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

Editorial

EDITORIAL MAY 2009

As the bright evenings get longer and the weather becomes drier and progressively improves, it is difficult to deal with the gloom, pessimism and financial worries that many of us as residents have at the moment, with the economic turmoil and serious difficulties that the country as a whole is experiencing and trying to deal with.

The constant news of people losing their jobs, cut backs which are necessary to ensure future economic stability for the present and future generations, restrictions on take-home pay with the introduction of levies, etc – all take their toll on us individually as people, and the fundamental thing to remember is that people and families are at the core of this distressful and difficult time in our history.

When we think back to the harsh times we experienced in the 1980's, we remember the sense of depression and gloom that hung in the air, as newly qualified graduates had to emigrate to find work and the queues outside employment exchanges were so long. Now we are fighting the national situation against a cataclysmic global depression and serious financial and banking crises and the difficulties, remedies and decisions that have to be made are very difficult.

The Irish people are a hard working, determined and resilient race and I have no doubt that we will pull through and at the other side of this period, the economy and the nation as a whole will be better in terms of lessons learnt and longer term strategies made for the future of our nation.

In the meantime, we must try and remember to be kind to one another, to be aware of how people or members of our community may be feeling, to be watchful for signs of emotional and physical stress, as we well remember the numbers of suicides in the country during the 1980's period, caused by financial worries and distress.

Brid Feely,
Editor.

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Community Council Notes

Maynooth Community Council Meeting 9th March 2009

The meeting began with a presentation by Prof. John Hughes, President of the National University of Ireland, Maynooth and this was followed by a question and answer session. The President was accompanied by Mr Frank Fitzmaurice Director of Corporate Services in NUIM for the past two years. The Chairman, Colm Ó Cearúil said that the initial contact with the College had been made through the Planning and Development committee.

Prof. Hughes said that the University has come a long way since the '60s and emphasised that 75% is dedicated to Culture, Arts and Social Sciences. In 2008 NUIM was named University of the Year, and it has been the fastest growing University in Ireland. There are over 9,000 students, in three Faculties, but this increase will soon peak – only a further 200-300 students will be taken in.

The University has the highest points in Arts and Science as well as the highest research income per academic in Ireland. It is the only university with particular contacts with Intel such as Global Education Partner and Innovation Value Institute. Intel has invested heavily in these and NUIM offers an Engineering MA for them, including people from the States. There will be future growth in spin-out, spin-in companies, in licensing technology and start up companies, this is bringing business to the area. There will be more part-time students and there is a new business and law degree.

He stressed the fact that Universities are under threat, the cuts are extensive and amalgamations/closures are possible. NUIM gives 800 jobs and brings €70m annually into the economy.

Frank Fitzmaurice said that Maynooth is the only university town in Ireland and outlined future plans. It is the intention to bring campus closer to the town, to link both campuses and the town. He outlined the major developments: New Library, Arts and Social Science Building, Carton Innovation Camp, Student Apartments, Restaurant and signature buildings close to the Kilcock Road.

The Arts/Social Science building will begin now and be ready in July 2010. There will be no theatre as there was a shortfall in the available funding. Carton Park will have research projects, developing products and incubator and start-up companies. The Apartments will add about 350 beds near playing pitches. A new restaurant is required because of the recent fire. The signature buildings are some years away, 2-5 years, because of the funding issues.

The council members raised a number of issues and questions:
The library could be connected electronically with the local library. Building workers will be kept on-site during construction.

There is a traffic management report pending and a strategy will be developed for traffic/parking, they are trying to promote cycling and walking,

The College had looked at buying property in the town but it had been too expensive in the past.

The President spoke about the Carton development was necessary – incubation business should be separate from education. He said that the area in Carton is derelict, screened and near the river. No trees will be felled, no impact on cultural aspect. He praised the beauty of the environment of Carton and pointed to the pristine nature of the South Campus and gardens to show their care of Heritage. NUIM had a space for archives in Castletown.

Frank Fitzmaurice said that they were also interested in a connection between the H. Field developments at Parson Street and the campus and the railway. St Patrick's were independent but involved. There was a plan for a boulevard on the Kilcock Road and a question over the existing footbridge.

There were reports from the various committees of the Council, including the St Patrick's Day Parade. J. McGinley said there the floats were nearly double that of last year, Derrinstown stud was the main sponsor, Carton House had a float and also contributed. Willie Kiernan and George O'Connor gave their services free of charge. Thorntons sponsored a band (€800) and gave the trailer. There will be a full report after the Parade takes place.

A serious matter was raised by P. Croghan of the Tidy Towns committee –the havoc caused by the sewerage works with their areas all torn up and with no reference. J. McGinley explained that the contractor began work without approval, without an archaeologist although they were working in a zone of archaeological protection around the College etc. Work had now stopped – the council agreed that the Tidy Towns committee should write a letter demanding that their work should be reinstated and that the Executive would send this to Kildare County Council.

D. Cullen of the Planning and Development committee raised two important issues. She had contacted Meath County Council regarding the changes to the Carton Park plans – they were too large to photocopy. The Meath draft local area plan included the two Smart Parks one at Moygaddy and Carton. The Plan was only publicised in the Meath Chronicle. The committee were told that they could make a submission even though the date had passed. It was agreed that the committee would make the submission and that the Executive would back this.

The second issue also concerned Meath County Council who had a planning application for 500 houses in the Maynooth Environs. The public meeting was held in Dunboyne and the display period was over. This was only one and a half kilometres from Maynooth and there was no coordination with Co Kildare. They would be dependent on services from Kildare. After a long discussion it was decided that a letter would be sent from the committee and then endorsed by the Executive. It was emphasised that there was no onus on Meath Co Co to contact Kildare.
(Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin, Secretary, Maynooth Community Council)



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May in the Garden

Grow crops in pots



You may not have room for a vegetable patch or time for an allotment, but many delicious varieties of salad, vegetable and fruit will thrive in containers and don't take up much space. To grow crops on patios, balconies, windowsills and roof gardens.

What to do

- * Buy ready grown plants of sweet pepper, chilli pepper, cherry tomato and aubergine, strawberries and herbs or try cut salad mixes grown from seed.
- * Mix a handful of water-retaining crystals into your compost and fill your pot to the top. Gently tap to settle the compost and firm down with your fingertips. Leave a 2cm (1in) gap between the compost and the top of the pot for watering.
- * Scoop out compost in the centre to leave a hole slightly bigger than the rootball of your plant.
- * Gently remove plant from pot and place in hole. Replace compost around the plant and firm, making sure the surface of the plant is level with the top of the compost.
- * If growing from seed, check the instructions on the packet. Either raise in small pots before planting into larger ones or scatter across the surface of the compost and water in.
- * For larger fruit bushes such as blueberries, figs, peaches and apricots, select a larger pot and make sure you check the compost requirements on the plant label.

Plant up a growing bag

Growing bags are also an ideal way to grow tomatoes, aubergines, chillies and cucumber on sunny patios and balconies, as well as in the greenhouse. This easy care guide will show you what to do.

Despite only measuring 35cm x 95cm (13in x 37in), growing bags have enough space for three vegetable plants that will provide you with enough food for several meals over the summer. Plant two to three plants in each bag during spring. Bags were traditionally used under glass and were introduced as an alternative to planting directly into greenhouse soil. Not having permanent borders meant the space could be used more efficiently throughout the year and plants would not become infected by soil-borne diseases. Today, they are still ideal for growing plants in the greenhouse, but are also perfect in a sunny spot outdoors

What to grow

Growing bags are ideal for plants that don't have deep roots, such as tomatoes, cucumbers, sweet peppers, chilli peppers, aubergines and courgettes. Plant two to three plants in each bag during spring. Alternatively, cut a long panel in the top of the bag and sow salads in rows. Endive, lettuce, basil and rocket can be sown from spring to late summer.

If growing salads, prepare the bag as before and cut out a long panel on top of the bag. Plant or sow in rows across the width of the bag.

After care

When taller growing or top-heavy crops are 20cm (8in) high, push a cane into the bag next to each plant. Tie the plant to the cane and attach the cane to a frame. This will prevent the plants from toppling over in the wind or if they become top heavy. Keep the compost moist and feed plants such as aubergine, tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers with a high potash fertiliser when flowers appear - this will ensure you get the plumpest fruit. When crops have finished, split the bag open and recycle the compost as a soil conditioner in the garden.



Maynooth Flower and Garden Club

Next meeting: Tuesday 19th May at 8.00p.m.

Venue: North Kildare Club
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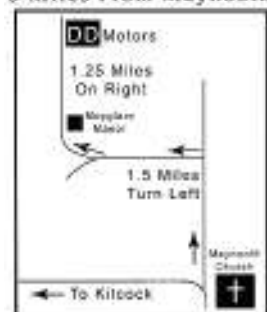
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Maynooth Community Games

On Sunday 1st March Boys and Girls packed their bags and headed for Maynooth College Pool and participated in Community Games Competitions.

Results as follows:

Maynooth West Boys Swimming

Under 8 Freestyle

1st Fergal O'Sullivan

Under 10 Freestyle

1st Conor Loftus

Under 12 Freestyle

1st Ross Kavanagh
2nd Blake Van Duyvenvoorde
3rd Dara McCormack

Under 12 Breaststroke

1st Blake Van Duyvenvoorde
2nd Dara McCormack
3rd Conor Loftus

Under 12 Backstroke

1st Ross Kavanagh
2nd Dara McCormack

Under 14 Freestyle

1st Oisín Ó Súilleabháin
2nd David Greene
3rd Sean Healy

Under 14 Breaststroke

1st Oisín Ó Súilleabháin
2nd David Greene

Under 14 Backstroke

1st Oisín Ó Súilleabháin
2nd David Greene

Under 16 Butterfly

1st Oisín Ó Súilleabháin
2nd David Greene

Maynooth East Boys Swimming

Under 10 Freestyle

1st Conor Lynch
2nd James Sheridan

Under 10 Backstroke

1st Conor Lynch
2nd James Sheridan

Under 12 Freestyle

1st Rory Feehan
2nd Seán Gill
3rd Killian O'Carroll

Under 12 Breaststroke

1st Seán Gill
2nd Rory Feehan
3rd Killian O'Carroll

Under 12 Backstroke

1st Seán Gill
2nd Rory Feehan

Under 14 Freestyle

1st Joseph Millett
2nd Eoghan O'Carroll

Under 14 Breaststroke

1st Joseph Millett
2nd Eoghan O'Carroll

Under 14 Backstroke

1st Joseph Millett
2nd Eoghan O'Carroll

Under 16 Freestyle

1st Seán McKnight

Under 16 Butterfly

1st Conor Lynch
2nd Joseph Millett

Maynooth West Girls Swimming

Under 8 Freestyle

1st Ella O'Connor
2nd Zara Finlay
3rd Aoife Walsh

Under 10 Freestyle

1st Saoirse O'Sullivan
2nd Andrea Greene
3rd Aideen Horgan/Ella Barton
4th Emma Kane/Rachel McMahon

Under 10 Backstroke

1st Saoirse O'Sullivan
2nd Andrea Greene
3rd Aideen Horgan

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Under 12 Freestyle

1st Róisín Ní Chonacháin-Bhriain

Under 12 Breaststroke

1st Andrea Greene
2nd Saoirse O'Sullivan
3rd Róisín Ní Chonacháin-Bhriain

Under 12 Backstroke

1st Róisín Ní Chonacháin-Bhriain

Under 14 Freestyle

1st Brenda Finlay

Under 14 Breaststroke

1st Brenda Finlay
2nd Saoirse Ní Chonacháin-Bhriain

Under 14 Backstroke

1st Brenda Finlay
2nd Saoirse Ní Chonacháin-Bhriain

Under 16 Butterfly

1st Brenda Finlay
2nd Saoirse O'Sullivan
3rd Róisín Ní Chonacháin-Bhriain

Maynooth East Girls Swimming

Under 8 Freestyle

1st Fiona Lynch
2nd Martha Gilligan
3rd Emma Gill

Under 10 Freestyle

1st Alison Hastings/Ruth Millett
2nd Claire Gill/Lara Feehan
3rd Ellen Walshe/Chloe Tracey

Under 10 Backstroke

1st Claire Gill
2nd Ellen Walshe
3rd Lara Feehan

Under 12 Freestyle

1st Laura Millett
2nd Aoife Lynch
3rd Rachael Wilson

Under 12 Breaststroke

1st Laura Millett
2nd Aoife Lynch
3rd Maeve Cowhey

Under 12 Backstroke

1st Aoife Lynch
2nd Maeve Cowhey

Under 14 Freestyle

1st Sarah Curran

Under 14 Breaststroke

1st Sarah Curran

Under 16 Freestyle

1st Katie Curran

Under 16 Butterfly

1st Aoife Lynch

Well done to all the Boys and Girls and Good Luck in the County Final on Saturday 6th June.

Thanks to Jeff and Maynooth College Pool for hosting the event and Mairead Hynes for helping out.

Maynooth Art

On Thursday 26th February Boys and Girls assembled in the B.N.S. with pencils, pens and colours. Well done to all.

Results as follows:

East Boys

Under 8

1st Conor Lynch

Under 10

1st James Sheridan
2nd Philip Kruger
3rd Colm Tracey

Under 12

1st Rory Feehan
2nd Joseph Carton
3rd Caolann Haughton

West Boys

Under 8

1st Caoilin Fleming

Under 10

1st Samuel Corrigan
2nd Erainn Ó Chonacháin/Conor Loftus
3rd Charlie McMyler/Brian Gallagher

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West Boys

Under 12

1st Ross Kavanagh
2nd Liam Byrne
3rd Michael Diamond/Dara McCormack

East Girls

Under 8

1st Lisa Cully
2nd Fiona Lynch

Under 10

1st Ailish Phillips
2nd Áine Feeney
3rd Lara Feehan

Under 12

1st Pauline Hill
2nd Aoife Lynch
3rd Linda Kruger

Under 14

1st Sarah Jennings
2nd Sarah Curran
3rd Alanna Sweeney

West Girls

Under 8

1st Anna Loftus

Under 10

1st Iris Kakouli-Duarte
2nd Aisling Doherty/Thal Rosen
3rd Ellen McCormack

Under 12

1st Robyn Kelly
2nd Megan Diamond/Róisín Ní Chonacháin-Bhriain
3rd Kirstin Jordan

Under 14

1st Elizabeth Abyo
2nd Saoirse Ní Chonacháin-Bhriain

Under 16

1st Niamh Kearney

Special Under 6

1st Eimear Quinn/Martha McCormack

**Thanks to the B.N.S. for hosting the event.
Also to Jennifer Feehan/Elaine Houlihan for
judging the art pieces.**

Table Tennis

**Maynooth East Table Tennis Team Under 16
Boys did us proud winning the Kildare County
Final on Tuesday 3rd February beating Confey.**

Team: Jakub Zukowski, Conor Mullally, Ryan Lally,
Donie Mullally, Niall Flynn.

Table Quiz

On Thursday 15th January boys and girls assembled
in the G.N.S. to battle out places on a Quiz Team for
Maynooth East, Maynooth West.

Two teams attended the Kildare Final in Eadestown
on Friday 23rd January. Team consisting of
Maynooth East:

Sarah Jennings
Niamh Feeney

Eoin Bonass
Róisín Fanthom

came home with the Cup. The team now go on to
the National Finals in May 23rd/24th.
Good Luck Team.

Also well done to the 2nd team who came in 4th:

Michael Carton
Ross O'Connor

Mark Thompson
Conor Gorman

Thanks to Mrs. Fitzgerald, Principal of the Girls School
for hosting the event and to Brian O'Malley, Colm
Murphy for organising the event and tutoring for the
finals.

Good luck to the team:

Sarah, Niamh, Róisín and Eoin
And subs, Michael and Ross

In the National Finals in Athlone on weekend
23rd/24th May.

Margaret Houlihan



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Poetry Corner

To My Dear And Loving Husband



If ever two were
one, then surely
we.
If ever man were
lov'd by wife, then
thee.
If ever wife was
happy in a man,
Compare with me,
ye women, if you
can.
I prize thy love
more than whole
Mines of gold

Or all the riches that the East doth hold.
My love is such that Rivers cannot quench,
Nor ought but love from thee give
recompetence.
Thy love is such I can no way repay.
The heavens reward thee manifold, I pray.
Then while we live, in love let's so persevere
That when we live no more, we may live ever.

by Anne Bradstreet

Hope

Hope was but a timid friend;
She sat without the grated den,
Watching how my fate would tend,
Even as selfish-hearted men.

She was cruel in her fear;
Through the bars, one dreary day,
I looked out to see her there,
And she turned her face away!

Like a false guard, false watch keeping,
Still, in strife, she whispered peace;
She would sing while I was weeping;
If I listened, she would cease.

False she was, and unrelenting;
When my last joys strewed the ground,
Even Sorrow saw, repenting,
Those sad relics scattered round;

Hope, whose whisper would have given
Balm to all my frenzied pain,
Stretched her wings, and soared to heaven,
Went, and ne'er returned again!

by Emily Bronte

My Dog

My Dog is all I need
For company with all my pride
Each day I give it a feed
And makes me feel
good inside
I cherish my pet with
delight
As I wish never to be
apart
My Jack Russell is a
pretty sight
That I cherish in my
heart
I know people get tire of them
Just barking all night and day
But it has no master of any men
It is only me that has any say.
I feed it on meat, bread, and drink
As it looks healthy and strong too
If I only knew what my dog does think
But still it is the best pal I know
My dog will never answer back
Or do any devious offence
But true friendship we never lack
That is within my dog to sense
I am just thinking of the times
We enjoyed while I was a boy
With such passion my heart unwinds
That I remember even till I die.



By Patrick Murray



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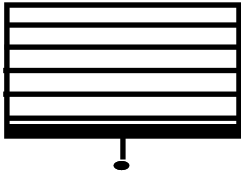


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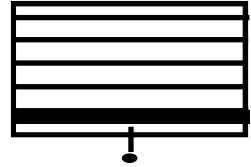
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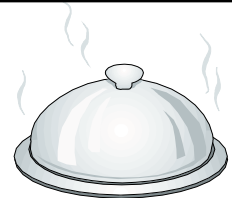
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Features

The Month of May

May is named after the Greek goddess, Maia. The month is a time of great celebrations in the northern hemisphere. It is the time when flowers emerge and crops begin to sprout.

The Anglo-Saxon name for May was Tri-Milchi, in recognition of the fact that with the lush new grass cows could be milked three times a day. It was first called May in about 1430, before then it was called Maius, Mayes, or Mai.

The gemstone for May is Emerald: The green variety of the mineral beryl, is the most famous and favoured green gemstone. Its beautiful green colour, combined with durability and rarity, makes it one of the most valuable gemstones).

Flower for May is Lily of the Valley: This flower is also known as Our Lady's tears since, according to Christian legend, the lily of the valley came into being from Eve's tears after she was kicked out of the Garden of Eden



Old Sayings for May

"A wet May makes a big load of hay.
A cold May is kindly and fills the barn
finely. "

"Mist in May, Heat in June
Makes harvest come right soon"

"If you wash a blanket in May;
You will wash one of the family
away."

"Those who bathe in May
Will soon be laid in clay"

"A swarm of bees in May
Is worth a load of hay."

The Mayfly

Both immature and adult mayflies are an important part of the food chain, particularly for

carnivorous fish such as trout in cold water streams or bass and catfish in warm water streams, or Walleye in cool water lakes. Males generally fly in swarms that undulate in the air 5-15 meters above the ground.



Anniversaries in May

30th May 1431 **Joan of Arc** was burned at the stake.

12th May 1820 **Florence Nightingale** was born.

2nd May 1892 - Birth of **Red Baron** Manfred von Richthofen

29th May 1917 - President **John Fitzgerald Kennedy** was born.

3rd May 1921 **Sugar Ray Robinson** was born.

May 14th 1921 - **Florence Allen** became the first female judge to sentence a man to death.

5th May 1930 **Amy Johnson** was the first woman to fly solo from England to Australia.

6th May 1937 - 36 people die in the **Hindenburg disaster**

29th May 1953 **Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay** reached the summit of Everest.

May 28th, 1971 **Audie Murphy**, World War 2 hero, and movie actor, was killed in a plane crash aged 46.

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The Red Squirrel

The Red Squirrel is found throughout the country. It is smaller than the Grey Squirrel and found in a wide variety of habitats, ranging from coniferous forests to parklands. They feed mostly on seeds and berries. Although it is believed that the squirrel can use its fore-limbs for a variety of activities, recent research shows that the squirrel must first pick up a food item (e.g. nut) with its teeth and then transfer it to its paws while in a hunched position. This is clearly an ingrained action. Red Squirrels are known to hoard food items from times of plenty to be used at a later date.

Red squirrels are more difficult to observe than Grey Squirrels. One reason for this is their tendency to spend a greater amount of time high up in coniferous trees. One of the few places left to see red squirrels in Dublin is the National Botanic Gardens in Glasnevin. The Red Squirrel is a protected species under the Wildlife Act, 1976.

The Grey Squirrel



The Grey Squirrel is an introduced species. Although confined mostly to the north and east of the country, the Grey Squirrel is becoming the squirrel most commonly seen in our woodlands and parks. Much has been written about the effect the Grey Squirrel is having on our native Red Squirrels. It is true that they are larger and aggressive and many people believe that the decrease in population of our Red Squirrels is due to the Grey Squirrel. However, the situation is much more complex. Red Squirrels prefer large coniferous woodlands while Grey Squirrels prefer mixed and broadleaved woods. Contrary to most beliefs, the Red Squirrel is not dependent on acorns. In fact, they find them somewhat toxic. As large tracts of coniferous woodlands disappear, this

breaks up the habitat of Red Squirrels making it more difficult for them to hold territories. Grey Squirrels feed on acorns and are more omnivorous and in areas where both co-exist, appear to be more successful. Grey Squirrels have filled the vacuum left by the latest Red Squirrel decline.

Both Red and Grey Squirrels are active by day, sleeping by night in their nest or "drey". Both have two litters per year, with an average of three or four per litter. The young leave the nest about 7 or 8 weeks after they are born. Red and Grey Squirrels do not interbreed.

Squirrels, both Red and Grey, are responsible for removing the bark from the growing tips of branches on trees (particularly beech and sycamore) to enable them feed on the sugar rich sap beneath. This damage can be quite severe, making them the enemy of foresters. Gamekeepers suspect the Grey Squirrel of taking the eggs of pheasants.

The report of The Irish Squirrel Survey Of 2007 called for the protection of the red squirrel and for the control of grey squirrel populations. Over the past decade the grey squirrel has spread to 26 counties throughout Ireland. It is now found west of the Shannon, in Leitrim and Roscommon, where it had not previously been found.

The red squirrel is extinct in Meath, Westmeath, Carlow and Kilkenny. The report warned that if the grey squirrel is left unchecked the hardwood industry and the conservation of native woodlands could suffer. The Report also said that the native red squirrel could be wiped out by a virus carried by the grey squirrel.

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Question

My working hours have been reduced and I am probably going to lose my job. Where can I get information about what to do?

Answer

The Citizens Information Board has just launched a dedicated website www.losingyourjob.ie, covering all the information you need if you lose your job.

The website provides information on all aspects of losing your job or having your pay or hours reduced, including the services, benefits and entitlements available to you. It has been specially designed around the needs of people who are newly unemployed or who, while still at work, are dealing with reduced hours and/or reduced pay.

www.losingyourjob.ie is based on content from www.citizensinformation.ie, the Government website provided by the Citizens Information Board. This site provides public service information for Ireland.

The topics covered by www.losingyourjob.ie include:

- Working reduced hours or receiving reduced pay
- Redundancy and leaving work
- Getting a social welfare payment
- Money and tax issues, including debt issues
- Supports available for rent or mortgage payments
- Options for education and training
- What you need to know when going back to work
- Leaving Ireland to move to countries inside or outside the EU

In conjunction with the new website, the Board has also published a handy reference leaflet, entitled *Have you lost your job?* giving an overview of what you can do if you have lost your job.

Question

I got a total of €1,100 Early Childcare Supplement for my son in 2008 but I believe the rules have changed. What is the situation now? He is nearly 5 years old.

Answer

Up to the end of 2008 Early Childcare Supplement (ECS) was worth €1,100 per year. It was paid quarterly, in arrears, in respect of all children for whom Child Benefit was paid, up to the month following the child's 6th birthday. The last quarterly payment of €275 was made in December 2008, covering the quarter October-December 2008.

For January and February 2009 the rate of ECS was €1,104 per child per year, or €92 per month. It was only paid in respect of children aged less than 5½. It also changed to being paid monthly, in arrears, on the second Monday of each month.

For example, you will have received February's payment on Monday 9 March.

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From March 2009 the rate is €83 per month per child, up to and including the month the child reaches 5 years of age. As payments are made a month in arrears, you will get your last payment the month after your son's 5th birthday.

The changes are summarised in the following table:

Early Childcare Supplement: changes 2008/2009			
	2008	Jan/Feb 2009	From March 2009
Annual rate	€1,100	€1,104	€996
Quarterly rate	€275	-	-
Monthly rate	-	€92	€83
Paid until month after:	Child's 6th birthday	Child turns 5½	Child's 5th birthday

Question

My 75-year-old mother got a letter from the HSE about her medical card, asking for details of her income. She gets a Widow's Pension of €230.30 a week, plus €200 a month from a private pension. She also has some savings, on which she earns interest. Will she lose the medical card? What should she do?

Answer

All existing medical cards for people over 70 were valid until 2 March 2009. Since then, they continue to be valid if the holder's income is below the relevant limit.

Your mother will only have to reply to the HSE's letter if her gross income is more than €700 a week or €36,500 a year. If it is not, she can simply keep her card, and does not have to contact the HSE. Gross income means pensions, earnings, interest from capital and all other sources of income.

We can calculate your mother's total pension income as follows:

Widow's Pension	Private pension (weekly equivalent)	Total weekly	Total yearly
€230.30	€46.15	€276.45	€14,375.40

This is well below the limits of €700 a week or €36,500 a year. Whatever savings she has would

have to be quite large to bring her up to these limits.

For example, if she had €50,000 in savings, the first €36,000 would be ignored, so only €14,000 would be taken into account. An interest rate of 4% would yield €560 per year or €10.77 per week to add to her pension of €276.45. She would still be well below the income limits and could continue to use her medical card.

If her income did go above the limits, she would have the following options:

Apply for a Drugs Payment Scheme (DPS) card, which would cover all but the first €100 per month of prescribed drugs, medicines or appliances: and Record all her medical expenses on a Form Med 1 (available from www.revenue.ie or Lo-call 1890 306 706) and claim tax relief on them at the end of the year: or

Apply for a discretionary medical card on the basis of her personal circumstances

N.B. People over 70 who exceed the medical card income limits will also exceed the GP Visit Card limits. As a result, people over 70 cannot get a GP Visit Card. If they qualified on the GP Visit Card means test, they would have kept their medical card.

Question

I work five mornings a week, Monday to Friday. What time off should I get for St Patrick's Day and the Easter period?

Answer

St Patrick's Day (17 March) is a public holiday. It fell on a Tuesday in 2009. As a half-time employee you were entitled to a half-day's paid leave on that day, unless your employer had nominated one of the following alternatives at least 14 days before the public holiday:

An extra half-day's pay

An extra half-day of annual leave

A paid half-day off within a month

Easter Monday is also a public holiday. It falls on 13 April in 2009. As with St Patrick's Day, you are entitled to a half-day's paid leave on Easter Monday, unless your employer nominates one of the above options at least 14 days before.

Good Friday is not a public holiday. While some schools and businesses close, you have no automatic entitlement to time off work in respect of Good Friday. Check the position with your employer.

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There are nine public holidays in Ireland each year:

New Year's Day (1 January)
St Patrick's Day (17 March)
Easter Monday (movable)
First Monday in May, June and August
Last Monday in October
Christmas Day (25 December)
St Stephen's Day (26 December)

Public holiday entitlements apply to employees even if they are not usually scheduled to work on the day of the public holiday. The entitlement is pro-rata (one-fifth of weekly pay or hours).

N.B. As a part-time worker, you must have worked more than 40 hours in the five weeks before a public holiday to be eligible for public holiday entitlements.

Information about public holiday entitlements is available from the National Employment Rights Agency (NERA) which operates a Lo-call information helpline on 1890 808 090. NERA's website is www.employmentrights.ie.

If you have a complaint in relation to holiday entitlements, contact a Rights Commissioner at the Labour Relations Commission, Tom Johnson House, Haddington Road, Dublin 4, Lo-call 1890 220 227, www.lrc.ie.

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



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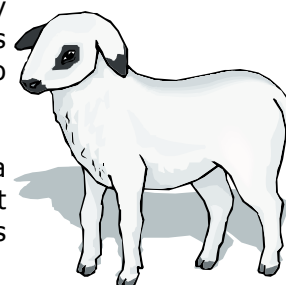


Features

Meadow in Summer Time

John woke up and looked out the window at the warm sunny morning. He had no school today as it was Saturday. He took his time getting dressed and then went down to have his breakfast. His mother, Lisa, was frying sausages and eggs on the pan. John's little sister, Brid, was in her high chair playing with her rattle. His sister was a lovely little girl, and she always had a smile for everyone.

John's mother told him to sit down and eat his breakfast. It is a lovely morning so they decided they would go outside and get a bit of sunshine, and take Bríd with them. John's daddy worked in the local bank five days a week. They were a very happy family who lived in a nice house in the country about six miles from the town.



As it was Saturday James always went out to buy the newspaper and would be back for a cup of tea. When he came back John told his dad that they were going for a walk as it was such a nice day. His dad decided that he would join them and he would read his paper later.

Lisa got Bríd ready and put on a little pink dress that she had bought recently. John got himself ready for their walk in the sunshine. There was a park just out a bit from the town so they decided to walk there. John wanted an ice cream so James went to the shop and bought John an ice cream. Lisa was too small to eat an ice cream but she was happy in her mothers arms. John sat happily eating his ice cream. Then they headed back in the other direction. The sun was coming up now and it was getting quiet warm.

As they walked back along the road they looked out in the fields. There were lambs jumping around and dancing in the fields. They looked lovely out there in the summer sunshine. "Look daddy at all the lambs" John exclaimed. "They would look lovely in my picture for the art competition in school" John said. "I didn't hear anything about an art competition" said his dad. "Well there is an art competition for all the boys and girls in the school. We have two weeks to draw one. I am going to draw lambs in my picture". "That is a good idea" said his dad. They stood there in the sunshine looking out at the lambs.

"Daddy I have to paint a picture for next week for the teacher. Everybody in the class will be painting one. Just now I think I would like to paint one of the lambs and sheep in the field". "Well why don't I go back to the house and I will get the camera and then I will take a picture and you can paint it for your competition" replied his dad. "Yes daddy that would be mega". John stayed with his mother and Brid. James went to get the camera to take the picture of the meadows with the lambs jumping around there. He was back in ten minutes. He held the camera out to take a picture of the lambs. He took four pictures. "We will get them developed tomorrow and then you can paint the picture you want to" "That will be just great" replied John.

It was getting towards the afternoon and everybody was getting hot and sweaty. They all needed to cool down. So Lisa suggested that she would make some cool lemonade for everybody. "Why don't we have some lunch in the shade and drink some cool lemonade". John and James agreed. They happily had lunch in the shade and drank some cool lemonade.

John had school on Monday. When he came home that evening from school he couldn't wait for his daddy to come home with the photographs. James arrived home at half past five. He had the photographs. That evening John painted a lovely picture of the lambs running around in the sunshine. He soon had his picture ready for the day of the judging of the pictures. The teacher looked at all of the pictures. They were all very good. She liked the one of the lambs running around in the sun. John got first prize in the competition that day. He came home very happy that he had come first.

Lisa was busy in the kitchen when he arrived home. "Look mummy I came first in the art competition today" he shouted. Lisa congratulated her son and said that he was a very clever boy. The prize was a colouring book and some crayons. John knew his daddy would be delighted about him coming first. And so he was. So they all sat down and celebrated that evening.



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How to Search more effectively with Google

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Here are some frequently occurring problems, and several things you can do to improve your search results.

At other times a search will yield too many results. When this happens, you can try to: fine-tune your search by using more than one keyword or by using a synonym your search to web pages in the English language. In this way you can prevent *Google* from 'muddying' your search results by presenting web pages in other languages; search by using a directory instead of a search engine. For example when trying to do a search using a very broad keyword, such as the word *animals*, try instead to search within a topic, subject or category.

To search by topic:

- Surf to www.google.ie
- Click [more](#) ▼
- Click [Even more >>](#)
- Click **Directory**

Now you will see an overview of all the various topics. If you click one of the topics, you will see a number of categories. Clicking a category will lead you to further additional sub-categories. Eventually you will reach a page where you can choose several links that will lead to your specific subject.

The Google Toolbar

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9. Click **Run** again
10. Click **Run** again
11. Your screen goes dark and you need to give your permission to continue:
12. Click [Continue](#)

Google Toolbar will be installed and *Internet Explorer* opens a new window. You will see that the *Google Toolbar* has been added to the *Internet Explorer*.



Clicking the downward arrow beside the [g](#) ▼ will give you a list of search options or you can type your subject directly into the search box.

- Search the various Google archives from any web page (without going to www.google.com)
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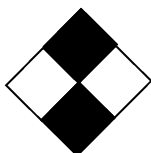
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Maynooth Golf Society

**Outing to Trim Golf Club 28/3/09
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Trim Golf Club was the venue for the first outing of the year for members of Maynooth Golf Club. 36 members and visitors braved the cold and very windy conditions on this challenging course. The winner on the day was Pat Connolly with a score of 31 Stableford points closely followed by 5 players all with a score of 30 points. Norman Kavanagh was eventually awarded second place after a count back on the back 9 and Brendan Bean was third after a count back on the back 6.

We would like to welcome the new members to the society. For those interested in joining Maynooth Golf Club please contact any committee member.

Result Sheet

1st Prize	Pat Connolly	31 pts
2nd Prize	Norman Kavanagh	30 pts B9
3rd Prize	Brendan Bean	30 pts B6
4th Prize	Seamus Grant	30 pts
5th Prize	Tom Flatley	30 pts
6th Prize	Gerry Reilly	30 pts
7th Prize	Tim Mullane	29 pts
Front 9	Dermot Myles	17 pts
Back 9	Mick Fahy	16 pts
Visitors	P.L. Malone	23 pts
Nearest The Pin	Tom Coffeey	



From left Norman Kavanagh 2nd place and winner Pat Connolly of recent Maynooth Golf Society to Trim 28th March sponsored by Glenmore Electrical.

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Maynooth GAA Dinner Dance



Former club secretary Dominic Nugent receives a special recognition for his many years of service to Maynooth GAA club from current club chairman Colm Nolan and former club chairman Matt Doran (left).



Mc Brendan Coffey interviews Maynooth ladies Football Manager, Anto Mooney



MC Brendan Coffey interviews Maynooth camogie under 21 captain, Elaine McAuliffe on stage

Castle Keep Art Group celebrates another successful exhibition 2009

Despite recessionary times it was great to see such a good turnout for the opening of the 12th Annual Art Exhibition in the Post Primary School on the 17th April. The exhibition continued until Sunday 19th.

The exhibition was opened by Mr. Tom Ashe the first principal of the Post Primary School who complimented the exhibition. He welcomed the Mayor of Kildare Senan Griffin and Councillor John McGinley and noted the Group's success in receiving a grant €500 from Kildare County Council for tuition. There was over 70 works on display from a 15 member group. The range of media – oils, pastels, watercolours, pen and ink, etchings, block print and lino prints mirrored the range in subject matter – landscapes, seascapes, figurative, botanical still life and abstract studies. Many local scenes were depicted such as views of Carton, St. Patrick's College, Trim Castle and Rathcoffey Castle. Connemara, Dingle and Tipperary landscapes also got a look in.

An added attraction at the exhibition was the inclusion of four transition year students, Niamh Donaldson, Niamh Richardson, Grace Soon and Susan Crowe who displayed wonderful artworks including ceramics with the theme *Food for Thought*. These pieces received lots of attention from the public. One item in particular a pencil drawing by Niamh Donaldson appealed at least one viewer and a purchase was made. Congratulations to all the students who contributed.

We would like to thank everyone who helped make the event the success it was in particular all those who come to the exhibition year in and year out. It was our great pleasure to have Mr. Tom Ashe to open the event. Our thanks also to the VEC and Mr. Johnny Nevin, Principal of the Post Primary School for providing a great venue and for their help and support in setting up and for looking after us so well as always.

We meet once a week on an informal basis for a "meet and paint" session. No experience is necessary to join. We have one exhibition per year just after Easter and arrange for some tuition during the year. If anyone is interested in joining the group or would like to find out more about it please contact 01-6289349 (evenings). We welcome new members.

Susan Durack – Castle Keep Art Group.



Opening the Exhibition - Tom Ashe with Deaglan Ó Ceallaigh Chairman of the Group



Betty Farrell & Rita McAssey



Elaine Bean & Eileen Quinn

Sir John Betjeman, Sir John Piers, and the Westmeath Examiner!

Did you know that the former British poet laureate, Sir John Betjeman, had his third ever poem printed by the Westmeath Examiner, back in 1937.

Some 150 copies of “**Sir John Piers**” were printed for Betjeman, who wrote it under the pseudonym Epsilon.

The poem is based on the true story of Sir John Piers of Tristernagh, who engaged in a bet with a friend, that he would seduce the new wife of a friend of his, Lord Cloncurry, who lived at what’s now The Lyons Estate, near Hazelhatch, in Kildare. The Annals of Westmeath report that this affair had its conclusion in the Court of the Kings Bench, where Lord Cloncurry, the injured party, successfully sued Piers for “criminal conversation” a euphemism for something a bit more....private, say, than conversation.

Piers scarpered to the Isle of Man – losing his recognisances in the process, and was eventually forced to pay up everything he had. He did return to Ballynacargy, he eventually lost the cottage he had built himself there, in the Encumbered Estates Court.

The poem, suggesting the words Piers may have used in his seduction of **Lady Cloncurry says:**

“I love your brown curls, black in rain, my colleen,

I love your grey eyes, by this verdant shore

Two Derravaraghs to plunge into and drown me,

Hold not those lakes of light so near me more.”

It refers to Lough Ennel, to Lord Belvedere, to Glencara, to Sunderlin of Baronstown, to Portloman, to Tristernagh.

I. The Fate Champatre

Oh, gay lapped the waves on the shores of Lough Ennel
And sweet smelt the breeze 'mid the garlic and fennel,
But sweeter and gayer than either of these
Were the songs of the birds in Lord Belvedere's trees.

The light skiff is push'd from the weed-waving shore,
The rowlocks creak evenly under the oar,
And a boatload of beauty darts over the tide,
The Baron Cloncurry and also his bride.

Lord Belvedere sits like a priest in the prow,
'Tis the Lady Mount Cashel sits next to him now.
And both the de Blacquieres to balance the boat,
Was so much nobility ever afloat?

The party's arranged on the opposite shore,
Lord Clonmore is present and one or two more,
But why has the Lady Cloncurry such fears?
Oh, one of the guests will be Baronet Piers.
The grotto is reached and the parties alight,

The feast is spread out, and begob! what a sight,

Pagodas of jelly in bowls of champagne,
And a tower of blancmange from the Baron Kilmaine.

In the shell-covered shelter the grotto affords
The meats and the pies are arranged on the boards,

The nobility laugh and are free from all worry
Excepting the bride of the Baron Cloncurry.

But his lordship is gayer than ever before,
He laughs like the ripples that lap the lake shore,
Nor thinks that his bride has the slightest of fears
Lest one of the guests be the Baronet Piers.

A curricule rolling along on the grass,
The servants make way to allow it to pass,
A high-stepping grey and the wheels flashing yellow
And Sir John in the seat, what a capital fellow!

Huzza for Sir John! and huzza for the f'te,
For without his assistance no f'te is complete;
Oh, gay is the garland the ladies will wreath
For the handsomest blade in the County Westmeath.

The harness is off with a jingle of steel,
The grey in the grass crops an emerald meal,
Sir John saunters up with a smile and a bow
And the Lady Cloncurry is next to him now.

Her eyes on the landscape, she don't seem to hear
The passing remark he designs for her ear,
For smooth as a phantom and proud as a stork
The Lady Cloncurry continues her walk.

II. The Attempt

III. The Exile

V. Tristernagh To-day

Dockleaves lapping it, maidenhair flapping it,
Blue veins mapping it, skin of the moon,
Suck of the bog in it, cold of the frog in it,
Keep it away from me, shrouded cocoon.
The worms are moving this soft and smooth thing
And I'm the creature for foolish fears,

There's not a feature that's super nature
'Tis only rational, 'tis
SIR JOHN PIERS

Well worth a read, and you can read the complete text on:

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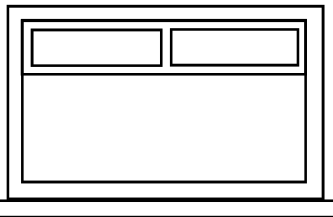
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When the Past was the Present.

Maynooth Local History Group presented "When the Past was the Present" in Maynooth Public Library during April.

The display was the 2nd to be held and the curator was Fergus White. The display included photographs of the North Kildare Cycling Club (Pegley Collection), The Weafer Family, Pa Weafer and Entertainment in Maynooth throughout the ages.

Maynooth Local History Group is always looking for photographs.



The Friendly Brothers of the Mortality Society of Maynooth.
Outing to Glendalough 1920's.



Cycle Race 1956.
The 1956 Kildare Grand Prix leaving Maynooth.
Barney O'Brien in the lead.



Maynooth Minstrels. Probably early 1900's. The man on the extreme right is Thomas Weaver.



Kit and Paddy Dunne of the St. Marys Brass and Reed Band wearing new 1932 uniforms with young Eddie.



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Recipes

Sicilian Almond Cake

Ingredients:

75g/3ozs Self Raising Flour
75g/3ozs Butter
150g/5ozs Castor Sugar
Grated Rind of 1 Lemon
2 Eggs
100g Packet Ground Almonds
1 Teaspoon Almond Essence
For Decoration
25g/1oz Icing Sugar
25g/1oz Toasted Flaked Almonds.



Method:

Preheat oven to 180°C/350°F/Gas 4. Lightly grease and base line an 18/20cms/7/8inch sandwich tin. Beat butter, sugar and lemon rind until light and fluffy. Gradually whisk in the eggs. Gently stir in alternate spoonfuls of flour and ground almonds, then stir in the almond essence. Transfer to prepared tin and spread evenly. Bake for about 30/40 minutes until risen and golden brown or until a skewer inserted in the centre comes out clean. Leave to settle in the tin for 5 minutes, then turn onto a wire tray to cool. Dust top of the cake with icing sugar, mark into slices, then, scatter the toasted almonds over.

Ganny's Apple Cake

Ingredients:

225g/8ozs Self Raising Flour
175g/6ozs Margarine
175g/6ozs Sugar
3 Eggs
1 level teaspoon Cinnamon (optional)
3 Apples (peeled & cored)

Method:

Beat margarine and sugar together. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in the sieved flour and cinnamon, if used. Roughly chop the 3 apples and stir into the mixture. Place into a greased and base lined 900g/2lb loaf tin. Bake in a pre-heated oven at 190°C/375°F/Gas 5 for 30 minutes approx. Allow to stand in tin for about 5 minutes, then turn onto a wire tray to cool.

Summer Classic - Salad Nicoise

Ingredients:

150g Greens Beans
2 Tomatoes
4 Eggs
1 Lettuce
12 Small New Potatoes
20 Black Olives
1 tbsp Chopped Parsley
2 Cans of Tuna or 400g of Fresh Tuna

Vinaigrette:

50ml Red Wine Vinegar
Pinch of Salt and Pepper
1 tbsp Water
2 tsp Dijon Mustard
1 tsp Crushed Garlic
1 Shallot
150ml Olive Oil
1 Baguette

Instructions:

Make the vinaigrette by mixing some chopped garlic, diced shallots and red wine vinegar before combining with a fork until all the ingredients have been mixed together evenly. Hard boil your eggs for 9 minutes in boiling salted water before removing and allowing them to cool down. Peel the eggs and set to one side. Using a jug or pouring bottle add the olive oil into the mixture in a slow consistent stream until all the oil has been added and it is a smooth consistency. Cook the new potatoes in some boiling salted water for about 15 minutes or until they are soft when you insert a small knife. Remove the potatoes from the water and cool under cold running water. Repeat the same process of cooking in boiling water before cooling down under cold running water with the beans. The beans should only take 5/6 minutes. Remove the tuna from the fridge and allow it to come to room temperature as you start to make the salad. Mix the quartered tomatoes, black olives, green beans, halved new potatoes and halved peeled eggs in a large bowl very carefully. Heat your grill pan or barbecue to an extremely high heat. Season the tuna with salt and pepper. Sear the tuna on each side for one minute on the extremely high heat so as the tuna is seared on the outside and pink in the middle. Remove the Tuna from the grill and cut into thin slices against the grain. Wash your salad and place into a bowl along with your vegetables and sliced tuna. Drizzle the dressing over the salad and serve immediately.



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May Diary Planner



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Meetings take place every 1st Thursday of the Month at 8.00 p.m. in the I.C.A. Hall in the Harbour.

Crafts Every Monday Night
at 8.00 p.m.

Maynooth Toastmasters

Monday 11th & 25th May at 7.45 p.m.
in Glenroyal Hotel Maynooth

Maynooth Local History Group

Thursday 14th May at 8.00 p.m. in O'Neill's
Public House.

Maynooth Scouts

Race Night to be held on 23rd May from
8.00 p.m. in The Glenroyal Hotel

Maynooth Community Library

Feng Shui Workshop—Monday
18th May at 8-10 p.m.

Louise Hay Workshop: Live Your Best
Life—Monday 8th June at
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University of Third Age

May's meeting Friday 1st, 15th and 29th at
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1st Monday of every month at 7 pm	O'Keefe's, Kilcock

Maynooth Local History Group

Programme

April – June 2009

Everyone Welcome

Thursday 14 May 2009

Venue: O'Neill's Public House

Main Street, Maynooth at 8.00pm

Speaker: Angela Byrne

The European travels of Mr John & Mrs Dorothea Catherine Ladeveze

Adlercron of Moyglare, 1806-1844

Angela will focus mainly on John Adlercron's journey to Moscow via Austria, Poland and Belarus 1805-1806 and the family's tours in France, Switzerland and Italy between 1824-1844

June – Outing to be determined.

For further details contact secretary:

Rita Edwards at 01-6016332 or at ritaedwards@eircom.net

Features

Maynooth Tidy Towns

MORE POSITIVE NEWS ON THE PARKS .

Following on from last month where we showed the devastation caused to the three open spaces in Maynooth as a result of the sewerage system upgrade works we are pleased to advise that there is better news this month. Following a letter written to Mr. Michael Malone, Kildare County Manager, we have been asked to come up with proposals to reinstate the areas involved. We cannot prevent works that are needed in the town but the very nature of these works (involving tunnelling) meant that much more damage than what was expected occurred. We must acknowledge the support of a number of local Councillors to ensure that our proposals will be agreed. The opportunity exists for the people of Maynooth to have work done in these areas that would previously have been difficult to achieve. Maynooth Tidy Towns have come up with proposals and we will be involving local residents in finalising the plans. There is an urgent need to bring the plans forward for agreement with Kildare County Council as the works are due for completion in July 2009 and the contractor will then go off site.

ANUAL COLLECTION THE WEEKEND MAY 22ND

We are very dependent on your support to fund our projects such as the hanging baskets. Money is not easy to get and we are always appreciative of what you can afford to give us. We will be collecting at a number of shops as well as at the church gate. Please ensure that you are happy that the collectors are doing so for us when making a donation as all collectors carry formal Garda permits. We do not undertake door to door collections.

ANUAL NATIONAL TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION

The time of year has come again where we have to make the application for the National Competition. Please advise us if you (especially a business) if you have a waste minimisation /recycling project going. Also if your residents association is planning an environmental project that will be completed in 2009, we would like to include it as part of the application. Judging takes place anytime from June 1st to August 31st and an extra effort on your part to keep the environment in Maynooth clean and tidy would be appreciated for that period. If you want to get involved as part of Maynooth Tidy Towns for that period please call or text our group contact number 087 3153189.

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Features

Community groups in Maynooth receive funds under Intel Ireland 2008 'Matching Grant Initiative'

To mark the Intel Corporation's 40th Anniversary a new approach was conceived where Intel employees undertook voluntary activities in the community the corporation would give a grant for each hour worked under the company's 2008 'Matching Grant Initiative'. This initiative, which was part of an Intel global 'one million volunteer hour' 2008 challenge, involved Intel employees in Ireland giving voluntary time to local community organisations throughout the course of last year. While the original target given to the employees in Ireland was 35,000 hours which was an increase on the usual annual level of around 7,500 hours, such was the interest in the scheme that a total of 56,000 hours was achieved by the Irish staff. In Ireland, eighty organisations including many charities and sports clubs benefited from the programme and the matching financial support came in at US\$300,000.

Maynooth Community Council acted as the NGO for the town and led the compiling of projects in the town that were submitted to the programme for support. Over 400 hours of voluntary time was delivered in Maynooth with Maynooth Community Council, Maynooth Soccer Club, Maynooth Tidy Towns, Maynooth ICA and Maynooth 3rd Age being the beneficiaries. The impact was two fold in the sense that the work was done for us and at the same time we received a grant for each hour worked stated Paul Croghan who co-ordinated the Maynooth programme of work.

Maynooth Community Council representatives attended a ceremony in Intel on April 1st when we were presented with a cheque for US \$4,245 by Jim O'Hara head of Intel Ireland. On behalf of all the groups that received support in Maynooth we would like to both thank and congratulate the Intel employees. While the "Intel Involved" community support programme has run for many years with many community groups being supported over the years, the company's 2008 'Matching Grant Initiative' has raised the bar in terms of how Intel supports the local community Paul Croghan commented. The reach of the projects this year also stretched well beyond the local areas with a number of national voluntary organizations benefitting from support.

Maynooth Community Council would like to single out one Intel employee who was an immense support to us this year as we moved office to the Tesco complex. Patrick Ennis a young man who lives in Celbridge saved us substantial costs in our office move as well as devised and delivered specialist training for the office staff and of course gained us significant funds under the 2008 'Matching Grant Initiative'.



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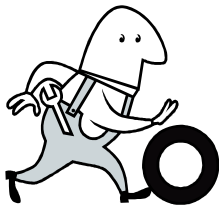
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Horoscopes



Aries—March 21—April 20

You've made progress in a relationship. You were once perfect strangers and now you know each other well. You'll benefit by using the element of surprise to remind someone you're an ever-evolving mystery.

Your lucky day is Sunday, Number 6, Colour Blue.



TAURUS—April 21—May 21

Count all your many positive traits. You need to be confident in order to take advantage of the opportunities you'll be given. Realizing what you're good at helps you know which options are best.

Your lucky day is Saturday, Number 23, Colour Pink.



GEMINI—May 22—June 22

You are adventurous, energetic and ready to take on the world. There are those around you who can't match your glee, but they'll go up a notch just being in your vicinity.

Your lucky day is Monday, Number 21, Colour Red.



CANCER—June 23—July 23

You have a talent for sorting out good ideas from bad. People who either can't decide on a plan or are confused about the one they've chosen will come to you for advice.

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



LEO—July 24—August 23

You are being asked to compromise by someone who has not been willing to bend to accommodate you. Get distance from this situation and the other person just might change his or her tune.

Your lucky day is Wednesday, Number 10, Colour Violet.



Virgo—August 24—Sept 23

What was supposed to be a temporary situation seems to be lasting forever. Good communication fixes it. Make new rules or remind the other people involved what the original arrangement was.

Your lucky day is Monday, Number 12, Colour Orange.



LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23

You are an excellent sounding board, open to listening to the details, going with the tangents and following the entire story. Do put limits on the time you dedicate to others. Your own purpose needs more attention.

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



SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22

Spend your energy in research. Ask questions and learn the challenges, wants and needs of others. You cannot persuade anyone to your point of view without first understanding where they are coming from.

Your lucky day is Friday, Number 19, Colour Green.



SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21

You are strong and capable, but it's unwise to expect yourself to do it all. Sometimes it just isn't possible to balance everything with grace. Your best move is to delegate a task before it drops by the wayside.

Your lucky day is Sunday, Number 15, Colour Black.



CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20

You dream of greatness. So when you get a pat on the back for doing good work, it's just not enough. Be grateful anyway as you aim higher.

Your lucky day is Monday, Number 25, Colour Light Green.



AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19

You'll be striking a deal. Be careful not to cage yourself into a situation that has you doing and giving more than is good for you. Be very cautious.

Your lucky day is Thursday, Number 26, Colour Lilac.



PISCES—Feb 20—March 20

Older family members need you. Forgive again and let the past stay where it belongs. Life is too short to let things get in the way. You can therefore not be blamed in the future.

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Cllr. John McGinley

Sewerage Upgrade Works in Maynooth

At the Leixlip Area Committee Meeting on 20 March, Councillors were given a presentation on the Lower Liffey Valley Regional Sewerage Scheme (LLVRSS) by Council Officials and David Conor of Tobin Consulting Engineers. Cllr. John McGinley and the other Councillors asked that an Information Meeting be held in Maynooth so that the public, Tidy Towns and the Business Community could get information on the works and make their views known. This meeting was held on the evening of the 31st March in the Glenroyal and all houses in Maynooth were notified in advance.

The meeting was attended by four engineers representing the Council and one engineer from the contractor, Ward & Burke. It was a very positive and worthwhile meeting. Cllr. McGinley was given the following assurances:

- The contractor agreed that there would be no noise related work between 8pm and 8am.
- All re-instatement would be at least to the standard of what was there beforehand. The Tidy Towns were asked to submit their preferred re-instatement for the little Pound and to make suggestions for Pound Park/The Green.
- The Tidy Towns Committee to outline what they want the Council to put in a letter for the Tidy Towns Adjudicators so that the Sewerage Works does not impact on the scoring for Maynooth.
- The large pipe at the Castle/College Gates green will be removed when the tunnelling is finished and all that will be left there will be a manhole cover. The work is held up at present as Ministerial Approval has to be given for a Heritage Site such as this.
- The timing of the Surface Water Sewerage Works on Main Street and Back Lane to be carried out so as not to impact on students going to their Leaving Cert Exams. The works on the South Side of Main Street from the Avenue Cafe to The Roost will take place from the 18th June to the 9th July and the works on Back Lane will take place from the 11th to the 17th June.
- All of the work in Maynooth to be completed by Mid July.
- Positive consideration is being given to Cllr. John McGinley's request to have the "Bandstand" moved to NUIM

Cllr. John McGinley has 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)."

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Temporary Provision of Additional Car Parking Capacity in Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley and his fellow Councillors asked Council Officials some time ago to approach TESCO with a view to leasing the largely unused old car park. Councillors were advised at the Area Meeting on 20 March that TESCO had refused to lease any of the car park as they would need it for busy times such as Christmas. This extraordinary response by TESCO was condemned by John and his fellow Councillors as the Council leasing the car park was a win win for all concerned. The Council officials were asked to approach TESCO again as any problems with their peak time shopping at Christmas could be overcome very easily.

Possible Provision of Car Parking beside St. Mary's Catholic Church

Also, Cllr. John McGinley and his fellow Councillors had asked Council Officials to approach the owners of the derelict site beside the Church with a view to leasing it for use as a Council car park and for Church goers. Councillors were advised at the Area Meeting on 20 March that the owners had refused to lease the site. In Cllr. John McGinley's view it is completely unacceptable that the owners of this eyesore should refuse to co-operate with the council.

Cllr. McGinley has repeated his view to the Council that the site sign is an unauthorised development and that it is also a dangerous and derelict site that children are able to gain access to. John has asked the Council to take action against the site owner and hopefully there will be a positive outcome where we all gain.

Reply to Cllr. McGinley's Motion on the Removal of Graffiti:

John was given the following reply to his motion:

"In May 2008 Pobal introduced funding to community groups for a graffiti reduction programme and this was brought to the attention of all the county's Tidy Town Groups at the time. It appears from the Pobal website (www.pobal.ie) that the programme may still be in operation.

Environment Section does not have the resources to remove graffiti from property."

John was further advised that the funding from Pobal is not available to County Councils and only community groups such as Tidy Towns or Residents' Association can apply.

John asked that the Council remove the graffiti from the new Teenage Activity Area in the Harbour Field as soon as possible as it is an eyesore and if left there will only encourage more vandalism.

Reply to Cllr. McGinley's Motion on Banning HGV's & Putting Traffic Calming on Moyglare Road

At the March Leixlip Area Committee meeting of the Council John got the following reply to his motion:

"Traffic counts on this road carried out in September 2008 show HGV traffic at less than 5%. This level of HGV traffic would not be considered excessive and would be in keeping with recorded levels on other roads in the area. The difficulty with prohibiting traffic from using certain routes is that the displaced traffic must use alternative routes. This aspect would have to receive attention before any consideration would be given to the introduction of a HGV ban.

With regard to traffic calming, I regret to inform the committee that the traffic calming budget for the county is extremely limited and a number of projects have already been prioritised which will fully expend the monies available."

John then proposed that the Council make a case to the Dublin Transportation Office (DTO) for funding as the Moyglare Road is unique in Ireland as it has Schools at all three levels off it i.e. NUIM, Post Primary and Boys School. The DTO fund traffic calming at schools and the case for extending the traffic calming on Moyglare Road, in John's opinion, is very good. His proposal was agreed and the Council will now write to the DTO as requested.

Extension of Yellow Lines at the Entrance to the Council Car Park is Needed

Cllr. John McGinley has asked the Council to extend the recently painted yellow lines at the entrance to the Council car park at Supervalu by a further 12m in order to stop cars from parking in a dangerous and illegal manner at this corner.

Left Turning Lane Sought for Exit to Straffan Road from Greenfield Estate/Shopping Centre:

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

"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."

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Status of Noise Abatement Measures on M4

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

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

REVIEW OF 2008 ALLOCATION OF DISABLED GRANTS SHOWS KILDARE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST

Deputy Emmet Stagg sought information from the Minister for Housing in relation to the amounts sought by each Local Authority for the Operation of the Disabled Grants Scheme and Housing Aid for the Elderly Scheme in 2008 and the amount subsequently allocated to each Local Authority.

The Minister has advised Deputy Stagg that Estimated Demand for the Schemes in 2008 totalled €158 Million and the total allocated including Local Authority Expenditure amounted to €95 Million, roughly 60% coverage of the estimated demand.

On two levels stated Deputy Stagg the figures show that Kildare is being discriminated against, the amount allocated compared to the amount sought and the allocation to Counties with Low Populations. Astoundingly in some instances Local Authorities were allocated more funding than the estimated demand for the schemes when they originally supplied figures to the Department in 2007, namely Cavan County Council, Kerry County Council, Laois County Council, Leitrim County Council, Offaly County Council, Roscommon County Council and Waterford County Council

Kildare Co. Council estimated that demand in 2008 would be €8,305,000 and the total allocation in 2008 was a paltry €2,717,064, only 33% of the amount sought. This compares to Carlow County Council receiving 79%, Clare County Council 92%, Longford County Council 60%, Westmeath County Council 91%, South Dublin County Council 80%, Limerick County Council 69%. Other areas did worse than Kildare such as Sligo County Council 29% and Wicklow County Council 25%. These figures show clearly that the allocation of resources to Kildare and other Counties is entirely discriminatory declared Deputy Stagg.

When you look at population figures Kildare with 186,000 people was allocated €2.7 Million, Laois with a population of 67,000 people was allocated €2.6 Million, Cavan with a population of 64,000 people was

allocated €2.2 Million and Carlow with a population of 51,000 people was allocated €2.2 Million. This again shows that Kildare is being discriminated against stated Deputy Stagg.

These grants stated Deputy Stagg are to provide basic services such as downstairs bedrooms and toilets for people who are disabled or with serious heart or respiratory problems to ensure they can live at home. The grants cover the installation of walk in showers or stair-lifts. They also cover door/window/roof repairs and more importantly rewiring of old houses for elderly people.

With a waiting list of over 500 grant applications in Kildare, valued at some €7 Million, it is critical that Kildare gets a fair share of the allocations in 2009 to give people the opportunity of some comfort whilst living in the community and Deputy Stagg stated that he would be raising the iniquitous and scandalous allocations with the Minister.

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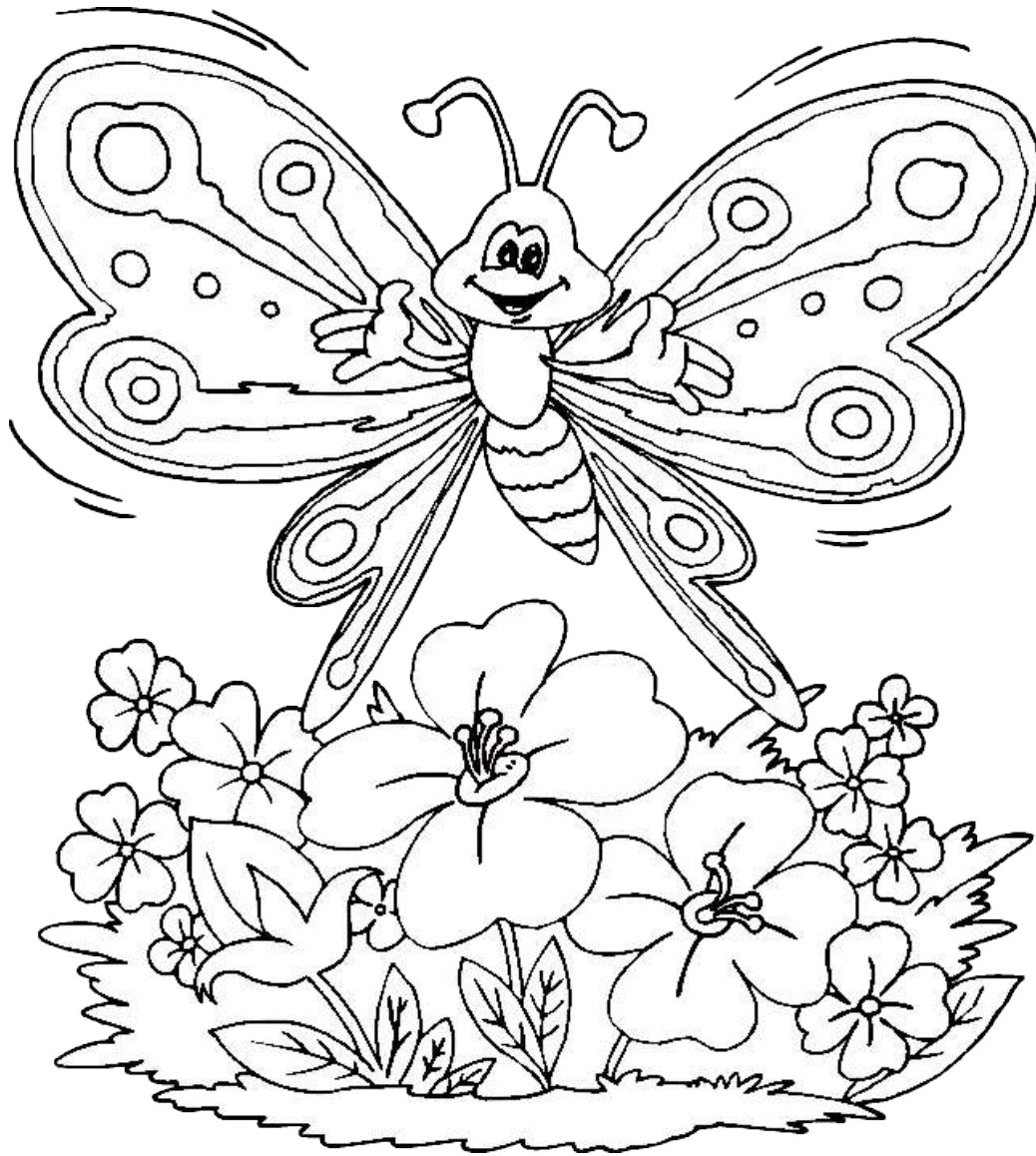
Letter To Our Readers

I wonder if you could help please? I was brought up in Maynooth & went to school at the Pres. Convent, leaving in 1953. I would love to know whatever became of my old classmates, including Anne Mallon, Lil Hyland, Marie Monahan, Anne McDonagh, Betty Gleeson, Evelyn Smith, Margaret Bracken, Eileen Brady, Nellie Corrway, Nuala O'Donnell & many more, too numerous to list here, but none forgotten! Sadly my old school photos were lost in a house move many years ago so I can't include one. I would love to hear from any of them. My surname was O'Reilly then. Many thanks if you can help.

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Michael Fitzpatrick T.D.

Government supporting enterprise and employment with supplementary budget - Fitzpatrick

Supporting enterprise and employment has been a focus of this Government's supplementary budget according to local Fianna Fail TD, and Convenor of the Oireachtas Enterprise Committee, Michael Fitzpatrick.

"The Government is conscious that securing employment and creating new jobs is vital if we are to reverse the economic downturn. This is why this supplementary budget is focusing on job creation and supporting enterprise."

"The Budget made provision for in excess of €500 million for capital investment in enterprise through IDA Ireland, Enterprise Ireland, the County and City Enterprise Boards and Science Foundation Ireland. In doing so, the Government has prioritised investment in the most productive sectors of our economy and has invested in the creation of jobs by cementing the foundations of export led recovery and growth."

"This Budget also provides €100 million for the establishment of an Enterprise Stabilisation Fund that will enable our internationally trading companies survive the current global downturn by supporting their drive to reduce costs and gain sales in recession hit overseas markets."

"The creation of the National Asset Management Agency will also free up banks to lend to small businesses again by taking over the bad debts from banks."

"The Government is maintaining the largest per capita capital investment programme in Europe of €3.1 billion which will assist the creation and maintenance of jobs in the construction sector. In addition the Government made €100 m available last October for sustainable energy and the green economy and this will assist and support the creation of 7,000 jobs. The school building and modernisation programme is expected to create 3,000 jobs with an investment of €613.5m."

"The Government is also keen to support the up-skilling of workers and the supplementary budget will now provide 128,000 training places for the unemployed through FÁS and the Job Search/National Employment Action Plan referral capacity has nearly doubled from 6,500 to 12,250 cases per month."

"The Government increased the number of Short Course places by 51,000 in February, bringing the total to 78,000 and an additional 12,015 places were announced in this Budget bringing the number to 92,000 training places."

"Redundant apprentices will benefit from an additional 700 places on a new Institutes of Technology training programme, which means that approximately 3,400 redundant apprentices in total will now be able to progress their apprenticeships."

"An additional 400 places provided for in the budget will increase the number of places on Community Employment Scheme to 22,700 this year."

"This Budget also outlined a new work experience scheme, the details of which are currently being finalised, which will provide 2,000 six-month places to those who are unemployed and it will include the placement of graduates."

"A pilot training programme of 277 places at a cost of €1 million is to also be introduced for sustaining vulnerable

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employment. Under this programme workers who are placed on a three-day week and receiving social welfare payments for the days they are not working will receive 2 days training a week for a period of 52 weeks. Again the details of this will be finalised shortly."

"The Department of Enterprise with the Department of Education and Science will be also provide 1,500 third level places on a part time basis to the unemployed so that they may pursue a third level qualification."

"All of these measures are designed to support the unemployed, support their up-skilling and retraining to ensure that they are best placed to take advantage of any available employment opportunities."

"Being prepared for the up-turn that will inevitably come is vital. In the meantime it is crucial to encourage and support businesses and those who are unemployed and I am pleased that the Government has outlined these practical measures to do so," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

Changes in payments to TDs and Senators welcomed - Fitzpatrick

Kildare North Fianna Fail TD, Michael Fitzpatrick has welcomed the announcement that there will be considerable changes in the payments to members of the Oireachtas following the supplementary Budget announced by Minister for Finance, Brian Lenihan TD.

"TDs and Senators will take a 10% reduction in all expenses other than mileage where a 25% reduction has already taken place. Payments to the Chairs of Oireachtas Committees will be halved and payments to committee Vice-Chairs and Convenors will be abolished. TDs will no longer receive long service payments or increments. Former Ministers will not receive pensions while they are still serving as members of the Oireachtas. TDs and Senators who avail of paid leave of absence as teachers will not longer be able to avail of the arrangement whereby they can keep the difference between their teacher's salary and the cost of employing a replacement."

"All of these payments on top of regular salaries seemed like unnecessary expenditure in these difficult economic times and I am pleased that the Minister has made these necessary changes."

"It is vital that the public can see that members of

the Oireachtas are going to be hit by measures in this Budget. It is up to us to lead by example and I think it was important that the Minister reformed the system of payments and expenses to Ministers, TDs and Senators."

"I hope that these changes will go some small way to help restore public confidence in public representatives. The country is going through a difficult period and it is important that we as politicians play our part too. We are all tightening our belts now and I hope these changes will help save the taxpayer a substantial sum in the years to come," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

New National Asset Management Agency to free up funding for business

The Government has provided for a new National Asset Management Agency (NAMA) to assist in the functioning of the banking system which will benefit small businesses and consumers according to member of the Oireachtas Enterprise Committee and Kildare North Fianna Fail TD, Michael Fitzpatrick.

"It is vital that banks are actively encouraged to start lending to small business in particular, to help to protect jobs and stimulate growth in the local economy. Banks provide the lifeblood of the economic system and small and medium sized enterprises provide the lifeblood of our local economy."

"If banks do not lend to individuals and businesses the economy will contract even further, jeopardising jobs and livelihoods."

"It is vital that banks are given a clean bill of health if they have big loans that cannot be serviced and allowed to strengthen their balance sheets and increase the flow of credit, particularly to small and medium sized enterprises."

"The Government, through NAMA will purchase the land and development at an economic price that reflects the current economic climate. Both the developers and banks will take a significant loss where they were originally purchased at an inflated price. NAMA will realise these assets over time in a way that protects the taxpayer."

"NAMA will not allow developers or other borrowers to get out of paying their loans they will have to repay what they owe, just as if the loan was with their original lender. It simply allows that original lender to free up extra monies to continue to lend."

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"It is expected that the value of these loans will be in the region of €80 to €90 billion and will be considerably less than the original full value of the loans as NAMA will take into account the current values of property, land or developments. The original lender will have to take on these losses."

"While this move will increase the national debt, NAMA will try to cost the servicing the debt from income accruing from the assets. The debt itself will be repaid from funds raised from the sale of assets or the repayment of the loans by the existing customer."

"The Government has taken this move to ensure the stability of the Irish financial system and promote lending while also seeking to protect the interests of the taxpayers."

"This measure is not designed to save developers it is designed to increase the capability of banks and financial institutions to lend to stimulate economic growth which is vital for the future of local industry and jobs," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick. -

On-line application of facility for 2009 Single Farm Payment Scheme now open – Fitzpatrick

Fianna Fail TD for Kildare North, Michael Fitzpatrick has welcomed the news that the on-line application facility for the 2009 Single Farm Payment applications is now up and running.

"Applications for the 2009 Single Farm Payment will be taken with the Department of Agriculture's on-line application facility. Applications for the Disadvantaged Areas Scheme, and all other area based schemes, including the new Upland Sheep Payment can now also be made on line."

"This on-line facility is a further indication of the Department's commitment to make applying for grants as easy as possible for farmers and minimise the time and red tape around applications."

"The on-line application form also helps to reduce the potential mistakes or errors made by farmers and helps to prevent delays as the form has inbuilt compulsory fields helping to reduce errors or omissions. Incorrect paper forms need to be returned to the applicant slowing down the payment of the grant."

"The Minister tells me that almost 25,000 farmers are already registered with the Department to use the on-line facility and a further 25,000 have nominated an agent to fill in the form on their behalf. I am especially pleased that the option of nominating an

agent has had such a strong take up. The Minister recognised that some applicants may not have access to or be comfortable using an on-line facility. To ensure that this did not prove to be a barrier to using the on-line application, agents can be appointed by the applicant to fill out the form."

"Kildare farmers who have yet to sign up for the on-line facility can make enquiries via the website www.agfood.ie or by telephoning the lo-call number, 1890 252 118," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

Kildare Business to benefit from EU Recovery Plan - Fitzpatrick

Kildare businesses will benefit from a new EU wide recovery plan agreed by European leaders including the Taoiseach, Brian Cowen and Foreign Affairs Minister Micheál Martin, according to local Fianna Fáil TD and Government Convenor of the Oireachtas Enterprise Committee, Michael Fitzpatrick.

"Ireland has emerged as a major winner in a EUR5 billion recovery plan. The new plan will deliver cheaper, cleaner power to Kildare, improve broadband access and protect jobs."

"The EU will provide EUR110 million for an electricity inter-connector between Ireland and Wales, this will open up the energy market for businesses in Kildare and across the country. This will open up the market by reducing the need for gas imports to fuel our power stations"

"Ireland will also get funding to improve broadband in communities across Kildare. Securing high speed internet access will ensure that businesses in our communities will be able to compete with any other location in the EU for new industry."

"This package is a clear example of the direct benefit Kildare and Ireland receives by being at the heart of Europe. My colleagues the Taoiseach and Minister Martin are working to ensure we continue to have a central role in Europe so as we can continue benefiting from investments and supports such as this. By working together the EU will ensure the best outcome for our peoples during this time of economic uncertainty."

"Over the coming weeks both men will be working to help secure the strongest possible guarantees to address the concerns of voters in Kildare about the Lisbon Treaty. Minister Martin assures me that the Government's priority is to get robust guarantees to address issues such as neutrality, taxes and workers rights."

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"The Government remains on track to secure those guarantees by the middle of the year."

"I will be remaining in close contact with both the Taoiseach and the Foreign Affairs Minister during this period to ensure that concerns of people in Kildare are addressed before we vote in a new referendum," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

Planning and Development Act should be changed to Facilitate Greater Consultation and Reduce Conflict between Minister for Environment and County Councils.

Provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000 should be improved to enable more discussion and consultation between local authorities and the Department of the Environment when City and County plans are being drawn up. This would lead to fewer disagreements between Local Authorities and the Department of the Environment and result in more timely and effective local planning.

These are some of the key findings contained in a report published by the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Environment, Heritage and Local Government. "The findings of the report recommend a clear process whereby this form of discord could be avoided in the future", according to Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick who is a member of this committee.

The report states that the Planning and Development Act should be amended to allow for a period of consultation involving the Department, local authorities and general public, should there be a direction to vary a County Development Plan. Furthermore, new development plans should not be initiated within two years of local council elections. This measure is to facilitate continuity, by ensuring that the councillors who commenced the plan are still in office when the plan is to be completed.

"The recommendations contained in this report should considerably assist the process of co-ordination between local and central governments. In future, more collaboration is needed to bring about a more efficient working relationship between local authorities and government departments. This relationship is crucial to ensure effective and successful local

administration", added Michael.

The recommendations of the report will be passed on to the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government to advise him regarding any changes to the legislation.

The report itself will be laid before the Houses of the Oireachtas.

County Development Plans provide a framework for land use, development, strategic planning, conservation and heritage. It provides objectives, standards and development controls which will be applied to all development within the County.

For a full copy of the report see www.oireachtas.ie Issued on behalf of Deputy Michael Fitzpatrick T.D.

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MAYNOOTH U3A

Bernadette Duffy, a relative new member but definitely not new to charring meetings, as was evident from her performance. She dealt with all the business, there was no rushed ending and demonstrated the effectiveness of time management. Our 'Go for Life' programme proved very worthwhile. It was fun, sociable and not without its competitive edge. We had a taster of curling, bowls and croquet. Hurry along the summer when we can transfer our skills into the great outdoors. Do I hear someone volunteering their back garden! What a lovely colourful account Ursula gave us regarding the trip to Kilkenny. We look forward to seeing more of her literary talent during our creative writing classes. It was great to see our own Anne McGarry on the telly in conjunction with the Third Age Foundation, Summerhill. A Performance worthy of a nomination! Irene entertained us with a mouth-watering talk on gardening. The prospect of early potatoes, spring onions and fresh strawberries had us hanging on her every word.

May will be a busy month with our forthcoming AGM. What are your aspirations, dreams and vision for U3A? This months meetings are on Friday 1st 15th and 29th at 11.00 in the Community Library. As always new members are very welcome.

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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.

Boost for Kildare small and medium sized firms expected – Brady

Fianna Fail TD for Kildare North Áine Brady has welcomed the news that the European Investment Bank is making a total of €300 million available for loans for Irish small and medium sized firms.

"The €300 million from the European Investment Bank provide three banks, AIB, Ulster Bank and Bank of Ireland with funds to enable them to lend to companies that have projects that further EU policy objectives."

"These funds have the potential to provide a great boost to Kildare firms. Small and medium sized firms in Kildare have had a difficult time in this economic downturn and I have heard from local business people that access to vital capital has been a source of difficulty."

"It is essential that we continue to give practical support to small and medium sized enterprises as they form such an important part of our economy and are one of the biggest employers in the country."

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"The European Investment Bank increased its lending for small and medium-sized enterprises by more than 42 percent in 2008 and EIB President Philippe Maystadt has stated the commitment of the Bank to provide rapid additional support for the European economy in the current crisis."

"I am delighted that the European Investment Bank is assisting Ireland with these funds. It shows yet again the importance of Ireland being a full and enthusiastic member of the European Union. It is by working together that we will come through this global economic crisis," concluded Deputy Brady.

Maynooth Boys School gets funding approved for Extension.

Deputy Aine Brady has been informed by the Minister for Education at a meeting with the Minister on Thursday last, that Maynooth Boys National School has been successful in securing funding for an extension.

'I am delighted that Maynooth Boys National Schools has been successful in securing funding to enable the school to provide a 3 classroom extension which will replace the existing two prefabs and provide an additional classroom at the School.' stated Deputy Brady.

'While I have worked extremely hard to bring this issue to a successful conclusion, I do want to acknowledge the work of the Principal, Board of Management, Teachers and Parents, who worked in a positive and professional manner with all concerned, and brought this project to the next stage.'

'The Department Officials will be in contact with the school authorities and agree a way forward to the tender and construction stage. I arranged for the School Management to meet with the Minister for Education on his recent visit to Maynooth. I want to thank the Minister for the pro-active and innovative approach he has taken to resolving the issue.' stated Deputy Brady.

'This announcement, taken with the approval for the construction of the new Maynooth Gael Scoil, the approval for the construction of a New School in Ardclough, the completion of the extension to the Girls School in Maynooth and the new Educate Together in Maynooth, demonstrate to any fair observer that we are punching above our weight from an investment in Education Infrastructure perspective in these challenging times.' concluded Deputy Brady.

Income levy – Briefing Note – Budget 2009

Doubling of the three income levy percentage rates

The new percentages will be 2%, 4% and 6%

Lowering the income levy thresholds/entry points for the new income levy rates

Proportionate - higher levy rates apply on the higher segments of income

The lowest income levy will now apply for the first time to people earning between €15,028 and €18,304.

Where one earns from €15,028 up to and including €75,035 one pays 2% on all of one's income from €1 to € 75,035 inclusive.

e.g. if someone earns €16,000 per annum, that person will pay 2% on all of that €16,000, not just the portion from €15,028 to €16,000.

(but someone on a medical card will be exempted from the levy)

Additional impact of new income levy rates

Rounded figures used in following tables and examples to illustrate additional impact

Gross annual salary – all income	Extra impact	Gross impact
€15k - €18k	+2%	2% (Wage earners at this level paying a levy for the first time)
€18 - €75k	+1%	2%
Gross annual salary –	higher segments of income	
€75k - €100k	+3%	4%
€100k - €175k	+2%	4%
€175 - €250k	+4%	6%
€250k upwards	+3%	6%

For the earner of €15,000 gross annual salary, €5.75 will be paid in the week, €300 in the year as a result of the 2% levy.

For the earner of 300,000 gross annual salary, the increased levy rates will mean paying €300 in the week and €15,655 in the year in addition to their existing taxes

The Recession: the EU made it possible and the Lisbon Treaty would make it Worse

In June 2008 the Irish people rejected the Lisbon Treaty because of fundamental concerns on neutrality, company taxation, human rights, Ireland's right to a permanent Commissioner and the transfer of greater powers to the Big States.

With the Government, the political and business elites now committed to do the bidding of the Brussels bosses and rerun the referendum. They will hope to convince the electorate that without the 'generosity' of Brussels that Ireland will never recover from the present financial and economic crisis.

However, it was EU financial and monetary policies that facilitated the recession in the first place as is evident the following:

1. EU control of Irish interest rates costs us dear

In 1998, just prior to Ireland joining the Euro, our GDP growth stood at 8.7% and inflation was at a low of 2.2%. To discourage excessive borrowing the Irish Central Bank pegged interest rates at a prudent 6.2%. We handed over control of interest rates to the European Central Bank in Frankfurt, naively believing they would set rates to suit all the economies across the EU. However, this didn't suit the German and French economies and by 2000 interest rates had dropped to 4.5%. Stripped of the responsibility for domestic fiscal disciplines Ireland's brave banker fraternity were soon fueling the building sector boom. This proved highly lucrative for them and their new best friends – the developers and speculators – but it also resulted in rampant house price inflation and massive mortgages for homeowners.

2. Pay cuts required because of EU monetary policy

We all agree that the enormous salaries paid to bankers and politicians need to be slashed, but why the need to cut the modest salaries of PAYE workers? Due to a sharp drop in the value of the currencies of our largest trading partners, the UK and US, Irish exports have suffered a loss of competitiveness in those markets. The logical action to take is to devalue our currency accordingly, thereby making our exports cheaper and imports dearer. As a result Irish workers are being subjected to crude and humiliating pay cuts with many unscrupulous employers taking full advantage of vulnerable workers.

3. The recession has shown Lisbon Treaty to be both flawed and out of date

The Lisbon Treaty was conceived when globalization and financial capitalism were the buzzwords and the 'idea of the all-powerful market which wasn't to be impeded by any rules or political intervention' was at its zenith. At its heart, Lisbon promotes an "open market economy with free competition". Protocol six of the treaty states: "The internal market as set out in Article (1-3)...includes a system ensuring that competition is not distorted."

4. Budget deficit bullies

Our budget deficit is expected to rise to an 11% ratio of GDP. EU rules oblige member states to keep GDP ratios under 3% but this has proven impossible for most members. Ireland, with the highest ratio in Europe, has been given until 2013 by the EU Commission to get the deficit to below 3%. Given the severity of Ireland's position the economic pain involved in reducing State spending on essential services and levying further taxes on PAYE workers to meet the EU target may prove intolerable for citizens to bear. Therefore, the pace and manner of sorting the budget deficit should be a matter for the Dáil to decide, not the Brussels bureaucrats. However, faced with Irish non-compliance the Commission is empowered to impose fines, as per regulations incorporated into the Lisbon Treaty.

5. Ireland has "nothing to fear except fear itself"

While Ireland has serious economic challenges to overcome, all is not doom and gloom. Our long-term growth potential remains intact with ready access to relatively unlimited labour, capital, skills and land resources. By over-focusing us on our current budget deficit and mocking the Irish for falling foul of policies facilitated by the EU in the first place, the selfsame EU elites are hoping that financial stress will force Ireland to seek help from fellow euro members and that the Irish electorate, cowed by strong recession will cave in and adopt Lisbon II.

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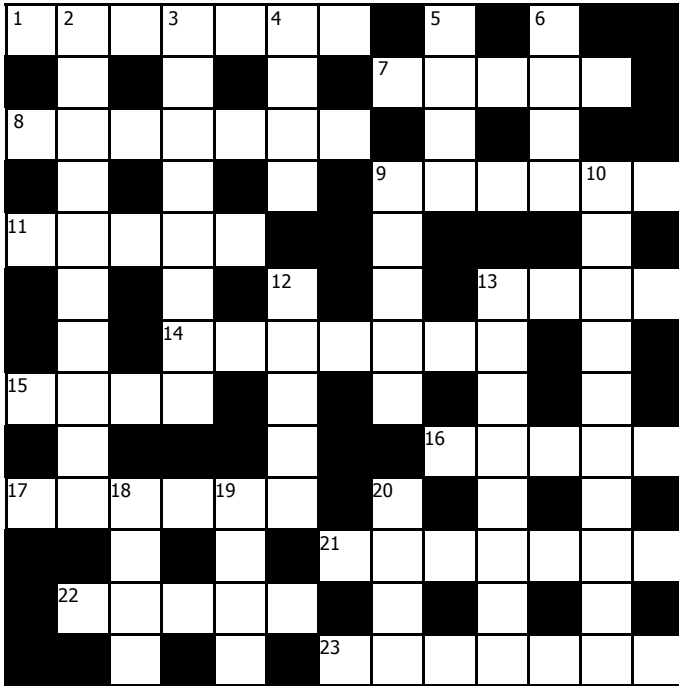
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Crossword No. 77.



Entries in before: ????

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Across:

1. Quelled (7)
7. Cheerful (5)
8. Popular analgesic (7)
9. Gradually (6)
11. Europe No.1 hit,
The ___ Countdown (5)
13. Powder (4)
14. Freedom (7)
15. Woodwind instrument (4)
16. Loose-fitting (5)
17. Black___, Anna Sewell novel (6)
21. Large Ape (7)
22. Doorway enclosure (5)
23. Anger (7)

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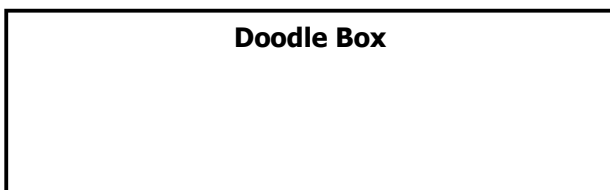
Down:

2. Inappropriate (10)
3. Appropriate (8)
4. Departure (4)
5. Basin (4)
6. Radiate (4)
9. Concise (5)
10. Californian City (3,7)
12. Everlys' hit, ___ Eyes (5)
13. Explosive compound (8)
18. Smallest particle (4)
19. Fold (4)
20. Frayed (4)

Solutions to crossword no. 76.

Across: 1. Reproach, 5. Ward, 7. Nero, 8. Hydrogen, 9. Friend, 12. Besiege, 15. Wayward, 19. Hatred, 21. Cavalier, 22. Numb, 23. Said, 24. Exercise.

Down: 1. Ran off, 2. Rhone, 3. Aphid, 4. Huddle, 5. Whoopi, 6. Dundee, 10. Idly, 11. Nora, 12. Bad, 13. Sofa, 14. Ewer, 15. Winches, 16. Wizard, 17. Refine, 18. Edible, 19. Horse, 20. Tunic.





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Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength while loving someone deeply gives you courage.

Parents can only give good advice or put them [children] on the right paths, but the final forming of a person's character lies in their own hands.

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