly competition of "Knowing Dublin" was won by Margaret Houlihan and Rosemary Hanly. Second place went to Norah Mc Dermott and Mary Mc Namara and there was a tie for third Joe, O Connell and Teresa Corcoran and Eileen Flynn and Mary Dunne. Next meeting Thursday 4th June in ICA Hall.

Norah McDermott P.R.O.

The Lisbon Treaty

The Treaty is dead,
I had a pain in my head,
So to bed, for sometime
I did go,
Some said Yes,
Some said No,
and others don't know
I was confused and upset
Then I started to sweat,
Was it Yes,
Was it No,
Or maybe don't know
Now Europe's gone mad
The opposition is glad
So we will reflect for
sometime,
And then things, will be
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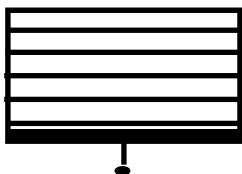


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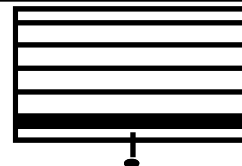
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Features-Maynooth in the 1950s



Bill Donovan, Tim Guiney and Joe Keenan

Window dressed for Corpus Christi Procession



Maynooth Pioneer Social December 1958

(Back row) Bill Donovan, Fr. Leahy, Paddy Dunne.(Middle row) Paul Burke, Owen Byrne, John O' Mahony, John Donnelly. (Front row) Friend of Cuskers, Teresa Cusker, Terry Carey, Kathleen Keeley, Aggie Duffy, Anne Barry.



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Poetry Corner

Summer Has Come Without the Rose

*Has summer come without the rose
Or left the bird behind?
Is the blue changed above thee,
O world! or am I blind?
Will you change every flower that grows,
Or only change this spot,
Where she who said, I love thee,
Now says, I love thee not?*

*The skies seemed true above thee,
The rose true on the tree;
The bird seemed true the summer through,
But all proved false to me.*

by A.W.E. O'Shaughnessy

Green Summer

*Summer flies by and the soft voices cry
for a mist of cool and a clear blue sky
White clouds drift and within their mist
Is a safe, still place like a solitary kiss
With the new day's birth on this age old earth
All the lost loves wail and the sad ones curse
Will they cry no more, will they lie still for
Just a blue sky dawn or a sun drenched floor?
Brave the headlong sprawl, break the helpless
fall*

*In our drifting haze, do we feel at all?
For our summer goes and the still voice knows
It will reign again when the soft wind blows.*

by Carey Lenahan

By An Island Lake

*Long drawn, the cool, green shadows
Steal o'er the lake's warm breast,
And the ancient silence follows
The burning sun to rest.
The calm of a thousand summers,
And dreams of countless Junes,
Return when the lake-wind murmurs
Thro' golden, August noon's.*

by William Stanley Braithwaite

Girl Of Donegal

*I searched here and there
For the girl of my dream
One with divine company to share
And made each other a team
In all of my loneliness
While the days swiftly fall
One which my heart cares
Was the beauty of Donegal*

*She walked with much grace
Eyes as blue as the sky
No one could ever replace
No one could ever pass by
Her red hair dangling down
A stern face soft but proud
She gave me not a frown
While my desire shouted out loud*

*A girl like you I said
Means the entire world to me
And in her eyes I read
The dearest one you'd ever see
With a face like blossom rose
She talked with easy breath
There in nature's beauty pose
Without any sign of fret*

*Along the dewy grass we lay
And kissed with passion strong
A time words cannot fully say
Made a vow forever to belong
The birds sang praise
Songsters of the valley adore
Lived in harmony many ways
And who could ask for more*

*Lady of the mountain
Precious woman of the heart
On your love be counting
To give our world a better start
Tomorrow is a brand new day
Together we will make it right
Destiny will show the way
The very woman of my delight*

by Patrick Murray

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at 8.00 p.m.

Maynooth Toastmasters

Monday 8th, 15th & 22nd June

In Glenroyal Hotel Maynooth at 7.45 p.m.

Guests are always welcome.

Maynooth Flower & Garden Club

Tuesday 16th June at 8.00 p.m.

In Loftus Hall
St. Patricks College

Non Members Welcome To Attend
Admission €5 Refreshments served

Maynooth Community Library

Polish storytelling series starts on
Tuesday 2nd June at 10.00 a.m.

Adult and children's Chess Club every
Monday at 6.00 p.m. in Library

Children's Book Club Tuesday
2nd June at 3.30 p.m.

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To be launched by Professor Dermot Moran

Roger Scruton: The Philosopher on Dover Beach
To be launched by Senator Eoghan Harris

The occasion will also see the launch of the
Association for the Study and Promotion of the
Philosophy of Edith Stein.

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MAYNOOTH TOASTMASTERS

Five members of the Maynooth Toastmasters have just returned to Ireland after they attended the International Toastmasters Conference which was held in the Cotswold England. Becoming a member of Toastmasters will help improve your confidence in speaking in public and enhance leadership skills. Our next meetings are on Monday 8th, 15th, and 22nd June in the Glenroyal Hotel at 7.45 pm. Guests are always welcome. Come along and have a great night of fun and enjoyment. Visit our website at maynoothtoastmasters.com or contact telephone number 087 6365004.



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Feature : All the girls in Summer Camp

It was the first day of the holidays. The girls were running out of the school gates for three whole months. Lisa and Brigid walked home together. "What will you do for the summer". Lisa asked Brigid. "I don't know." My parents are going on a cruise. "Mine are going to France". Well what will we do then?. I don't know. We will have to think of something. Pity we can't go with them. It would be fun.



Well we have to think quick. They are going next week and they have to know what we are doing. They are not leaving me on my own. Mine said the same thing said Brigid. Look said Lisa. I will call around to your house tonight and we will think of something. That's a good idea. Off they went home. They lived pretty near each other.

That evening Lisa called around to Brigid's house. They went out into the garden. Brigid had some squash ready to drink as the evening was warm. Lisa picked up a summer brochure for what teenagers could do during the summer holidays. One activity was a summer camp for girls. Look said Lisa here is a brochure for a summer camp. Do you think we should apply? "Yes" said Brigid. That's a swell idea. Give me that said Brigid looking at the advert.

It was for four whole weeks, long enough for their parents to go on their holidays and be back again for the end of camp. Lets apply. The two girls filled in the form for the summer camp. The next morning they walked to the town and posted their applications. They should have a reply by the end of the week. Will we tell our parents what we are going to do. Lets . They have to pay for our summer camp anyway. Lisa and Brigid told their parents what they wanted to do during the summer. Their parents agreed that at least the two of them would be supervised. The following week they sent the money and the week after that everybody would be going on a break.

Lisa and Brigid took the bus to the camp. They were sleeping with ten other girls in their dormitory. The next morning they were awoken at seven o'clock. So much for a lie in during the summer. All the girls crept out of bed still half asleep. They washed and dressed and went for their breakfast, which consisted of cereal toast and tea.

Their first activity was a swimming competition. All the girls knew how to swim so it was straight to the swimming pool. A skinny girl won. In the afternoon they were to do art. Lisa hated art, they sneaked into town instead, they thought they might be missed but went ahead. They doubted they would call the roll again. They looked around the shops. We better head back for tea at four o'clock. When they got back they weren't missed.

The two girls enjoyed their break at summer camp. They had a great time swimming and playing tennis and going to the cinema. They didn't do anything bold for the four weeks. It all passed too quickly. All the girls got to know one another. They swapped stories about school and family.

They stayed there for the duration of the summer camp. On Friday nights their parents would ring them and ask them how they were enjoying themselves. Then they girls were allowed to watch a film in the play room. Lights were out at ten o'clock every night.

All too quickly the four weeks passed and it was time to go home. On the last day the girls were picked up by a family member. They exchanged addresses and telephone numbers with one another and said that they would keep in contact.

Their parents would be back from their holidays now. When they were at home they exchanged stories telling about their summer.

When they went back to school after the remainder of the holidays they told of their time spent at summer camp. The teacher asked everybody to write a story about what they did during the summer.

Everyone did just that.

By **Enda Clavin**

Maynooth Geraldine Cultural Festival

Chairperson, Andrew McMullon and Festival Committee invite all to the launch of Maynooth Festival in Brady's Pub at 9 p.m. with Push for Porter on: **Thursday 25th June.**

Some of the other Festival events are:

On-going from 25th-28th June

The Joe Murphy Memorial Trophy Tesco 7-a-side Inter Estate Soccer Tournament From 15th to 28th June

Ladies & Gents Golf Tournament in Carton

Thursday 25th June:

- A night of light entertainment will take place in the Geraldine Castle with the St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band.
- Maynooth Local History Group
- Irish Dancing with Scoil Rince Uí Dhubhail
- Light-Heated Poetry and Verse by the Local Writers' Group and U3A Group
- Table Quiz O'Neill's Pub 9 p.m.
- Children's Table Quiz St. Mary's BNS 3.30 p.m.
- Festival Art Competition Ongoing all schools closing date Wednesday 10th June

Friday 26th June—An Nuadha Players, Plays, Friday 26th , Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th in the Geraldine Castle. A new play by local writer Martina Murphy. Titled "The Ten perhaps Fifteen Minute History of the Tuatha de Dannan." The second play of the evening is "Ruby of Elsinore" a one act play by Bruce Kane.

Entertainment in all local Establishments

Saturday 27th June.

The Family Car Treasure Hunt in association with Maynooth Football Club. Starts 6.00 p.m.

Also at 3.00 p.m. the unveiling of a plaque detailing the history of Manor Mills.

This is followed by refreshments and a Family Fun Day at Manor Mills SC.

Sunday 28th June-The 8th Kildare Maynooth Scouts Group will display their scouting craft and skills. Also a Family Fun Day in The Harbour Field.

Free Brochure will be delivered to 3,000 homes with full information of Festival.

Clubs, Organisations & Societies



Maynooth Golf Society

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Treasurer: David Weafer

Millicent Golf Club was the venue for second outing of the year of Maynooth Golf Society which was sponsored by Euro Farm Foods (Pat Connolly).

Weather conditions were very good and 39 members and visitors competed for prizes at this well prepared course.

The winner on the day was Sean Farrelly with a score of 37 points, 2nd place was Mick Fahy with 36 points, and 3rd place was Liam Farrelly with 35 points. All other prize winners are listed below.

We would like to thank all our members and visitors, who attended and supported this outing.

Our next event is "The Eddie Kavanagh Cup" at Mullingar Golf Club on 9th May.

We would also like to thank Pat Connolly who, sponsored the event, and who presented the prizes in Brady's Pub to all our prize winners.

RESULT SHEET

Outing to Millicent Golf Club 18th April 2009

Sponsored By:

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1st Prize	Sean Farrelly	37 pts
2nd Prize	Mick Fahy	36 pts
3rd Prize	Liam Farrelly	32 pts
4th Prize	Norman Kavanagh	31 pts
5th Prize	Tim Mullane	30 pts
6th Prize	Brendan Leigh	29 pts B9
7th Prize	Barry Farrell	29 pts
Front 9	Niall Farrell	20 pts
Back 9	Gerry McTernan	15 pts
Visitors	R Tobin	39 pts
Nearest the Pin	Tom Coffey	
2's Club	Sean Farrelly	

Next Venue: Mullingar Golf Club - Eddie Kavanagh Memorial Cup

Clubs, Organisations & Societies

Maynooth Tidy Towns

Annual Collection 2009

On behalf of the committee please accept our gratitude for your generosity to us during our annual collection which took place in May. The cost of putting up the hanging baskets and maintaining them as well as other open spaces for the season together with the other projects are significant and without your financial support these could not happen. To our non-committee collectors we appreciate your support.

Reinstatement Plans for "The Green" and the "Small Pound"

Maynooth Tidy Towns has received a commitment from Kildare County Council that these two areas as well as the area outside Maynooth Castle will be fully reinstated following completion of the sewerage treatment works upgrade. It is unfortunate that it was necessary for the contractors to go into these areas but as the work involved tunnelling these areas were in the firing line. Maynooth Tidy Towns takes the view that the damage creates an opportunity for these areas to be enhanced as part of the reinstatement works. To this end we have drawn up plans for all three areas and these will be submitted to Kildare County Council following wider community agreement in particular with adjoining residents of the areas involved. It is anticipated that the reinstatement works will be completed in 2009 – if not we will be on the case.

National Tidy Towns Competition 2009

Maynooth has entered the competition again this year despite concerns that some works in the town could damage our chances of achieving a good score this year. We have been here before and we are positive that we will at least hold our own. The main issues that impact on Maynooth's performance is the presence of litter and tidiness on the days that the judge calls. Because we are in the higher level performing towns we are judged on two occasions between June 1st and 31st August. Judging can take place anytime so it would be appreciated if you could be extra careful in ensuring that you do not cause any issues that will impact negatively on Maynooth's score.

Paul Croghan
Acting Chairperson
Maynooth Tidy Towns

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 Book Club

The book's to be discussed at our next junior book club on Tuesday 2nd June at 3.30pm. are:

"A Dog for Life" by L.S. Matthews 8 - 12 years

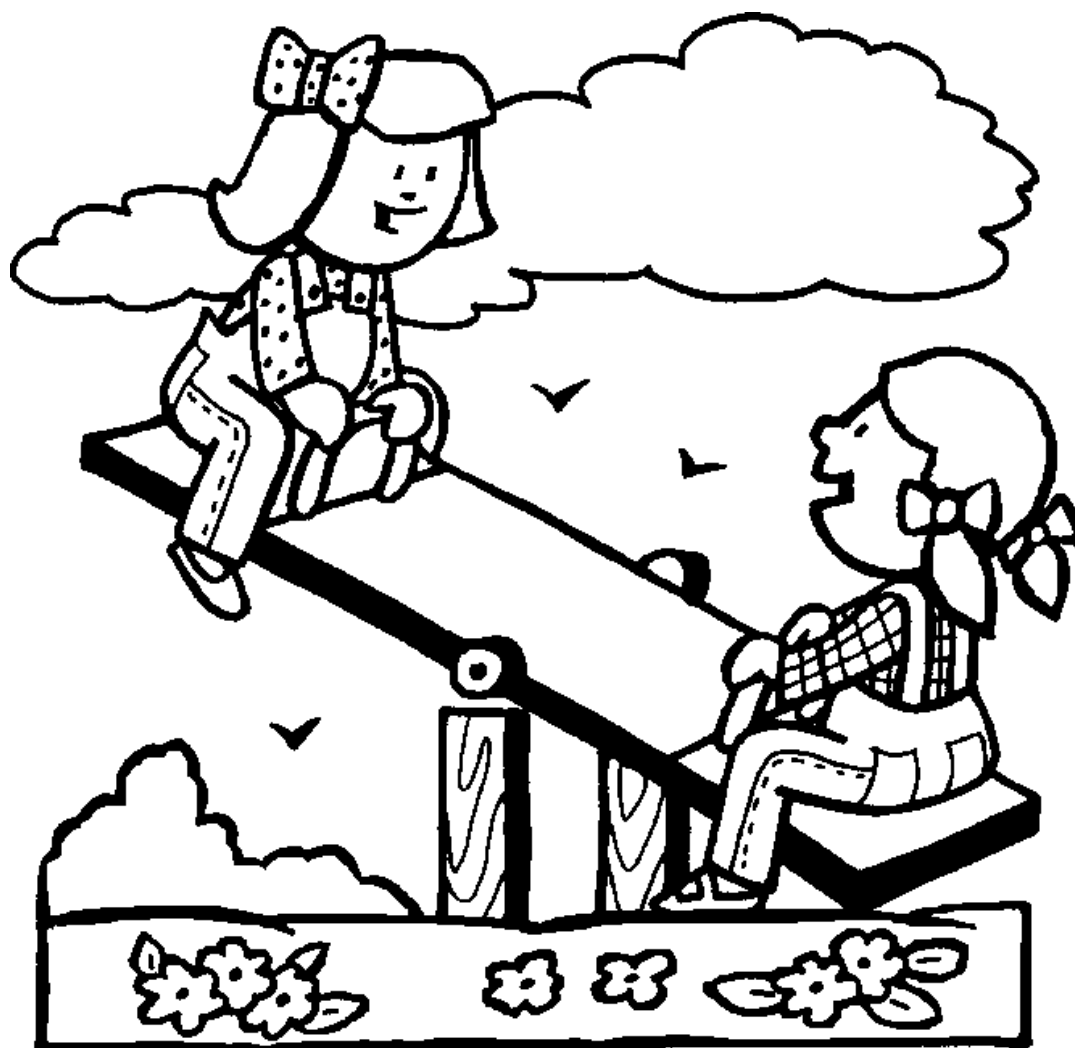
"Spy Dog" by Andrew Cope 5 - 7 years

This will be the last book club meeting before the start of the Summer holidays. Those who were unable to attend the last meeting can still collect their book in time for the next book club meeting on 2nd June.

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Children's Colouring Competition

June 2009



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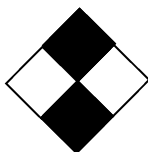
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Horoscopes



ARIES—March 21—April 20

Monday 15th is your lucky day. It is going to be all sunshine. Your finances are going to be on the up and up. Think of your friends as one of them will need a little love.

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



LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23

Your friends will love you this month as you are giving them a party. Make sure they appreciate it. It will be worth your while for the future.

Your lucky day is Friday, Number 2, Colour Orange.



TAURUS—April 21—May 21

This month should see you in a little bit of trouble on the social front. You are stepping on some one's toes. Be careful next time. Your love life will blossom though.

Your lucky day is Saturday, Number 8, Colour Blue.



SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22

This the sting sign. Make sure somebody does not sting you this month as it would prove lethal. There is love on the horizon. All is as it should be.

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



GEMINI—May 22—June 22

As Gemini is the twin sign you should look for some love in your life. There will be plenty of fun for you this month. Look on the bright side of things.

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



SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21

Ah the cupid sign. You are looking for love this month. It will come your way. Grab it with both hands as it will be gone the following morning.

Your lucky day is Saturday, Number 5, Colour Silver.



CANCER—June 23—July 23

This month you should get out more. People will be happy to see you. Things financial are secure for this week. Some little person is going to come your way to be loved.

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



CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20

You should be happy this month. You are financially secure and so is love. Why don't you go out a little bit as this will be rewarding.

Your lucky day is Tuesday, Number 10, Colour Black.



LEO—July 24—August 23

AH the Lion Sign—this is the sign of bravery! You are going to be brave this month. Don't look for anything. However you can hope, o don't despair. You will be happy about something.

Your lucky day is Tuesday, Number 9, Colour Yellow.



AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19

The water sign. It will prove fatal this month. Your friends will love you. Why not go out a bit more with them. Go with someone who appreciates you.

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



Virgo—August 24—Sept 23

This week should see you all out in your finery. There is a special occasion for you. Be polite as it should make you a lot of friends. Be happy.

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



PISCES—Feb 20—March 20

This month will bring some happiness. Your friend will tell you something. Pay heed to it. Things are working out for you.

Your lucky day is Thursday, Number 15, Colour Brown.



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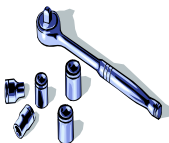
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The hair should never be worn "**done up**" constantly. This is injurious because every part of the hair should have frequent air and sun baths. For normal shampoo employ Castile, tar or vegetable soaps, and Green soap for oily hair. A good egg shampoo may be made of an egg, thoroughly beaten, one tablespoon alcohol, four ounces bay rum, a pinch of borax, and four ounces of Castile soap mixed in a pint of hot water, to be used when cool.

If you have the least suspicion of a curl in your hair, brushing around rather than straight will bring it out. Do not worry if you shed your hair. It is natural for the hair to shed — and to keep right on growing in again. Only see to it that the in growth is equal to the loss by shedding.

Most hair troubles could be prevented in the start by ordinary good care of the hair, and the maintenance of the state of general good health. Of course, various diseases affect the hair: fever dries it out and makes it fall; . Some skin diseases have the same effect. In general, if you are healthy, broadly speaking, your hair will be healthy too.

Dandruff—What we have to deal with in dandruff is a horny layer cast off by the scalp. This layer thickens, closes the pores, diminishes the hair's oil supply, and prevents the perspiration glands from getting rid of waste. Soon the hair loses tone and colour, and is covered with whitish powder. Then it starts to itch and fall. In an advanced state of the disease, the hair falls out, and blood crusts form on the scalp as a result of scratching. Digestive disorders, toxic elements in the blood or local irritation may cause dandruff, and it is communicable.

Quotations

"The problem with people who have no vices is that generally you can be pretty sure they're going to have some pretty annoying virtues."

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Monsignor Hugh Connolly, President of St Patrick's College, Maynooth.



Monsignor Connolly is a priest of Diocese of Dromore, born in September 1961. He is a native of Burren near Warrenpoint, Co Down where his sister, Rosemary, runs a well known solicitor's practice. He is a former student of Abbey Christian Brothers School, Newry and was ordained in Maynooth in June, 1987. As a young priest he studied for his Doctorate in moral *theology* at the Gregorian University, Rome which he completed in 1991.

Before being appointed President of Saint Patrick's College in 2007, he was Professor of Moral *Theology* and had been Registrar and Vice-President. The College comprises the Pontifical University where 400 students study *Theology*, and the National Seminary where 70 seminarians prepare for priesthood.

He particularly enjoyed his time teaching in the Pontifical University. He believes that *Theology* students discover a family-like bond with fellow students, and this is helped by the small College atmosphere of Saint Patrick's where lecturers and students interact very closely. As a result, past students have a great affection for the College, and tend to stay in touch after graduation. Students of the Pontifical University also have the benefit of the larger community, as they share the campus with the 7,000 students of the National University of Ireland, Maynooth.

Most students of the College come straight from school, but several students of *Theology* in Maynooth have already had careers or raised families and want to return to study, sometimes having missed the opportunity first time round. These students may be older than their teachers, and are a most welcome addition to the College, and enrich the whole community with their wisdom and experience.

At a personal level, Monsignor Connolly likes to travel, and each summer heads off with a rucksack, often to South America. He is very adept at languages, and can speak Spanish, French and Italian and is working on his Portuguese.

During the Easter break from his presidential duties, he went to Lourdes with the *Pilgrimage Trust*, where young people with disabilities are given a holiday. He finds this work very rewarding, and is constantly amazed by the generosity of the young helpers who accompany the young people. Each group is accompanied by a nurse, a doctor and a chaplain.

Monsignor Connolly has authored a book, published in 1995, on the *Irish Penitentials* and in 2002 published the volume *Sin* in the New Century *Theology* series. Monsignor Connolly was Executive Secretary of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference from 1991 to 1997.

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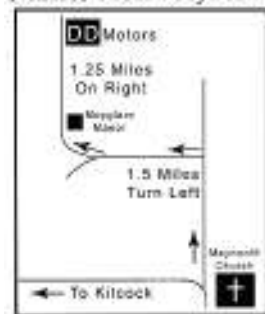
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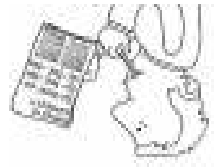
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MAYNOOTH U3A

U3A has reason to celebrate this month because we are now in existence three years. Thanks to Maeve Moloney for having the courage and confidence to establish a group in Maynooth. The U3A organisation is slowly growing throughout Ireland and meeting the social, educational, and cultural needs of the over 50s. For the past 3 years our members have enjoyed being challenged both mentally and physically. To ensure mobility there has been walking, pitch and putt, swimming and the 'Go For Life' programme. Lots of our members are particularly interested in history and have visited the Museums, Art Gallery and places of great historic interest. Socially, there were very successful trips to Belfast, Kilkenny and Arann Islands and we can't forget quite a bit of dining out. Presently, we are enjoying a creative phase. With the guidance of our tutor Paddy we are exploring and developing the short story with particular emphasis on characterisation. The imaginations are on fire and every week we listen as each member reads her very own creation. Well done to everyone because for most it's a totally new experience. Congratulations to all our budding authors.

As usual we welcome new members and perhaps you might come along to our June meetings on Friday 12th and 26th at 11.00 in the Community Library.

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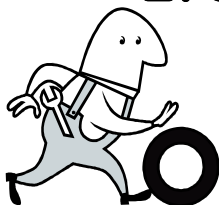
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Answer:

You may qualify for the new 1-year Short-term Enterprise Allowance, introduced on foot of the Supplementary Budget in April 2009.

This new scheme allows people who qualify for Jobseeker's Benefit (with 104 PRSI contributions paid in the past 2 years) or who have been awarded statutory redundancy to get immediate access to Back to Work Enterprise Allowance (BTWEA) Payment while setting up a business. This will be payable for the duration of your Jobseeker's Benefit entitlement (that is, either 9 or 12 months).

Enterprise Ireland may help if your business meets the criteria of a "High Potential Start-up". These criteria are listed on www.enterprise-ireland.com. You may also be able to get workspace in one of the Community Enterprise Centres funded by Enterprise Ireland.

Your local City or County Enterprise Board (CEB) may be able to provide support. Your business must have the capacity to be commercially viable, and the CEBs give priority to enterprises in the manufacturing or internationally traded services sectors. The sort of help they provide includes capital grants, employment grants and feasibility study grants. www.enterpriseboards.ie.

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Question:

I am buying my first home shortly and rely on getting Mortgage Interest Relief on my repayments. Will I still get this relief after the Supplementary Budget?

Answer:

You are referring to the new changes to Mortgage Interest Relief which were announced in the Supplementary Budget on 7th April 2009.

With effect from 1 May 2009, Mortgage Interest Relief is being discontinued for all mortgages after the seventh year. However, these are special transitional measures in 2009 for people who have had a mortgage for more than 7 years.

The Government has announced that it plans to review the scheme and eventually abolish the relief.

In your case, as a first-time buyer, you will be entitled to Mortgage Interest Relief at a rate of 25% for the first and second years of your mortgage.

For the third, fourth and fifth years, you will get relief at 22.5%.

For the sixth and seventh years, you will get relief at 15%.

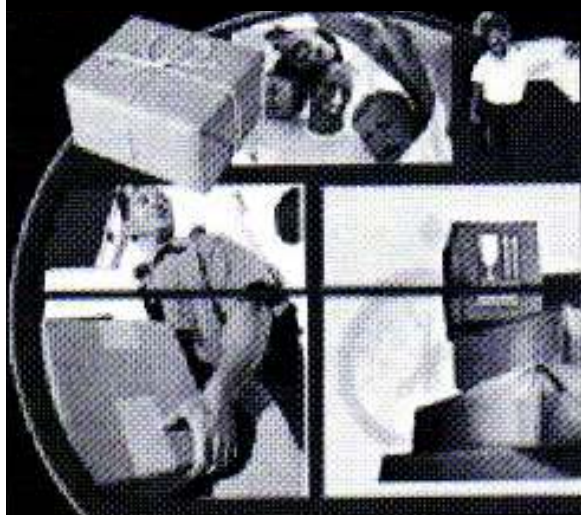
Under the new changes brought in by the Supplementary Budget, your entitlement to Mortgage Interest Relief will end after the seventh year.

Question:

What is Domiciliary Care Allowance? How do I apply? Is there a means test?

Answer:

The Domiciliary Care Allowance (DCA) is a monthly payment made to the carer of a child (aged under 16) with a severe disability who lives at home. The disability must be likely to last for at least one year, and the child must



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need constant care and supervision that is substantially more than that normally needed by a child of the same age. There is no means test.

Up to 1 April 2009, the DCA scheme was run by the Health Service Executive (HSE). The administration of the scheme is moving from the HSE to the Department of Scoil and Family Affairs (DSFA). Since 1 April 2009, the DSFA from September 2009.

Before this transfer, the means of the child (but not of the carer) were assessed and the payment could be reduced. From now on, neither the child's means nor the carer's own means are taken into account.

The full rate of DCA in 2009 is €309.50 per month. You can also get a Respite Care Grant (currently €1,700) which is paid during each year.

You may get a half-rate payment if your child is in residential care and goes home for 2 or more days a week, for example, if he/she attends a residential service from Monday to Friday and goes home at weekends.

There is no restriction on the number of children for whom you may claim DCA and Respite Care Grant. In other words, if you are caring for more than one eligible child, you may claim the payments for each child).

DCA does not affect your entitlement to Child Benefit. You may also qualify for Carer's Benefit or Carer's Allowance if you meet the relevant conditions.

To apply, you need form Dom Care 1. To get this, you can text "FORM DCA" and your name and address to 51909; download from www.Welfare.ie; ask at your Social Welfare Local Office or Citizens Information Centre; or Lo-call 1890 202 325. Fill in parts 1 to 5 of the application form and have your child's doctor complete parts 6 and 7. Attach any relevant reports or assessments, and send the form to Domiciliary Care Allowance Section—address on form.

Question:

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Answer:

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The new fee is €110 for the following classes of vehicle:

- Truck (category C)
- Bus (Category D)

The national average waiting time for driving tests is now less than ten weeks, so you can expect to be called for your test within a few weeks of applying. Depending on where you live, the waiting time for your test may be as little as six weeks.

A new IT system is being introduced shortly. This will enable customers to book their driving tests online. It will also allow them to choose the most suitable date, time and location.

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Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Maynooth GAA Club

GAA celebrate 125 years, Maynooth play a match with a difference

By Brendan Coffey, Maynooth GAA PRO

May was a special month for the GAA with 9 May set aside as Lá na gclub, a day for clubs across the country to celebrate 125 years of the association.

In Maynooth there was plenty of drama as players and mentors joined forces for the day to play against another team of coaches and players. There was plenty of drama but plenty of fun too.

On the Friday night there was a fundraising table quiz held in the clubhouse for this year's Féile competitions and the club has three teams entered – two boys football teams and one girls team. The camogie team are also off to the hurling and camogie Féile in Offaly after winning the Kildare title for the first time ever.

The Maynooth boys A team also completed a first by winning the final of the A Féile, beating Moorefield in the final. The B team did really well to reach the D final but lost out to Ellistown in the final.

The minor footballers created another piece of history when they won the club's first ever league title at the top level. After a fantastic run of wins to qualify for the final against Moorefield, Donal McAvinue's side showed great skill and maturity to win the title.

Meanwhile the club's senior footballers and hurlers have had mixed fortunes of late. The footballers are struggling in the bottom four of division of the senior football league with just one win against Johnstownbridge and two draws at home to Kilcullen and Round Towers. However the performance against Towers should give the team a boost after taking a point from the table toppers.

The senior hurlers enjoyed a great win over Ardclough in April but have been less successful in their most recent outings, losing to Ros Glas and Celbridge.

The junior B football team remain the talk of the club though after some action packed games in the club. Mick Gillick has masterminded a hugely talented bunch of players who are nothing if not entertaining. Crowds have been growing for the third team games and there is talk that they may become all ticket events before the end of the year. Gillick, a former club chairman and well known community activist, is taking it all in his stride.

"I'm delighted to see so many people taking an interest in the third team at least, even if they're jumping on the bandwagon now. I've been in charge for more years than I care to remember but I love just as much, even if Mark Nugent breaks my heart.

"We have a great bunch of players who have shown great commitment and dedication over many years and it's about time they got the recognition they deserve. My motto is simple: worry about the first half in the first half and worry about the second half when we get to half-time. We've had one win so far but the important thing at this time of the year is performance. The lads know that this is all building towards championship later in the year," said the managerial maestro.



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We know that Brussels and the Irish Yes side intend to use the recession to frighten the electorate into hoping that by granting more powers to the EU we will be saved from economic meltdown – despite the fact that it was the policies of Brussels and their Irish supporters that caused the problems in the first place. Accordingly, we wish to remind voters of how the recession was caused and what is at stake with the Lisbon Treaty. Furthermore, we urge voters to raise these issues with political canvassers, demand that their parties change their support for the failed EU policies and critically analyse each candidate's position on a second Lisbon referendum before casting your votes on 5 June.

All 27 EU Members are in economic crisis. Ireland is worse than most because of the borrowing binge, which was encouraged by the cosy cartel of Irish bankers and our elite political parties. Europe's biggest hitters, Germany and France, dominate European Central Bank policies but for Ireland this meant:

Bank interest rates out of kilter for the Irish economy: Frankfurt set rates at too low a level during the 'Celtic Tiger' years. Cheap money fed the property boom. It made billionaires of developers and the banksters – but resulted in rampant house price inflation and massive mortgages for homeowners.

Falling exports due to over-valued euro: Over 70% of our exports go to the UK, the US and outside the eurozone. The Irish Exporters Association reported total exports in 2008 fell by €6 billion and that the 6% decline to the UK can mainly be accounted for by the 33% depreciation in sterling against the euro. But the ECB failed to act because it doesn't suit Germany and France to devalue the euro. The resultant massive job losses in Ireland are of little concern to them.

Why the Pay Cuts and job losses? Because the euro was not devalued our Government and employers have embarked upon a crude 'internal devaluation'. Private sector employees and public and civil servants together have suffered savage reductions in pay. In turn demand for goods and services has collapsed and, bereft of banking facilities, small and medium enterprises are hemorrhaging jobs at an alarming rate. Unemployment will soon exceed 500,000. All are, pension values, investments, profits, social welfare entitlements, etc.

Tax increases and service cuts: the EU has Ireland given until 2013 to get our debt to GDP ratio down to 3% and the Government has set about achieving this with a vengeance. Yes, we need to sort out the deficits, but most economists now say it will take a generation to sort out the financial mess at the banks and government finances. Deflating the economy now with more taxes and cut backs can only lead to further economic and social carnage.

EU-supported bailout for the bankers: evidence has emerged that Finance Minister Lenihan coordinated his Emergency budget and the setting up of a National Asset Management Agency with EU officials. It seems the EU intend to use Ireland as a testing ground for a 'bad' bank, a device which will shift the banks' losses of up to 90 billion euro to the Irish State. If this works (or they get away with it) the NAMA concept may well be employed elsewhere in the EU. Most economists are opposed to NAMA and see temporary nationalisation as the only workable solution.

The Lisbon Treaty – out of date and fatally flawed

The Lisbon Treaty is the very embodiment of the EU's neo-liberal dogma, which assumes that banks and markets are at their most efficient when unfettered. It was conceived ten years ago when globalisation and financial capitalism were rampant. The whole world now knows to its bitter cost how disastrous such policies were.

We urgently need the EU and the ECB's euro policies to take real account of Ireland and other smaller countries' economic needs and make provision for our unique economic conditions. But Lisbon provides for increased legal powers for the ECB and states:

'The ECB...shall have legal personality, shall enjoy in each member state the most extensive legal capacity accorded to legal persons under its laws.

And it compounds the unequal relationship for smaller states by declaring:

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

Germany and France, whose populations total 147ml. and together command a GDP wealth, in millions of dollars, of 6,533,250 - as compared to Ireland's 273,328 - will always call the shots at the ECB. Clearly, Lisbon copper fastens Big States control of the ECB and condemns the smaller states to a future of permanent disadvantage. The rules governing the ECB must be changed.

We urge voters to raise these critical issues with local and Euro candidates and cast their highest preferences for those who opposed the Lisbon Treaty or who oppose holding another referendum before exercising their preferences for the other Candida

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Michael Fitzpatrick T.D.

Grant of €32,000 for Kildare for Public Education and Awareness Initiatives on Litter and Graffiti

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick is pleased with today's announcement by Minister John Gormley, T.D., Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, and Mr. Michael Kitt, T.D., Minister of State at the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, of the allocation of €32,000 to Kildare County Council for public education and awareness initiatives in relation to both litter and graffiti. It is hoped that this money will assist local authorities to continue their important work in this area.

The grant covers a broad range of measures to raise public awareness and promote anti-litter and anti-graffiti activity at local level, said Deputy Fitzpatrick. Eligible projects include local media campaigns, clean-ups, primary/secondary school competitions, exhibitions and the production of videos, posters and leaflets. There is a particular focus on involving schools and young people and on voluntary initiatives carried out by community groups.

The appearance of a community remains vital to both social and economic activity; it will assist our tourism industry greatly, added Deputy Fitzpatrick who acknowledged the role being played by local authorities and urged them to continue their work with community groups to tackle the litter and graffiti problems in their area.

Fitzpatrick welcomes official opening of Hazelhatch Station

Local Fianna Fail TD, Michael Fitzpatrick has welcomed the official opening of the Hazelhatch train station by the Minister for Transport, Noel Dempsey.

"I was delighted to welcome Minister Dempsey to Kildare to open the station."

"This up-grading of the Hazelhatch station is great news for the commuters of the north Kildare area. It is now possible to travel to Heuston Station in 15 minutes."

"As part of the up-grading of the facilities at the Hazelhatch station, additional car parking spaces will hopefully encourage more commuters to take the train," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

Fitzpatrick calls for renewable energy project to be based in Kildare

Kildare North Fianna Fail TD and member of the Oireachtas Committee on Environment has called for a proposed renewable energy project to be based in Kildare.

"The Environment Committee which I am a member of has invited proposals from County Councils on the

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feasibility of locating renewable energy projects in their local authority areas.”

“The renewable energy projects will follow the example of the town of Gussing in Austria where 50 new companies have been established and 1000 people have been employed since the 1990s through the establishment and expansion of systems of producing energy from sustainable local resources.”

“Leinster has been identified as a location that would be suitable for such a project as well as the establishment of a Solartuer School which will provide training in renewable energy technologies to students and skilled workers in the building, engineering and other sectors.”

“I am confident that Kildare, the north of the county in particular would be an ideal location for such an environmental project,” concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

Official Opening of Leixlip Garda Station.

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick welcomed Minister Dermot Ahern TD, Minister for Justice to Kildare on Monday May 25th last at the official opening of Leixlip Garda Station.

The opening of Leixlip Garda Station late last year allied with the new Kildare Garda Division which came into operation on January 1st serves to enhance the professional and efficient service being provided by the Gardai to all our communities, said Michael.

Leixlip Garda Station under the expert direction of Superintendent Giblin and his staff provides a 24 hour service and is the headquarters of a new Garda District which stretches from the north east of the county to Carbury in North West Kildare and now includes Maynooth.

GRANT AID OF €300,000 FOR HORTICULTURE GROWERS in Kildare

Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick has been informed by Mr.

Trevor Sargent T.D., Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, with special responsibility for Horticulture that a grant aid package of approximately €300,000 under the Grant Scheme for the Development of the Horticulture Sector has been announced for Kildare.

Grants to 7 horticultural producers in Co. Kildare for capital investments in new facilities are provided for in the package. The grant aid covers all areas of the horticultural production sector - including mushrooms, protected crops, nursery crops, field vegetables, soft fruits/apples and bee-keeping/others – and will help to fund on-farm investments.

Among those to benefit are Rentes Plants Ltd, Ballinadrimma, Moyvalley, Brendan Bryne, Corduff, Coill Dubh, Campbell Plants Ltd., Clonagh, Maynooth, L & K Dunne Nurseries, Russelstown, Woodview Nurseries, Ballyteague, Declan O'Brien in Naas and Woodside at Newlands, Naas

These are substantial and well deserved grants to persons with a proven track record in the business added Deputy Fitzpatrick, and he would urge shoppers to be on the look out for locally grown fruit and vegetables and reminded them that fresh local food in season tastes good and with less transportation and storage costs is better for the environment. We should support local producers and by doing so we are making an investment in our own community.

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Aine Brady T.D.

Budget 2009 - Free pre-school year will help families who need it most and protect local jobs - Brady

The introduction by the Government in the Supplementary Budget of a free pre-school year has been welcomed by local Fianna Fáil TD Áine Brady.

The scheme is expected to benefit some 70,000 children every year.

"The provision of a free pre-school year will help families who most need assistance and it will also crucially help maintain jobs in the childcare sector."

"This aim of the scheme is to provide one year of quality pre-school education to children in the year prior to entry into primary school."

"The provision of a year's free pre-school to all children will promote equality of opportunity at the most important development stage of children's lives. Regardless of income or ability to pay, all children will be entitled to avail of this pre-school service," stated Deputy Brady.

"Children enrolled in playschools will receive free pre-school provisions of 3 hours per day, 5 days each week over a 38 week year."

"All children aged between 3 years and 3 months and 4 years and 6 months at September 1 each year will be eligible."

"All community and private pre-school services which meet the requirements of the scheme will be invited to apply for entry to the scheme and all notified pre-school services will be contacted by the Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs by the end of May."

"The Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Barry Andrews TD will be introducing the scheme from January of next year. A helpline will be in place with effect from Monday, 20th April to answer queries from parents and childcare providers in relation to the operation of the new Scheme. The number is 1 890 30 30 39. "

"Fianna Fail in Government has prioritised investment in childcare, dedicating some €1 billion in developing childcare infrastructure over the last decade. This significant investment in infrastructure has made it possible to introduce this pre-school year," concluded Deputy Brady.

Brady welcomes Minister to Maynooth for sod-turning

The Minister of State at the Department of Health and local Fianna Fail TD, Áine Brady has welcomed the Minister for Education, Batt O'Keeffe TD to NUI Maynooth for the sod-turning on the new Humanities and Social Sciences Building.

"I am delighted to welcome Minister O'Keeffe back to NUI Maynooth for this important milestone in the development of the new Humanities and Social Sciences Building."

"The new humanities and social sciences building will house three separate research institutes - the National Centre for Geocomputation; the National Institute for Regional and Spatial Analysis; and An Foras Feasa which

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will undertake ground breaking research to bring Ireland's cultural traditions to life."

"This expansion is part of NUI Maynooth's ten year plan and I must congratulate all of those at NUI Maynooth involved in pushing the project forward."

"In these difficult economic times, this Government has focussed on research and development as a growth area that will result in new ideas and enterprises that will provide sustainable jobs that will bolster the economy."

"NUI Maynooth has proved to be an important part of social, educational and economic life of north Kildare and continued investment and expansion of the campus is great news for the area," concluded Minister Brady.

Bus Service for Maynooth raised again with Dublin Bus.

Deputy Aine Brady has again raised the issue of improving the service provided by Dublin Bus for Maynooth Commuters. Dublin Bus have again assured me that they will:

- Look again at the Provision of a Service to Moyglare Road and will work with Kildare Co. Co. in providing Turning Circle for Buses.
- Provide Bus Stops adjacent to Griffith Rath Service to Straffan Way and Beaufield Estate

Following my representations, Dublin Bus continue to engage with Kildare Co. Co. to discuss the local infrastructure in order to facilitate an effective Bus Service.

Schools Urged to Participate in Walk to School Week

North Kildare TD, Minister of State, Aine Brady, has urged schools to participate in the Walk to School Week, from 18th to 22nd of May. The aim of the upcoming **Walk to School Week** is to get 50,000 students walking to school on 20 May as part of the national Walk on Wednesday initiative.

'In recent times, many schools in Kildare have participated in the 'Walk on Wednesdays' initiative as part of the Green Schools programme. The work of all concerned, parents, teachers and Board of Managements deserve to be recognised.'

'The Green Schools Travel programme has been a real success since it began in 2005. Walking, cycling and public transport can be real alternatives to the car. The programme's main target is to encourage children that are within 2km of the school to walk to their school "

'Today, a total of 317 schools, including a significant number of schools in Kildare, covering 70,000 children countrywide are taking part in the Department of Transport funded Green Schools Travel programme".

'Health promotion is part of my new role, and I see initiatives such as 'walk or cycle' to school as key enablers for starting our younger citizens on a road to a healthy lifestyle.'

For further information on the Green Schools Travel programme visit www.greenschoolsireland.org or contact the An Taisce Green Schools Travel team on (01) 400 2202. Schools may register for the Walk on Wednesday initiative by emailing walktoschool@eeu.antaisce.org or visit www.greenschoolsireland.org. _concluded Minister Brady.

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MAYNOOTH LABOUR NEWS



Cllr. John McGinley

Provision of Youth Cafe

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to speed up the provision of a Youth Cafe at TESCO. Maynooth residents will be aware that as part of the Planning Permission granted for the new TESCO a Unit measuring 4,500 sq. ft. in area has to be provided for community use. Cllr. McGinley got agreement in principle that a Youth Cafe would be provided for. John has also been in regular contact with Kildare Youth Services and they have advised him that an area of 1000 to 1500 sq. ft. is all that is required for the Youth Cafe. Council Officials will decide what other community uses will be catered for that would not be in conflict with the Youth Cafe. John has suggested that the remaining 3,000 sq. ft. could accommodate a Theatre and Performing Arts Centre.

Cllr. McGinley Gets TESCO Hoarding Removed

Following representations from Cllr. John McGinley TESCO have removed the ugly hoarding from in front of the old car park.

Its removal will mean that Dublin Road will be more attractive to the Tidy Town Adjudicators and also that people will see that the individual shops are still open for business.

Provision of Additional Parking at Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley got the following Progress Report from the Council:

"Further discussions have taken place with Tesco and I have made contact with two landowners who would be interested in providing an "all day" pay parking facility. Negotiations are ongoing at present."

Eyesore Beside St. Mary's RC Church

Cllr. John McGinley asked the Council to take action to have the large sign advertising the owner of this derelict site removed as it was unauthorised. It is very disappointing that the owner only removed the Advertising and left the hoarding in place. In addition the owner has refused to lease the site on a temporary basis to the Council for use as a car park.

John has again asked the Planning Department of the Council to take appropriate action now as it could have a negative impact on the scoring for the Tidy Towns Competition if the hoarding is not removed and the site cleared up as a matter of urgency.

Proposal to Ban HGVs from Moyglare Road Maynooth and Install Speed Cushions

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

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"Due to the constricted financial climate, it is expected that funding from the DTO/DoT will be severely curtailed, as in other Government Departments. The DTO has funded both the Traffic Management and Public Transport Interchange Plans in the town and until these schemes progress to public consultation, no funding for implementation measures are expected.

In order to examine the area of Moyglare Road, the scope of the Traffic management Plan would need to be extended to include this area towards the county boundary. Until this happens, it is not possible to determine what affect changes to the traffic management regime in the area will have on the wider catchment area."

Cllr. McGinley stated that the Council should not predetermine the actions of the DTO and that a strong case should be made to them seeking funding for traffic calming for this road which is unique in Ireland in that it has first level, second level and third level educational facilities.

Removal of the "Bandstand:"

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee of the Council:

"That Ward & Burke Construction Ltd. be asked to move the "Bandstand" from Pound Park/The Green, Maynooth, to the agreed location on NUIM grounds, as a gesture of goodwill to the residents of the area who have suffered great disruption as a result of the Lower Liffey Valley Regional Sewerage Scheme (LLVRSS)."

John was given the following reply at the Area Meeting on 15 May:

"It would be inappropriate for Water Services as Project Managers to raise this suggestion. It is not relevant to the scope of the works and would result in increased contract costs."

Cllr. McGinley stated that the reply was total rubbish. He said that the Park has to be completely refurbished as a result of the Sewerage Works and that it would be a waste of money doing so unless the "Bandstand" was removed. Maynooth Tidy Towns are in agreement with John on this. Demolishing it and using it for scrap would not cost much as the Contractors are already on site. John has already identified savings on the contract as it

included surface water drainage for Leinster Street even though this was provided only last year. So it is wrong for the Council to say that there would be increased contract costs.

Constructing a Left Turning Lane at the Exit from Greenfield Estate onto the Straffan Road.

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee:

"That a left turning lane be constructed at the exit of Greenfield Estate onto the Straffan Road in order to make it easier for the estate residents and customers of Greenfield Shopping Centre to exit safely."

John was given the following reply:

"I regret to inform the Committee that there is no funding available in the Roads Maintenance budget for this work. This request will be referred to the Roads Design team for their comments."

John asked that he be given the cost of the work so that funding can be addressed.

Noise From the M4;

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee:

"What is the current status of the introduction of noise abatement measures on the M4, particularly at Maynooth?"

John was given the following reply at the Area Meeting on 15 May:

"No noise abatement measures are currently planned for the M4. The Noise Action Plan for County Kildare has been forwarded to the County Manager for approval. The action plan sets out a strategy for the treatment of environmental noise within the county over the next five years. However, any resulting noise mitigation will be dependent on the provision of funding."

John asked that the NRA be asked to put a low noise thin wearing course of asphalt macadam (similar to that on the N7) on the M4 between Leixlip and Kilcock now. The existing surface is 15 years old and it is due a new coating anyway.

Enforcement of the Litter Laws:

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion

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for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee:

"That Kildare County Council strictly enforces the Litter Laws in Maynooth, particularly as it relates to litter on the footpaths outside fast food premises."

John was given the following reply at the Area Meeting on 15 May:

"The Litter Warden continues to monitor the litter in Maynooth. The area is visited approximately four times per week. Indeed during 2008, 93 litter fines were issued for the Maynooth area and included were fines for fast food premises. In 2009 there were 25 litter fines issued for the Maynooth area."

John stated that the footpaths outside fast food premises and pubs were a disgrace and that there was no evidence of proper enforcement of the Litter Laws.

Provision of a New Footpath and Public Lighting From TESCO to the Halting Site.

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee:

"That a new footpath and public lighting be extended on the South Side of the Dublin Road from TESCO to Blacklion Halting Site in the interests of public safety and that it be made a condition of any Planning Granted under 09/396 (LF Properties Ltd.) to provide same."

He was supported by all the other Councillors at the Area Meeting on 15 May. Officials stated that they could not comment in public on a Planning Application.

Restoration of the Car Activation of the Pedestrian Lights at Kingsbry:

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee:

"Why will the Council not re-commission the Loop on the Pedestrian Signals at Kingsbry, Maynooth?"

John was given the following reply at the Area Meeting on 15 May:

"The vehicle loop at the pedestrian signals at Kingsbry, Maynooth was decommissioned early last year due to safety concerns. Allowing pedestrian crossings to be controlled by vehicle sensors on side roads is considered to be unsafe and not standard

practice. If there are problems with traffic exiting the side roads the safe and standard practice is to put in place a full signalised junction, subject to a study of the environment and all vehicle and pedestrian movements in the area. Unfortunately there are no resources available, at this time, to carry out such a study or to install or maintain additional signalised crossings."

John stated that the reply was total nonsense as cars exiting from Kingsbry have been activating the lights for the last 15 years and there was no question of safety concerns then. Indeed the new system is a safety hazard. The other Councillors agreed with John.

Switching on The New Pedestrian Lights at Cluain Aoibhinn:

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee:

"Why is Finance Section holding up the switching on of the Pedestrian Lights on the Rathcoffey Road, Maynooth, whose installation was completed in February?"

John was given the following reply at the Area Meeting on 15 May:

"A payment was issued to ESB in March, however, due to administrative difficulties this payment was returned and had to be redrawn. This has now taken place and it is hoped that the lights will be switched on shortly."

John stated that it is an awful pity that it took over three months to get a payment of €385.90 to the ESB to make a connection for lights that cost €40,000.

John has also contacted the ESB on the 15 May asking them to carry out the work as soon as possible.

Removal of Graffiti from Harbour Field Area, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Leixlip Area Committee:

"Please source or seek funding for removal of graffiti in the area on the grounds that action now will deter further appearances."

John was given the following reply at the Area Meeting on 15 May:

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"Graffiti removal in the playground is being funded from the playground maintenance budget in the current year's estimates. Graffiti removal has been an ongoing process since the start of the year."

Straffan Wood Taking in Charge

It was agreed at the Leixlip Area Committee on 14 May that a recommendation would go to the full Council to take Straffan Wood housing estate in charge provided that the issue regarding the areas to be transferred to the Management Company has been clarified with the Developer.

STAGG AND MCGINLEY SUGGEST MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSAL FOR DUBLIN ROAD, MAYNOOTH

Deputy Emmet Stagg and his colleague Cllr. John McGinley have suggested modifications to the planning proposal for 226 apartments in 4 and 3 Storey Blocks on the Dublin Road, Maynooth. The Carton Avenue Action Plan does allow for taller buildings on this particular site but Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley have indicated that three Storeys is the maximum acceptable. They also pointed out that with the removal of the 4th Storey from the two Blocks on the Western edge of the site the applicants should incorporate a roof on each of the blocks in line with the Heritage of Maynooth.

Deputy Stagg and Cllr. McGinley also pointed out in their submission that if these modifications were made that they would not pursue the planning file further within the planning process.

We await the reaction of the Planners and the applicants to our suggestions.

44% REDUCTION IN REGIONAL AND LOCAL ROAD GRANTS FOR KILDARE

Deputy Emmet Stagg has criticised the decision by the Minister for Transport to slash the Regional and Local Road Grant Allocations to Kildare Co. Council by 44%, down from an allocation of €28,178,630 in 2008 to a revised allocation in 2009 of €15,769,264, following the Supplementary Budget on April 7th last.

Nationally the Total Grants allocated to all Local Authorities in the State fell by 26% and Deputy Stagg stated that Kildare seems to have been targeted for special treatment by the Minister and the Government with an additional 18% cut.

The cuts now imposed, stated Deputy Stagg, see €5

of a million taken from the Clane/Kilcock Improvement Scheme and a further €3 million taken from restoration improvement projects throughout the County. €4.5 million of funding has been withdrawn from the Enfield/Edenderry Improvement Scheme which means that even if An Bord Pleanála give the CPO the go ahead this year work will not commence on this seriously deficient major road.

Last February then backbench T.D. Aine Brady welcomed the original grant to Kildare for these works, whilst ignoring the fact that originally the figures were cut by 13%. This further cut of an additional 31% is staggering and shows a contempt by this Government for the people of the County.

When FF and Green Canvassers call to your homes over the next five weeks you should ask them why Kildare has suffered so severely in the bailout of the

Bankers and Developers concluded Deputy Stagg.

COUNCIL HOUSING BUDGET SLASHED BY 44%

Deputy Emmet Stagg has reacted angrily to the announcement of the Capital Allocation for Local Authority Housing for Kildare Co. Council which sees funds slashed by 44% since 2008.

In 2008 stated Deputy Stagg the allocation to Kildare Co. Council was €45 Million and the 2009 allocation is only €25 Million. This reduction in funding for the building/purchase of Local Authority Housing is a 44% reduction whilst Nationally funding has been cut by 27%. Again as in the allocation of roads funding where Kildare lost out significantly one has to ask why Kildare is being punished so harshly by this Government.

With just under 4,000 housing applicants on Kildare Co. Council's Housing Waiting List and with the building industry in serious decline the allocation by the Government will impact severely on those who cannot afford to provide their own housing accommodation and on workers in the building industry.

In addition to the Governments attack on traditional council housing there has also been a reduction in funding for the Voluntary and Co-operative Sector of 24% in Kildare, down from €13 Million in 2008 to €9.835 Million this year. Nationally funding for this sector fell by 18% so again Kildare is being targeted for higher cuts than elsewhere.

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Minister of State Aine Brady welcomed these allocations on May 1st and stated she was *delighted to welcome this important funding*. I now pose the question to her – How can your Government stand over a 44% reduction in Kildare against a 27% cut Nationally in Council Housing funding.

In any event Deputy Stagg stated that funding should not have been cut at all as the retention of the National Budget of just over a Billion Euro for Council Housing in 2008 would have given the building industry a boost.

ALLOCATION OF DISABILITY AND HOUSING ADAPTATION GRANTS ROTTEN TO THE CORE

Reacting to the announcement of an allocation of €1,870,000 to Kildare Co. Council for Disabled Person Grants, Housing Adaptation Grants and Mobility Grants, Deputy Emmet Stagg has claimed that the allocation of the Grant money nationwide is Rotten to the Core.

The Grant to Kildare Co. Council stated Deputy Stagg covers less than a third of the current waiting list of Grants sought by Disabled and Elderly people which presently stands at €5,731,000 and involves 587 individuals and families. These stated Deputy Stagg are very real people who have suffered a disability and need downstairs accommodation, or are elderly people who require stairlifts or level access showers. Others on the waiting list are elderly people whose homes require rewiring, central heating or replacement of substandard doors and windows.

It will take at least three years to meet existing demands in Kildare which is placing an incredible strain on disabled people and our senior citizens who have a right to live with some modicum of comfort in their homes.

The really galling thing about this is how Kildare's Elderly and Senior Citizens are treated compared to those in other Counties stated Deputy Stagg. Simply comparing the allocations to population we see a clear inequality which is typical of FF political life:

COUNTY	ALLOCATION	POPULATION 2006
KILDARE	€1,870,000	186,075
LEITRIM	€1,790,000	28,837
LAOIS	€1,910,000	67,012
CARLOW	€1,357,500	50,471
MONAGHAN	€2,177,500	55,816
ROSCOMMON	€1,910,000	58,700

Deputy Stagg stated that he intended to question the Minister further in relation to the allocation of these funds because its time that Disabled and Elderly people in Kildare received a fair share of the funds available.

GOVERNMENT ABANDONS CARE OF THE ELDERLY

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Health in relation to the number of elderly people awaiting admission to a Public Nursing Home in Co. Kildare and the number of people on the waiting list for Home Care Packages. The HSE have advised Deputy Stagg that there are 188 people on the waiting list for long stay beds in Co. Kildare, 18 of whom are in Acute Hospitals and 94 who are living in the Community. Of those living in the Community 12 require extended care as soon as possible. The remaining 76 are in Private Nursing Homes with inadequate levels of subvention. In relation to the Home Care Packages there are 160 people on the waiting list.

The figures show that the Government are not prepared to put in place resources to care for our Senior Citizens when they are unable to care for themselves or remain in the Community. Even the scheme of Home Care Packages, specifically designed to allow senior citizens to remain in their local community with assistance is at a standstill with no new Home Care Packages approved in 2009 to date. The really shocking figure stated Deputy Stagg is that 94 people deemed eligible for Long Term Care are living in the Community, placing immense pressure on families to care for them without adequate training or back up assistance. The fact that 12 of these require extended care as soon as possible, with no place available for them is nothing short of scandalous treatment of our Senior Citizens.

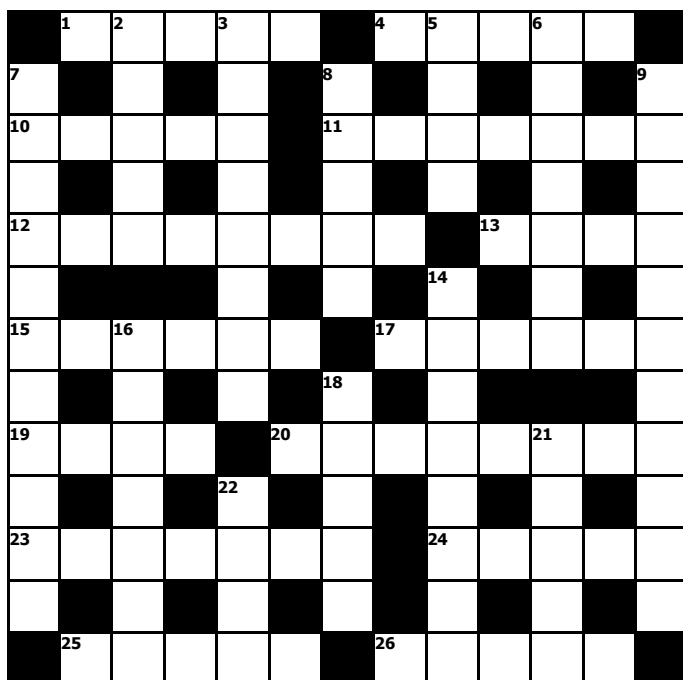
The only answer to this continuing problem is a major investment in Public Nursing Homes based in our larger towns along the lines of the Maynooth Community Care Unit. The investment would provide jobs in construction, provide the badly needed care for our Senior Citizens and remove families from the clutches of the Profit driven Private Nursing Homes. That is Labour's answer but regrettably FF and the Greens simply don't care enough concluded Deputy Stagg.

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4. Suit of cards (5)
10. Communications device (5)
11. Light rain (7)
12. Hart to Hart actress, _ _ _ Powers (8)
13. Equitable (4)
15. Flinch (6)
17. Puzzle (6)
19. Marc Bolan's group (1,3)
20. Viable (8)
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6. Large bird of prey (7)
7. Dissatisfaction (11)
8. US singer, _ _ _ Cochran (5)
9. Actor in a Touch of Class (6, 5)
14. Liquefy (8)
16. Butchers knife (7)
18. Period of hire (5)
21. Impressionist, _ _ _ Davro (5)
22. Scythed (4)

Answers to crossword No. 77.

Across:

1. Quashed, 7. Jolly, 8. Aspirin, 9. Slowly, 11. Final, 13. Dust, 14. Liberty, 15. Oboe, 16. Baggy, 17. Beauty, 21. Gorilla, 22. Porch, 23. Incense.

Down:

2. Unsuitable, 3. Suitable, 4. Exit, 5. Bowl, 6. Glow, 9. Short, 10. Los Angeles, 12. Ebony, 13. Dynamite, 18. Atom, 19. Tuck, 20. Worn.

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Each panel will consist of not more than ten players. A player may play for only one team in the tournament. Players must have been reared in Maynooth or have lived here for the last 12 months. The committee reserve the right to refuse any entry.

Participants are not insured and enter the competition at their own risk.

Names of players and entry fee must be submitted with the official entry form. The team must be named after a housing estate e.g. Old Greenfield.

Fifteen minutes will be played each way and three substitutes may be used.

The format of the competition will be decided by the committee.

All games must start at the stated time, in the event of a team being late the match will be awarded to the opposition, under no circumstances will any postponement be given.

Any team playing players not included in their entry form will be removed from the tournament.

The organising committee will not be responsible for any articles lost or damaged.

The organising committee will not be responsible for any injury to any player.

All protests will be dealt with by the organising committee.

Protest, together with fee of €10.00, refundable if protest is upheld, must be lodged with the Secretary of the organising committee within thirty minutes of the finish.

Teams will not be included in draw unless entry fee is paid €50.00

In the competition studs may be worn but must confirm to F.I.F.A. standards. Shin-guards must be worn. Match referee's decision will be final in this matter.

Flat footwear must be of proper standard, be safe for wearer and not constitute a danger to other players.

Referee's decision is also final in this matter.

In the event of an objection it will be up to the team allegedly guilty to prove that they are innocent.

In the event of a walk-over or an objection the other team will be rewarded a 2-nil win.

The committee's decision is final in all matters.

Tournament will be played on The Soccer Clubs Rathcoffey Road Pitches this year.

**Entries before 1st June 2009 to John McGinley,
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TESCO 7-A-SIDE SOCCER TOURNAMENT 2009

For Joe Murphy Trophy

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

15th June to 28th June

Team Name: _____
(MUST BE HOUSING ESTATE NAME)

Contact Name _____
Address _____

Phone No: _____

PLAYERS NAMES:

(Block Capitals)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. _____

**On behalf of the above team I agree to abide by the rules of the
Competition and the Committee's decisions at all times.**

Signed: _____ Team Captain/Manager

**N.B. Completed Entry Form together with entry Fee of €50 must be lodged with
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